

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2004/5 - 2007/8
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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### 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the publication of the final version of the Joint Community Care Plan 2004/5 – 2007/8.

### 2. Background

- 2.1. The North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan covers a three year period from 2004/5 to 2007/8. It has been prepared in accordance with community care legislation and guidance, as outlined in the previous report to Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2003.
- 2.2. Additionally the Plan makes reference to the partnership strategic and operational developments currently being implemented across community care groups in the context of the Joint Future agenda in North Lanarkshire.

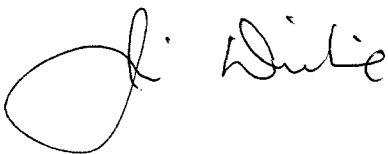
### 3. Joint Community Care Plan 2004/5-2007/8

- 3.1. The North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan provides information in respect of existing service provision along with planned developments and purchasing intentions for all community care groups.
- 3.2. Extensive consultation was undertaken through a number of public and staff events held between October 2003 and February 2004 to inform the content of the new Plan. Subsequently in spring 2004, a draft Joint Community Care Plan was prepared by officers of the Council in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire and Greater Glasgow.
- 3.3. The draft Plan was issued for a period of formal consultation from June – September 2004. This consultation process comprised the issue of 2000 hard copies of the draft Plan as well as extensive distribution of electronic copies on the intranet and internet for public and staff information. This allowed for the participation of service users, carers, staff and other key stakeholders in the finalisation of the Joint Community Care Plan 2004/5 – 2007/8 for North Lanarkshire.
- 3.4. All responses received during this period of consultation were formally and individually acknowledged. Amendments have been made to the Plan to reflect the main comments received - these comments are detailed in Appendix 3 of the Joint Community Care Plan.

- 3.5. It is proposed that the final version of the North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan 2004/5 – 2007/8 will be widely made available on both the intranet and internet to staff and members of the public. To ensure widespread access to the Plan, it is also proposed that 2000 copies of the full Plan and 6000 copies of a Summary Plan be printed and distributed at an estimated total cost of £14,000. This will include the cost of preparing the plan in other languages and formats, such as in Braille and on tape.
- 3.6. NHS Lanarkshire has agreed to meet 50% of the cost of the production of the Joint Community Care Plan with the result that the cost to North Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire will be £7,000 respectively. The cost to the Council will be met from existing community care budgets.
- 3.7. Copies of the document will be made available through the members library.

#### 4. Recommendation

- 4.1. Social Work Committee is asked to:
- (i) approve publication of the Joint Community Care Plan;
  - (ii) approve the costs of printing the Joint Community Care Plan and Summary Plan;
  - (iii) remit the report to the Education Committee and the Housing and Technical Services Committee for their interest.
  - (v) otherwise note the content of this report.



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