

AGENDA

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

- (1) Minute of Meeting of Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub-Committee (pages 1-4)
Submit Minute of meeting of Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub-Committee held on 22 February 2005 (copy herewith)

- (2) Minute of Meeting of Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee (pages 5-11)
Submit Minute of meeting of Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005 (copy herewith)

OPERATIONAL

- (3) Remit from Education Committee of 19 January 2005 - School Leaving Dates for Pupils in Special Schools and Units (pages 12-14)
Submit report dated 24 November 2004 by the Director of Education seeking approval for a proposal to formalise school leaving dates for pupils of special schools and units (copy herewith)

- (4) Update on Carer Development Funding (pages 15-16)
Submit report dated 31 January 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the progress on the key developments to support carers including the use of Carer Development Funding (copy herewith)

- (5) Section 10 Grants (pages 17-22)
Submit report dated 1 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of applications received from voluntary organisations requesting Section 10 funding under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and seeking approval for payment, where appropriate to the organisations concerned (copy herewith)

- (6) Charging Policy for Care at Home Services (pages 23-25)
Submit report dated 4 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to increase the income threshold at which care at home charges will apply (copy herewith)

- (7) The Modernisation of Local Authority Residential Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities: Progress Report (pages 26-29)
Submit report dated 28 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the progress of the Modernisation of Local Authority Residential Services for Adults with Learning Disabilities Progress Report (copy herewith)

- (8) Supporting Young People Leaving Care: Financial Support (pages 30-32)
Submit report dated 10 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to increase the basic rates of financial support to young people leaving care (copy herewith)

- (9) Supporting People Grant Allocation (pages 33-34)
Submit report dated 4 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the Supporting People Grant awarded to North Lanarkshire Council for 2005/2008 (copy herewith)
- (10) Proposed Increase to Independent Care Home Fees 2005/06 (pages 35-36)
Submit report dated 24 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to increase the approved rate for independent sector care homes for financial year 2005/06 (copy herewith)
- (11) Proposed Increase to Voluntary Organisation Rates 2005/06 for Establishments within North Lanarkshire (pages 37-38)
Submit report dated 28 February 2005 seeking approval to increase maintenance rates for establishments within North Lanarkshire (copy herewith)
- (12) Contracts
- (a) Conversion of Former Craft Workshop to Form Criminal Justice Department Offices at Hunter Street, Bellshill (pages 39-40)
 - (b) Residential Care Home at Kirknowe, Cambusnethan, Wishaw (pages 41-42)
 - (c) Disabled Adaptations at Summerlee Heritage Centre, Coatbridge (pages 43-44)
- Submit reports by Director of Housing and Property Services advising of tenders received and being progressed by the Director of Administration and submitted for information (copies herewith)

SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

- (13) Supported Employment Service (pages 45-46)
Submit report dated 4 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to establish two additional Job Coach posts to meet service demand (copy herewith)
- (14) Social Work Inspection Agency (pages 47-50)
Submit report dated 3 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the establishment of a new Social Work Inspection Agency and seeking homologation of the Council's response to the draft framework consultation (copy herewith)

MONITORING

- (15) Revenue Budget Monitoring Report - Financial Monitoring Report for the Social Work Department - 1 April 2004 to 7 January 2005 (pages 51-54)
Submit report dated 23 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing a comparison of actual expenditure and income for the period from 1 April 2004 to 7 January 2005 for the Social Work Department against the estimated expenditure and income (copy herewith)

- (16) Composite Capital Programme 2004/2005 - Monitoring Report - 1 April 2004 to 3 February 2005 (pages 55-58)
Submit report dated 24 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of current progress being made in individual projects contained within the Capital Programme (copy herewith)

STAFFING

- (17) Request for Special Leave (page 59)
Submit report dated 7 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to allow a member of the Social Work Department staff to have a period of unpaid leave (copy herewith)

MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP PROGRESS REPORTS

- (18) Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities - Progress Report (pages 60-61)
Submit report dated 25 January 2005 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities Member/Officer Working Group (copy herewith)
- (19) Provision of Equipment and Adaptations - Progress Report (pages 62-64)
Submit report dated February 2005 by the Director of Social Work regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the Joint Equipment and Adaptations Member/Officer Working Group (copy herewith)
- (20) A Home for the Future - Progress Report (pages 65-66)
Submit report dated 24 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work regarding the implementation of the recommendations of the A Home for the Future Member/Officer Working Group (copy herewith)

INFORMATION

- (21) Petition on Closure of Lochview and Meadowside Homes for the Elderly (page 67)
Submit report dated 24 February 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of a petition received opposing the closure of Lochview and Meadowside Homes for the elderly (copy herewith)
- (22) Conferences (pages 68-69)
Submit report dated 18 February 2005 by the Director of Administration advising of an invitation received to attend a conference (copy herewith)