

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: PETITION ON THE CLOSURE OF LOCHVIEW AND MEADOWSIDE HOMES
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 10 MARCH 2005	Ref: DM/AB	

1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Social Work Committee of a petition received opposing the closure of Lochview and Meadowside Homes for older people.
- 1.2 Approximately 7,150 people signed their names and given their addresses in support of this petition.

2. Background

- 2.1. In September 2004 Social Work Committee approved the decision to cease admission to the two homes concerned, with a view to subsequent closure.

3. Current Position

- 3.1. Lochview Home in Coatbridge is a 32 bedded home with 24 single and 4 double rooms, none of which are en-suite. There are no remaining residents. Meadowside House in Airdrie is a 44 bedded home with 32 single and 6 double rooms, none of which are en-suite. At the time of writing there are 5 remaining residents.
- 3.2. Since the Committee decision meetings to consider options were offered to all residents and their families. The majority of residents have elected to move into other care home facilities in the area. Social Work has met the cost of any third-party contribution required by a proprietor.
- 3.3. Progress is routinely advised to Committee on a regular basis.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. Committee is asked to note the contents of the report and petition.


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