

Motherwell, 11 August 2005 at 11 am AGENDA ITEM No. 3

**A Meeting of the SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION)
SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Nolan, Convener; Councillors Cassidy, Devine, Gorman, Lunny, Lyle, McCallum, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, J. Martin, Saunders, Selfridge and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor Nolan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services, Head of Social Work Resources, Head of Social Work Development and Monitoring and Standards Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Ross and Smith.

UPDATE OF SOCIAL CARE TENDERING LIST (SCTL)

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that further providers be included on the Social Work Department's Social Care Tendering List, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of progress made in reviewing the Department of Social Work's Social Care Tendering List, and (2) indicating that two applications from, respectively, (a) Domiciliary Care (Glasgow) Limited, and (b) Opal Homecare Limited, had been recommended for inclusion on the list, as detailed in the Appendix One to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the inclusion of Domiciliary Care (Glasgow) Limited and Opal Homecare Limited on the Department of Social Work's Social Care Tendering List, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide a report to the Sub-Committee, on a six monthly basis, highlighting further changes to the Social Care Tendering List.

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - LIST OF AUTHORISED SERVICES (LAS)

2. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, when, *inter alia*, it was noted that a further three providers had been included on the List of Authorised Services, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August by the Director of Social Work indicating that six providers had been approved for inclusion on the List of Authorised Services, as detailed in Appendix One to the report.

Decided: that the inclusion of a further six providers on the List of Authorised Services, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be noted.

CONTRACTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOCIAL CARE: CONTRACTS UPDATE REPORT

3. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February, 2005 when the progress in establishing Social Care Contracts in North Lanarkshire had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) providing an update on Social Care Contracts, and (2) listing in Appendix One to the report, 48 contracts which had been signed between 29 January and 30 June 2005.

Decided:

- (1) that the signed contracts, as detailed in Appendix One to the report, be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide further reports to this Sub-Committee on contracting arrangements.

SERVICE MONITORING REPORTS

(1) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, when the use of private sector home care services and the outcome of contract monitoring for the period from October to December 2004 was noted, there was submitted a report dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work in respect of Contract Monitoring for the period from April to June 2005, (1) setting out the contract measures applied to Independent Sector Nursing Homes; (2) advising that the services delivered by the majority of providers were viewed as generally satisfactory; (3) giving details of the current position regarding Care Homes within North Lanarkshire, including (a) the recent opening of two new Independent Sector Care Homes; (b) the position regarding finalisation of contractual negotiations with current providers, and (c) the situation in relation to investigations undertaken, and (4) detailing in Appendix One to the report, a summary of the outcome of the monitoring of independent Nursing Home Sector Providers, Care at Home Services and Independent Sector Day Care Services for Older People.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR ADULTS (EXCEPT OLDER PEOPLE)

5. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, when the use of supported living services and other services for young people purchased by the Council and the outcome of monitoring for the period from October to December 2005 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that for the period from April to June 2005, (a) 235 adults with learning disabilities and 72 adults with mental health problems were receiving Supported Living Services in their own homes within North Lanarkshire; (b) in addition to the 235 people referring to in (a), a number of adults with learning disabilities were supported outside the North Lanarkshire area under Supported Living Arrangements; (c) 89 adults were receiving a service from Care at Home providers on a spot purchase basis each week; (d) 97 adults, of whom 65 had learning disabilities and 32 had mental health problems, were receiving a service in Residential Care Home settings; (e) two separate day services provided places for, respectively, up to 45 and 35 people with physical and various secondary disabilities on a daily basis, and a further one provided day services for up to 12 people daily who had significant learning and physical disabilities, and (f) three services provided a total of 23 residential respite places for adults (and/or children) with learning disabilities, and (2) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Supported Living Services, Care at Home Services, and Care Homes Services.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(3) INDEPENDENT SECTOR SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND FOR ADULTS WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM

6. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of the use of Independent Sector Services for Vulnerable Young People and Adults involved in, or affected by, the Criminal Justice System for the period from April to June 2005, and (2) summarising in Appendix One to the report, the outcome of contract monitoring of Independent Sector Services to Adults and Young People within the Criminal Justice System, together with a diverse range of Independent Sector Services to Vulnerable Young People within their communities.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT - PROGRESS REPORT

7. With reference to paragraph 24 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 19 May 2005, when the progress of the Care and Repair Project had been noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 July 2005 by the Director of Housing and Property Services (1) intimating that, as at 30 June 2005, the Care and Repair Project had 2,543 clients of whom 1,239 had cases complete or in progress and that, of those, 67% of the clients were over 70 years of age, and 88% had a disability; (2) indicating that there had been 115 new referrals to the project in the quarter ending 30 June 2005, and (3) advising that, as at 30 June 2005, the small repairs service had visited 3,070 clients, with 1,875 cases complete and that, of those, 76% of the clients were over 70 years of age and 80% had a disability.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SCOTTISH COMMISSION FOR THE REGULATION OF CARE - ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2003/2004

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care had published its Annual Report and Accounts for 2003/2004, and (2) outlining the key issues contained within the report.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPLEMENTATION RATE INCREASES IN ESTABLISHMENTS OUTWITH THIS AUTHORITY

9. With reference to paragraph 19 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 19 May 2005, when new supplementation rates were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 July 2005 by the Director of Social Work setting out changes to the supplementation rates set by other local authorities for registered residential and day care establishments based in the voluntary sector located within their area.

Decided: that the new supplementation rates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

ABSENCE MONITORING

10. With reference to paragraph 16 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, when, inter alia, the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work from November to December 2004 was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work detailing the level of staff absence throughout the Department of Social Work for the period from April to June 2005.

Thereon, the Head of Social Work Resources advised orally of measures which were being taken to address the issues raised in the report.

Decided: that the position be noted.

OVERTIME MONITORING REPORT

11. With reference to paragraph 17 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 24 February 2005, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing details of overtime worked by officers paid above SCP35 during periods 11, 12 and 13 for the year 2004/2005 and periods 1, 2 and 3 for the year 2005/2006.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted and remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for its interest.

PROPERTY SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS - 167 MAIN STREET, PLAINS, AIRDRIE

12. There was submitted a report dated 11 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that property at 167 Main Street, Plains, Airdrie, had formerly been used as an Advice Centre, including a Food Co-operative until 1997/98; (2) indicating that Plains Countryside Park had subsequently occupied the premises until the group ceased to function in 2004, and (3) seeking approval for the property at 167 Main Street, Plains, Airdrie, to be declared surplus to the requirements of the Department of Social Work.

Decided:

- (1) that the property at 167 Main Street, Plains, Airdrie, be declared surplus to requirements, and
(2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration.