

AGENDA ITEM NO. 11
REPORT

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: SOCIAL WORK AWARDS CEREMONY	
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK			
Date: 27 OCTOBER 2005	Ref: RP/MM/EK		

1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

The purpose of this report is to summarise and outline the Annual Social Work Staff Awards, which took place at the Civic Centre Concert Hall on 15th September, 2005.

2. Background

2.1. The Annual Staff Awards event recognises achievement by staff in the department in relation to:

- ◆ Long Service – 28 staff
- ◆ Retiral – 23 staff
- ◆ Qualifications gained – 217 staff
- ◆ Special achievements (nominated by managers for exemplary work considered beyond the normal line of duty) – 35 staff.

2.2. Some 340 staff and guests attended the event and dinner, which consisted of presentation of certificates of achievement. The special achievement accolades were awarded under seven categories of activity viz. :

- ◆ Modernisation of Day Opportunities for People with a Learning Disability
- ◆ Use of Initiative
- ◆ Modernisation of Residential units for Older People- A Home for the Future
- ◆ Newpark Centre
- ◆ Chartermark Awards
- ◆ Protecting Communities- Working with sex offenders and domestic violence offenders.
- ◆ Best Practice

Colleagues viewed video clips incorporating best practice in these areas of activity.

2.3. Feedback from participants and attendees has at the time of writing been positive.

3. Financial/Personnel/Legal/Policy Implications

3.1. There are no legal or policy implications. In relation to personnel, the event is in keeping with the department's Investors in People strategy. The costs are assimilated within the departmental budget.

4. **Recommendation**

4.1. The Committee is asked to note the report.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Dill". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and the last name "Dill" clearly distinguishable.

**Director of Social Work
16 September, 2005**

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