

AGENDA ITEM NO. 13

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: REVIEW OF CORE COSTS FOR CAPABILITY SCOTLAND
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 27 October 2005	Ref: MD/MD	

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT / INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval for the funding of the North Lanarkshire supported living services provided by Capability Scotland.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Capability Scotland introduced supported living services to North Lanarkshire in 2002. The service, initially for 3 people, facilitated the reprovisioning of services from Braidwood House, a residential services provided by Capability Scotland.
- 2.2 The range of supported living options for people with learning disability has developed significantly since it was introduced, with demand increasing.
- 2.3 Discussions have taken place between representatives of Capability Scotland and officers from the Social work Department following a service review which recommended the financial framework be reviewed to take full account of service growth and appropriate local management of services.

3. PROPOSALS / CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The service is funded in the same manner as other supported living services operating across the council.
- 3.2 Each service users care needs are assessed and an individual care package is then designed and costed around these using an agreed hourly rate.
- 3.3 The service is funded via an agreed hourly rate, a rate for sleepover cover and an element of infrastructure costs are paid quarterly to the organisation.
- 3.4 The core costs reflect the structure and functions necessary to ensure well-managed quality services for each person in the community.

4. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The hourly rate for care currently paid to Capability Scotland is £10.13 and £28,481 per annum for core costs. The following revision is proposed, taking account of growth:

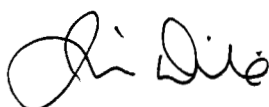
Hourly rate for the financial year 2005/06	£10.04
Sleepover rate for financial year 2005/06	£35.36
Annual core costs for up to 5 service users	£75,624
Annual core costs for up to 10 service users	£122,202

- 4.2 The increased costs associated with implementing these new rates would be met from existing Social Work resources.
- 4.3 Growth beyond the level of 10 services being provided will be subject to further negotiation and agreement.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) approve the rates as detailed in 4.1 to be effective from the date of approval
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of the report



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