

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: CHANGING CHILDRENS SERVICES FUND : ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDING
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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1. Purpose of Report/Introduction

To advise committee of an additional allocation of funding which has been made available to social work via the Changing Children's Services Fund (CCSF), and to seek approval for the expenditure plan.

2. Background

- 2.1. The CCSF was established by the Scottish Executive to facilitate change in the development of children's services across Scotland.
- 2.2. The allocation to North Lanarkshire in 2005/06 was £4,488,177. The budgets for 2006/07 and 2007/08 have included two elements - a direct grant and a contribution to the Council's grant aided expenditure. The allocation is:

Changing Children's Services Fund	2006/07	2007/08
Total Budget	£4,532,000	£4,533,000
Grant Element	£3,494,000	£2,110,000
GAE Element	£1,038,000	£2,423,000

3. Proposals / Considerations

- 3.1. A report detailing the Council's expenditure plan was submitted to Policy and Resources Committee on 5th June 2006.
- 3.2. The balance of the funding for 2006/07 was recently distributed among partner agencies on the basis of submitted bids. An additional allocation of £181,500 was made to Social Work.
- 3.3. The bid submitted by Social Work represented partnership proposals which have been agreed with other partners and single agency proposals, all of which were informed by current corporate / departmental priorities / objectives. These are outlined at appendix 1.

4. Financial/Personnel/Legal/Policy Implications

- 4.1 As outlined at points 2.1 and 2.2, the funding has been made available by the Scottish Executive.

5. **Recommendations**

Committee is asked to :

- i. approve the project proposals and expenditure plan set out at 3.3 and appendix 1.
- ii. approve the use of independent consultants in respect of specialist areas of activity
- iii. approve the proposal to commission a family support service for children with disabilities via a tendering process.
- iv. otherwise note the contents of this report



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**CHANGING CHILDRENS SERVICES FUND
ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDING**

THEME	DETAILS OF INITIATIVE	PROVIDED BY	FUNDING
1 Looked After and Accommodated Children.	a) Staff Development Work on a Multi-Agency basis across the six localities in North Lanarkshire. b) Modernisation of the Adoption, Fostering and Family Placement Panel in conjunction with the British Association of Adoption and fostering (BAAF). c) Enhanced recreational / educational / leisure activities for children who are looked after and accommodated.	Independent Consultant (expertise in service developments for looked after and looked after and accommodated children). Independent Consultant (expertise in adoption & fostering). Range of initiatives defined by need.	
Sub Total			£22,000
2 Children with Disabilities	a) Costs associated with a multi-agency post to support children with disabilities and their families. b) Start up costs in respect of a family support service. c) Personal development opportunities for children with disabilities.	Social Work / Education / Health Independent Sector (to be tendered) Partners in Play	
Sub Total			£68,000

THEME	DETAILS OF INITIATIVE	PROVIDED BY	FUNDING
3 Young People	Development of specific programmes / interventions targeted at under 16's involved in offending and young people displaying sexually aggressive behaviour.		
Sub Total			£31,500
4 Child Protection	A range of initiatives including : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff development / training initiatives. • Work relating to preparing children / young people / families for participating in child protection processes e.g. conferences • Parental involvement work. • Research. 		
Sub Total			£60,000
TOTAL			£181,500