

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE		Subject: REPORT OF MEMBER / OFFICER REVIEW OF DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES: PROGRESS REPORT
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
Date: 24 AUGUST 2006	Ref: CJ	

**1. Purpose of Report / Introduction**

To advise Committee of progress in implementing the work of the Member/Officer Review of Day Opportunities.

**2. Background**

2.1. Committee approved the report of the Member/Officer Review of Day Opportunities in February 2003. Significant progress on implementation has been achieved and this is reported routinely to Committee.

**3. Recent Progress**

3.1. The Day Opportunities Implementation Group continues to meet on a two monthly basis with the three sub groups progressing key tasks relating to practice, resources and lifelong learning & employment. The day opportunities agenda links into the wider agenda of the recently established Partnership Board for Disability.

3.2. A key task at this time is the creation of a sixth locality in Motherwell thus enabling people with disabilities to receive person-centred supports in their own localities. The audit being undertaken, to provide a detailed view of the support requirements for individuals who currently receive support in both learning disability and independent living services, is nearing completion. The collated information will inform the most appropriate use of supports across six localities and inform the proposed planning consequences for service developments.

3.3 As reported regularly to Committee, significant progress has been made on existing learning disability day services to achieve more personalised outcomes. Recent partnership work with Community Services to develop more flexible transport within localities has seen a decrease on the dependence of large scale transport for individuals.

3.4 The joint capital programme with Community Services continues to create accessible community facilities to meet the needs of people with a range of disabilities, in line with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995. Work for 2006/07 includes:

- the continuation of the programme of work to refurbish Hallcraig Centre in Airdrie, developing the facilities to create a valued community resource.

- work on community centre buildings jointly with Community Services to ensure further community resources in North Lanarkshire townships are accessible and provide appropriate adult personal change facilities. Two Community Centres are having adult personal change facilities created, Isa Money in Muirhouse and Viewpark Community Centre. Work is also planned from this budget to create automatic doors at Bellshill Cultural Centre and Kilsyth Swimming Pool.

3.5 Work is currently being undertaken to prepare a workforce plan that reflects the needs of each locality. This will be the subject of a future report to Committee.

#### **4. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy Implication**

4.1 Funding for the above is contained within the capital programme for 2006/7.

#### **5. Recommendation**

5.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) endorse the continued direction towards more responsive day opportunities for people with disabilities;
- (ii) request the Director of Social Work to bring forward future reports on implementation; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report.



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