

To: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE	Subject: ANNUAL STAFF AWARDS
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK	
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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 14 September 2006.

2. Background

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

- Long Service – 26 staff
- Retirals – 50 staff
- Qualifications gained – 210 staff

2.2. Some 385 staff and guests attended the event and dinner, which was hosted by broadcaster Cathy Macdonald. The ceremony consisted of presentation of certificates of achievement.
A specially commissioned short film entitled 'Continuing To Invest' incorporating best practice across the service was shown for the first time at the event.

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.



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