

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

TO: Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub Committee	Subject: Increase in Allowances Paid to Foster Parents and Adoptive Parents
FROM: Jim Dickie Director of Social Work	
DATE OF SUB COMMITTEE: 9 April 1997	
REF: JD/RP/JP/MD	

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise Committee of revised rates of allowances being recommended by C.O.S.L.A.

**2. BACKGROUND**

Over the last five years, C.O.S.L.A., in recommending fostering allowances to Councils, has taken account of a review indicating the need for a substantial increase to reflect more accurately the real cost of bringing up a child and to bring allowances into line with those of the N.F.C.A.

**3. NEW RATES PROPOSED FOR 1997/98**

Foster Care and Adoption

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Recommended Rate</u>
		<u>1997/98</u>
0-4	£51.38	£54.18
5-10	£63.70	£67.20
11-15	£79.31	£83.65
16-18	£102.69	£108.36

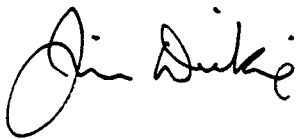
Custody Allowances

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Recommended Rate</u>
		<u>1997/98</u>
0-4	£17.13	£18.06
5-10	£21.23	£22.40
11-15	£26.44	£27.88
16-18	£34.23	£36.12

Those allowances are paid on the basis of a 56 week year and the increase of 4.6% will require additional budget of £58,390

**4. RECOMMENDATION**

- ◆ Committee is asked to approve the new rates detailed at 3 above with effect from 1 April 1997.
- ◆ Remit the report to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration of the additional budget requirements.



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27 March 1997

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