

To: SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS & SERVICES) SUB COMMITTEE		Subject: PERFORMANCE INSPECTION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES
From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK		
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### 1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To advise Committee of the proposed Performance Inspection of Criminal Justice, Social Work Services in Lanarkshire by the Social Work Services Inspectorate. (SWSI)

### 2. Background

- 2.1. In 2003 the Social Work Services Inspectorate announced their planned programme of inspection of all the groupings of local authorities and unitary authorities providing criminal justice social work services across Scotland.
- 2.2. The initial inspection commenced in August 2003 with the Argyll, Bute and Dumbartonshire grouping.
- 2.3. To date, two other inspections have been completed in Fife Council and Glasgow City Council. The inspection of Tayside is currently underway and the final report of this is due by the end of 2004.
- 2.4. The Social Work Services Inspectorate have recently released details about their timetable for inspections during 2005 and this includes the Lanarkshire grouping.

### 3. Considerations

- 3.1. This is an extensive inspection and the details relating to the Lanarkshire grouping are as follows:-
  - ◆ Advance Information – June 2005
  - ◆ Initial Meeting – End of June 2005
  - ◆ SER Sampling Exercise – August 2005 (Social Enquiry Reports)
  - ◆ File Reading – September 2005
  - ◆ Fieldwork – October 2005
  - ◆ Draft Report – December 2005
  - ◆ Report Publication – February 2006

### 4. Implications

- 4.1. To date the Criminal Justice Section in North Lanarkshire has carried out a Service Review of Probation and Social Enquiry Reports. This will proceed with a review of High Risk Cases, Throughcare and Community Services.
- 4.2. The Service Review has been designed around the measuring tools as used by the Social Work Services Inspectorate in their Criminal Justice Inspections.

**5. Recommendations**

5.1 Committee is asked to:

- (i) Request the Director of Social Work to provide a further report to Committee on completion of the Inspection.
- (ii) Otherwise note the contents of the report.



**Director of Social Work**  
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