

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

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| To: SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES) SUB COMMITTEE | | Subject: COMMUNITY DAY PROGRAMME |
| From: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK | | |
| Date: 2 MAY 2006 | Ref: JD/GM/DH | |

1. Purpose of Report / Introduction

To advise Committee of plans to expand the Community Day Programme.

2. Background

- 2.1. The Community Day Programme is a structured scheme of intervention for people who are at serious risk due to their alcohol misuse. The programme runs over an eight-week period and provides a holistic service to the individuals concerned. The topics provided include physical and psychological affects of alcohol misuse, along with matters, such as, relapse prevention and coping strategies.
- 2.2. Apart from dealing with direct consequences of alcohol misuse the programme provides a series of other interventions including money advice, housing information, welfare rights, community education, employment and training opportunities.
- 2.3. Committee will be aware from previous reports that the programme is financed through the Community Regeneration Fund. In addition to the funding arrangements the programme is designed and operated through partnership and corporate work delivered by NHS, Social Work, Community Services, Planning & Environment and Housing staff, all of whom combine to provide assistance to the programme participants.
- 2.4. Since April 2005, there have been four eight-week programmes organised at Carfin, Airdrie, Viewpark and Coatbridge. In total 50 people have participated in the scheme, with 30 of those who were enlisted completing the full eight-week programme. Of those who have finished the course, a number of individuals have gone on to find employment, others have enrolled for education and training courses.
- 2.5. In light of the successful outcomes being achieved, the Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Action Team (ADAT) have agreed to allocate £113,000 of alcohol development monies, which have been received from the Executive, to expand the work of the programme. The injection of these additional resources will result in the employment of three new officers to provide more programmes throughout the North Lanarkshire area.

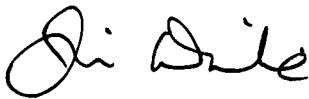
- 2.6. The additional staff will be recruited by NHS Lanarkshire, however, they will become part of the integrated team charged with delivery of the programme.

3. Financial / Personnel / Legal / Policy Implication

- 3.1. There are no direct implications attached to North Lanarkshire Council from the expansion of this programme.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1. Committee is requested to:
- i. note the terms of this report.



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30 March 2006

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