

Subject:

Report to:Social Work Resources CommitteeDate of Meeting:20 September 2006Report by:Executive Director (Social Work Resources)

Report

Approval of Individual Care Package

1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

• Seek approval for entering agreement with SACRO to support an individual transferring from a residential setting to the community, in terms of Standing Order 12.5(a) of the Standing Orders on Contracts. SACRO have the relevant experience and expertise to deal with the assessed needs of the individual.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-
 - (1) that the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) be authorised, in terms of Paragraph 12.5 (a) of the Council's Standing Orders on Contracts to enter into a contract with SACRO to provide 24 hour support to an individual at a cost of £15,000 per month,(i.e. £180,000 per annum) subject to the package being reviewed every two months
 - (2) that the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) be authorised to vary the contract as appropriate based on the requirements of the individual

3. Background

- 3.1. The individual is returning to the community after a long period in residential care. An assessment of needs suggest that the individual will initially require 24 hour support in order to make the adjustment to living in the community. This support will be in addition to support provided by health and social work professionals.
- 3.2. The requirement for support will be subject to regular review with a view to reducing the level of support and therefore the financial cost when it is assessed that the individual is able to manage independent living within the community.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. No direct employee implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1. The cost of the care package is £15,000 per month (i.e. £180,000 per annum) for 24 hour support. If the assessed need for 24 hour support changes, the package will be reduced accordingly. It would be intended to review the requirement at 2 monthly intervals.

5.2. The Scottish Executive has agreed to fund the package and there will be no direct financial implication for the council.

6. Other Implications

6.1. None

7. Consultation

7.1. Consultation has taken place with the Scottish Executive who have agreed to fund the package subject to ongoing review.

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10 August 2006

Link(s) to Council Objectives

Safe and Healthy Communities

Previous References

None

List of Background Papers

None

Contact for Further Information

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