

SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 15 November 2006

Chair:

Councillor James Handibode

Councillors Present:

Archie Buchanan, Jackie Burns, Maureen Devlin (Depute), Alan Dick, Ian Gray, Joe Lowe, James Malloy, Michael McGlynn, John McGuinness, Alex McInnes, Bill McNab, Pat Morgan, Patricia Osborne, Brian Reilly, Gretel Ross, William Ross, Betty Rush, Mary Smith, May Smith

Councillors' Apologies:

Mushtaq Ahmad, Tony Carlin, Jim Daisley, Jim Docherty, Allan Falconer, Bev Gault, Stan Hogarth, Anne Maggs, Edward McAvoy, Michael McCann (Senior Depute), Brian McKenna, Bert Thomson

Attending:**Corporate Resources**

M Barr, Senior Public Relations Officer; G Cochran, Administration Assistant; J McDonald, Administration Adviser

Finance and Information Technology Resources

M Malavin, Accountant

Social Work Resources

H Stevenson, Executive Director; T Barrie, Head of Support Services; M Brackenridge, Head of Criminal Justice; B Doyle, Head of Child and Family Services; B Hutchinson, Personnel Services Manager; M McConnachie, Strategic Services Planning Manager, J Wilson, Head of Older People's Services

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Social Work Resources Committee held on 20 September 2006 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

The Committee decided: that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

3 Revenue Budget Monitoring 2006/2007 - Social Work Resources

A joint report dated 17 October 2006 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 6 October 2006 against budgeted expenditure for 2006/2007 for Social Work Resources.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

4 Capital Budget Monitoring 2006/2007 - Social Work Resources

A joint report dated 17 October 2006 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted advising of progress on the Social Work Resources' capital programme for 2006/2007 and summarising the expenditure position at 6 October 2006.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Social Work Resources - Workforce Monitoring - August and September 2006

A joint report dated 13 October 2006 by the Executive Directors (Corporate Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the following employee information for Social Work Resources for August and September 2006:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health statistics
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers
- ◆ Joint Staffing Watch as at 9 September 2006

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Social Work Resources' Resource Plan 2006/2007 - Mid Year Update

A report dated 6 October 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the Social Work Resources' Resource Plan 2006/2007. Details were provided on progress made in the 6 months from April 2006 in implementing the priority projects identified in the Resource Plan.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 May 2006 (Paragraph 4) and Executive Committee of 24 May 2006 (Paragraph 7)]

7 Transfer of Sites at Richmond Court, Rutherglen and West Coats Road, Cambuslang to Arklet Housing Association

A joint report dated 23 October 2006 by the Executive Directors (Housing and Technical Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the conveyance of a site at Richmond Court, Rutherglen and a site at West Coats Road, Cambuslang to Arklet Housing Association to facilitate the development of:-

- ◆ a registered care facility for people with learning disabilities at West Coats Road, Cambuslang
- ◆ a 12 unit amenity housing development for older people at Richmond Court, Rutherglen

The overall project costs for the residential care unit at West Coats Road, Cambuslang had been estimated at £2 million. NHS Lanarkshire would provide a capital contribution of approximately £1.2 million with the remaining funding coming from Arklet Housing Association and the Council providing the site at West Coats Road, Cambuslang. It was proposed that the site at Richmond Court, Rutherglen be sold to Arklet Housing Association for the sum of £155,000 with the capital receipt being used as a contribution towards the care home development at West Coats Road, Cambuslang.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the site at Richmond Court, Rutherglen be sold to Arklet Housing Association for the sum of £155,000 for the development of a 12 unit amenity housing development for older people;
- (2) that the site at West Coats Road, Cambuslang be conveyed for nil consideration to Arklet Housing Association to facilitate the development of accommodation with support, on terms and conditions to be negotiated; and
- (3) that the Executive Director (Enterprise Resources) be authorised to conclude all matters and enter into the necessary legal agreements on terms which were in the best interests of the Council.

[Reference: Minutes of 6 April 2005 (Paragraph 17)]

8 Fostering and Adoption Services - Review of Establishment

A joint report dated 19 September 2006 by the Executive Directors (Corporate Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the staffing required to support the increase in volume and range of services which the Council had a duty to provide for vulnerable children and young people.

In order to provide the necessary support, it was proposed that the following posts be established:-

- ◆ 1 post of Senior Social Worker graded SCP 75-80 (£31,151 to £33,542)
- ◆ 1 post of Social Worker graded SCP 55-74 (£23,103 to £30,695)

The total cost of £77,291 in establishing the above 2 posts would be met from funding made available by the Scottish Executive.

The Committee decided: that the posts, detailed above, be established to support the increase in volume and range of services which the Council had a duty to provide for vulnerable children and young people.

9 Authorised Providers List - Social Care

A report dated 6 October 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on:-

- ◆ the inclusion of 1 new provider on the Authorised Providers List for Social Care
- ◆ an amendment to 1 provider on the Authorised Providers List for Social Care to include an additional service type

The accreditation process had been completed for the existing provider and new provider recommended for inclusion who had both met the relevant criteria.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the organisation detailed below be included on the South Lanarkshire Council's Authorised Providers List for Social Care:-

- (a) Organisation: Partners in Care Limited
Service Type: Residential Care
Client Group: Children and Families, Children with Special Needs and Young People

- (2) that the entry for the organisation detailed below on the South Lanarkshire Council's Authorised Providers List for Social Care be amended to include additional service type:-

- (a) Organisation: Aspire Housing and Personal Development Services Limited
Service Type: Home Care, Housing Support, Home Support and Day Activities
Client Group: Homeless Adults and Adults with Alcohol Related Brain Damage

10 Extension of Social Care/Supporting People Contracts

A report dated 6 October 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the review of the Joint Social Care/Supporting People contracts which had been awarded to a range of providers in line with Supporting People guidance. In terms of Standing Order No 13.2 of the Standing Orders on Contracts, the contracts, detailed in the appendix to the report, had been extended for a period of 2 years from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008.

The Committee decided: that the extension of the contracts, detailed in the appendix to the report, for a period of 2 years from 1 April 2006 to 31 March 2008 be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 4 June 2003 (Paragraph 11)]

11 Social Work Resources' Annual Report on Mainstreaming Equal Opportunities

A report dated 22 September 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the strategic and operational work being undertaken by Social Work Resources to meet the commitments in the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy and related statutory duties.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

12 Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework - Final Annual Evaluation Statement 2005/2006

A report dated 21 September 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the Scottish Executive's final Annual Evaluation Statement 2005/2006 on South Lanarkshire Partnership's achievement towards meeting Joint Future objectives. The final Annual Evaluation statement indicated that the South Lanarkshire Partnership was making good progress towards achieving better outcomes through improved joint working.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

13 PAMIS (Promoting A More Inclusive Society)

A report dated 23 October 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the Council's involvement in the PAMIS (Promoting a More Inclusive Society) Healthy Lifestyles Project. PAMIS offered a service to children and adults with profound and multiple learning disabilities through providing support for their carers.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

[Reference: Minutes of 28 June 2006 (Paragraph 8)]

14 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.