

SOCIAL WORK RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Minutes of meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 28 June 2006

Chair:

Councillor Michael McCann (Senior Depute)

Councillors Present:

Jackie Burns, Tony Carlin, Maureen Devlin (Depute), Alan Dick, Jim Docherty, Bev Gauld, Stan Hogarth, Joe Lowe, Anne Maggs, James Malloy, Michael McGlynn, John McGuinness, Alex McInnes, Pat Morgan, Patricia Osborne, Brian Reilly, Gretel Ross, William Ross, Betty Rush, Mary Smith, May Smith

Councillors' Apologies:

Mushtaq Ahmad, Archie Buchanan, Jim Daisley, Allan Falconer, Ian Gray, James Handibode (Chair), Edward McAvoy, Brian McKenna, Bill McNab, Bert Thomson

Attending:

Corporate Resources

M Barr, Media Relations Manager; J McDonald, Administration Adviser

Finance and Information Technology Resources

M Malavin, Accountant

Social Work Resources

H Stevenson, Executive Director; M Brackenridge, Head of Criminal Justice; A Davidson, Head of Adult Services; B Doyle, Head of Child and Family Services; B Hutchinson, Personnel Services Manager; M McConnachie, Planning Manager, Strategic Services; J Wilson, Head of Older People's Services

1 Declaration of Interests

The following interest was declared:-

Councillor(s)	Item(s)	Nature of Interest(s)
Malloy	East Kilbride Befriending Project	Member of the Board

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Social Work Resources Committee held on 3 May 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 2 June 2006 by the Executive Directors (Finance and Information Technology Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted comparing actual expenditure at 19 May 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 2 June 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 19 May 2006.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

5 Social Work Resources - Workforce Monitoring - April and May 2006

A joint report dated 12 June 2006 by the Executive Directors (Corporate Resources) and (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the following employee information for Social Work Resources for the period April and May 2006:-

- ◆ attendance statistics
- ◆ occupational health statistics
- ◆ accident/incident statistics
- ◆ disciplinary hearings, grievances and Dignity at Work cases
- ◆ analysis of leavers

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

6 Inspection of Social Work Resources by the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA)

A report dated 17 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on an Action Plan which had been developed to address the Social Work Inspection Agency's (SWIA) 15 recommendations following completion of their inspection of Social Work Resources.

The Action Plan was detailed in the appendix to the report and set out the various targets and responsibilities for achieving those. Arrangements would be put into place to monitor progress and reports would be submitted to this Committee on a 6 monthly basis.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Action Plan to address the recommendations made by SWIA following their inspection of Social Work Resources, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved; and
- (2) that 6 monthly progress reports on the Action Plan be submitted to this Committee.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 May 2006 (Paragraph 6)]

7 Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) Performance Inspection of Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Grouping

A report dated 24 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on a Performance Improvement Plan which had been developed to address the Social Work Inspection Agency's (SWIA) recommendations following completion of their performance inspection of Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Grouping.

The Performance Improvement Plan was detailed in the appendix to the report and set out the various targets and responsibilities for achieving those. Arrangements would be put in place to monitor progress and a 6 monthly progress report would be submitted to this Committee.

The Committee decided:

- (1) that the Performance Improvement Plan to address the recommendations made by SWIA, following their inspection of Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Grouping, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be approved; and
- (2) that a 6 monthly progress report on the Performance Improvement Plan be submitted to this Committee.

[Reference: Minutes of 3 May 2006 (Paragraph 7)]

8 PAMIS (Promoting a More Inclusive Society) - Healthy Lifestyles Project

A report dated 3 May 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.

It was proposed that this Council make a contribution of £15,000 to the Healthy Lifestyles Project in each of the next 3 financial years. The Project would be funded from a successful application to the Big Lottery Fund for funding of £226,330 and from contributions from 6 local authority/health board partners of £15,000 each per annum over the 3 year period of the project.

The Committee decided: that £15,000 be contributed to the PAMIS Healthy Lifestyles Project in each of the next 3 years.

9 East Kilbride Befriending Project

A report dated 22 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the negotiation of a contract for the provision of a Befriending Service in East Kilbride.

In terms of Standing Order No 12.5 of the Standing Orders on Contracts, it was proposed to negotiate a 3 year contract with the East Kilbride Befriending Project for the provision of a befriending service in the sum of £52,000 per annum.

The Committee decided: that the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) be authorised to negotiate a 3 year contract with East Kilbride Befriending Project for the provision of a befriending service in the sum of £52,000 per annum.

Councillor Malloy, having declared an interest in the above item, withdrew from the meeting during its consideration

10 Tender for Stairlifts

A report dated 5 June 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the award of a contract for the installation, servicing and repair of stairlifts.

It was proposed that the contract for the installation, servicing and repair of stairlifts be awarded to Advanced Stairlift Scotland Limited for the period 1 June 2006 to 31 May 2008, with an option to extend for 1 year, in the sum of £1.2 million per annum.

The Committee decided: that the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) be authorised to enter into a 2 year contract with Advanced Stairlift Scotland Limited for the installation, servicing and repair of stairlifts for the period 1 June 2006 to 31 May 2008, with an option to extend for 1 year, in the sum of £1.2 million per annum.

11 Authorised Providers List - Social Care

A report dated 16 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the amendment to 2 providers on the Authorised Providers List for Social Care to include additional service type.

The accreditation process had been completed for the 2 providers who had both met the relevant criteria.

The Committee decided: that the entry for the 2 organisations detailed below on South Lanarkshire Council's Authorised Providers List for Social Care be amended to include additional service type:-

- (a) Organisation: Calcare (Monteith) Limited
Service Type: Nursing/Residential Home, Respite
Client Group: Older People, Older People with Dementia, Adults with a Learning Disability, Adults with a Physical Disability
- (b) Organisation: HRM Homecare Services Limited
Service Type: Home Care, Housing Support
Client Group: Older People, Older People with Dementia, Adults with Dementia, Adults with a Learning Disability, Adults with a Physical Disability, Children and Families, Children with Special Needs, Young People

12 Reporting of 'Call Off' Contracts Negotiated with Authorised Providers

A report dated 16 May 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on a 'Call Off' contract negotiated with an Authorised Provider and awarded by Social Work Resources in the period May and June 2006.

In terms of Standing Order No 12.4 of the Standing Orders on Contracts, Social Work Resources were required to notify the relevant Committee of 'Call Off' contracts that had been awarded to Care Home and Homecare Providers. Details of the contract awarded were provided in the report.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

13 Charter Mark Status

A report dated 7 June 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the achievement of Older People's Day Care Services within Social Work Resources in gaining Charter Mark status.

Charter Mark status was a nationally recognised standard of customer service which recognised excellence in public services. Older People's Day Care Services had been awarded Charter Mark status for a period of 3 years at the end of which it would be subject to a full reassessment.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

14 Care Accolade Awards 2006

A report dated 6 June 2006 by the Executive Director (Social Work Resources) was submitted on the success of Social Work Resources in gaining 2 Care Accolade Awards which had been awarded on 2 June 2006.

The Scottish Social Services Council had invited social care services to apply for the Care Accolade Awards 2006. The awards had been established in 2004 to recognise and promote good practice across the care sectors. Social Work Resources had received the awards for excellence in the categories of recruitment and retention and developing learning opportunities.

The Committee decided: that the report be noted.

15 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.