

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 13 FEBRUARY 2001**

#### **REPORT ON BALLOCHMYLE CLOSURE – RESOURCE TRANSFER (Remit from Social Work Committee of 1 February 2001)**

#### **Director of Educational and Social Services and Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources**

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek authority for the addition of 2 Part-Time Day Care Workers to the staffing establishment of the Educational and Social Services Department (Social Work function).

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Social Work Committee at its meeting on 1 February 2001 noted that following extensive negotiation between the three Ayrshire authorities and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board, agreement had been reached as to the allocation of Resource Transfer for East Ayrshire Council following the closure of Ballochmyle Hospital in Catrine with the subsequent loss of 17 continuing care, frail, elderly beds.
- 2.2 As there were four individuals who had been assessed as requiring residential or nursing care in Ballochmyle from the Council at the time of closure, it was agreed that these individuals' needs would be best met by a move to either residential or nursing home care. One of the individuals has since died leaving three remaining individuals requiring Council support.
- 2.3 All local authorities are required to advise the Health Board as to the usage of Resource Transfer monies and submit a report annually to the Health Board.

### **3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 To enable the expansion of Day Care Services in Mauchline and Catrine, and provide the additional services required, it is proposed that two 17.5 hours per week Part-Time Day Care Workers, grade GS1/2 (£9,180 - £12,399) be appointed from 1 April 2001 at an annual cost of £14,456.

### **4. POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The Social Work Committee noted that the proposals for the use of the Resource Transfer money are consistent with the Modernising Community Care: An Action Plan, the Joint Community Care Plan 1998-2001 and support Council policy and commitment to enable individuals to remain in their own homes with individualised care plans for as long as it is safe and reasonable to do so.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1** The annual salary costs of £14,456 (including employer's costs) can be met from within the monies allocated to the Council by Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

## **6. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1** The Sub-Committee is asked to agree the addition of 2 Part-Time Day Care workers to the establishment of the Educational and Social Services Department (Social Work function).

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services to the Social Work Committee of 1 February 2001.

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**AGENDA**