

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 31 JANUARY 2002

COMMUNITY BASED ACCOMMODATION WITH SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES IN KILMARNOCK

Report by the Director of Education and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the development of community based accommodation with support arrangements for people with learning disabilities in Kilmarnock.
- 1.2 To advise elected members of the outcome of the tendering process in respect of the development of 24 hour support to adults with learning disability in the Longpark area of Kilmarnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Scottish Executive's review of services to people with learning disabilities "The Same As You?" was presented to Social Work Committee in November 2000. It recommends the closure of all long stay learning disability hospitals in Scotland, with a commitment to shifting the balance of care from hospitals towards accommodation with support in community settings.
- 2.2 The Council is committed to supporting people with learning disabilities in their own homes in the local communities of East Ayrshire. Experience to date highlights that this improves the quality of life for people with learning disabilities as they are supported in an individualised way, enabling them to make their own choices and decisions.
- 2.3 In March 2000, Social Work Committee approved the proposal to develop a range of community based accommodation with support for people with learning disabilities in a range of locations in East Ayrshire.

3. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

3.1 Cuthbert Place, Kilmarnock

West of Scotland Housing Association has agreed to provide four individual tenancies for people with complex needs at Cuthbert Place, Kilmarnock. The tenants will be provided with individualised support arrangements by Thorntoun Estates Limited, based on assessments of individual needs. Thorntoun Estates Ltd is an existing care provider within East Ayrshire, having a history of providing services to older people and people with learning disabilities in partnership with the Council.

3.2 John Burt Place, James Johnston Place and John Kennedy Place, Kilmarnock

Cunninghame Housing Association has agreed to provide three properties within the new housing development in Longpark, Kilmarnock (see addresses listed above). These will provide tenancies for six people, and includes 1 single tenancy and 2 shared tenancies. Each tenant will be provided with individualised support arrangements by Cornerstone Community Care, based on assessments of individual need. Cornerstone is a new provider to East Ayrshire, having recently been selected within the framework of the Council's Tendering Procedures (see section 4 of this report).

3.3 Monitoring Arrangements

Service level agreements will be developed between the Council and the care providers to ensure that the nature and quality of the service is clear and specific. This will be monitored by a Council officer with responsibility for contract monitoring, and by care managers with responsibility for assessment and support arrangements.

3.4 In addition, management agreements will be developed between the Council, the care providers and the housing providers to ensure clarity of roles and responsibilities.

4. TENDERING PROCESS – LONGPARK SERVICE

4.1 The provider for the Longpark service was identified via a formal tendering process conducted in accord with Council Standing Orders and involving representation from service users, carers and partner agencies.

4.2 Adverts were placed in national and local press in week ending 17th August 2001 outlining service requirements and inviting expressions of interest and the submission of pre qualification questionnaires (PQQs). 15 completed PQQs were received. Subsequently the five organisations detailed below were invited to submit formal tenders:

- Cornerstone Community Care
- Key Housing Association
- Richmond Fellowship
- Thames and Children's Trust
- Turning Point

4.3 Following a formal evaluation of the tenders by officers of the Council using an 80% Quality: 20% Price split the contract award was made to Cornerstone Community Care.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The costs of **care arrangements** for people being discharged from hospital will be met from a combination of council funding and resource transfer.
- 5.2 The costs of **housing supports** for each tenant will be maximised through Transitional Housing Benefit, which provides interim funding arrangements in meeting housing support costs until 2003 when it reverts to a new budget (supporting people) managed by the local authority.
- 5.3 The costs of adaptations to the property at Cuthbert Place amounts to £138,303 and is being divided between the funding partners as follows:-

Partner	Contribution	Percentage Split
East Ayrshire Council	£41,491	30%
Ayrshire & Arran NHS Board	£41,491	30%
Community Scotland (formerly Scottish Homes)	£41,491	30%
West of Scotland Housing Association	£13,830	10%
TOTAL	£138,303	

The East Ayrshire Council contribution of £41,491 will be met from within existing budgets.

6. LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 These developments are consistent with national and local policy objectives in developing services for people with learning disabilities and in creating local employment opportunities.
- 6.2 The contract with Cornerstone Community Care will be for a term of three calendar years with an option to extend in two 1-year stages, both at the sole discretion of the Council.
- 6.3 There are no other legal implications for the Council.

7. PERSONNEL

- 7.1 Nil.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that Social Work Committee
- (i) notes the contents of this report; and

(ii) notes the outcome of the tendering process in respect of Longpark.

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19 December 2001
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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA