

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE: 9 NOVEMBER 2000**

#### **RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE**

##### **Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To advise Committee of the outcome of the submission to the Scottish Executive for additional monies to develop services to older people to address issues of delayed discharge from hospital which was presented to Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2000 (Item No 7, Page No 1230).

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A report was presented to Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2000 outlining proposals for the expenditure of the £242,925 provisionally allocated to East Ayrshire Council. This was part of the £10 million which was distributed among local authorities in Scotland.
- 2.2 As a condition of the proposal managers of Ayrshire & Arran Primary Care NHS Trust, Ayrshire & Arran Acute Hospitals NHS Trust and Ayrshire & Arran Health Board had to be consulted and had agreed the proposals.

#### **3. OUTCOME OF THE PROPOSAL**

- 3.1 The Scottish Executive have accepted the proposals outlined by the Council and have indicated that the £242,925 will be transferred to the Council to be used within the financial year 2000 – 2001.
- 3.2 The Minister for Health and Community Care has now indicated that this money will be recurring for the next 3 years.
- 3.3 The recurring nature of this funding will avoid the reduction of future admissions to long term care over the next 3 years as the care costs for these individuals can now be met from these recurring funds.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The agreement to fund 20 individuals to long term residential and nursing home care on a recurring basis is to be welcomed and will cost approximately £200,000 per annum. The use of the remaining £42,000 (for future years) will be subject to approval from the Scottish Executive and must be used to ensure that the issue of delayed discharges from hospital is addressed. We would propose this money should be spent on developing additional community supports to prevent/minimise inappropriate admissions to hospital.

## **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The proposals continue to be consistent with the Joint Community Care Plan 1998 – 2001 and Modernising Community Care : An Action Plan.

## **6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 As agreed at the previous committee report one Senior Social Care Worker post will be deleted from the establishment at Rosebank and the postholder will be transferred to the vacant Senior Social Care Worker posts at Ross Court, Galston at the same cost. This proposal will now be referred to the Head of Personnel as funding has now been confirmed.

## **7. LEGAL IMPLCATIONS**

- 7.1 Work on a service level agreement and contract has commenced between Alzheimers Scotland Action on Dementia for delivery of day care for people with Dementia in the new Integrated Day Care Unit.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- (i) note the contents of this report
  - (ii) invites the Director of Educational and Social Services to implement the proposals endorsed at previous committee and;
  - (iii) refers the staffing implications to Personnel and Property Sub Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee.

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## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Joint Community Care Plan 1998 – 2001
2. Strategy for People with Dementia and Older People with Mental Health Problems 1999 – 2004
3. Aiming for Excellence and Modernising Community Care an Action Plan

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**AGENDA**