

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE.....15 April 1997
PERSONNEL & PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE... 29 April 1997

ARBROATH PARTNERSHIP AREA - COMMUNITY REGENERATION PROGRAMME - ESTABLISHMENT OF POSTS

JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND THE DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL

ABSTRACT

As part of the Arbroath Partnership Area - Community Regeneration Programme, it is proposed to develop outreach services from the Child and Family Centre in Arbroath. In order to do so, it is necessary to establish some posts for the duration of the project.

1 RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that:

- 1) the Social Work Committee agrees to the terms of this report;
- 2) the Personnel and Property Services Committee agrees to the establishment of the following posts on a fixed term basis for two years:
 - a) Centre Worker, SCP (27-35), 22.2 hours per week;
 - b) 2 Assistant Centre Workers, SCP(12-18), 18.5 hours per week each

2 INTRODUCTION

Under the Arbroath Partnership Area Community Regeneration programme, a proposal has been approved to establish a community childminding project. The aim of this project is to provide a flexible, community resource and to support children in need and their families in their local communities.

The project will offer specialist support and opportunities to vulnerable families and children living in the most disadvantaged areas of Arbroath, where access to good quality day care may help prevent family breakdown. The project will be co-ordinated from the Arbroath Child and Family centre and will extend the provision of outreach services from the centre.

3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed to establish one part-time Centre Worker post (SCP 27-35) (equivalent to three days per week), and two part-time Assistant Centre Worker posts (SCP 12-18) equating to one full time equivalent post. These posts would be established on a temporary basis, to match the duration of the project. They would terminate no later than 31 March 1999.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of the proposed posts is £25,060, which will be funded by the Scottish Office, through the regeneration programme.

The total cost of the project is £43,840 (see Appendix 1 for details). The project is eligible for 75% funding from the Scottish Office, which is dependent on the remaining 25% coming from Angus Council resources. This equates to a sum of £10,960, which will be achieved through releasing existing staff to work on the project (equivalent to £9,100) and a contribution of £1,860 from the money identified in the revenue budget for the implementation of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

5 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law and Administration, the Director of Finance and the trade unions have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

6 CONCLUSION

By establishing these posts, it will be possible to provide a valuable service to children and families in the areas with the highest level of deprivation in Arbroath.

17 March 1997

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NOTE

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF COSTS		WTE	£ per annum
Centre Worker	SCP 16-37	0.6	12,014
Assistant Centre Worker	SCP 12-18	1.0	<u>13,046</u>
COST OF NEW POSTS			25,060
Use of Existing staff time			<u>9,100</u>
TOTAL STAFF COSTS			34,160
OTHER COSTS			<u>9,680</u>
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT (per annum)			43,840
75% Government Grant			<u>32,880</u>
Net contribution from Social Work Department			<u>10,960</u>

