

**ANGUS COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE.....(14 January 1997)**

**PROPOSED PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF  
HOMECARE SERVICES**

**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**ABSTRACT**

This report advises the Social Work Committee of a proposed partnership arrangement with the Salvation Army for the provision of some homecare services in Angus.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee :

- (i) notes the contents of this report;
- (ii) authorises the Director of Social Work to enter detailed discussions with the Salvation Army and other interested parties, including the appropriate trade unions;
- (iii) instructs the Director of Social Work to keep the committee informed of progress on this matter.

**2 INTRODUCTION**

Upon receipt of a substantial legacy, the Salvation Army approached the Social Work Department in Tayside Regional Council to see how the legacy could most usefully be utilised for the well being of older people in Angus. Discussions have taken place with the Salvation Army over a period of time, and following a value for money study which was undertaken by the Social Work Department of Angus Council, it was decided that using the legacy to establish and maintain a homecare service for older people would represent the best use of the legacy.

**3 PROPOSAL**

It is proposed that the Salvation Army will establish a shopping, pension collection, befriending and advice service, in collaboration with the Social Work Department. The service would be provided by a combination of paid staff and volunteers operating under the auspices of the Salvation Army.

This proposal would allow the resources available to the Social Work Department to be concentrated on the provision of personal care, thus enabling more people to stay in their own homes, rather than enter residential accommodation.

The details of the arrangements have still to be resolved, but it is anticipated that this service will be available during the first half of financial year 1997/98.

Members should note that this proposal will not result in the loss of any jobs, although the number of hours allocated to individual home helps may vary as a result. These changes should be seen as part of an overall home care strategy which includes moving towards guaranteeing minimum hours of employment for home helps. It will therefore be necessary to discuss this proposal with the relevant trade unions.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

This proposal will allow the Social Work Department to confirm on a permanent basis, the saving of £115,000 included in the Revenue Budget for 1996/97 as a one-off saving, without any reduction of service

#### **5 CONSULTATION**

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

#### **6 CONCLUSION**

This proposal will establish a positive partnership with a major voluntary organisation and will allow the quality and range of homecare service available to be improved.

W Robertson  
Director of Social Work

16 December 1996

#### **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.



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Dear Bill Robertson

### **House Our Youth 2000 - A campaign to end youth homelessness**

On 3 February 1997, NCH Action For Children will call upon people throughout the UK to join with us in our campaign to put an end to youth homelessness. And we want your support.

We are asking you to personally endorse the House our Youth 2000 campaign - a campaign that will show how the right balance of policies and practice can solve this problem.

The reasons for and the causes of youth homelessness are many and complicated. We know that the problem cannot be solved at the stroke of a pen. Only a mixture of practical and political solutions will work. That is why NCH Action For Children has decided to make House our Youth 2000 campaign its major campaigning issue into the 21st Century - guaranteeing this subject is high on the agenda of all the political parties in the run-up to the general election, and beyond.

NCH Action For Children works with 25,000 vulnerable children and young people each year. With 250 projects throughout the UK it is widely recognised as providing the most comprehensive mix of services, as well as being a leading advocate for the rights of children and young people.

For all these reasons we believe that NCH Action For Children is ideally placed to act as a catalyst for change. That is why we have instigated the House our Youth 2000 campaign and why - as our contribution to ending youth homelessness - we are investing £3.5 million over the next five years. Through our campaign we want to encourage others to invest and work in partnership so that a solution can be found to stem the waste of youth and unfulfilled potential that is youth homelessness.

So what can you do? Simple. Just sign the attached pledge card and return it to us. And please tick the box which tells us that we can publicise your support.

Yours sincerely

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