

REPORT NO 598/97

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE 27 May 1997
PERSONNEL AND PROPERTY SERVICES COMMITTEE 10 June 1997

INCREASED ESTABLISHMENT AT NORANSIDE PRISON**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK AND DIRECTOR OF
PERSONNEL****ABSTRACT**

This report proposes an increase in the staffing establishment for social work services provided at Noranside prison. The additional expenditure will be fully funded by the Scottish Prison Service.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- (i) the Social Work Committee agrees to the terms of the report;
- (ii) the Personnel and Property Services Committee agrees to increase the established hours for post no. 04/11 Social Worker from 18.5 hours per week to 37 hours per week.

2. INTRODUCTION

Report 1005/96 "Social Work Management Strategic Plan HMP Noranside 1997/98 outlined that Social Work resources within the prison were insufficient to meet the identified needs. The report indicated that the level and standard of Social Work provision continued to outgrow and out-perform the allocated resources.

3. PROPOSAL

Following discussions with the Scottish Prison Service, it has been agreed that additional input is required from the social work department. It is proposed to increase the staffing establishment for

Social Workers from its current level of 1.5 full time equivalents to 2.0 full time equivalents.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of these proposals is detailed in Appendix 1 and amounts to £12,062. This additional expenditure will be fully funded by the Scottish Prison Service.

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

The Scottish Prison Service has agreed to increase the Social Worker establishment at HMP Noranside from 1.5 to 2.0 qualified Social Worker posts. This increase will provide services consistent with national objectives and standards.

8 May 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 this report.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

STAFF COSTS		
		£
Additional 0.5 Social Worker	SCP 27-35	12,062

