

ANGUS COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE.....14 NOVEMBER 2000
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PROPOSED FUNDING FOR CHILDRENS HOSPICE ASSOCIATION
SCOTLAND (CHAS)

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK, DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND THE CHIEF
EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This report requests approval from the respective committees for contributions of £1,200 each from Social Work Department, Education Department and The Corporate Grant Aid Fund towards Angus Councils payment of £3,600 to CHAS.

1 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the respective Committees approve contributions as noted below towards the corporate payment of £3,600 to CHAS.

2 INTRODUCTION

CHAS run Rachel House Children's Hospice in Kinross, which is the only children's hospice in Scotland and provides the following services:-

- Specialist palliative support through respite care and emergency care for children with life limiting/threatening and terminal conditions where curative treatment is not (no longer) appropriate;
- Short term breaks for children and their families throughout the course of the child's condition;
- Terminal care and bereavement counselling; and
- Information, advice and practical support for families, including 24-hour telephone support to carers and professionals throughout Scotland.

To date one family from Angus has made use of the services offered by Rachel House.

Detailed discussions have taken place between COSLA and CHAS regarding local authority funding for CHAS and it is proposed that a maximum of £169,000 be paid to CHAS in 2000 – 2001 of which Angus Council's share would be £3,600. Following internal discussions it has been agreed that this funding would be made up as follows:-

Education	£1,200
Social Work	£1,200
Corporate Grant Aid Fund	£1,200
TOTAL	<u>£3,600</u>

3 PROPOSAL

It is proposed that Angus Council make a payment of £3,600 to CHAS for 2000-2001 made up from contributions as noted above.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed payment can be contained within the Social Work Department and Education Department revenue budgets and the Corporate Grant Aid budget for 2000 – 2001.

5 CONSULTATION

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

6 CONCLUSION

Contributions as noted above will enable Angus Council to make their agreed payment of £3,600 towards the operating costs of Rachel House and its home care services.

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Director of Social Work

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.