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JOINT REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF PROPERTY SERVICES AND
DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

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LUNAN PARK, RESIDENTIAL UNIT FOR OLDER PEOPLE - ADAPTATIONS TO PROVIDE DAY CARE FACILITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Abstract

This report outlines proposals for adaptations at Lunan Park, Friockheim to provide day care and respite facilities for Adults with Disabilities and Office Accommodation for the Adults with Disabilities Team, at an estimated cost of £60,000 provided from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to:

1. note this report;
2. approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £60,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund;
3. instruct the Director of Property Services to progress these adaptations immediately.

1 INTRODUCTION

Lunan Park has been closed as a residential unit for older people and the building has been identified as the location for the provision of new day care with limited respite services and office accommodation.

The building needs to be adapted to be able to fulfil its new function however neither the 1999/2002 Capital Programme nor the Social Work 2000/01 Revenue Budget can accommodate the associated costs.

2 BACKGROUND

As reported to the Social Work Committee by Report No 964/99 there is an identified need for day care for older people with learning disabilities in Angus. It is therefore proposed to provide, on the ground floor, accommodation for a day care unit, which will provide 16 places per day initially. The capacity of the day care unit will allow expansion up to 24 places per day, if there is sufficient revenue funding available.

There is also a need to establish a respite service for people with learning disabilities, including a facility for preparation for independent living and the development of personal skills. It is therefore proposed to provide, a 6 bed respite care unit facility for adults over 16 with learning disabilities on the first floor. The existing detached bungalow will also be brought into use and upgraded to provide a training facility for the development of independent living and personal skills.

The first floor will also serve as a base for the recently created Adults with Disabilities Team. Office accommodation will be provided for this team and their administrative support and for the Community Learning Disability Nursing team, as part of the joint working arrangements with the Primary Care Trust.

The priority is to carry out the necessary adaptations to the ground floor to provide the required accommodation to enable the day care facilities to become operational as soon as practically possible.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The full cost of these adaptations has been estimated at £60,000 inclusive of fees and other charges.

This cannot be contained within neither the 1999/2002 Capital Programme nor the Social Work 2000/01 Revenue Budget and it is therefore necessary for supplementary funding to be made available from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund.

Following discussions between the Property Services and Social Work Departments it has been agreed that these works represent one of their highest priorities and that since funding is unavailable from other sources it should be made available from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund as an exceptional case.

Allowance has been made within the Social Work Department's Revenue budget for 2000/01 for the provision of 16 day care places per day. The capacity of the day care unit will allow expansion up to 24 places per day, if there is sufficient revenue funding available.

4 CONSULTATION

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

5 CONCLUSION

The Committees for their respective interests are recommended to note this report, approve the bid for supplementary funding in the sum of £60,000 from the Property Renewal and Repair Fund, instruct the Director of Property Services to progress these adaptations immediately.

REFERENCES

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Report No</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Social Work	6 October 1999	964/99	Closure of Fairlie House and Lunan Park

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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.

M G Lunny
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