

(i) MACKINNON CENTRE - CARE HOME SERVICE ADULTS (AN75-2010)

Reference is made to Article VI of the minute of meeting of this Committee of 20th January, 2010, wherein it was noted that a report would be submitted to the Social Work and Health Committee in relation to the changes which needed to be made in the respite unit to allow all rooms to be accessed by wider wheelchairs and this Committee would receive an update.

The following action is being taken to address identified need to improve the physical standards of the Mackinnon Centre building.

Further to the Scrutiny Committee's discussion on 20th January, 2010, officers have now taken forward consideration of issues regarding the Mackinnon Centre building.

Whilst we can, and have, addressed the difficulties expressed by the individual who spoke with the Care Commission, small scale immediate responses will not address the broader issues.

It is clear that the fabric of the building which is now more than 20 years old is showing its age and does not meet the standards required by registering bodies nor best practice. Although the issue presented itself to elected members as being to do with door widths, there are other substantial issues that need to be addressed. These reflect the changes in function over the years, changing opinions regarding space standards, developments in care practice and higher care standards imposed by regulatory bodies.

The Social Work Department has therefore:-

- already taken forward discussions with colleagues in Architectural Services to establish the design options available to us. £1,460,000 is contained within the approved Capital Programme within financial years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 for the purpose of developing the centre;
- consulted with service users to ensure their views are incorporated into the plans; and
- begun discussion with NHS Tayside regarding longer-term arrangements to use the centre to jointly deliver services to meet the national priorities for rehabilitation and social inclusion for disabled people.

A detailed report will be brought before Social Work and Health Committee prior to the commencement of development work.