

**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE 19 March 2001**

**REPORT ON: REGISTRATION / INSPECTION OF DAY CARE PROVISION FOR CHILDREN UNDER EIGHT**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**REPORT NO: 193 - 2001**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1 To advise the Committee of future changes in relation to Registration & Inspection Services and to propose a new operational structure in preparation for these changes.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that The Social Work Committee:

2.1 Approve the change in Management arrangements in relation to Early Years Registration and Inspection.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**6.0 MAIN TEXT**

6.1 In April 2002 the responsibility for regulating care services will transfer from Local Authorities to the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care. A further report will be provided to the Committee, once more detailed information regarding structure, staff transfers and budget is available.

6.2 Currently the responsibility for regulating care services in Dundee, is split within the Social Work Department. Management responsibility for Early Years Registration/Inspection is held within children's services, with decision making delegated to the Service Manager (Family Placement). All other Registration/Inspection functions are held within Quality Assurance, with decision making delegated to the Head of Registration/inspection. Staff from both sections are based together at Harefield House, Dundee.

6.3 Following a review of the current structure, it has been identified that there would be a number of significant advantages, if all the functions in relation to Registration/Inspection were managed together:

- There would be one manager on site with decision making responsibility for all Registration/Inspection work.
- There would be more potential for staff support and development, in preparation for staff moving to the new Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care.
- There would be more consistency of standard setting across all registration and inspection functions

It is therefore proposed that Management responsibility in relation to Early Years Registration and Inspection be transferred to the Head of Registration/inspection who will be delegated decision making powers and who will continue to report directly to the Director of Social Work.

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Director of Personnel and Management Services and all staff concerned have been consulted as to these proposals.

## 8.0 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.

## 9.0 SIGNATURE

Director of Social Work

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