

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK & HEALTH COMMITTEE - 25TH JUNE 2007

REPORT ON: THE CLOSURE OF DUNCAN PLACE AND THE RE-ALLOCATION OF REVENUE INTO CURRENT AND ALTERNATIVE PROVISION

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 306 - 2007

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the closure of Duncan Place Young Persons Unit due to the considerable investment required to bring the accommodation up to current building standards and seek approval for the proposed plans for the re-allocation of savings to meet service pressures.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:

- 2.1 Approves the content of this report and agrees the closure of Duncan Place YPU by 31st July 2007.
- 2.2 Agrees the proposed plan for re-allocation of resources.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The financial implications of agreeing the recommendations in this report will be the re-allocation of £60,000 to staffing budgets within the remaining residential units and the reallocation of £180,000 towards Fostering and Adoption and other Social Work budget pressures.

4.0 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The approval of the plans for the re-allocation of resources will provide a focused response to young people and their families by delivering services that will meet their needs and keep them in a supportive environment.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The approval of this report would give increased opportunity to promote young peoples involvement in their own communities and the opportunity to realise their potential in placements suitable to their specific needs.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

- 6.1 Duncan Place Young People's Residential Home has been beset with building problems for a number of years and considerable investment has had to go into repairs and maintenance. Currently the home would require even greater expenditure to meet with Care Commission Standards and this is not considered to be value for money. Subject to committee approval,

the Care Commission will be advised about our intention to close the unit by 31st July 2007. All staff will be re-deployed within the young persons residential service and have all been individually consulted on this.

6.2 It is proposed to reallocate £60,000 to staffing resources within the remaining Young Persons Residential Units in order to continue to meet the high standards of care set by the Care Commission.

6.3 The plan for the re-allocation of a further £180,000 is to budget the current budget positions with fostering.

7 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and Depute Chief Executive (Support Services) have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Date: 15 June 2007