

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 17TH MAY 2004**

**REPORT ON: PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL AND BARNARDO'S SCOTLAND**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**REPORT NO: 344 - 2004**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of a Partnership Agreement between Dundee City Council and Barnardo's Scotland. A copy of which has been passed to each of the Group Secretaries and is available for inspection in the Members Lounge.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

- 2.1 Acknowledge the work undertaken by Barnardo's Scotland in providing a range of services for children, young people and their families in Dundee.
- 2.2 Remit to the Director of Social Work, to enter into a Partnership Agreement with Barnardo's Scotland, and to keep the Agreement under review and agree any necessary future variations of the Agreement.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 The Social Work Department's budget for the provision of services by Barnardo's Scotland is £704,987 in 2004/05. This comprises cash and 'in kind' contributions and is made available from the Council Revenue Budgets as well as the Changing Children's Services Fund. This budget will be added to by Barnardo's Scotland who have identified a sum of £396,684 in 2004/05. These funds will be jointly managed by both organisations.

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no local Agenda 21 objectives

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The partnership with Barnardo's Scotland promotes the rights of children in need and vulnerable families to receive a range of services which best meet their needs.

## **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 Barnardo's Scotland have worked in partnership with Dundee City Council for many years and have successfully provided a range of services to disadvantaged children, young people and their families. As new funding opportunities have become available, existing Barnardos services have expanded and new services developed.
- 6.2 It is proposed that a Partnership Agreement be entered into with Barnardo's Scotland to make best use of resources; address common aims and provide a basis for long term planning and future development. By setting out agreed working arrangements, the Agreement will help us deliver services that assist Dundee City Council to implement its Children's Services Plan.
- 6.3 The Agreement will work on the basis of a pooled budget whereby Dundee City Council and Barnardo's Scotland will combine their funding commitments to form a discrete fund.
- 6.4 The fund will be hosted by Barnardo's Scotland but all decisions regarding service priorities and financial management will be taken by a joint Executive Group drawn from both organisations.
- 6.5 The Executive Group will have overall strategic and decision making responsibility for the Partnership. Its membership, role and remit are outlined in the agreement.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

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

## **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.

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