

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK & HEALTH COMMITTEE – 14th APRIL 2008

**REPORT ON: PAYMENTS FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY VOLUNTARY BODIES
2008/2009**

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 228 - 2008

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report details the recommendations of the Director of Social Work on the level of payments for services provided by voluntary organisations for 2008/2009.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee agrees payments to the voluntary organisations listed in Appendix 1 at the levels outlined, subject to the Director of Social Work remaining satisfied that the service provided meets the service specification.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The cost of implementing the recommendations within this report is £2,446,986. This will be met from the 2008/09 Social Work revenue budget provision for payments to voluntary organisations which include funding from NHS Tayside for Resource Transfer funded projects.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 A range of voluntary organisations receive funding from the Social Work Department, as payments for services provided. The provision of these services is governed by a service level agreement with the organisation concerned.

4.2 The organisations listed in Appendix 1 all have service level agreements with the Social Work Department. The specification and monitoring requirements for these organisations are stringent, and as a minimum each agreement will be reassessed each year to determine the appropriate level of funding for the next year. For most organisations, an inflationary increase of 1.25% is proposed for 2008/2009.

4.3 A rolling programme of detailed reviews is underway. These are conducted in partnership with NHS Tayside where they contribute to the funding of the organisation. These reviews examine the content of service level agreements, the level of funding and the appropriateness of varying funding cycles, e.g. to move to 3 year budgets. Where a review results in a recommended significant change in funding, a separate report will be brought forward to the Committee.

4.4 Under the terms of the concordat between local authorities and the Scottish Government, many of the funding streams which were previously ring-fenced have now been included within the overall local government settlement. These changes are now reflected within the 2008/09 Social Work Revenue Budget where funds such as Mental Health Specific Grant and Changing Children's Services Fund

have been added to existing resources. Payments to voluntary organisations which were previously funded from these monies are included in Appendix 1.

- 4.5 The Social Work Department is currently developing an overarching commissioning strategy as outlined in the recent Social Work Inspection Report and in future years the Director of Social Work will report recommendations for payments to voluntary bodies who are contracted to provide services, within this framework.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.

There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATION

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

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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Date: 28th March 2008

APPENDIX 1

Organisation	2007/08 Funding £	2008/09 Funding £
Aberlour Trust - Outreach Service (1)	146,781	105,078
Age Concern	24,482	24,788
Alzheimers Scotland - Dundee Projects	186,454	188,785
Barnardo's Bridge Project	28,011	28,361
Barnardo's Family Support Team & Side By Side Project	204,792	207,352
Barnardo's Supporting Primary Aged Children Early Project (SPACE)	105,338	106,655
Barnardo's Playschemes	124,000	124,000
Body Positive	39,676	40,172
Carolina House (2)	105,452	105,452
Celebrate Age Network	43,709	44,255
Childcare @ Home Dundee	84,537	85,594
Children First Family Resource Centre	56,602	57,310
Community Family Support Project (One Parent Families Scotland)	87,125	88,214
Cyrenians (NHS funded)	26,600	26,600
Cyrenians Reception and Resettlement Centre (NHS funded)	17,500	17,500
Dundee Association for Mental Health Befriending Scheme	39,094	39,583
Dundee Association for Mental Health Kandahar House (part NHS funded)	127,281	128,292
Dundee Drugs and AIDS Project	14,509	14,690
Dundee Homestart (part NHS funded)	32,030	32,818
Dundee Independent Advocacy Service (part NHS funded)	92,901	94,062
Dundee Society for Blind & Partially Sighted People	204,709	207,268
Dundee Survival Group (NHS funded)	17,500	17,500
Expressive Arts	30,035	30,410
Family Mediation Tayside (part NHS funded)	22,272	22,482
Jean Drummond Day Care Centre	102,870	104,156
Mid-Lin Day Care (part NHS funded)	43,350	43,892
National Schizophrenia Fellowship Carers Support	38,888	39,374
One Parent Families Scotland	88,806	89,916
Parent to Parent	32,857	33,268
Princess Royal Trust Disabled and Carers Information Centre (part NHS funded)	54,269	55,483
Princess Royal Trust Information and Development Workers	25,551	25,870
Scottish Huntington's Association (part NHS funded)	28,851	29,212
Starter Packs (NHS funded)	2,100	3,000
Tayside Association for the Deaf	95,012	96,200
Tayside Council on Alcohol (part NHS funded)	38,236	38,714
Who Cares? Scotland	31,850	32,248
Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre	4,920	4,982
Youthlink	13,284	13,450
Total	2,462,234	2,446,986

(1) Part funding of £43,000 provided from Fairer Scotland Fund in 2008/09 (total funding £148,078)

(2) Subject to review