REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

REPORT ON: SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT SERVICE PLAN

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 422-2000

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Social Work Department Service Plan Progress Update for 2000.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the committee approves the Social Work Department Service Plan Progress Update for 2000 contained in Appendix 1.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Projected net revenue expenditure is identified for the 3 years of the Plan within the 1999-2002 Plan.
- 3.2 Projected capital expenditure will be updated in line with approved Financial Plans.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The targets in this Plan will be delivered in line with the principles of integrating policy, participation and partnerships.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The Department will promote and monitor the Council's equal opportunities policies.

6.0 BACKGROUND

- 6.1 The Council adopted a new 3 year plan on 18 October 1999. This contained a commitment that each Director would present to Committee a Service Plan itemising for each service the key performance indicators with targets for the three years and the cost budgeted for the service. This will help ensure the Council provides good and efficient services that are Best Value.
- 6.2 The Social Work Department Service Plan 1999-2002 was thereafter approved by the Social Work Committee on 15 November 1999
- 6.3 The Social Work Department Service Plan Progress Update contains information relating to achievement against targets and measures contained within the Social Work Department Service Plan 1999-2002.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Chief Executive has been consulted upon the contents of this report.

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Date

The Council's Plan – Policy and Resources Committee, 18 October 1999
Public Performance Reporting, Policy and Resources Committee, 11 October 1999
Social Work Department Service Plan – Social Work Committee 15 November 1999

9.0	SIGNATURE	
	Director of Social Work	

APPENDIX 1

SOCIAL WORK SERVICE PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The	Children's Services aim is to
•	Support families to care for their children and prevent the need for children to be looked after away from home
•	Increase equality of access to social work services for all children in need including those affected by disabilities
•	Decrease offending by young people and in the number of offenders who are dealt with by the adult court system
•	Provide quality care when children are required to be away from home

Better and Quicker Decision Making

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Availability of information	80% of reports submitted on time (previous criteria)	The processing of Children's Hearing Cases - by March 2000 100% of referrals made to the Reporter within 5 working days of a case conference 75% of reports submitted within 20 working days of the date of request	A survey of children case conferenced in March was undertaken for the purpose of reporting back to the Time Intervals Working Group 100% achieved 63% (Of the 27 reports requested, 17 were submitted on time)

Partnerships/Working together locally

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Targeting of services to offer support to children in need (0-12 years), their parents and carers	• None	1 integrated education and social work provision by April 2000 and at least 1 additional facility each year thereafter	Reports have been submitted to Committee recommending integrated early years provision in two locations and the establishment of outreach worker posts
	• Average of 5 families per centre	Each child and family centre providing at least 8 families with home based support by April 2000	Average 7 families
	• 83%	At least 90% of children in need, assessed as requiring a service from a child and family centre will receive that service each year	Information is collected weekly from child and family centres. Details will be included in the Children's Services Plan
			Early Years and Childcare plan now published

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Services designed to meet people's needs	100% satisfaction with the quality of the Children's Rights service	Maintain this level of satisfaction	A method needs to be developed for measuring satisfaction with the new service commissioned from Who Cares Scotland

Listening and Responding to Service Users and their Carers

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Percentage of children looked after away from home in other family placements who feel safe, secure and cared for	• 89%	• At least 95% each year	There is no system currently in place for regularly measuring young peoples' feelings of safety and security. The baseline figure was derived from consultation undertaken in relation to the Best Value Review of Family Placement Services. The LAC materials also include a review report for children to complete. A survey of those completed is to be undertaken as a method of ascertaining performance against this objective
Percentage of carers offered assessment of needs	Baseline to be established	• 100% by 2002	Decision has been taken that the Child Health Team should undertake these assessments. Work is in progress in relation to the assessment protocol – draft to be ready by the beginning of July

Caring for People at Home

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Proportion of services provided to care for young people at home rather than in residential care	378 children looked after	Reduce by 4 in each geographical area (16) by April 2000 and each year thereafter	• 408 children looked after as at 31 March 2000
	• Children looked after by placement type and as a % of the total number looked after (as at 31.3.99)		
	a) at home – 138 (37%)	a) Increase to 50% by 2001	a) 32.1% ie 131 children at home at 31 March 2000
	b) in other placements – 184 (50%)	b) Reduce to 40% by 2001	b) 54.9% ie 224 children in other community placements at 31 March 2000
	c) in residential accommodation – 50 (13%)	c) Reduce by - 10% by 2001 20% by 2002	c) 13% ie 53 children in residential accommodation at 31 March 2000
		, and the second	In the longer term, current service developments will begin to achieve a shift in the balance of care and a reduction in numbers of the looked after children
	• 79% of children aged 0-17 with disabilities receiving respite as a % of the total assessed as requiring respite care for the year to 31.3.99	• 85% by 2001	90% of children with disabilities who have been assessed as requiring respite have received at least one episode of care

Tackling Inequalities

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
The education of children looked after away from home in local authority residential units: a) the % in full time education b) the % in part time education c) the number excluded from school d) the attendance rate	As at 26 September 1999 a) 80% b) 11% c) to be established d) 60%	a) Increase to 90% b) Reduce to 10% by 2001 c) Reduce by 15% per year by Sept 2002 d) Increase to 75% by 2001	Draft Education Policy for Looked After Children completed Draft Policy on Services to Children who are Looked After including Social Work, Health and Education in preparation a) & b) At week ending 2 April there were 20 young people resident in our units. 12 (60% of these young people were in full-time education and 8 (40%) were in part-time arrangements c) Weekly returns from residential units for the period Aug 99 to March 2000 show 17 young people excluded for a total of 441 half days d) Of a possible 180 attendances during census week, ie 180 half days, there were 88 non-attendances. Attendance was therefore 51% Implementation of the above policies will assist us to improve our performance on these indicators

Community Safety

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Measures to improve child protection	 For the year to 31 March 1999: 237 aged under 16 were subject to a child protection investigation (Rate 7.3 per 1000 of the population) 100% of children on child protection register have a child protection plan 44 children on the child protection register at 31.3.99 Average time for a child's name to remain on the register is 40.41 weeks 	 Reduce to Rate 5.0 by 2001 Maintain Maintain at under 50 Maintain 	 166 children were referred for child protection investigation to 31 March 2000 (rate 5.8 per 1000 of the population) 100% 42 children on the register as at 31 March 2000 Average time for a child's name to remain on the register has reduced to 31.26 weeks

Manager - Graham Oliver

COMMUNITY CARE

To promote the social welfare of vulnerable adults by enabling them to live at home or in homely settings rather than being admitted to institutional care

Better and Quicker Decision Making

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Time taken to complete assessments of need	Average time of 3.3 weeks to complete assessment as at 31March 99	Reduce average time to 3 weeks by 31 March 2002	Average time has fallen from 3.3 weeks in 1999 to 3.1 weeks as at 31 March 2000

Partnerships/Working Together Locally

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Effective Partnerships with other departments and agencies	27 partnerships with independent sector providers as at 31 March 1999	• Increase by 6 by 31 March 2002	3 additional partnerships have been entered into at 31 March 2000

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Services designed to meet people's needs	74% of service users are satisfied with home care services	• At least 95% by 31 March 2002	A method to capture this information on a regular basis is still to be established

Listening and Responding to Service Users and their Carers

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Services developed in consultation with service users or their carers	Review of older people services developed in consultation with service users	Involve service users in the review of day services in all care groups by 31 March 2001	A report has been submitted to Social Work Committee - Consultation took place with service users in December 1999 and January 2000
Percentage of carers offered assessment of needs	Baseline to be established	• 100% by April 2002	Measurement still in process of being established

Caring for People at Home

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Proportion of services provided to care for adults in their own homes rather than in institutional care	Current expenditure 43% Residential 57% Cared for at home as at 31 March 1999	Expenditure 40% Residential 60% Cared for at home by April 2001	This information is currently being calculated
	A baseline expressing this balance in numbers of people to be established	 Measure this balance in numbers of people by 31 March 2000 Decrease number of people in 	People - A method for working out the balance of care in terms of the number of people has not yet been devised
		Decrease number of people in residential care year on year	devised

Tackling Inequalities

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Range of community based day care	A baseline for measuring this to be established	 Introduce measure by 31 March 2000 Shift balance more positively year on year towards community based day care 	Consideration is being given as to the reformulation of this indicator

Manager - Laura Bannerman

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

 To promote social inclusion by providing credible alternatives to custodial sente

To help make Dundee a City with less crime and fewer victims
To offer Best Value and to continue improving our service

Partnerships/Working together locally

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Risk assessment for potentially dangerous criminals	A multi-agency Public Protection Forum to oversee risk assessment for potentially dangerous offenders has been established	• Review effectiveness of Public Protection Forum by 2001	Review in progress
	All registered sex offenders subject to a joint Police/Social Work risk assessment	Continue 3 monthly sex offender review meetings ongoing with police	Maintained
Effective partnerships with agencies to tackle drug related offending	 Dundee Drug Action team established Existing Corporate Drugs Strategy 	Dundee Drug Action Plan prepared by April 2000	• Completed

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Services designed to meet people's needs	80% of clients felt that Supervised Attendance Order had reduced the likelihood of them re-offending	 Minimum – maintain at 80% Optimum – increase by 2% annually 	75% (statistically within target range for sample)
	28% of people improved, showing a positive change in attitude following successful completion of the NCH scheme	• 5% improvement each year	Achieved
	83% satisfied with the Out of Hours service	• 88% by Sept 2000	Currently establishing effective ways of measuring satisfaction for September target date.

Community Safety

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Alternatives to custodial sentences for offenders	East Port House has opened	Further develop East Port House to offer a constructive alternative to custody for offenders who require an enhanced level of supervision	Continued progress including plans to appoint a group worker
	Occupancy rate: 70% for males and 40% for females	Increase to 80% occupancy for males and 50% for females by April 2000 and 80% for both thereafter	At March 2000: 77% occupancy for males and 49% occupancy for females
	Work on 'ending offending' not yet fully structured	50% of residents to undertake structured programmes for 'ending offending'	Information not yet available
	Take up rates for Alternatives to Custody Programme - 1998-1999: 47 orders made	• Increase to at least 50 per annum (150 over the period of the plan)	50 referrals and 40 cases (target not yet met)
Risk assessment of potentially dangerous offenders	100% referred sex offenders subject to rigorous risk assessment	Maintain	Maintained

Manager - Alan Baird

STRATEGIC PLANNING

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• Providing a framework against which improvement in the development and delivery of Social Work services can be measured

• Address inequalities by promoting an anti-poverty approach to the development and delivery of social work services

Better and Quicker Decision Making

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Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000	
Percentage of complaints responded to within agreed timescales and to the complainant's satisfaction	42% of formal complaints responded to within 28 days	Increase of 10% each year	31% of formal complaints responded to within 28 days with additional 24% responded within an agreed extended timescale with the complainant (total 55%)	
			The meaningful figure here is therefore 55% responded to within agreed timescale. A number of complaints are ongoing and remain within an agreed negotiated timescale.	
			18% were responded to outwith agreed timescale	
	80% of all formal complaints resolved to the complainant's	90% by 200195% by 2002	56% of completed complaints were resolved to the complainants satisfaction	
	satisfaction	3670 67 2002	The remaining 44% are currently subject to further avenues of investigation and remain pending at this time.	
Availability of information	Information Strategy in Development	Completed by December 1999	Draft strategy completed	
	 100% of performance information returned on time 100% of statutory plans prepared 	Maintain return rate	Maintained	
	within agreed timescales	Maintain success rate	Maintained	
		Policy database on Council Website by December 2000	Due December 2000	

Listening and Responding to Service Users and their Carers

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Services developed in consultation with service users or their carers	Revised procedures in place for children's services	Current procedures for adult services revised by April 2000	Ongoing
		Framework for revised adult procedures by April 2001	Ongoing
	Standards in place for residential care	Standards in place for all children and Adult services by September 2002 - 3 year cycle	 Standards now in place for day care standards for under 8's Standards for disability information and advice now being developed

Partnerships/Working together locally

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Effective partnerships with other departments and agencies	6 joint service procedures with other agencies in place	Increase by further 6 by April 2001	 Joint policy on looked after children including education, health and social care needs Joint protocol on admissions to respite care for children with disabilities Joint protocol for assessment of children with respite needs By August 2000 joint assessment protocol meeting the needs of young carers Joint protocol with Housing for assessment of needs of anti social tenants Joint database for educational attendance by children and young people in residential units Joint budget with Education for residential placement

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Monitoring of service quality	An average of 2 inspections of each registered and local authority residential unit	Increase by 5% each year	An average of 2 inspections of each registered and local authority residential unit was maintained

SUPPORT SERVICES

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The Supp	ort Ser	vices	aims	are -

•	To enhance the ability of the social work department to deliver high quality services through the provision of
	effective and efficient support

To provide a courteous, efficient and helpful service to those service users with whom we deal directly

Better and Quicker Decision Making

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Availability of information	 42% of social work sites connected to network 87% of PCs / NCs that access email and network services 60% of relevant staff trained in core IT skills (email, basic querying) 	 75% by March 2000 100% by March 2001 95% by March 2000 100% by March 2001 80% by March 100% by 31/03/2001 	 75% by 31/03/00 95% by 31/03/00 80% by 31/03/00
	21% of staff with budget responsibility know how to access and use Financial Information	• 50% by 31/03/2000 98% each year by 31/03/2001	 24% know how to access financial information 48% know how to use financial information

Partnerships/Working together locally

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Joint training arrangements	8 joint training programmes with health and education	• Increase by 25% by 2001 and 50% by 2002	9 joint training programmes

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Better trained workforce	Measurement tool being developed to identify the percentage of staff whose work performance improves after training	50% training evaluated and 80% of course participants have improvement level of 70% + by 2001 80% of training evaluated by 2002	Measurement systems now in place for 3 main areas of training – Certificate of Home Care Practice Moving and Handling Introductory Certificate in Management
	• 21 % of staff with vocational qualifications at 1/9/99	• 68% by 1/9/2002	• Percentage of staff with vocational qualifications at 30/4/00 - 25% (the apparent slow increase in this % is due to the increase of staff who are eligible for a vocational qualification i.e. increase in number of SCO" in Home Care and small increase in number of staff in residential child care. The rate of progress itself has not changed)
	Percentage of other identified training needs met will be established within review of staff development plan -	• 44% by 2000 85% by 2001 100% by 2002	Staff development plan now in place but full workforce training analysis still to be completed

	April 2000		
Profile of the workforce to meet changing needs of service users	40% of permanent employees on contracts extending beyond 9 to 5 weekday working	Increase to • 60% by April 2001 and 70% by April 2002	• 40%
	6 different existing models of working (1773 permanent employees involved)	Increase to 10 by April 2002	• 7 models
Choice, availability and flexibility for service users	Establishment of Approved Providers List to increase range of service providers for home care	Additional service areas by April 2002	APL for learning disability and mental health in progress – to report to Committee in August 2000
Monitoring of service quality	Prioritised list for review of agreements and contract compliance established	100% agreements to have been reviewed/checked for compliance by April 2002 based on 3 year programme of review	6 agreements reviewed in detail as at May 2000

Tackling Inequalities

Key Performance Indicators	Baseline	Target	Position as at May 2000
Promotion of social inclusion through employment opportunities	16 employees/people in placements recruited via special supported employment	• 50 people by April 2002	• 18 people
	• 2 schemes	8 schemes by April 2002	• 4 schemes
Success of Welfare Rights service in claims awarded against claims made	• 74% of claims awarded against claims made - Value £1,855,524	Maintain percentage	 68.5% of claims awarded against claims made (due to some claims made and then not pursued by claimant) Value £1,902,446

Manager - Alison MacKay