

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services

Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 17 May 2006

Subject: 21st Century Social Work Review – “Changing Lives”

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report and attached papers outline the background and findings of the 21st Century Social Work Review

2. Background

- 2.1 The overall aim of the 21st Century Review was to look at all aspects of Social Work.
- 2.2 The attached report (Appendix 1) was presented to the Council’s Social Justice Committee 12 April 2006. It summaries the key findings of the review and the Scottish Executive’s response.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 The Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership has a major interest in the integration of services and this is a key theme of the review.
- 3.2 The Review proposes a National Social Work Services Forum and Cabinet Delivery Group of key Ministers to help define priorities and deliver improvements in Social Work performance. Partner agencies will be important in determining the priorities for Social Work.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1 There are now issues.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The report has no financial implication.

6. Recommendations

- 6.1 The Partnership is asked to consider the 21st Century Review's findings and make comment to the Acting Director of Social Work Services.

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Background Papers: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2006/02/02094408/0>

Wards Affected: