



JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE  
POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

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**ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES:  
DAY SUPPORT IN UIST AND BENBECULA**

Report by Director of Social Work

**PURPOSE OF REPORT** To set out proposals for the restructuring of the way in which day support services to adults with learning disabilities are provided in Uist and Benbecula

**COMPETENCE**

- 1.1 There are no legal impediments or constraints to the recommendations being implemented. The financial aspects of the report are contained within the body of the Report.
- 1.2 The Director of Social Work has considered the requirement to ensure efficiency savings and is satisfied that approval of the recommendation in the Report does not affect the department's ability to put forward efficiency savings.

**SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report sets out recommendations for the restructuring of day support services within current financial resources.
- 2.2 Consultations, as described in section 4 of this report, on proposals set out in a report to social work committee on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006, have been completed resulting in wholly supportive responses

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle**
  - (a) **approve the the Craigard Day Service and Daliburgh Day Service be merged into one service with an administrative and day activities base at Craigard and community services managed from there. The range of services provided will be:**
    - Living skills training;
    - Non-employment day occupation (in Craigard and community facilities);
    - Social support; and
  - (b) **note that staffing changes necessary will be subject to a separate report to a future meeting of the Human Resources Sub Committee.**

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## BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The report to social work committee on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2006 entitled "Adults with Learning Disabilities: Day Support in Uist and Benbecula" was adopted as the basis of consultations.
- 4.2 The Adult Services Manager completed consultations between December 2006 and February 2007 with the following groups/agencies:
- present service users and their carers
  - present service workers
  - the joint agencies group in Uist and Benbecula including representatives from social work and community health services
  - the Western Isles Learning Disabilities Partnership which has representation from community groups, voluntary agencies, Comhairle departments, health services and health board planning officers and managers, service users and carers
  - the Care Commission
- 4.3 All of the groups strongly supported the proposals.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1.1 The restructuring will be achieved with a slight saving that has been directed to other Day Care service budgets as part of the departments budget setting process.
- 5.2 The new service should be seen as a variation of the service presently delivered by Craigard Day Centre. Consequently, it will have Craigard's budget as its base with additional costs related to the extension of service as proposed. Those additional costs will be funded from the disestablishment of Daliburgh Day Centre.

### **Total Budgets 2006/07**

- Craigard Day Centre including transport	£48,434
- Daliburgh Day Centre including transport	<u>£27,569</u>
	£76,003
Less FRS 17 Year End Adjustments	<u>(£ 1,808)</u>
Total Budget	<b>£74,195</b>

**Total Budget 2007/08 - Combined Service at Craigard** **£73,753**

Saving from combining the Day Service **£ 442**