

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2004 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Jackson, Ray Murray, Jim O'Neill, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Neil McGhee and William Crawford.

ATTENDING: John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; Graham Short, Head of Quality Improvement; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Bill Eadie, Senior Manager (Operations); Eddie Fraser, Community Care Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager, Educational and Social Services; Peter Hessett, Team Leader, Litigation; and Lynn Chapman, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, and Elaine Stewart.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Jackson, Chair.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT – SOCIAL WORK TO 19 SEPTEMBER 2004 (PERIOD 6)

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 12 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 19 September 2004 (Period 6).

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during consideration of the above item, but prior to determination.

AYRSHIRE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICE PARTNERSHIP THROUGH-CARE PLAN (Item 8, page 61, 03/07)

2. There was submitted a report dated 12 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the Plan for Phase 2 for Throughcare Services and which sought approval to refer the proposed personnel changes and the recruitment of additional staff to the Corporate Governance Committee for further consideration.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the staffing proposals contained within the report to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DRAFT GUIDANCE IN RESPECT OF CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEES (Item 13, page 782, 03/07)

3. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised on the consultation

regarding the draft guidance for Child Protection Committees (CPC) which formed part of the reform programme and which sought approval for the response to the consultation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the views of the current Child Protection Committees in respect of the guidance and respond accordingly to the Scottish Executive;
- (ii) to refer the guidance to the Chief Executive, asking her to meet with other Chief Officers to agree the membership and resourcing of the Child Protection Committee and the reporting arrangements, as indicated in the draft guidelines;
- (iii) to request the Chief Executive to report back to the Social Work Committee on the outcome of the discussion under (ii) above; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 1 November 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of ongoing discussions with the Scottish Executive over future Supporting People funding arrangements and recommended the establishment of a Member/Officer Working Group to review the Council's sheltered housing Warden Service in accordance with the terms of guidance on Service Reviews published by the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current position in terms of future arrangements for funding Supporting People activities as outlined in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) to establish a Member/Officer Working Group to manage the review of the Council's sheltered housing Warden Service in accordance with the requirements of the Supporting People Programme and the Council's Best Value arrangements as detailed in Sections 4.4 and 4.5 of the report and remit to Council to make the appropriate appointments;
- (iii) to note that the outcomes of the service review and any recommendations which arise therefrom, would be reported to a future meeting for consideration;
- (iv) to note that a further report on progress would be submitted in due course; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

OLDER PEOPLES RESIDENTIAL AND DAY CARE SERVICES PROGRESS REPORT (Item 10, page 249, 03/07)

5. There was submitted a report dated 14 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress achieved with the implementation of the Best Value Review of Older People's Residential Services previously presented to Committee in September 2003 and which requested approval to make permanent, existing temporary staffing arrangements across Residential and Day Care Services, and standardise practice in relation to the recognition of employment qualifications across residential services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the staffing proposals identified in section 7 of the report, in relation to Residential Services and Day Care Services to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration;
- (ii) to refer the standardisation of Conditions of Service for residential staff across Social Services to the Corporate Governance Committee;
- (iii) to note the progress achieved with the implementation of the Best Value Review of Older People's Residential Services and Day Services; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

TRANSPORT – LEASING OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES

6. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the lease of replacement vehicles for use by the Department of Educational and Social Services in support of the provision of frontline services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the lease of the six vehicles as detailed in Section 4.2 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

TRANSPORT – LEASING OF REPLACEMENT MINIBUSES

7. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the lease of replacement minibuses for use by the Department of Educational and Social Services in the provision of frontline services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the lease of the three 17 seat minibuses; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

TRANSFER OF MAUCHLINE DAY CENTRE TO SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE PROPERTY PORTFOLIO (Item 19, page 798, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 19 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the transfer of Mauchline Day Centre to Social Work from the Education Committee's Property Portfolio.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to the transfer of Mauchline Day Centre to the Social Work Committee Property Portfolio; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EVALUATION OF INTEGRATED SERVICES

9. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the development and use of an evaluation framework for integrated services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the stage of development reached in the evaluation of integrated services within the Department of Educational and Social Services;
- (ii) to approve the implementation programme as detailed in the report;
- (iii) to request the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to provide future reports on this development;
- (iv) to note that the report would also be considered by the Education Committee; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 October 2004 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted as follows:

Contract	Successful Contractor	Amount
Ross Court Residential Care Home, Galston - Upgrade	Anderson & Innes Ltd, Kilmarnock	£462,764.19

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

11. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 11 of schedule 7A of the Act.

STRENGTHENING FRONTLINE SERVICES – SERVICE REVIEWS (Item 16, page 514, 03/07)

12. Submit report dated 14 October 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised of the progress made on implementing the reviews set out in Strengthening Frontline Services report that was approved by Social Work Committee on 29 January 2004, and which sought approval for the implementation of the recommendations contained herein.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the implementation of the proposals detailed in the report;
- (ii) to refer those recommendations with personnel implications to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.