

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2005 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eric Jackson, Jim O'Neill, Stephanie Young, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Harry Wilson, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Elaine Stewart.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Graham Short, Head of Service: Quality Improvement; Eddie Fraser, Senior Community Care Manager; Sally Ann Kelly, Senior Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager, Educational & Social Services; Amanda McInnes, Resource Manager and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Isabella Macrae and Iain Linton.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Eric Jackson, Chair.

**CHAIR'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

1. The Chair welcomed Sally Ann Kelly, Senior Manager, Children and Families and Criminal Justice and Amanda McInnes, Resource Manager to their first Social Work Committee meeting.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK  
TO 24 JULY 2005 (PERIOD 4)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 23 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Head of Finance and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Members of the current budgetary control position and projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 24 July 2005 (Period 4).

**SERVICES FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN**

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for a two year project to improve the attainment of looked after children.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the two year project to improve the attainment of looked after children;
- (ii) to note that the report would also be considered by the Education Committee;
- (iii) to receive a further report once the procurement process had been completed in respect of the identification of a partner provider; and

- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **CONSULTATION PAPER - PROTECTING VULNERABLE ADULTS - SECURING THEIR SAFETY**

- 4. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Social Work Committee endorsement of an East Ayrshire Council response to a Scottish Executive consultation on the protection of vulnerable adults.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the East Ayrshire Council response to the Scottish Executive on the protection of vulnerable adults as detailed in Appendix 1A and Appendix 1B to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT: MOVING ON? AN OVERVIEW OF DELAYED DISCHARGES IN SCOTLAND**

- 5. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised the Committee of the Audit Scotland report: Moving On? An Overview of Delayed Discharges in Scotland which was published on 23 June 2005 and which related to the National Delayed Hospital Discharge Agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to acknowledge the positive performance of the East Ayrshire Partnership in exceeding national targets;
- (ii) to note the implications for future service developments as outlined in Section 3.4 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **BETTER OUTCOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised Members (i) of the joint publication by CoSLA, NHS Scotland and the Scottish Executive of "Better Outcomes for Older People - Framework for Joint Services" and (ii) of implications for East Ayrshire including key actions and timescales.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that Joint Future partners would undertake an initial review of existing joint services, and scope the benefits for service users of development and expansion of joint services;
- (ii) that following the above review a set of proposals would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**CONSULTATION ON THE CHILDREN'S HEARING SYSTEM - RESPONSE TO  
THE CHILDREN'S HEARING REVIEW TEAM**

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) which advised of Phase 2 of the Scottish Executive's consultation on the Children's Hearing System "Getting it Right for Every Child - Proposals for Action"; and (ii) which sought approval to submit a response to the consultation to the Scottish Executive Children's Hearing Review Team.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Scottish Executive's consultation on the Children's Hearing System "Getting it Right for Every Child - Proposals for Action" copies of which were available in the Members' Information Point;
- (ii) to approve the response to the consultation on the future developments of the Children's Hearing System as attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (iii) to note that the report would be considered also by the Education Committee on 13 September 2005;
- (iv) to authorise the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to submit the response to the Scottish Executive; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**GETTING OUR PRIORITIES RIGHT - SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE GUIDELINES FOR  
WORKING WITH SUBSTANCE MISUSING PARENTS**

8. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought agreement of a joint protocol between partner agencies to ensure a joint response in working with children and families affected by substance misuse.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to consider the contents of the protocols as attached as Appendix 1 to the report;
- (ii) to the roll out of the protocols across East Ayrshire Council and with all partners and stakeholders;
- (iii) to receive regular reports on the implementation of the protocols; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR  
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2004**

9. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services (i) which informed the Committee of the introduction of legislation regarding Parenting Orders; and (ii) which sought agreement of East Ayrshire Council's response to Scottish Executive guidance on Parenting Orders in terms of the Anti-Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to consider the contents of the report;

- (ii) to consider and approve the principles of the East Ayrshire Council Draft Position Statement as attached as Appendix I to the report which would support the framework for implementation of Parenting Orders - Best Practice Guidance within East Ayrshire Council, and the final response to the Scottish Executive; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **CHILD PROTECTION REFORM PROGRAMME UPDATE**

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated 1 September 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which advised the Committee of current developments in the Child Protection Reform Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that a report would be submitted to the next meeting with a Draft Strategic Plan;
- (ii) that there would be a short seminar on Child Protection offered to all Elected Members following the next Social Work Committee meeting which would include a section on the relationship with the voluntary sector; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **REGULATING FOR IMPROVEMENT AND ASSESSING THE QUALITY OF CARE SERVICES: PUBLIC CONSULTATION CARE COMMISSION**

- 11.** There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval from Members of the Social Work Committee on the Council's response to the public consultation document issued by the Care Commission "Regulating for Improvement and Assessing the Quality of Care Services".

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the amendment as reported at the meeting to paragraph 1.1 of the report to "Social Work Committee" rather than "Education Committee"
- (ii) to approve the response set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **SEX OFFENDERS AUDIT**

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 29 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which informed the Committee of the steps taken following the publication of the "Report Into the Management of Sex Offenders" in North Lanarkshire by the Social Work Inspection Agencies (SWIA).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the actions which were being taken to complete the joint audit of sex offender cases to be reported back by the Chief Executive to the Chief Inspector of Social Work Inspection Agency by 30 September 2005;
- (ii) to note that low risk offenders were also being included in the audit;
- (iii) to note that an update report would be submitted to a future meeting;

- (iv) to note that the Chief Executive would issue now to Members, advice on dealing with enquiries from members of the public regarding sex offenders whilst noting that this area would also be included within the programme of the Child Protection Seminar to be held following the next meeting; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

### **AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

13. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 August 2005 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of tenders which had been accepted as follows:-

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Successful Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
*Framework Contract - Mini Tender Supported Living Services	Capability Scotland, Edinburgh (Lots 1, 3 & 4)** Community Careline Services, Glasgow (Lots 1 & 4) ** Cornerstone Community Care, Aberdeen (Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4) ** ENABLE Scotland, Glasgow (Lot 1) ** Hansel Alliance, Symington (Lot 1) ** Home Concern (Scotland) Ltd, Ayr (Lots 1, 2 & 4) ** HRM Homecare, Prestwick (Lots 1, 2, 3 & 4) ** Lifeways Community Care Ltd, Prestwick (Lots 1, 2 & 3) ** Momentum, Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 & 4) ** Partners for Inclusion, Prestwick (Lots 1, 2 & 3) ** Quarriers, Bridge of Weir (Lots 1 & 3)** The Richmond Fellowship (Scotland), Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 & 3) ** Scottish Association for Mental Health, Glasgow (Lot 2) ** Turning Point (Scotland), Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 & 3) **	Schedule of Rates

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Successful Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Domestic Lifts	Stannah Lifts Services Ltd, Hampshire	Schedule of Rates

\* This tender is subject to an evaluation process, the award criteria being price/quality ratio - 40/60 with weightings being 40% price, staff resources and staff qualifications - 10%; transitional/emergency take-up arrangements - 10%; self monitoring and reporting mechanisms - 10%; quality systems - 10%; customer care - 10% and innovative proposals - 10%.

\*\* Lot 1: People with Learning Difficulties & Associated Problems;  
 Lot 2: People who may Experience Mental Ill Health;  
 Lot 3: People Affected by Autistic Spectrum Disorder; and  
 Lot 4: People with Physical Disability and Long Term Illness.

#### **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

14. 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 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### **LEASE OF PROPERTY AT GILLIESKNOWE, DALMELLINGTON**

15. There was submitted a report dated 22 August 2005 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Development and Property Services which advised of the results of the provisional negotiations with representatives of the community for the proposed let of the property at Gilliesknowe, Dalmellington.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to advance negotiations with representatives of the community to jointly lease the property at Gilliesknowe, Dalmellington;
- (ii) in the event that negotiations did not proceed to conclusion, to authorise the property to be disposed of on the open market; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1037 hours.