

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2004 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Jackson, Ray Murray, Jim O'Neill, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Harry Wilson, Iain Linton, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Neil McGhee, William Crawford and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; 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 Quality Improvement; Robin Gourlay, Head of Onsite Business; Bill Eadie, Senior Manager (Operations); Eddie Fraser, Community Care Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager, Educational and Social Services; Andy Macdonald, Performance and Development Manager; Julie Haig, Public Relations Assistant; Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer; and Lynn Chapman, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Douglas Reid, Isabella Macrae, John Knapp, Jim Raymond, and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Jackson, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Elizabeth Morton, newly appointed Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support to her first Social Work Committee.

The Chair also welcomed Aimée Cole, a third year law student at Glasgow Caledonian University and Mhairi Ross, a fourth year pupil at Stewarton Academy, who were attending the meeting in the course of work experience placements with Administrative and Legal Services.

**BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT – SOCIAL WORK TO 25 JULY 2004
(PERIOD 4)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 23 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services and the Executive Head of Finance on the current budgetary position and the projected out-turn for the year for Social Work for the period ended 25 July 2004 (Period 4).

AWARDING OF CONTRACTS

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 July 2004 (circulated) by the Acting Executive Director of Corporate Support which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted, as detailed in the Appendix to these Minutes.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT – QUARTER 2, 2004

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 19 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on staff absence rates for Social Services, including Resource Support, for the quarterly period ending 30 June 2004.

REVIEW OF SECTION 10 FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS (Item 3, Page 778, 03/07)

5. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the review of Section 10 funding arrangements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the ending of the existing Section 10 grant arrangements;
- (ii) to adopt the proposed set of criteria set out in Option 2 within the report, which allowed for continued support to voluntary organisations, where appropriate;
- (iii) to authorise officers of the Council to support organisations to identify alternative sources of funding, where appropriate; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

BEST VALUE REVIEW FOR LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN (Item 4, page 779, 03/07)

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the implications arising from the recommendations in the Best Value Review for Looked After and Accommodated Children.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals presented by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services in Appendix 1 to the report in relation to the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group;
- (ii) to refer the staffing matters as detailed in paragraph 10 of the report to a future meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration;
- (iii) to note the resource implications arising from (i) above and refer the bid for additional resources to the Policy and Resources Committee;
- (iv) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to report back to a future Committee on the outcome of consideration of this matter by the Policy and Resources Committee and produce an action plan on the implementation of the elements for which funding was already in place; and
- (v) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF TRANSPORT PROVISION FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS (Item 16, page 782, 03/07)

7. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the review of the transport provision for community and voluntary groups.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to adopt the new arrangements as detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

STRENGTHENING FRONTLINE SERVICES (Item 16, Page 514, 03/07)

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made in implementing the Strengthening Frontline Services report which was approved by the Social Work Committee on 29 January 2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress made to date;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to report back to a future meeting on the outcomes of the service reviews; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report

BEST VALUE REVIEW: THREE YEAR PROGRAMME

9. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought agreement to a programme of Best Value Reviews for the Department of Educational and Social Services to take place over the next 3 years.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the programme of Best Value Review to take place over the next 3 years;
- (ii) to note that this report would also be considered at the next meeting of the Education Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH CAREERS SCOTLAND

10. There was submitted a report dated 17 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the request from Careers Scotland to establish a Partnership Agreement with East Ayrshire Council in respect of young people who are or have been looked after by this Authority.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to establish a Partnership Agreement with Careers Scotland;
- (ii) that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services, or a nominee, sign the Partnership Agreement on behalf of East Ayrshire Council; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL HARM CONSULTATION

11. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the Scottish Executive consultation

“Protecting Children from Sexual Harm” and the draft Bill, Protection of Children and Prevention of Sexual Offences (Scotland) Bill (Draft – 22 June 2004).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed response to the Scottish Executive consultation on Protecting Children from Sexual Harm, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to the responses to questions 1 and 2 being amended as follows, viz:- question 1 to include reference to the potential use of WAP mobile phone technology to send young people inappropriate links to pornographic web-sites, and the wording of question 2 to be clarified to refer to the broader meaning of ‘sexual harm’;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to submit the amended consultation response to the Scottish Executive; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

RACE EQUALITY ACTION PLAN (Item 8, page 249, 03/07)

12. There was submitted a report dated 24 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the progress made in implementing the Race Equality Action Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the progress made in relation to the Race Equality Plan;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to report on an annual basis progress in implementing the Race Equality Action Plan; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HEALTH AND SAFETY ACTION PLAN 2004/2005 (Item 6, page 820, 03/07)

13. There was submitted a report dated 16 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the 2004/2005 Departmental Health and Safety Action Plan for Social Work Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Health and Safety Action Plan 2004/2005 as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services to provide further reports to Committee on the Social Work Department’s response to the Action Plan; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

IMPLEMENTATION OF MENTAL HEALTH (CARE AND TREATMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003 (Item 14, Page 388, 03/07)

14. There was submitted a report dated 19 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought endorsement of the East Ayrshire Partnership Local Implementation Plan for the Act; provided progress in implementing new mental health legislation which was to be fully enacted in April

2005; and sought approval for service developments required to support implementation.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the East Ayrshire Partnership Local Implementation Plan as detailed in the Appendix to the Report;
- (ii) to refer the staffing implications as detailed in paragraph 8 of the report to the Corporate Governance Committee, for consideration;
- (iii) that a report on the wider implications of the Act be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

JOINT FUTURE (Item 3, page 60, 03/07)

15. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on progress in implementing the Joint Future Agenda Policy Initiative and which sought endorsement of the East Ayrshire Extended Joint Future Partnership Agreement 2004 and of the Local Improvement Targets for the Joint Future Agenda.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the East Ayrshire Extended Partnership Agreement;
- (ii) to endorse the Local Improvement Targets for the Joint Future Agenda;
- (iii) to refer the staffing implications as detailed in paragraph 7 of the report to the Corporate Governance Committee, for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

CAPACITY PLANNING OF SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

16. There was submitted a report dated 20 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought endorsement of work in progress to plan future services for older people in East Ayrshire, as detailed in the report commissioned by the Joint Future Partnership Group "Capacity Planning of Services for Older People" and which raised awareness of the resulting resource implications for the Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the Capacity Planning of Services for Older People model as detailed in the Appendix to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

17. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 9 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF COMMUNITY MEALS (Item 5, page 779, 03/04)

18. There was submitted a report dated 18 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services on the implications arising from the recommendations of the Best Value Review for Community Meals.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to transfer the meals to groups service from Social Work to On Site Services from 1 April 2005;
- (ii) to enter into a procurement exercise for the meals at home service with a planned contract start of 1 April 2005;
- (iii) to approve the charging and subsidy recommendations as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

SURPLUS PROPERTY - LAND AT AYR ROAD, DALMELLINGTON

19. There was submitted a report dated 30 August 2004 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which requested that the Committee declare surplus to requirements an area of land extending to 80 square metres (883 square feet) or thereby at Ayr Road, Dalmellington, and which sought authorisation to dispose of the land in question to the party identified in the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land at Ayr Road, Dalmellington detailed within the report surplus to requirements; and
- (ii) to remit to the Executive Director of Development and Property Services to dispose of the subjects in accordance with agreed Council procedures.

The meeting terminated at 1039hrs.

APPENDIX**AWARDING OF CONTRACTS**

<u>Contract</u>	<u>Successful Contractor</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Framework Contract: Supported Living Services	Capability Scotland, Edinburgh (Lots 1, 3 and 4) Community Care Line Services, Glasgow (Lots 1 and 4) Cornerstone Community Care, Aberdeen (Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4) Craegmoor Healthcare, Worcester (Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4) Enable Scotland, Glasgow (Lot 1) Hansel Alliance, Symington (Lot 1) Home Concern (Scotland) Ltd, Ayr (Lots 1, 2 and 4) Lifeways Community Care, Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 and 3) HRM Homecare, Prestwick (Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4) MOMENTUM, Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 and 4) Partners for Inclusion, Prestwick (Lots 1, 2 and 3) Quarriers, Bridge of Weir (Lots 1 and 3) Turning Point Scotland, Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 and 3) The Richmond Fellowship Scotland, Glasgow (Lots 1, 2 and 3) Scottish Association for Mental Health, Glasgow (Lot 2)	As Schedule of Rates

Lot 1: People with learning difficulties and associated problems

Lot 2: People who may experience mental ill health

Lot 3: People affected by Autistic Spectrum Disorder

Lot 4: People with physical disability and long term illness