

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MARCH 2003 AT 0900 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Elaine Stewart

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Homes; Euan Couperwhite, Head of Resource Support; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care); John Alexander, Principal Officer (Quality and Planning); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Douglas Reid, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, and Jimmy Carmichael.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

**BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT**

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 10 March 2003 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Social Work Section for the period ended 9 February 2003 (Period 11).

**AWARDING OF CONTRACT (Item 8, page 3754, 99/03)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 February 2003 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted, the amounts shown being the actual cost of the contract exclusive of professional fees:-

<b><u>CONTRACT</u></b>	<b><u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR AND AMOUNT</u></b>
Care at Home	Area 1 - Northern Area - Torrance Lodge Care, Kilmarnock - £187,200.00 Area 2 - Kilmarnock and Environs - Torrance Lodge Care, Kilmarnock - £187,200.00 Area 3 - Kilmarnock and Environs - Premier Home Care, Ayr - £163,800.00 Area 4 - Irvine Valley Area - HRM Homecare Services Ltd, Prestwick - £209,430.00 Area 5 - Auchinleck, Mauchline, Muirkirk and Environs - Home Concern (Scotland), Ayr - £234,000.00 Area 6 - Cumnock and Southern Area - Home Concern (Scotland), Ayr - £234,000.00

**DECLARATION OF LAND SURPLUS TO DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS:  
14-15 WILLIAM McCOMB COURT, AUCHINLECK (Item 14, page 2606,  
99/03)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which advised that premises held on the Social Work property register at 14-15 William McComb Court, Auchinleck were surplus to Departmental requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the land at 14-15 William McComb Court, Auchinleck surplus to Departmental requirements;
- (ii) to refer the matter to the Director of Development Services for necessary action; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT: 1 OCTOBER 2002-31 DECEMBER 2002**

4. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on staff absence rates for Social Services, including Resource Support and Support to Communities, for the quarterly period ending 31 December 2002.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services and Senior Officers continue to take appropriate action to ensure support mechanisms were available for staff to assist in the reduction of absence levels; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**SOCIAL WORK REVISED CHARGES - 2003/2004**

5. There was submitted a report dated 10 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for alterations to charges for Social Work services for the financial year 2003/2004.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised charges as detailed in the Appendix to this Minute; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT - SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE 21ST CENTURY:  
SOCIAL WORK SERVICES INSPECTORATE ANNUAL REPORT 2002**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 3 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the content of the Social Work Services Inspectorate Annual Report 2002.

**SCOTTISH SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL CODES OF PRACTICE**

7. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the issuing of the Codes of Practice by the Scottish Social Services Council and which advised of plans to disseminate information in respect of the Codes of Practice.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the implications of the Scottish Social Services Council Codes of Practice as outlined within the report;
- (ii) to endorse the proposed dissemination of information in respect of the Codes of Practice;
- (iii) to refer the report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee for its interest and information; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**“IT’S EVERYONE’S JOB TO MAKE SURE I’M ALRIGHT” : REPORT OF THE  
SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CHILD PROTECTION AUDIT AND REVIEW**

8. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the terms of the Scottish Executive Audit and Review of Child Protection; which sought authority to submit a response to the Scottish Executive; and which sought agreement for a package of service developments to improve child protection services in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that in Section 5 of Appendix 3 to the report, the words “Experience in East Renfrewshire” should be deleted;
- (ii) to note the terms of the Scottish Executive Review, as summarised in Appendix I to the report;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services forward to the Scottish Executive as the Council’s submission, the response to the review as detailed in Appendix II to the report;
- (iv) to support the package of service developments attached as Appendix III to the report for inclusion in the overall package of service developments to be submitted to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration on 10 April 2003;
- (v) to note that the report would also be considered by the Education Committee at its meeting on 1 April 2003;
- (vi) to note that annual progress reports on implementation of improved arrangements would be presented to the Social Work Committee; and
- (vii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**RACE RELATIONS (AMENDMENT) ACT 2000 (Item 8, page 2864, 99/03)**

9. There was submitted a report dated 10 January 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the priority list of functions to be assessed as part of the Council’s Race Equality Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the priority list of functions set out in Appendix I to the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a further report to the Social Work Committee on the outcome of the assessment; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**WOMEN'S AID (Item 2, page 2602, 99/03)**

10. There was submitted a report dated 5 February 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress in relation to the preparation of the Service Level Agreement for Kilmarnock Women's Aid and Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid and which sought approval for a service review of both organisations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the service review of Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid and Kilmarnock Women's Aid and to report the findings to Committee;
- (ii) to approve the core funding of £187,348 to Kilmarnock Women's Aid and £79,204 to Cumnock and Doon Valley Women's Aid for financial year 2003/2004; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME (Item 11.2, page 3025, 99/03)**

- 11.1 There was submitted a joint report dated 6 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Educational and Social Services on the continuing arrangements being made for the implementation of the Scottish Executive's Supporting People initiative and which provided an update on the achievements in maximising income to the Council through Transitional Housing Benefit claims from existing home care service users.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the progress achieved to date;
- (ii) to refer the staffing implications outlined in paragraph 5.2 of the report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**THE SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME STRATEGIC PLAN  
(Item 11.2, page 3025, 99/03)**

- 11.2 There was submitted a joint report dated 6 March 2003 (circulated) by the Director of Homes and Technical Services and the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for the Strategic Plan for the future development of the Supporting People Programme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the adoption of the East Ayrshire Supporting People Strategic Plan as the basis for the future development of the Supporting People Programme; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 0920 hours.

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CHARGES FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES  
APRIL 2003 RATES

## REVISED THRESHOLD LEVELS BASED ON CoSLA RECOMMENDATIONS

	Maximised Income	Threshold	Previous Charge	New Charge
Older person living alone with high rate AA Older person living alone with low rate AA	£202.25 £183.35	£115 £115	£40.83 £31.53	£43.63 £34.17
Single person living alone with DLA high rate care Single person living alone with DLA middle rate care Single person living alone with DLA low rate care	£189.50 £159.20 £93.10	£115 £115 £115	£35.85 £20.93 Nil	£37.25 £22.10 Nil
Single person under 25 living alone with DLA high rate care Single person under 25 living alone with DLA middle rate care Single person under 25 living alone with DLA low rate care	£178.10 £147.80 £81.70	£115 £115 £115	£30.23 £15.30 Nil	£31.55 £16.40 Nil
Older non-householder with high rate AA Older non-householder with low rate AA	£159.30 £140.40	£115 £115	£19.70 £10.40	£22.15 £12.70
Single non-householder with DLA high rate care Single non-householder with DLA middle rate care Single non-householder with DLA low rate care	£146.55 £116.25 £93.10	£115 £115 £115	£14.73 Nil Nil	£15.77 £0.62 Nil
Single non-householder under 25 with DLA high rate care Single non-householder under 25 with DLA middle rate care Single non-householder under 25 with DLA low rate care	£135.15 £104.85 £81.70	£115 £115 £115	£9.10 Nil Nil	£10.07 Nil Nil
Older couple living alone one with high rate AA Older couple living alone one with low rate AA Older couple living alone both with high rate AA Older couple living alone both with low rate AA Older couple living alone one high rate & one low rate AA	£213.00 £194.10 £356.10 £318.30 £337.20	£175 £175 £175 £175 £175	£18.53 £9.23 £72.00 £70.30 £72.00	£19.00 £9.55 £72.00 £71.65 £72.00