

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Alex Walsh, Kathleen Hall, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Douglas Reid, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Iain Linton, James Raymond, Finlay MacLean, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Allan Y McDougall, Head of Resource Support; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Euan Couperwhite, Departmental Finance Manager; Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care); David Mitchell, Legal Manager; Martin Clark, Service Unit Manager (Older People); Andy Macdonald, Service Officer (Addiction and Carers); David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Paul McVey, Area Housing Manager; Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer; Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

ALSO ATTENDING: Steven Moore, Head of Social Work; Robert Paterson and Mairi Fulton, East Ayrshire Victim Support; Pat Hewitson, Witness Service; and John Cameron, Primary Care Trust.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Eric Jackson and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Alex Walsh, Vice-Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. On behalf of the Committee, the Chair offered his best wishes to Councillor Darnbrough during her recent illness. Thereafter, he welcomed the newly-appointed Head of Social Work, Steven Moore, to the Committee. The Chair also thanked the representatives of East Ayrshire Victim Support for their attendance at the meeting.

EAST AYRSHIRE VICTIM SUPPORT SCHEME

2. The Committee received a presentation from Representatives of East Ayrshire Victim Support on the role of the organisation and the services offered, including the complementary Witness Service Scheme.

This was followed by a question and answer session.

It was agreed that the Director of Educational and Social Services provide all elected Members with background information and telephone contact numbers in respect of Victim Support, for their information.

The Chair then thanked the representatives of East Ayrshire Victim Support for their presentation.

Councillor Reid joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK
TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 6)**

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 31 October 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Educational and Social Services and of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Social Work Department for the period ended 22 September 2000 (Period 6).

AWARDING OF CONTRACT

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 24 October 2000 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided details, for information, of the undernoted tender awarded.

CONTRACT	SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT
Social Work Information Management System (SWIMS)	Sheridan Systems Ltd	Awarded on a schedule of rates basis

CUMNOCK NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL (Item 2, Page 4185, 99/02)

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the submission of the next phase of East Ayrshire's New Community Schools bid for Cumnock.

Having noted that the initiative related to a New Community School within "Cumnock" and not "New Cumnock", it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services remit the staffing proposals to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee at the appropriate time;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services refer the report to the Cumnock Area Local Committee for information; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**CHARGES FOR RAPID RESPONSE SERVICES
(Item 2, Page 411 99/02)**

6. There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the proposed non-charges for occupational therapy equipment and home care services delivered by independent home care agencies on behalf of the Rapid Response Service in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council that the charge for services provided by the Rapid Response Service be waived for the first 14 days of service, to apply equity to all service users across Ayrshire; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

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NEEDLE EXCHANGE (Item 12, Page 2449, 96/99)

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the proposed provision of a needle exchange facility by Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust from the Bridge Project Premises in Kilmarnock and Cumnock.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the provision of needle exchange services from the Bridge Project as described in the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit reports on the progress of the service after periods of six months and one year; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SERIOUS, VIOLENT AND SEXUAL OFFENDERS

8. There was submitted a report dated 31 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the report of the Committee on Serious, Violent and Sexual Offenders and its main recommendations and which sought endorsement of East Ayrshire's response.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the response outlined in Sections 4 and 5 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES FROM THE SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE (Item 7, Page 1230, 99/02)

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of the submission to the Scottish Executive for additional monies to develop services for older people to address the issue of delayed discharge from hospital.

Having noted that in Paragraph 4.1 of the report, "20 individuals" should be amended to read "25 individuals", it was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services implement the proposals endorsed at previous Committee;
- (ii) that the staffing implications be referred to the Head of Personnel for consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN 2001/2004 (Item 4, Page 1081, 99/02)

10. There was submitted a joint report dated 11 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services and of Community Services which sought elected member representation from the Social Work Committee to sit on a Community Representative Forum in relation to the development of the next three-year Strategic Plan for Children's Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to Council the nomination of one member from the Social Work Committee to serve on the Community Representative Forum for the development of the next three-year Children's Service Plan; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL HOSTEL ACCOMMODATION - LONGPARK
(Item 3, Page 929, 99/02)**

11. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 23 October 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Homes and Technical Services and of Educational and Social Services on the outcome of consultation with tenants on options for the future use of Longpark Hostel.

**"THE SAME AS YOU?" - A REVIEW OF SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH
LEARNING DISABILITIES**

12. There was submitted a report dated 25 October 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the launch of "The Same as You?" - a review of services for people with learning disabilities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the Ayrshire Learning Disability conference scheduled for 16 November 2000 had been postponed due to anticipated industrial action; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the report.

The meeting terminated at 1120 hours.

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