

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 24 MAY 2001 AT 1000 HOURS IN  
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alex Walsh, Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Iain Linton, Finlay MacLean, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies and Robert Taylor.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; Allan Y McDougall, Head of Resource Support; Kay Gilmour, Head of Community Support; Hugh Carswell, Integration Manager; Angela Currie, Policy Officer, Housing and Technical Services; Caroline Gordon, Public Relations Assistant; Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care); John Alexander, Principal Officer (Quality and Planning); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Peter Hessem, Solicitor; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Sheena Roan, Head Teacher (Hillhead Primary School); Stuart McDonald, Assistant Head Teacher (Kilmarnock Academy); Lorraine Jardine, Behaviour Co-Ordinator (Hillhead Primary School); Kevin White, Home Link Worker (Hillhead Primary School); Daniel Kerr, Alison Seaman, Jamie Wilson, Stephanie Murray and Jamie McLenan (Hillhead Primary School); and David McGhee, Graham Crombie and Ross Kean (Kilmarnock Academy).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Douglas Reid, Jim Raymond, Eric Jackson and Jimmy Carmichael.

**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 illness. Thereafter, he welcomed representatives of Hillhead Primary School and Kilmarnock Academy and thanked them for their attendance at the meeting.

**NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ANNUAL REPORT**

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the second annual report on the New Community Schools Initiative for Kilmarnock.

Thereafter the Committee received a presentation from school pupils from Kilmarnock Academy and Hillhead Primary School in respect of their involvement in the New Community Schools initiative generally and specific projects such as the Early Bird Club, the Dinner Monitor Scheme, the Student Council and Smoking Cessation activities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the second annual report for Kilmarnock's New Community Schools;
- (ii) to record the Committee's thanks to the young people, parents and staff involved in the New Community Schools Initiative for the work undertaken to make it a success; and
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services keep the Committee informed of future developments in New Community Schools.

### **SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 – SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 May 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on applications received from voluntary organisations for Section 10 funding in 2001/2002, together with recommendations for the approval of payments.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the undernoted grant awards be made, subject to (a) inflation uplift in line with the Council's annual approved inflation uplift; (b) the organisations in question being subject to annual performance review and ongoing contract compliance arrangements; and (c) any necessary review following the finalisation of revised Housing Benefit arrangements applying to refuge services:-

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>2001/2002</b>
Ayrshire Council on Alcohol	£26,615.00
East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Kilmarnock	£180,250.00
East Ayrshire Women's Aid - Cumnock and Doon Valley	£62,722.00

- (ii) that the undernoted grant awards also be made:-

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>2001/2002</b>
Gift Furniture Scheme - Cumnock and Doon Valley	£8,000.00
Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme	£12,000.00
Rape Counselling and Resource Centre	£72,100.00

- (iii) that consideration of the applications detailed in the Appendix to the report be deferred pending the determination of the overall funding available for Section 10 grants; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

## **TRANSPORT**

### **4.1 LEASING OF REPLACEMENT MINIBUSES**

There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2001 (circulated) by the 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 front-line services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the lease of two 17-seat minibuses at a cost of £6,772.00 per vehicle per annum over 5 years and annual maintenance cost of £3,412.00 per vehicle; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **4.2 LEASING OF REPLACEMENT VEHICLES**

There was submitted a report dated 9 May 2001 (circulated) by the 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 front-line services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the lease of five 5-door estate cars at a cost of £1,731.00 per vehicle per annum over three years and annual maintenance of £677.00 per vehicle; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

#### **HEALTH IMPROVEMENT FUND**

5. There was submitted a report dated 18 April 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the Department's positive achievement in securing funding via the Health Improvement Fund to develop healthy living opportunities for people with learning difficulties across Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals set out in the report;
- (ii) to refer the staffing implications in respect of a project co-ordinator, three project workers and one clerical assistant to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration;
- (iii) that the Director of Finance allocate the additional monies detailed in Section 4 of the report to the Health Board account of the Social Work budget when finally determined; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **NATIONAL STANDARDS IN ADOPTION**

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 April 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on a consultation document on adoption standards and the Council's response to this.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the consultation document on National Standards on Adoption;
- (ii) to endorse the response made by the Department of Educational and Social Services;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services bring forward further reports to the Committee on the implementation of National Standards for

Adoption, including the implications for the Council in relation to resources;  
and

- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

#### **EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001-2004**

7. There was submitted a joint report dated 16 May 2001 (circulated) by the Directors of Educational and Social Services and of Homes and Technical Services which sought endorsement of the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004 (The Plan) and authority to submit the Plan to the Scottish Executive, as required by national guidance and directions.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the East Ayrshire Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004, subject to minor textual amendment;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit the Plan to the Scottish Executive, in consultation with the statutory planning partners identified paragraph 2.2 of the report; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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

8. 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 3 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

#### **DEATH OF A CHILD LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED BY EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

9. There was submitted a report dated 11 April 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the death of a young person looked after and accommodated by East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services bring forward a further report to the Committee following receipt of a response from the Scottish Ministers; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1058 hours.

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