

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1 FEBRUARY 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, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies, Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

**ATTENDING:** David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; Allan Y McDougall, Head of Resources Support; Euan Couperwhite, Department Finance Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care); Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Children, Families and Criminal Justice); Julie Armstrong, Principal Administrative Officer; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Douglas Reid and Julie Faulds

**CHAIR:** Councillor Alex Walsh, Vice-Chair.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS**

1. The Chair formally welcomed Stephen Moore, the new Head of Social Work, to the meeting and extended his thanks to Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Children, Families and Criminal Justice) and Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care), for their efforts and commitment prior to Mr Moore's appointment.

Thereafter, the Chair referred to the death of Liz Keaney who had been a Social Worker and Mental Health Officer based at the Dalsalloch Centre and, on behalf of the Committee, he extended his sincere condolences to Mrs Keaney's family for their sad loss.

**BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK TO 15 DECEMBER 2000 (PERIOD 9)**

2. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 22 January 2001 (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 15 December 2000 (Period 9).

It was also noted that, in connection with paragraph 3.2 of the report, the Department's appeals in respect of non-domestic rates assessments for the Dalsalloch Centre and Menzies Court had been successful and that the outcome of the Council's application for disablement relief in respect of the Balmoral Road Centre would be reported to a future Committee.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT - QUARTER 3 JULY TO 1 OCTOBER 2000**

3. There was submitted a report dated 24 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the absence management rates for the Social Work Section for the quarterly period ending 1 October 2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that the ongoing findings of the managerial "task force" referred to within paragraph 3.3 of the report would be incorporated within future reports on absence management; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **REPORT ON BALLOCHMYLE CLOSURE - RESOURCE TRANSFER**

4. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the proposed allocation of resource transfer to East Ayrshire Council following the closure of Ballochmyle Hospital.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the transfer of resources as detailed in Section 4 of the report;
- (ii) that the additional resources noted in Section 4 of the report be added to the annual Revenue Budget in 2000/2001 and 2001/2002 and the Director of Finance invoice the Health Board on an annual basis for the agreed amount;
- (iii) to refer the establishment of additional Day-care Worker posts to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee for approval; and
- (iv) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **REPORT ON ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY CARE (EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS)**

5. There was submitted a report dated 8 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on additional funding received by East Ayrshire Council from the Scottish Executive to target the provision of equipment and adaptations.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Head of Social Work provide confirmation to the Scottish Executive on the allocation and liaison arrangements undertaken by the Council;
- (ii) to approve the additional allocation to the Revenue Budget 2000/2001; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

#### **MAJOR INCIDENT SUPPORT TEAM (Item 8, Page 2684, 96/99)**

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 January 2001 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on changes in the organisation of the Ayrshire Major Incident Support Team and Counselling Response.

The meeting terminated at 1034 hours.

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