

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2002 AT 0930 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Danny Coffey, Lilian MacLean, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Alex Walsh, John Knapp, Finlay MacLean, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, William Menzies and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; John Mulgrew, Director of Educational and Social Services; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Allan Y McDougall, Head of Resource Support; Stephen Moore, Head of Social Work; Euan Couperwhite, Finance Manager; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Children, Families and Criminal Justice Services); Jackie Donnelly, Principal Officer (Community Care); John Alexander, Principal Officer (Quality and Planning); and Melanie Anderson, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Douglas Reid, Iain Linton and Julie Faulds.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair referred to the tragic death of Councillor David Macrae and to the valued contribution he had made as a member of the Social Work Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Minutes (circulated) as contained in the Appendix to these Minutes.

**2.1 CHAIR'S SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 7
MARCH 2002**

**BUDGETARY PROGRESS REPORT - SOCIAL WORK TO 10 FEBRUARY 2002
(PERIOD 11)**

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Educational and Social Services on the current budgetary position and projected out-turn for the year for the Social Work Section for the period ended 10 February 2002 (Period 11).

CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2002/2003

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the recommended Capital Programme allocation for the Social Work and Resources Support functions of the Department of Educational and Social Services in 2002/2003.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed Capital Plan as set out in Section 3 of the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services report on a regular basis on progress in the implementation of the capital plan; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources which provided, for information, details of a tender which had been accepted, as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Re-roofing of Resource Centre, Cessnock Road, Hurlford	William McMillan Roofing, Darvel	£46,551.40

DALSALLOCH SITE AUCHINLECK: FUTURE PLANS

6. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the proposed future use of the Dalsalloch Site.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services, Director of Finance and Head of Administrative and Legal Services finalise the insurance claim for the fire in terms of Section 6 of the report;
- (ii) that a further report be presented to the next meeting of the Social Work Committee with detailed options for the future use of the Dalsalloch Site; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

SCOTLAND'S ACTION PROGRAMME TO REDUCE YOUTH CRIME 2002

7. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the objectives and priorities set out within the Scottish Executive's recently published Action Programme on Youth Crime and the developments arising as a result of additional funding being made available to East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to welcome the Action Programme and the additional funding allocated to East Ayrshire Council;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services report to a future meeting of the Social Work Committee on progress made in relation to Restorative Justice Conferencing; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

INDEPENDENT ADVOCACY PLAN FOR AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN 2001-2004

8. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval of the Independent Advocacy Plan 2001-2004 which set out how independent advocacy would be developed on a partnership basis in Ayrshire and Arran.

It was agreed to endorse the Independent Advocacy Plan 2001-2004 for Ayrshire and Arran.

DISABLED PERSONS PARKING BADGE SCHEME (BLUE BADGE SCHEME)

9. There was submitted a report dated 15 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services which sought Committee endorsement of the response to the Department of Transport, Local Government and the Regions in respect of consultation on future arrangements for the Blue Badge parking scheme for disabled people, submitted on 15 March 2002 in order to meet the deadline for responses.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the response to the consultation on the Blue Badge parking scheme submitted by the Head of Social Work;
- (ii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit a report to a future meeting of the Social Work Committee following publication of the final scheme; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

CARERS SATELLITE SERVICE, CUMNOCK

10. There was submitted a report dated 18 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the opening of the Carers Satellite Service in Cumnock, part of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, East Ayrshire Carers Centre (based in Kilmarnock).

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the positive achievements of the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, East Ayrshire Carers Centre;
- (ii) to note the opening of the Cumnock Satellite Service; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

HOME CARE REVIEW - STAGE 1

11. There was submitted a report dated 28 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress made in the review to modernise East Ayrshire Home Care Services and which sought approval to implement changes in the delivery of services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the staffing implications to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration;

- (ii) to approve the proposal to enter a process of modernising contracts with independent providers through commissioning arrangements;
- (iii) to note that future proposals detailed in Section 6 of the report would be reported to the Social Work Committee in due course under the Joint Future Agenda; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report and the review findings.

DELAYED DISCHARGES ACROSS SCOTLAND

- 12.** There was submitted a report dated 21 March 2002 (copy enclosed) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the announcement by the Minister for Health and Community Care of £20 million to address delayed discharges across Scotland and which advised Members both of the immediate action taken and future action required.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Educational and Social Services submit the long term action plan to the Minister in due course; and
- (ii) that the Director of Finance amend the Social Work budget to reflect the increase in actual costs, up to £150,000, to meet the care needs of the people identified in Section 4.1 of the report, with the final cost for the initial target group to be determined following the finalisation of placements; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillor Young joined the meeting at this point.

JOINT FUTURE AGENDA: IMPLEMENTING THE “BOTTOM LINE”

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 19 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the requirement to complete and submit an Initial Local Partnership Agreement to the Scottish Executive on Joint Resourcing and Management of Older People’s Services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the proposals set out in Section 6 of the report;
- (ii) to note the policy, legal and financial implications set out in Sections 7 and 8 of the report;
- (iii) to authorise Officers to submit an Initial Local Partnership Agreement in terms of Section 3 and Appendix I to the report;
- (iv) that Officers continue to work jointly with Health, Housing and Social Work colleagues in Ayrshire to implement the Initial Local Partnership Agreement;
- (v) that the Director of Educational and Social Services provide progress reports to future meetings of the Social Work Committee on development, in accordance with the terms set out in Joint Future Circulars; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ROLL OUT OF NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOL APPROACH

14. There was submitted a report dated 15 January 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on the use of the monies made available by the Scottish Executive for the financial years 2002/2003 and 2003/2004 to support the roll out of the New Community School approach across the Council area.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to refer the personnel aspects of the report to the Corporate Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

WORKING TOGETHER TO STRENGTHEN SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORT

15. There was submitted a report dated 28 March 2002 (circulated) by the Director of Educational and Social Services on progress in achieving the initial targets set for the Department of Educational and Social Services and which proposed further targets for the next 12 months.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the achievements made in terms of the initial joint working targets set for the Department, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (ii) to approve the proposed future targets as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report;
- (iii) that the Director of Educational and Social Services circulate this information widely;
- (iv) that the Director of Educational and Social Services present progress reports to future meetings of the Social Work Committee on achieving the new targets for action; and
- (v) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1016 hours.

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