

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 27 MARCH 2003

**GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT – SOCIAL WORK SERVICES FOR THE 21ST
CENTURY**

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES INSPECTORATE ANNUAL REPORT 2002

Report by the Director of Educational & Social Services

1. PURPOSE

1.1 To inform elected members of the content of the above report.

1. BACKGROUND

2.1 On 13 November 2002, Social Work Services Inspectorate (SWSI) published its second annual report, "*Growth and Development – Social Work Services for the 21st Century*"

2.2 The report is in two parts:

- (i) an overview of social work services across Scotland;
- (ii) short reviews of social work services in each of the 32 local authorities in Scotland.

2.3 The SWSI report was based on analysis of existing data, plans, reports and reviews; and discussions with senior officials in all local authorities.

3. THE SWSI REVIEW OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN EAST AYRSHIRE

3.1 The SWSI review in relation to East Ayrshire considers the following areas:

- Profile at 2002
- Performance – Community Care
- Performance – Children & Families
- Performance – Criminal Justice
- Finance
- Staffing
- Modernising Services
- The Future

3.2 In general terms, social work services in East Ayrshire were found to be performing in line with or better than Scottish averages or identified benchmark authorities.

3.3 A copy of the full SWSI report is lodged in the Members Information Point.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Nil

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The report contains recommendations for action. These are being addressed through existing management action and impose no additional or new obligations upon the Council.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 Committee is requested to note the contents of the report.

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3 March 2003

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List of Background Papers

1. Growth and Development – Social Work Services for the 21st Century - Social Work Services Inspectorate Annual Report 2002