

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 29 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1100 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Alex Walsh, Ann Hay, Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies, Robert Taylor and Jimmy Carmichael.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Mary Fegan and Allan Y McDougall, Depute Directors of Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jim Raymond and Jimmy Kelly.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - GENERAL SERVICES**1.1 FINANCIAL REPORT (Item 3, Page 713, 99/02)**

There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 February 2000 (circulated with the agenda for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000) by the Director of Finance which advised of the position with regard to the General Services Revenue Budget for 2000/2001 and which had recommended that the Special Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees and requested that those Committees now finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the financial allocations for 2000/2001, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

1.2 REMIT FROM THE SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 25 FEBRUARY 2000 (Item 3, Page 713, 99/02)

There was submitted and noted remit (minute excerpt circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000 which contained a request that the Social Work Committee finalise savings and growth packages for Social Work services to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 2000/2001 as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 25 February 2000.

1.3 DRAFT ESTIMATES 2000/2001: SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which detailed a package of measures to align the service delivery plans with the final allocations for 2000/2001, taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

Councillor Darnbrough, seconded by Councillor Walsh moved:-

- (i) to approve the savings and growth proposals detailed in the Appendix to the report to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) budget to align the Social Work Committee budget to the financial allocation approved by the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000; and
- (ii) to recommend adoption of the savings and growth proposals to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 8 March 2000.

Councillor Weir, seconded by Councillor D Coffey, moved as an amendment:-

- (i) to note the savings and growth proposals detailed in the Director's report to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) budget to align the Social Work Committee budget to the final financial allocations approved by the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 25 February 2000; and
- (ii) to continue consideration of the savings and growth proposals to the next appropriate Committee.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried 9 votes to 7.

UPRATING OF APPROVED NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOME RATES

2. There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the uprating of the Council's rates for voluntary and private nursing and residential care home placements for adults and older people, in line with the DSS benefit uprating in 2000/2001 and the revision of the weekly charges for residential care in Council-operated establishments and the revision in respite care charges.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to agree the approved rates for the private and voluntary sector noted in Appendix 1 of this Minute, subject to the Council's approval of the Revenue Estimates 2000/2001;
- (ii) to agree the undernoted approved rates for Council accommodation, subject to the Council's approval of the Revenue Estimates 2000/2001:-

TYPE	RATE
Residential accommodation for older people	£320
Residential accommodation for people with learning disabilities	£434

- (iii) to confirm the Council's continuing commitment to the CoSLA agreement relating to Supplementation, as set out in Section 5 of the report; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

CHARGING FOR SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

3.1 CHARGES FOR SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which recommended comprehensive arrangements in relation to charges to service users in respect of all Social Work Department services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to implement the revised charging arrangements set out in the report effective from April 2000, subject to the Council's approval of the Revenue Estimates 2000/2001; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

3.2 SOCIAL WORK CHARGES - 2000/2001

There was submitted a report dated 25 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval, in principle, for revised rates of charges for services.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised charges set out in the report, subject to the Council's approval of the Revenue Estimates 2000/2001; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1110 hours.