

**APPENDIX 2  
EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL WORK (CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE)  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 15 MARCH 1996 AT 1000 HOURS  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

- PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Jimmy Boyd and Tommy Farrell.
- ATTENDING:** Jim Dickie, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work (Children, Families and Criminal Justice); Margaret McManus and James Lally (Support Unit).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Ronald Brailsford, Alan Campbell and Eric Ross.
- CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE AND QUORUM**

1. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work inviting the Sub-Committee to agree the terms of reference and the quorum for the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed to approve the terms of reference as detailed in the report and that the quorum of the Sub-Committee should be four Members.

**ARRANGEMENTS TO DISCHARGE THE FUNCTION OF THE COUNCIL IN  
RESPECT OF ASSUMPTION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS IN TERMS OF THE  
SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968**

2. There was submitted a report dated 8 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the responsibility of the Council in respect of the assumption by the Council of parental rights in relation to certain children in accordance with Section 16 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and recommending arrangements for the discharge of this function.

It was agreed:

- (i) that this Sub-Committee should consider requests by the Director of Social Work that the Council should assume parental rights in relation to certain children subject to provision of appropriate reports by the Director of Social Work and advice incorporated therein from the Head of Legal Services;
- (ii) that matters relating to the assumption of parental rights should be considered by this Sub-Committee subject to the exclusion of press and public; and
- (iii) that in certain circumstances, where access by a parent to their child required to be terminated as a matter of urgency, in the best interest of the child, authority be delegated to the Director of Social Work in consultation with the Chair of the Social Work Committee or Chair of this Sub-Committee, subject to ratification at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

#### **SAVINGS REQUIRED FROM DEVELOPMENTS AGREED IN CHILD CARE SERVICES**

3. There was submitted a report dated 7 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work recommending savings in developments in child care in order to meet the overall savings required by the Social Work Department.

It was agreed to approve the detailed implementation plans in respect of child care services as detailed in the report in order to meet the savings agreed at the special meeting of the Council on 5 March 1996.

#### **MAKING THE PUNISHMENT FIT THE CRIME - SCOTTISH OFFICE HOME DEPARTMENT CONSULTATION PAPER**

4. There was submitted a report dated 5 March 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the contents of the document "Making the Punishment Fit the Crime" which had been issued for consultation by the Scottish Office Home Department and recommending a response to the document.

Councillor Darnbrough advised the Sub-Committee that an additional £125,000 had been secured from the Scottish Office for the provision of Criminal Justice services in East Ayrshire, making a total of £725,000 available for that purpose.

It was agreed to congratulate the officers involved in securing the additional resources for the Criminal Justice service in East Ayrshire and that the comments made on the document "Making the Punishment Fit the Crime", as detailed in the report, be forwarded to the Scottish Office as East Ayrshire Council's response.

It was further agreed that a copy of East Ayrshire Council's response be sent to the Local Members of Parliament.

The meeting terminated at 1030 hours.