

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 29 FEBRUARY 1996 AT 1000 HOURS, IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK.

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, Eric Ross, David Sneller and John Smith.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; James Dickie, Director of Social Work; Barbara Haughan, Director of Support Services; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Douglas Bulloch, Depute Director of Social Work; Allan McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; and Margaret McManus and Stuart Nelson, (Support Unit).

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jimmy Boyd (Chair), Wilma Doyle, David Macrae, Robert McDill, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Vice-Chair.

1. DRAFT ESTIMATES 1996/97 - GENERAL SERVICES

1.1 Financial Report

There was submitted report dated 26 February 1996 (circulated under cover of the Policy and Resources Committee of 27 February 1996) by the Director of Finance advising of the latest position, now that finalised figures had been obtained in respect of the 1996/97 budget and recommending that that Committee determine final allocations for each of the service committees and that those committees be requested to finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1996/97 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

The Committee agreed to note the report.

1.2 Remit from Special Policy and Resources Committee of 27 February 1996 (Page)

There was submitted remit (minute extract circulated) from the Policy and Resources Committee of 27 February 1996, asking that the Social Work Committee finalise savings and growth packages for the Social Work Service to align service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1996/97 as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its Meeting on 27 February 1996.

The Committee agreed to note the remit.

1.3 Service Development Proposals

There was submitted report dated 27 February 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work detailing a package of measures to align the service delivery plans with the final financial allocations for 1996/97 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

The Director of Social Work explained and amplified the nature of his proposals pertaining to possible savings and growth within the Social Work Services revenue budget for 1996/97 contained in the report that the Committee should

- (i) approve the savings and growth proposals contained in the report;
- (ii) confirm to the Policy and Resources Committee that general fund Social Work Services would therefore align with the allocation of financial resources by that Committee at their meeting held on 27 February 1996;
- (iii) recommend adoption of the savings and growth proposals to the Policy and Resources Committee at their meeting to be held on 4 March 1996; and
- (iv) confirm that Mount House home for the elderly will close following either a review of residents' and day care users' needs and provision of appropriate alternative arrangements to meet these needs or the establishment of additional home care, day care and very sheltered housing in the Kilmarnock area.

Councillor Darnbrough, seconded by Councillor Sneller, moved that the Committee adopt the recommendations of the Director of Social Work.

Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Hall, moved as an amendment that the Council should ensure that Mount House would only close given that every avenue had been explored to save the facility.

On a division by a show of hands the motion was carried by 9 votes to 3.

The Meeting terminated at 10.20 hrs.

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