

APPENDIX I**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE
OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 1997
AT 1400 HRS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Irene Reeves, Ronald Brailsford, Kathleen Hall, Jimmy Boyd and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); Lesley Gibson, Principal Officer (Children and Families); Hugh Carswell, Service Officer (Children and Families); John Butler, Service Officer (Children and Families); Margaret Roeves, Service Officer (Children and Families); Michael McGuire, Throughcare Manager (Children and Families); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

HOME PROVISION REVIEWS

1. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on proposed policy and procedures for staff of the Social Work Department to ensure that all children and young people on home supervision requirements have a care plan in place, to be reviewed at regular intervals.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals contained in the report in terms of charring, supervision agreements, reviews and quality assurance;
- (ii) to recommend to Council the approval of the home supervision reviews policy and procedures document as contained within the report; and
- (iii) that the Director of Social Work monitor and report further to the Sub-Committee on the financial implications of implementing this new statutory duty.

CONTACT BETWEEN CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

2. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on alterations to arrangements for contact between children and their families and friends laid down in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995; the implications for practice in East Ayrshire; and seeking approval for the corresponding policy and procedures document.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposals the contained within the report in respect of contact arrangements;
- (ii) to recommend to Council the approval of the contact between children and

- their families policy and procedure document contained within the report; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work monitor and report further to the Sub-Committee on the financial implications of implementing this duty.

**PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF THE DEATH OF CHILD WHO IS BEING
LOOKED AFTER BY EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

3. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on proposed procedures for staff to follow in the event of the death of a child being looked after by East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed to approve the procedures as detailed within the report, for staff of the Social Work Department to follow in the event of the death of a child being looked after by the local authority or on the Child Protection Register.

**PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - EAST AYRSHIRE RESIDENTIAL RESPITE
SERVICE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES**

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed development of a residential respite service for children with special needs by East Ayrshire Council in partnership with NCH Action for Children in Scotland.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed development of residential respite service for children with disabilities by East Ayrshire Council and NCH Action for Children in Scotland, including a financial contribution by the Council of up to £211,000; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work and the Director of Support Services conclude a contract with NCH Action for Children in Scotland on the basis set out in the report.

**A POSITIVE PENALTY: THE REPORT OF AN INSPECTION OF COMMUNITY
SERVICE PLACEMENTS IN ABERDEENSHIRE, DUNDEE AND FALKIRK**

5. There was submitted a report dated 15 October 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the Inspection Report and implications for the East Ayrshire Community Service by Offenders Scheme.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed action outlined in paragraph 6 of the report, in terms of (a) arranging to ensure no offender was excluded from Community Service on the grounds of gender, disability, race or employment; (b) identifying placements where the numbers of offenders able to be supervised by one supervisor may be increased; and (c) including within the pre-placement interview, an explanation of the issue of preparation and the benefit of the service to the community; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1535 hours.