

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Stephanie Young, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton, Alex Walsh, Jim Raymond, Eric Jackson, Tommy Farrell, 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; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Kathleen Hall, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Jimmy Kelly and Julie Faulds.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK TO 22 OCTOBER 1999 (PERIOD 7)

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 18 November 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Social Work on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Social Work Department for the period ended 22 October 1999 (Period 7).

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT - QUARTER FROM 5 JULY TO 3 OCTOBER 1999

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on absence rates for the Department of Social Work for the quarterly period ending 3 October 1999.

Councillor Weir joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

MEMBERSHIP OF SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought agreement to nominations for continued membership of the Social Work Inspection Unit Advisory Committee, the appointment of a new Member of the Committee and revised arrangements for the Chairing of the Committee.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to recommend to Council the nomination of the following as Members of the Social Work Inspection Unit Advisory Committee until May 2002, viz:- Lindsay Stirrat, Maureen Morris, Maria Brady, Peter Neely, Moira Young, George Nutman, Allan Faulds, Norah McCabe, Mamie Quinn, Archie Henderson, Babs Gallacher and Winnie Campbell;

- (ii) to note the arrangements for the Chairing of the Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

FUTURE DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on discussions currently underway involving CoSLA and the Scottish Executive on the future delivery arrangements for Criminal Justice Social Work Services.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF DSS RESOURCES TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES

5. There was submitted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on proposals to transfer certain DSS resources to Local Authorities and which sought approval for proposed comments to be returned to the Scottish Executive.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the comments contained in Appendix I of the report as the basis for the Council's response to the Scottish Executive on the proposed transfer of DSS resources to Local Authorities; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT HEALTH AND COMMUNITY CARE COMMITTEE - REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE

6. There was submitted a report dated 12 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought endorsement of the submission forwarded to the Scottish Parliament in relation to its review of Community Care.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the submission contained in Appendix I of the report which had been forwarded to the Scottish Parliament; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

7. The Committee resolved that under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

VIOLENT INCIDENTS FROM 1 APRIL 1999

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 23 November 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the number and nature of violent incidents which had occurred in Social Work establishments from 1 April 1999.

The meeting terminated at 1028 hours.