

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2000 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Katie Hall, Stephanie Young, Daniel Coffey, John Weir, David Macrae, Alex Walsh, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, 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; Kate McVey, Solicitor to the Council; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ann Hay, Jim Raymond, Robert Stevenson, Drew McIntyre, Iain Linton and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK TO 17 DECEMBER 1999 (PERIOD 9)

1. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 21 January 2000 (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 17 December 1999 (Period 9).

CAPITAL PLAN 1999/2000

2. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the progress of the Capital Plan for the Social Work Department in 1999/2000.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that, in Paragraph 2.1 of the report, "9 June 2000" should be amended to read "9 June 1999";
- (ii) to note the progress in implementing the Capital Plan as set out in the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL CHILDCARE AND THROUGH-CARE AND AFTERCARE

3. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval of amendments to the staffing arrangements of residential childcare provision in East Ayrshire and the Council's through-care and aftercare service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposed management arrangements outlined in the report and as detailed in the Appendix to the report;
- (ii) to refer the amendments to the staffing arrangements to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

STRATEGY CONSULTATION - DRAFT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MENTAL HEALTH STRATEGY

- 4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on proposals contained within the draft Children and Young People's Mental Health Strategy.

AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN ALCOHOL AND DRUG ACTION TEAM (ADAT) ALCOHOL AND DRUG ACTION PLAN 1999 - 2001

- 5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Draft Alcohol and Drug Action Plan 1999 to 2001.

KILMAURS DEVELOPMENT (Item 9, Page 101 1999/02)

- 6. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on progress within the Kilmaurs Partnership Development and which sought approval for the implementation of recommendations contained within the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Director of Social Work to implement fully the project in conjunction with service partners and tenants;
- (ii) to implement the support staff arrangement as set out in Section 5 of the report;
- (iii) that the Director of Finance incorporate the funding detailed in Section 6 of the report into the Social Work Department budget for 2000/2001 within the Health Board Account; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

PROPOSED EARLY SUPPORTED STROKE DISCHARGE PILOT

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on a proposed pilot study funded by Ayrshire and Arran Health Board into supported discharge following stroke and which sought approval for the Council's participation in the proposed pilot.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Council participate in the proposed pilot study;
- (ii) that the Director of Finance incorporate the funding details in Section 4.1 of the report to the Social Work Department's Revenue Budget for 2000/2001 within the new Health Board Revenue Account; and

- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

REPORT OF RESOURCE TRANSFER WORKING GROUP

- 8. There was submitted a joint report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Finance on the outcome of the work concluded by the Resource Transfer Working Group and of the future work planned in relation to Resource Transfer.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work and Director of Finance submit a further report to the Social Work Committee on future developments in respect of this matter; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: 4 OCTOBER - 31 DECEMBER 1999

- 9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 1 February 2000 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on absence rates for the Department of Social Work for the quarterly period ending 31 December 1999.

The meeting terminated at 1147 hours.