

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 1995 AT 1400 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD CENTRE, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd (Chair), Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, Robert McDill, David Sneller, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Jim Dickie, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Allan McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work (Finance and Resources); Douglas Bulloch, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Donald McVicar, Team Leader and Jackie Adams, Support Unit.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Alan Campbell, David Macrae and Jim Kelly.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

1. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the interim arrangements to be put in place for the policy and procedural framework for Social Work practice in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed that as of 1 April 1996 the Social Work Department of East Ayrshire Council would work within the policy and procedural framework provided by Strathclyde Regional Council until such times as new policies and procedures were created by East Ayrshire Council.

CAPITAL PROGRAMME

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of proposals for a capital programme for Social Work.

It was agreed to endorse the report as the Social Work Department's proposals for the Council's Capital Programme for submission to the Policy and Resources Committee for further consideration within the Council's overall bid to the Scottish Office.

**ANNUAL PLANNING STATEMENT FOR SOCIAL WORK
SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM 1996/97**

3. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the responsibility of the Council to prepare, implement and review plans for the delivery of Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System in its own area, in the light of local circumstances.

It was agreed that the Director of Social Work on behalf of the Council, produce an abbreviated planning statement for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System for 1996/97 for submission to the Scottish Office.

**COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS BY
STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL WITHIN EAST AYRSHIRE**

4. There was submitted and noted a report dated 22 November 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of service developments being implemented by Strathclyde Regional Council within the East Ayrshire area.

COMMUNITY CARE CONTRACTS

5. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the range of community care contracts currently in place or under negotiation by Strathclyde Regional Council which were due for transfer to East Ayrshire Council in April 1996.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work and the Director of Support Services consider the most appropriate form of community care contract for East Ayrshire Council and be given approval for a recommended contractual framework and associated operational amendments; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

**COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES : STRATHCLYDE REGIONAL COUNCIL
AUTHORISED PROVIDERS LIST**

6. There was submitted a report dated 22 November 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the list of providers of community care services which had been identified as "authorised providers" by Strathclyde Regional Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) to authorise the Director of Social Work to bring forward proposals for the possible utilisation of the appropriate parts of the Strathclyde Regional Council Authorised Providers List for East Ayrshire Council; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the Strathclyde Regional Council Authorised Providers List as it related to East Ayrshire Council.

CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995 : IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the timetable for implementation of the provisions of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.

It was agreed to:

- (i) authorise the Director of Social Work to bring forward further reports on the implementation of the Children (Scotland) Act as necessary; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

DEVELOPMENTS IN CHILD CARE SERVICES G.A.E. 1995/96

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 29 November 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising the Committee of the developments in the funding of child care services in East Ayrshire through the disaggregation of the additional GAE allocation made to Strathclyde Regional Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) to take into consideration the vital and valuable commitment that substitute carers make to the range and quality of child care provision and continue to pay the current agreed rate of fostering allowances for 1996/97;
- (ii) otherwise, to note the developments proposed by Strathclyde Regional Council.

“CREATIVE CARE AT HOME” CONFERENCE AT ST. ANDREWS 15/11/95 - 17/11/95

- 9. There was submitted and noted a report (circulated) by the Chair giving an account of the main elements of the conference on "Creative Care at Home" and highlighting some of the issues which it identified.

MEMBERS' BRIEFING

- 10.** There was submitted a report dated December 1995 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work, outlining the briefings which had taken place to advise Members of issues in Social Work.

It was agreed that Members would forward their priorities for the Social Work briefings to the Director of Social Work at their earliest convenience.

The meeting terminated at 1515 hours.

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