

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 8 JANUARY 1998 AT 1000 HOURS, IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Allan MacDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Community Care); Alex McPhee, Senior Accountant; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Angela Keenan, Senior Administrative Officer; Amanda Lowe, Administrative Officer; Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Irene Reeves, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, Robert McDill and Eric Ross.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

1. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of any recommendations contained therein the undernoted Minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendices I, II and III of these Minutes.
 - 1.1 **CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB COMMITTEE OF 3 DECEMBER 1997** - Appendix I
 - 1.2 **COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 5 DECEMBER 1997** - Appendix II.
 - 1.3 **SOCIAL WORK INSPECTION UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF 11 DECEMBER 1997** - Appendix III.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK TO 7 NOVEMBER 1997 (PERIOD 8)

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 10 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Finance on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Social Work Department for the period ended 7 November 1997 (Period 8).

Councillor Kelly joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

**SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PLAN 1997/98 - MONITORING REPORT
(Item 5, Page 2356)**

3. There was submitted and noted report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the progress of the Social Work Capital Plan 1997/98.

TRANSPORT REVIEW (Item 7, Page 1659)

4. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the performance of the Social Work Department transport provision during 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the achievements in 1997 and the proposals for further improvement in 1998;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit further monitoring reports on developments and use in transportation on an annual basis, or more frequently if appropriate; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DEPARTMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN (Item 6, Page 1822)

5. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the progress made by the Department on the departmental Environmental Action Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a report in six months time on figures for achievements or identified areas of concern; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACTION PLAN (Item 9, Page 1504)

6. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on progress in achieving the Social Work Equal Opportunities Action Plan.

“THE COMMISSIONING MAZE - COMMISSIONING COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES” - AN ACCOUNTS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND REPORT

7. There was submitted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the content of the Accounts Commission report “the Commissioning Maze - Commissioning Community Care Services” and which commented upon the recommendations made.

Having noted that, in paragraph 2.5 of the report, the words “qualitative” and “south” should be amended to read “quantitative” and “sought” respectively, it was agreed:-

- (i) to note East Ayrshire’s position in relation to general comments made by the Accounts Commission; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES WINTER MONIES

8. The Director of Social Work reported verbally on the funding provided to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board by the Scottish Office to respond to winter emergencies and the element of this being made available by the Board to East Ayrshire Council’s Social Work Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that non-recurring funding in the amount of £220,000 had been made available to East Ayrshire Council Social Work Department by Ayrshire and Arran Health Board for use in responding to winter emergencies in the current financial year; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to receive the monies in question and to incur winter emergencies expenditure as necessary, in principle within the following areas, viz:- £100,000 in aids and equipment, £20,000 in additional community alarms and £100,000 in home care services.

AWARDING OF TENDERS

9. There was submitted and noted a report dated 29 December 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided for information details of tenders awarded as follows:-

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
New Social Work Area Centre at 9 Balmoral Road, Kilmarnock.	Fleming Buildings Ltd, Lenzie	£1,298,805.51
Proposed conversion to form Resource Centre at 15 Shortlees Crescent, Kilmarnock.	CT & CF, Lugton	£27,915.23 (including enhanced works in the amount of £4,935.00)
Supply and delivery of 2 buses.	Kerr and Smith, Cumnock	£92,838.00 (revised)

The meeting terminated at 1055 hours.