

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors James Boyd, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Jane Darnbrough, Kathleen Hall, Daniel Coffey, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, James Kelly, David Sneller, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Quality and Planning); Pam Noonan, Assistant Principal Officer (Community Care); David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Alex McPhee, Senior Accountant; Irene Brydie, Solicitor; Bernard Chisholm, Senior Educational Psychologist; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Morven Gemmell, Service Officer (Community Care); George Mair, Team Leader (Food Safety); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Gordon McCredie, Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, Ann Hay and David Macrae.

CHAIR: Councillor James Boyd, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair referred to the recent death of Councillor Ronald Brailsford, whom he had held in the highest regard as a valued Member of the Council's Social Work Committee and requested that Members of the Committee remember Councillor Brailsford's family in their thoughts.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK - TO 4 DECEMBER 1998 (PERIOD 9)

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 22 January 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Social Work on the current budgetary control position and the projected outturn for the year for the Social Work Department for the period ended 4 December 1998 (Period 9).

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work identify and implement appropriate management action to ensure that the target projected actual figure was achieved; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 15 January 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work on the Government's initiative to develop new Community Schools and which sought approval to make application to the Scottish Office for funding for the creation of two Community School projects in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Directors of Education and of Social Work develop the submission of an application to the Scottish Office for 6 February 1999, for funding to support two Community School pilot projects in East Ayrshire;
- (ii) to approve the selection of the two areas of Cumnock and Kilmarnock involving five secondary schools and the associated primaries for the first phase;
- (iii) that the development of new Community Schools in East Ayrshire take cognisance of other national initiatives such as the Children's Service Plan, the National Childcare Strategy and the Social Inclusion Bid;
- (iv) to approve the early establishment of steering groups, with representation from all interested parties and Elected Members;
- (v) that a further report be submitted by the Directors of Education and Social Work on progress in respect of the Community School initiative within East Ayrshire; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the content of the report.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM : STRATEGIC PLAN 1999 - 2002

4. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the Strategic Plan for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System 1999-2002 and which sought approval to forward the Strategic Plan to the Scottish Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the forwarding of the Strategic Plan to the Scottish Office; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DEPARTMENTAL NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Item 8, Page 3432)

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on progress made in relation to monitoring the performance of the Department in relation to agreed departmental Non-Statutory Performance Indicators.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit further reports to the Social Work Committee on a bi-annual basis regarding the performance of the Department in relation to Non-Statutory Performance Indicators; and

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

NHS WINTER PRESSURE - ADDITIONAL FUNDING (Item 5, Page 3845)

6. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 27 January 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Finance on the arrangements made by the Government in relation to pressure on the NHS during the winter period and the local arrangements made for the utilisation of a proportion of funds by East Ayrshire Council's Social Work Department.

ADAPTATIONS SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT (Item 11, Page 3690)

7. There was submitted a report dated 12 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on progress to date on the revised arrangements for the Council's Adaptations Service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a progress report to the Committee within a period of 6 months; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

AWARDING OF TENDERS

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 12 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Support Services which provided, for information, details of lowest satisfactory tenders awarded in respect of the Social Work Department.

<u>CONTRACT</u>	<u>SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Supply and fit Handrails to Council Houses	John Gilmour & Co, Prestwick	£14,405.00
Supply and Install Showers and Associated Works within East Ayrshire	Thomson Construction, Ayr	£149,290.00
Supply and Install Ramps and Banisters in East Ayrshire	Anderson & Innes Ltd, Kilmarnock	£8,747.00
Supply and Installation, of Stairlifts	Access Industries (UK), Cleveland	£68,165.00
Supply and Delivery of Two Mini-Buses	Arnold Clark Automobiles Ltd, Kilmarnock	£46,432.16 (£23,216.08 each)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Paragraph of Schedule 7A of the act as shown against each item.

AILSA HOSPITAL - RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME (PARA 6)

10. There was submitted a report dated 20 October 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the current situation regarding the Ailsa Hospital Resettlement Programme and which sought approval for the recommendations contained in the report.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the action taken to date by the Director of Social Work and authorise continuing negotiations with Ayrshire and Arran Health Board with reference to the Ailsa Hospital Resettlement Programme in order that further progress may be made in relation to discharges to the community; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillors McDill and Ross left the meeting during discussion of this item.

**RESOURCE TRANSFER - BED ANALYSIS AND FUNDING
CONSEQUENCES (PARA 6)**

11. There was submitted a joint report dated 27 January 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Finance on the recent report on bed changes in the NHS and the funding consequences, which would form the basis of discussions with Ayrshire & Arran Health Board regarding the quantification of resource transfer to flow to the three Ayrshire Authorities.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to support the Directors of Social Work and of Finance in their utilisation of the material from the Resource Transfer Sub-Group to achieve the transfer of the appropriate level of Resource Transfer from Ayrshire and Arran Health Board;
- (ii) to note the financial assumptions made in the Council's draft budget in relation to anticipated Resource Transfer in the financial year 1999/2000;
- (iii) that the Directors of Social Work and of Finance provide further update reports to the Committee in respect of this matter; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY MEALS REVIEW (PARA 12)
(Item 5, Page 3290)**

12. There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the findings of the review of Community Meals (Lunch Club provision and Meals on Wheels).

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work consider the findings of the review of Community Meals within a corporate framework and, having consulted with relevant Community Groups, report back to a future meeting of the Committee with recommendations for the re-organisation of the two elements of operation

of Community Meals to ensure the provision of a quality, safe and value for money Community Meals service; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

RE-ORGANISATION OF SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT (PARA 1) (Item 4, Page 3432)

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 27 January 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed re-organisation of the Social Work Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the revised structure for the Social Work Department;
- (ii) that the Directors of Social Work and of Personnel Services present the detailed personnel requirements for the revised restructure to a future meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillor Kelly left the meeting during discussion of the above item.

The meeting terminated at 1205 hours.