

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 15 MAY 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, Daniel Coffey, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Chris McAleavey, Senior Depute Director of Housing; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Community Care); Tom Harris, Public Relations Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Morven Gemmill, Service Officer (Community Care); Martin Clark, Service Officer (Community Care); Ian Gemmell, Welfare Rights and Money Advice Officer; Anne Marie Carr, Administrative Officer and Sharon Gall, Clerical Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors David Macrae, Robert McDill and John Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair referred to the sudden death of Douglas Webster, Assistant Principal Officer within the Community Care Section of Social Work and on behalf of the Committee, extended his sympathy to family and friends for their sad loss.

Thereafter, as part of ongoing staff training development, the Chair welcomed Helen Edwards, Welfare Rights Officer, and Mary McKeen and Margaret Eaglesham, Money Advice Workers, to the meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendices I and II of these Minutes.
 - 2.1 **CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 23 APRIL 1997 - Appendix I**
 - 2.2 **COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 25 APRIL 1997 - Appendix II.**

AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS SERVICE (Item 2, Page 869)

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 7 May 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and Social Work on progress made to date on the operation of approved assessment and service provision agreements for the adaptations service and on the outcome of a recent operational review carried out by Officers from the Departments of Housing and of Social Work.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to authorise the Directors of Housing and of Social Work to operate the arrangements as set out in the report;
- (ii) to note that regular reports on the operation of these arrangements would be submitted to the Committee by the Directors of Housing and of Social Work for the further consideration of the Council; and
- (iii) that in particular, a monitoring report in respect of average waiting times would be submitted to the Committee by the Directors of Housing and of Social Work.

ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITIES: ANNUAL REPORT

4. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on various elements of Anti-Poverty work undertaken by Social Work staff in the period 1 April 1996 to 31 March 1997.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit further reports on Anti-Poverty work to the Committee on a regular basis; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVISED ELDERLY PERSONS DISABILITY SCALE (REPDS) SURVEY IN SHELTERED HOUSING ACCOMMODATION IN EAST AYRSHIRE

5. There was submitted a joint report dated 7 May 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and Social Work on the recent survey of sheltered housing tenants using the Revised Elderly Persons Disability Scale.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Directors of Housing and Social Work prepare a detailed analysis of findings with a view to the development of Very Sheltered Housing, particularly within existing units and report to respective Committees in due course;
- (ii) that the Director of Housing review the service provided to each unit operated by the Local Authority; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

PROPERTY SURPLUS TO DEPARTMENTAL REQUIREMENTS - SOCIAL WORK OFFICE, AIRD AVENUE, AUCHINLECK

6. There was submitted a report dated 29 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work recommending that the existing Social Work Office at Aird Avenue, Auchinleck, be declared surplus to Social Work Departmental requirements.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to declare the Social Work Office at Aird Avenue, Auchinleck, surplus to the operational requirements of the Social Work Department; and
- (ii) to remit to the Director of Support Services to undertake the necessary action in respect of this matter.

**URBAN PROGRAMME TERMINATING PROJECTS
EVALUATION AND FUNDING ()**

7. There was submitted a report dated 9 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the recommendations of the Evaluation Panels for Urban Programme Terminating Projects and recommending a package of succession funding for Social Work projects to the Policy and Resources Committee, in line with the 1997/98 revenue budget.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the proposals in respect of the Crossroads Care Attendant Scheme, Kilmarnock and Loudoun Furniture Redistribution Scheme, Ayrshire Rape Crisis Group and Kilmarnock Women's Centre as detailed in Section 3.3 and 4.1 of the report;
- (ii) to remit these proposals to the Policy and Resources Committee for its consideration; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

Councillor Farrell left the meeting at this point.

**COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PURCHASING INTENTIONS 1997/98 (Item 6,
Page 1337)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 25 April 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for the Community Care Purchasing Intentions 1997/98.

Following a presentation by the Principal Officer (Community Care), it was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Purchasing Intentions for Community Care Services 1997/98; and
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Social Work to publish the Purchasing Intentions and circulate the same to relevant interests.

The meeting terminated at 1135 hours.