

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2 JUNE 1998 AT 1000 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, David Macrae, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Mary Fegan and Allan Y McDougall, Depute Directors of Social Work; Ian Gemmell, Head of Anti-Poverty Unit; Kay Gilmour, Principal Officer (Community Care); Margaret McManus, Principal Officer (Finance and Resources); Alex McPhee, Senior Accountant; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Helen Fulton, Service Officer (Contracts); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Wilma Doyle, Alan Campbell, Ann Hay, Daniel Coffey, David Sneller and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair welcomed Councillor Brailsford to the Committee following his recent illness and wished him a speedy return to good health.

The Chair also intimated that Special Games would take place at Broomfield, Cumnock on 3 June 1998 and that Members were invited to attend in support of participants.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There was submitted and approved, both as a correct record and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Minute (circulated) as contained in Appendix I of these Minutes.

- 2.1 **CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 13 MAY 1998** - Appendix I.

SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PLAN 1998/99 (Item 3, Page 3117)

3. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the allocation of the Social Work Capital Plan 1998/99 and the three year Capital Plan 1998/99 - 2000/2001.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the allocation of the Social Work Capital Plan 1998/99 as detailed in Paragraph 3.2 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

RESTRUCTURING OF SOCIAL WORK REVENUE BUDGET 1998/99

4. There was submitted a report dated 26 May (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed restructuring of the Social Work Department Revenue budget into Service Units.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the new structure of budgetary control from the financial year 1998/99 as detailed in the Appendices to the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

VIREMENT FROM 1997/98 TO 1998/99 REVENUE BUDGET

5. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the referral to the Policy and Resources Committee of the virement of resources from the 1997/98 Revenue Budget allocation level.

It was agreed:

- (i) to refer the virement adjustment to the Policy and Resources Committee for approval as contained within the Paragraph 3.1 of the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY CARE PLAN VOLUME 1 AND VOLUME 2

6. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for East Ayrshire's Joint Community Care Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Joint Community Care Plan for submission to the Scottish Office, subject to Ayrshire and Arran Health Board's approval; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK ANTI POVERTY ACTIVITY - ANNUAL REPORT (Item 8, Page 2544)

7. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on Anti-Poverty activity undertaken by Social Work staff during the period 1 April 1997 to 31 March 1998.

It was agreed:-

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

NON-STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS (Item 1, Page 3309)

8. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on proposals for the introduction on Non-Statutory Performance Indicators.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT TO 3 APRIL 1998 (Item 9, Page 2684)

9. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the absence rates for Social Work employees for the period ended March 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the absence rates contained within the report;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit further reports to the Committee on absence rates in accordance with the corporate timescales identified by the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**COMPARING THE PERFORMANCE OF SCOTTISH COUNCILS - SOCIAL WORK
1996/97**

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 26 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the publication of the Accounts Commission report on performance information in relation to Social Work services provided by Scottish Councils.

Councillor O'Neill left the meeting at this point.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT

11. There was submitted a report dated 27 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the current status of Health and Safety matters within the Social Work Department and which outlined proposals for the forthcoming year.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the current status of Health and Safety issues within the Social Work Department; and
- (ii) to approve the proposals for the development and improvement of Health and Safety matters as set out within the report.

**LOCAL PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR HOSPITAL DISCHARGES WITH
AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN NATIONAL HEALTH TRUST, LOCAL AUTHORITIES
AND AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN HEALTH BOARD**

12. There was submitted a report dated 26 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the revised Local Planning Agreement for Hospital Discharges with the National Health Service Trusts, Local Authorities and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Local Planning Agreement for Hospital discharges between Trusts, Local Authorities and Ayrshire and Arran Health Board; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**RESPONSE TO THE ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE FUNDING OF THE LONG
TERM CARE OF THE ELDERLY**

- 13.** There was submitted a report dated 26 May 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on a proposed response to the Royal Commission on the funding of the long-term care of the elderly.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the draft submission as contained within the Appendix to the report as the formal submission by East Ayrshire Council to the Royal Commission on the funding of the long-term care of the elderly; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1106 hours.