

## APPENDIX II

### EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

#### COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 1998 AT 1004 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jimmy Boyd, David Sneller, John Smith and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; April Chalmers, Solicitor; Martin Clarke, Service Officer - Quality and Standards (Community Care); Diane Page, Service Officer (Development), Community Care; Helen Fulton, Service Officer (Community Care); and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell and Jim Kelly.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

#### COMMUNITY CARE CONTRACTS - ACCREDITATION OF PROVIDERS - PROCEDURES

1. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for the introduction of Accreditation Procedures for organisations who provided contracted community care services within East Ayrshire to ensure that the services provided met the Council's standards of quality and best value.

There was submitted by the Director of Social Work a revised Section 5 entitled Organisational Principles of the application form to provide contracted Community Care services.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the new procedures and arrangements as set out in Appendix 2 of the report including the revised Section 5 - Organisational Principles;
- (ii) to recommend to Council the approval of the related policy document as detailed within Appendix 1 of the report.

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#### COMMUNITY CARE: IMPLICATIONS OF A RECENT LEGAL JUDGEMENT IN ENGLAND AND WALES - THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE JUDGEMENT

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the latest position following a judgement in a judicial review case in England and Wales which was of relevance in Scotland, and detailed the implications for East Ayrshire Council.

### **COMMUNITY CARE: IMPLICATIONS OF A RECENT LEGAL JUDGEMENT IN ENGLAND AND WALES - THE SEFTON JUDGEMENT**

3. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which advised of the latest position following a judgement in a judicial review case in England and Wales which was of relevance in Scotland and detailed the implications for East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work liaise with the Head of Legal Services to monitor the outcome of (a) the Private Members Bill which was likely to amend legislation to require a Local Authority to disregard capital below £16,000 in accordance with the Regulations (although it was noted that East Ayrshire Council applied the current disregard and was therefore unlikely to be affected by the legislative changes); and (b) current test cases in Scotland regarding individuals whose needs had been assessed as requiring nursing home or residential care and where funding was not yet available the Council itself may be the subject of legal challenge in similar circumstances; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **“INFORMED CHOICES” - A GUIDE FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENTS ON HOW TO PROVIDE INFORMATION FOR OLDER PEOPLE, AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM, ABOUT COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES**

4. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the key findings of the above guidelines entitled “Informed Choices”.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that the date detailed within Paragraph 2.3 of the report be amended to read March 1997;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work ensures that (a) the comprehensive public information strategy provides clear, jargon free and understandable information for users and carers; and (b) that the key findings of the above guidelines were (i) incorporated within the Departmental Public Information Strategy; (ii) incorporated within the Council’s Community Care Plan for 1998-2001; and (iii) made known to Departmental staff to ensure quality information was available to all service users and carers; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **FRAMEWORK FOR ALCOHOL SERVICES/AYRSHIRE AND ARRAN DRUG ACTION TEAM**

5. There was submitted a report dated 21 January 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the Ayrshire and Arran Framework for Alcohol Services prepared by the Ayrshire and Arran Drug Action Team (ADAT).

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the content of the Framework for Alcohol setting out the strategic intentions for alcohol services which informed Committee of operational plans within East Ayrshire;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work bring forward updated reports on the work of Ayrshire and Arran Drug Action Team;
- (iii) that the Director of Social Work assists the development of a broad strategy for the provision of information/advice and educational services on the consequences of drug and alcohol abuse, targeted at high risk groups, and utilising existing areas of Council involvement such as schools, the elderly and youth information projects, to promote such strategy initiatives in conjunction with other Departments; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1111 hours.