

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY 1998 AT 1000 HOURS, IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Kathleen Hall, Daniel Coffey, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Allan Y MacDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Alex McPhee, Senior Accountant; Phil Whitehead, Finance Manager (Community Care); Roy Hair, Accounts Manager (Information Technology); Jeanna Thomson, Service Officer (Systems); Martin Clark, Service Officer (Quality and Standards); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, David Macrae, and David Sneller.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Vice-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 and II of these Minutes.
  - 1.1 **CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB COMMITTEE OF 28 JANUARY 1998** - Appendix I
  - 1.2 **COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 30 JANUARY 1998** - Appendix II.

Councillor Brailsford joined the meeting during discussion of this item.

**1997/98 BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK (PERIOD 10)**

2. There was submitted and noted a report dated 11 February 1998 (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 2 January 1998 (Period 10).

**ALTERATION TO SOCIAL WORK CAPITAL PLAN (Item 3, Page 2845)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 10 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for necessary alterations to the Social Work Capital Plan 1997/98.

It was agreed to approve the necessary alterations to the Capital Plan 1997/98 as contained within the report.

**ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT TO QUARTER ENDED 30 DECEMBER 1997  
(Item 9, Page 2684)**

4. There was submitted a report dated 3 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the absence rates for Social Work employees in the quarter ended 30 December 1997 and in the overall period to date.

It was agreed:

- (i) that quarterly reports on absence rates continue to be submitted and also provide further detail in respect of key areas of Community Care activity, as appropriate; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillors Hall and Ross joined the meeting during discussion of the above item.

**UPRATING OF APPROVED NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOME RATES AND  
RESPITE CARE CHARGES 1998/99**

5. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the uprating of the Council's rates for voluntary and private Nursing and Residential Care Homes, in line with the DSS benefit uprating in 1998/99 and the increase in respite care charges.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the rates in respect of Nursing and Residential Home Care as detailed in Appendix III of these Minutes;
- (ii) to approve the increase to £50.25 (in East Ayrshire Council establishments) and £107.75 (in the Private and Voluntary Residential Nursing Homes) of rates for respite care in 1998/99;
- (iii) to note the application of the CoSLA agreement on the setting of Supplementation rates in 1998/99; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**UPRATING OF CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL CARE IN COUNCIL OPERATED  
ESTABLISHMENTS 1998/99**

6. There was submitted a report dated 2 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the uprating of weekly charges for residential care in establishments operated by the Council from 1 April 1998.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the undernoted rates in respect of residential care in establishments operated by the Council;

<b>TYPE</b>	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>
Residential Accommodation for Older People	£314.10	£320.00
Residential Accommodation for People with learning disabilities	£425.40	£434.00
Residential Accommodation for Children.	£567.00	£584.00

;and

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

### **INFORMATION SYSTEMS STRATEGY FRAMEWORK**

7. There was submitted a report dated 11 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the proposed Information Systems Strategy Framework, designed to support departmental and corporate activities, and to present the Information Systems Development Plan 1998/99 for the Department of Social Work.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work, in consultation with the Head of Information Technology, ensure that development resources are secured to commission the new/replacement systems to meet the Department's business needs; and
- (ii) to note the proposals for Social Work Information Systems/Information Technology as contained within the report.

### **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT - ERSKINE HOSPITAL**

8. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval to provide funding to Erskine Hospital in relation to their fundraising initiative to redevelop the Hospital.

It was agreed:

- (i) to support the fundraising initiative by Erskine Hospital; and
- (ii) to provide £250 as the Council's contribution towards the Erskine Hospital fundraising initiative.

### **NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS**

9. There was submitted a report dated 16 February 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work seeking approval for a contribution towards the National Health Service 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.

It was agreed:

- (i) to support a range of activities within East Ayrshire to mark the celebration of 50 years of the National Health Service; and
- (ii) to authorise expenditure of £100 to the budget of the Ayrshire and Arran Working Group organising the NHS celebrations.

The meeting terminated at 1048 hours.

**APPENDIX III**

<b>Residential Care Homes</b>		
<b>Categories of Dependencies</b>		
	<b>EAC Approved Rates 1997/98</b>	<b>EAC Approved Rates 1998/99</b>
Older People	£240	£247
Older People with Dementia	£240	£247
Adults with Dementia	£220	£225
Adults with a Physical or Sensory Disability	£285	£292
Adults with a Learning Disability	£250	£257
Adults with a Mental Health Problem	£220	£225
Adults with Drug or Alcohol Dependency	£240	£247
Adult Ex Offenders	£208	£213
People with a brain injury,	From £285	From £292
<b>Nursing Homes</b>		
<b>Categories of Dependencies</b>		
	<b>EAC Approved Rates 1997/98</b>	<b>EAC Approved Rates 1998/99</b>
Older People (including mental impairment)	£311	£318
Drug/Alcohol Dependence	£312	£319
Learning Disability	£318	£325
Physical Disablement - Below Pension age	£352	£359
Physical Disablement - Over Pension age	£311	£318
Mental Illness below pensionable age	£311	£318