

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY 1998
AT 1130 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, David Macrae, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Irene Reeves, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall and Daniel Coffey.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

1.1 DRAFT ESTIMATES 1998/99 - GENERAL SERVICES (Item 1, Page 3016)

There was submitted and noted a report dated 20 February 1998 (circulated with the Agenda for the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998) by the Director of Finance which advised of the latest position now that finalised figures had been obtained in terms of the 1998/99 budget and which recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee determine final allocations for each of the Service Committees and requested that those Committees now finalise savings and growth packages to align service delivery plans with final allocations for 1998/99 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

1.2 REMIT FROM THE SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE OF 23 FEBRUARY 1998 (Item 1, Page 3016)

There was submitted and noted a remit (Minute extract circulated) from the Special Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998 which contained a request that the Social Work Committee finalised savings and growth packages for Social Work Services to align service delivery plans with the final allocations for 1998/99, as determined by the Special Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 23 February 1998.

1.3 REVENUE BUDGET FOR 1998/99

There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which detailed a package of measures to align the departmental service plans with the final allocations for 1998/99 taking into account the views and comments made during the Council's public consultation exercise.

The Chair formally extended his thanks on behalf of the Committee to all Officers of the Social Work Department for the work undertaken in establishing the financial package under consideration.

In discussion the Director confirmed that individuals with the Domestic Care element of the Community Care charging system would be protected from charges above £3.50 per hour, as outlined during public consultation, although the Department would now operate a single charging system.

Councillor Boyd, seconded by Councillor Darnbrough, moved:-

- (i) to approve the savings and growth packages as detailed in the report to the approved CCLS (Cost of Current Level of Service) budget, to align the Social Work Committee budget to the financial allocation approved by the Policy and Resources Committee of 23 February 1998; and
- (ii) to recommend adoption of the savings and growth proposals to the Special Policy and Resources Committee to be held on 4 March 1998.

Councillor Brailsford, seconded by Councillor McDill moved as an amendment to note the revised savings and growth proposals contained in the report and to continue consideration of these to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 5 March 1998.

On a division by a show of hands, the motion was carried 12 votes to 2.

The meeting terminated at 1140 hours.