

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

**CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12 MARCH 1997 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill and Jimmy Boyd.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); James Laing, Senior Social Worker; Apryl Chalmers, Senior Solicitor; Margo Gillies, Social Worker; Lesley James, Social Worker; and Melanie Macleod Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Kathleen Hall, Eric Ross and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. As part of on-going Staff Training Development, the Chair welcomed Elaine Scott, Resource Worker (Children and Families) to the meeting.

**SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE ORDER SCHEME: EXTENSION OF CURRENT
SCHEME TO KILMARNOCK SHERIFF COURT AND
DISTRICT COURT IN KILMARNOCK**

2. There was submitted a report dated 3 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the outcome of discussion with the Scottish Office on the proposal to extend Supervised Attendance Orders to Kilmarnock Sheriff Court and the District Court in Kilmarnock.

The Principal Officer (Criminal Justice) gave a short presentation on the Supervised Attendance Order Scheme.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee detailing the management arrangements for East Ayrshire's Supervised Attendance Scheme; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT - INTERIM TRAINING PLAN ()

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 7 March 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the completion the interim training plan, which aimed to promote staff development, recruitment and retention.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. It was agreed that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

APPLICATION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS BY EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - REPORT 1

5. There was submitted a condensed report dated 28 February 1997 and a comprehensive report dated 4 March 1997 (both circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the circumstances of the three children cited in the report and requesting the Sub-Committee to resolve on behalf of East Ayrshire Council to assume the parental rights in respect of the children.

The Sub-Committee, having considered the terms of the comprehensive report dated 4 March 1997 by the Director of Social Work resolved in terms of Section 16(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, to assume parental rights in respect of the three children, the relevant grounds in each case being as follows:

- (i) Section 16(1)(a)(ii) - circumstances specified in Section 16(2)(d)

That the parent is of such habits or mode of life to be unfit to have the care of the child/children;

- (ii) Section 16(1)(a)(ii) - circumstances specified in Section 16(2)(e)

That the parent has so persistently failed without reasonable cause to discharge the obligation of a parent or guardian as to be unfit to have the care of the child/children; and

- (iii) Section 16(1)(a)(iv)

That throughout the 3 years preceding the passing of the resolution, the child/children has/have been in the care of the Local Authority.

APPLICATION FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS BY EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - REPORT 2

6. There was submitted a condensed report dated 28 February 1997 and comprehensive report dated 24 February 1997 (both circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the circumstances of the child cited in the report and requesting the Sub-Committee to resolve on behalf of East Ayrshire Council to assume parental rights in respect of the child.

The Sub-Committee, having considered the terms of the comprehensive report dated 24 February 1997 by the Director of Social Work, resolved in terms of Section 16(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 to assume the parental rights in respect of the child on the grounds specified in Section 16 (1)(a)(i) of the Social Work

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(Scotland) Act 1968, namely that the child's parent is dead and that he has no guardian.

The meeting terminated at 1500 hours.