

**APPENDIX III**

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1 APRIL 1998 AT 1400 HOURS,  
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,  
KILMARNOCK**

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

**ATTENDING:** Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; May Martindale, Divisional Manager (North Division); Lesley Gibson, Principal Officer (Children and Families); Eileen McConville-Clark, Senior Officer (Children and Families); James Lally, Senior Administrative Officer; John Butler, Service Officer (Children and Families); Margaret Roeves, Service Officer (Children and Families); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Alan Campbell and Tommy Farrell.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair

**CHILDREN'S CARERS AND FOSTER CARERS PILOT CONTRACT (Item 6, Page  
2138)**

1. There was submitted a report dated 23 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the implementation of the Children's Carers Pilot Contract and the Foster Carers Pilot Contract.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the Children's Carers and Foster Carers Pilot Contracts for implementation, monitoring and evaluation;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit a report providing a review of the Children's Carers and Foster Carers Pilot contracts to the Sub-Committee in one year; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**SUMMER SUPPORT PROGRAMME: WITCHHILL SCHOOL, KILMARNOCK**

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Education which sought approval for a Summer Support Project to operate in the Kilmarnock area to benefit children assessed as having special needs.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposal to operate a Summer School project at Witchhill School on the basis outlined in the report; -

- (ii) that the Directors of Social Work and of Education submit a report on the effectiveness of the project to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL'S CHILDREN'S SERVICE PLAN (Item 5, Page 2849)**

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 24 March 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Education on progress made in preparing the Children's Service Plan towards publication in April 1998.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the Children's Service Plan as a basis for future policy development and provision within the Social Work Department;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit future reports to the Sub-Committee, as necessary, on the detailed implementation of the Plan within the Social Work Department; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

4. The Committee resolved 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 item of business on the ground that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 4 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

**DISCRETIONARY PAYMENT TO FOSTER CARERS**

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 March 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work requesting authorisation for the sum of £6,500 to enable foster carers to purchase a larger vehicle.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the payment of £6,500 to the foster carers in question to provide for the purchase of a larger vehicle, as detailed within the report; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.