

APPENDIX 1**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE
OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

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

ATTENDING: Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Lesley Gibson, Principal Officer (Children and Families); Eileen McConville-Clark, Senior Officer (Children and Families); Hugh Carswell, Service Officer (Children and Families); Michael McGuire, Throughcare Manager (Children and Families); Clare Kennedy, Seconded Officer from NCH Action for Children; and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed Clare Kennedy, a project manager with National Child Helpline Action for Children seconded to the Department of Social Work to research arrangements for providing support to vulnerable parents as part of the Council's Youth Support Strategy.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PANELS TO MEET NEW
REQUIREMENTS (Item 6, Page 677)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which recommended the necessary reconstitution of East Ayrshire's Adoption and Fostering Panel to fulfil additional duties as outlined in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 Regulations, and which recommended that the related policy and procedure document providing guidelines for the formation and implementation of the Panel, be approved.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that East Ayrshire Council establish two new Panels to meet the requirements of new Regulations in Scottish Office Guidance;
- (ii) that these Panels be known as the "Adoption and Permanency Panel" and the "Fostering and Resources Panel";
- (iii) to recommend to Council the approval of the related policy and procedures as described within the report; and
- (iv) that, following Council approval of policy and procedures, the existing Adoption and Fostering Panel should cease to operate.

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THROUGH-CARE AND AFTERCARE PROVISION

3. There was submitted a report dated 3 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the policy document relating to through-care and aftercare provision within East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

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| C | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to recommend to Council the approval of the policy set out in the document "Through-care and Aftercare Provision"; and (ii) to note that the Director of Social work would report further on the likely financial implications of this matter, pending the outcome of a study being undertaken by the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities; and (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report. | C |
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SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE (Item 3, Page 2362)

4. There was submitted a joint report dated 5 October 1998 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Education on the progress made in supporting young people experiencing difficulties in mainstream schools.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Directors of Education and of Social Work provide future updated reports on the Youth Support Strategies; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1428 hours.