

APPENDIX II

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 1998 AT 1400 HRS
IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Wilma Doyle, Jane Darnbrough, Ann Hay and David Macrae.

ATTENDING: Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Susan Mason, Principal Officer (Community Care); Pamela Noonan, Assistant Principal Officer (Health); Diane Page and Martin Clark, Service Officers (Community Care); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

ALSO ATTENDING: Amy Kinnaird, Chair of Social Work Inspection Unit.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Ronald Brailsford, Kathleen Hall, Jim Kelly, David Sneller and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. The Chair introduced and welcomed to the meeting, Amy Kinnaird, Chair of the Social Work Inspection Unit.

He also congratulated Susan Mason on her new appointment as Principal Officer within the Community Care section of the Social Work Department.

He further reported that Diane Page had successfully gained a promoted post within a neighbouring authority. On his own behalf and that of the Sub-Committee he wished Diane all the best in her new appointment and thanked her for all her work on behalf of East Ayrshire Council.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR NHS CONTINUING CARE, RESIDENTIAL AND
NURSING HOME CARE, REHABILITATION SERVICES,
NHS RESPITE AND PALLIATIVE CARE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 6 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the implementation of revised Eligibility Criteria for NHS Continuing Care, Residential and Nursing Home Care, Rehabilitation Services, NHS Respite and Palliative Care and which asked the Sub-Committee to note the guidance for Social Work staff attached as Appendices I and II to the report.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the revised Eligibility Criteria for NHS Continuing Care, Residential and Nursing Home Care, Rehabilitation Services, NHS Respite and Palliative Care and to note the guidance for Social Work staff; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**THE GOVERNMENT'S TEN YEAR STRATEGY FOR TACKLING DRUG MISUSE -
"TACKLING DRUGS TO BUILD A BETTER BRITAIN"**

3. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Government's White Paper "Tackling Drugs to Build a Better Britain" which set the framework for responding to drug misuse in the UK over the next ten years.

**MENTAL HEALTH OFFICER SURVEY - SOCIAL WORK SERVICES
INSPECTORATE FOR SCOTLAND**

4. There was submitted a report dated 6 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the Social Work Inspectorate for Scotland Mental Health Officer Survey, which was undertaken during 1997 and published in July 1998, and which provided an update on the Council's own Mental Health Officers and workload.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the contents of the Mental Health Officer Survey, and the numbers and workload of Mental Health Officers in East Ayrshire; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work update the Sub-Committee on Mental Health Officers and their workload on an annual basis.

**COMMUNITY CARE NEEDS OF FRAIL OLDER PEOPLE: INTEGRATING
PROFESSIONAL ASSESSMENTS AND CARE ARRANGEMENTS**

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 6 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the Scottish Office Social Work Services Group guidance, "Community Care Needs of Frail Older People: Integrating Professional Assessments and Care Arrangements", which noted those areas already implemented within the Council and which highlighted those areas requiring further action.

JOINT PLANNING FOR COMMUNITY CARE

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 November 1998 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which recommended a revised structure for Joint Planning for Community Care in East Ayrshire (attached as an Appendix to the report) and which recommended that the agreed structure be submitted to the Scottish Office.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the framework for Community Care planning for submission to the Scottish Office;
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Social Work to initiate the relevant structure; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1502 hrs.