

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

**Minute of Meeting held on Wednesday 25 October 1995 at 10am  
in the London Road Centre, Kilmarnock.**

- PRESENT:** Councillors J Boyd (Chair), R Brailsford, G Cree, J Darnbrough, T Farrell, K Hall, E Jackson, D Macrae, I Reeves, E Ross, J Smith and D Sneller.
- ATTENDING:** D Montgomery (Chief Executive); D McVicar, J Adams (Chief Executive's Department); J Dickie (Director of Social Work), D Bulloch, B Docherty and A McDougall (Depute Directors of Social Work).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors A Campbell, R McDill, A McIntyre and J O'Neill.

**1. MINUTE OF SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE OF 14 SEPTEMBER 1995**

The minute of the Social Work Committee of 14 September 1995 (issued) was submitted and noted.

**2. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND QUORUM**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work setting out the proposed terms of reference and making a recommendation for a quorum.

It was agreed to adopt the terms of reference as set out in the report and that the quorum should be set as 7.

**3. DRAFT NHS CIRCULAR ON NHS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTINUING HEALTH CARE: CONSULTATION BY NHS MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work in conjunction with a Scottish Office Circular on NHS Responsibility for Continuing Health Care, including comments which were being proposed for the East Ayrshire response to the consultation.

After hearing Douglas Bulloch give a full and detailed account of the main points raised within the Circular, the Committee agreed to:

- (a) approve the terms of the report for the East Ayrshire response to the consultation;
- (b) forward a copy of the report to the local Members of Parliament and the European Member of Parliament in an effort to seek their support; and
- (c) report back any responses received to a future meeting.

#### **4. SCOTTISH OFFICE CONSULTATION : COMMUNITY CARE PLANNING : PLANNING STRUCTURES**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work in conjunction with a Scottish Office Circular on Community Care Planning : Planning Structures, identifying the main issues arising in the Circular and making comments which were being proposed for the East Ayrshire response to the consultation.

After hearing Douglas Bulloch give a brief account of the main points raised within the Circular, the Committee agreed to:

- (a) adopt the report as the East Ayrshire response to the consultation;
- (b) forward a copy of the report to local Members of Parliament in an effort to seek their support; and
- (c) report back any responses received to a future meeting.

#### **5. AYRSHIRE CROSS BOUNDARY SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORT**

##### **5.1 EAST AND NORTH AYRSHIRE**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work updating members of the Committee on progress towards establishing agreements with North Ayrshire unitary authority on continuity of services after April 1996.

After hearing the Director in explanation of the report and after including the following addition to the last sentence on the item on Elderly Residential Accommodation "in respect of services delivered as from 1 April 1996 onward", the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the arrangements for future service delivery as outlined therein.

##### **5.2 EAST AND SOUTH AYRSHIRE**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work updating members of the Committee on progress towards establishing agreements with South Ayrshire unitary authority on continuity of services after April 1996.

After hearing the Director in explanation of the report and after including the following addition to the last sentence on the item on Elderly Residential Accommodation "in respect of services delivered as from 1 April 1996 onward", the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the arrangements for future service delivery as outlined therein.

#### **6. DISAGGREGATION OF REGIONAL SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - PROGRESS REPORT**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work outlining progress in reaching agreement on arrangements for disaggregation of Regional Social Work Services and securing continuity of service.

After hearing the Director outline the main issues within the report it was agreed to note the contents of the report and approve the arrangements for future service delivery as outlined therein.

#### **7. MEMBERS' BRIEFINGS - SEMINARS**

There was submitted a report issued by the Director of Social Work giving notice of the first round of seminars for members on social work responsibilities services and issues as agreed at the Social Work Committee of 16 August 1995.

After hearing the Director in explanation the Committee agreed to:

- (a) note the contents of the report; and
- (b) extend the invitation to attend the briefing sessions to all members and senior officers.

## **8. DECENTRALISATION - SOCIAL WORK SERVICES**

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Director of Social Work outlining some of the ways in which the social work functions can be decentralised and identifying some of the opportunities and issues around further decentralisation.

After hearing the Director in explanation of the extent to which Social Work was already a decentralised function and outlining further ways in which decentralisation can be extended, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.