

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 1996 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Wilma Doyle, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Alan Campbell, Jim O'Neill, Bob Beattie, Daniel Coffey, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, John Smith and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work (Children, Families and Criminal Justice); Allan McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work (Finance and Resources); Margaret McManus, Principal Officer (Finance and Resources); David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Graham Kerr, Public Relations Officer; Helen Fulton, Service Officer (Community Care); Gillian Gow, Unit Manager (Hurlford Day Centre); Veronica Murray, Depute Unit Manager (Hurlford Day Centre); Melanie J Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Kathleen Hall, David Macrae, Robert McDill and Eric Jackson.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

1. There were submitted and approved both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein the undernoted Sub-Committee Minutes (circulated) as detailed in Appendices I & II of these Minutes.
 - 1.1 **CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 11 SEPTEMBER 1996** - Appendix I
 - 1.2 **COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 13 SEPTEMBER 1996** - Appendix II

SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT SUBMISSIONS FOR THE SCOTTISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT QUALITY AWARDS (Item 18, Page 939)

2. There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on two submissions for the Scottish Local Government Quality Awards made by the Department of Social Work in respect of the Mosaic project and Sensory Garden, both projects being based at Hurlford Day Centre, a unit for adults with learning difficulties.

The Chair welcomed the Unit Manager and Depute Unit Manager of Hurlford Day Centre, who gave a presentation on each of the submissions and referred to the mosaics and photographs of the two projects in question, which were displayed at the meeting.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the report; and
- (ii) to wish Hurlford Day Centre every success in its submissions.

COMMUNITY ALARMS (Item 3, Page 683)

3. There was submitted a report dated 26 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the current position concerning the Community Alarms Service and the planning arrangements made to incorporate the Council Telephone Helpline within the Community Alarms Service.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note the work completed in implementing the new operational and harmonisation procedure;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work and the Director of Personnel Services bring forward a further report to the Committee on future recommendations in respect of staffing, salaries, conditions of service and management arrangements which would be discussed with the trades unions;
- (iii) that the Director of Social Work report to a future Committee on the results of the departmental income maximisation exercise; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

DEPARTMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION PLAN

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the proposed Environmental Action Plan for the Social Work Department and associated monitoring exercise.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report further to the Committee on the setting of specific targets and the implementation of a monitoring procedure for the Action Plan;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work produce an annual monitoring report on the progress of the Departmental Action Plan; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968, SECTION 10 PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS (Item 3, Page 732)

5. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the uptake of agreed applications from voluntary organisations for Section 10 funding and recommending the approval of further applications. The report further identified a balance of funds which could be included in the allocation to Divisional Managers for use in Local Committees.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the payment of £2,430 to the Scottish Association for the Care and Rehabilitation of Offenders (SACRO);
- (ii) to approve the payment of £1,560 to Family Care (Birthlink);
- (iii) that the remaining balance of £790 be included in the allocation to Divisional Managers (at £263 per division) for use in Local Committees; and
- (iv) to note the current position in respect of payments to voluntary organisations funded by Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.

**PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995**

6. There was submitted a report dated 17 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the implications for the Council of the implementation of the Children (Scotland) Act and outlining the key areas of the new legislation.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work report initially to the Children, Families and Criminal Justice Sub-Committee and, thereafter, to the Social Work Committee for information, on the detailed aspects of implementing the Act and on its financial implications; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**SCOTTISH REFUGEE COUNCIL- PUBLIC MATCH FUNDING
CERTIFICATE (Item 17, Page 939)**

7. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work, recommending the completion of a Public Match Funding Certificate to allow the Scottish Refugee Council to continue the Strathclyde Refugee Vocational Guidance Project, funded by the European Social Fund.

It was agreed to approve the completion of a Public Match Funding Certificate by the Chief Executive, to allow the Strathclyde Refugee Vocational Guidance Project, operated by the Scottish Refugee Council, to gain European Social Fund support.

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING REPORT AND NEW
PROJECTS (Item 5(i), Page 870)**

8. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on (i) the progress with Social Work Capital Projects in 1996/97 in respect of Affleck House Home for Older People, Auchinleck; Dalsalloch Centre, Auchinleck; upgrading of Kilmaurs Children's Home; upgrading of homes for older people; and seat belt retro fit, and (ii) a proposed set of new projects in respect of Ross Court/Community Alarms Scheme, information technology, transport, office and unit adaptations; and a project overspend for Affleck House Home for Older People, Auchinleck, to be funded by additional capital funds.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the new projects identified, to be financed by additional capital funds;

- (ii) that the Director of Social Work report on transport issues to a future meeting of the Social Work Committee; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the current position of Social Work Capital Projects.

It was also noted that the Director of Social Work would provide Councillor Campbell with a breakdown on the costs for each individual office and unit adaptation referred to in paragraph 4.5 of this report.

1996/97 REVENUE BUDGET RESTRICTIONS (Item 5, Page 1193)

9. There was submitted a report dated 25 September 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on a proposed package of savings in the Social Work Revenue Budget 1996/97, submitted as part of the Council's consideration of savings across all Services.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the savings proposed in List A, namely those in respect of Blindcraft (£38,000); conferences and courses (£10,000); child care payments (£25,000); and vacancies arising from recruitment delays or difficulties (£62,809);
- (ii) to approve that the savings proposed in List B, namely in respect of the non-filling of vacancies (£17,364), could be implemented if additional savings were required; and
- (iii) that the savings detailed in Lists A and B be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for its consideration.

The meeting terminated at 1115 hrs.