

APPENDIX I

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 1997 AT 1400 HOURS IN
THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Ronald Brailsford, Alan Campbell, Jimmy Boyd and Tommy Farrell.

ATTENDING: Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Janie Allen, Principal Officer (Pre-Five's); Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Eileen McConville, Senior Officer (Children and Families); Hugh Carswell, Service Officer (Children and Families); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Gordon Cree and Kathleen Hall.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

DAY CARE FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 2 September 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Education, advising of the Council's requirement under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 to provide day care to children in need.

It was agreed:-

- (i) insofar as this Sub-Committee's interest, to approve the proposals for day care for children in need as detailed in the report;
- (ii) that the Directors of Social Work and of Education seek to increase the complement of day carers to 12 within the East Ayrshire area;
- (iii) to approve the continued co-ordination and inspection of day carers through the Education Department Pre-five Services; and
- (iv) to authorise the allocation of £25,000 from the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 Implementation budget to day care services for children in need.

**PROPOSALS FOR JOINING A WEST OF SCOTLAND CONSORTIUM FOR THE
PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN IN PERMANENT SUBSTITUTE FAMILIES**

2. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work, seeking approval for the Council's participation in the West of Scotland Consortium for the exchange of resources to facilitate the placement of children in permanent substitute families.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Council's participation in the West of Scotland Consortium for the exchange of resources to facilitate the placement of children in permanent substitute families, at an estimated cost of £1,835.00 plus VAT in year 1, £1,710.00 plus VAT in year 2 and a year 3 payment similar to year 2 with a small increase due to inflation;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to the Sub-Committee following a year of operation of the Consortium; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

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3. There was submitted a report dated 2 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work advising of the publication by the Scottish Office of a draft document entitled "Protecting Children - A Shared Responsibility. Guidance on Inter-Agency Co-operation" and seeking approval for the draft response to the document.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Social Work Department's draft comments as the Council's response to the guidance; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM: PLANNING STATEMENT 1998/99

4. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the 1998/99 Planning Statement for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System and seeking approval to forward the Planning Statement to the Scottish Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the forwarding of the 1998/99 Planning Statement for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System, to the Scottish Office; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the contents of the report.

REVIEW OF SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEX OFFENDERS

5. There was submitted a report dated 13 August 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the response to the Secretary of State's review of the supervision arrangements for sex offenders.

It was agreed to endorse the response to the review, initiated by the Secretary of State for Scotland, of the supervision arrangements of sex offenders in the community as detailed within the report.

The meeting terminated at 1445 hours.