

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER 1997 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK

PRESENT: Councillors Jimmy Boyd, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Jane Darnbrough, Jim O'Neill, Kathleen Hall, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, David Sneller, John Smith, Tommy Farrell and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Alan Y McDougall and Mary Fegan, Depute Directors of Social Work; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Martin Clark, Service Officer; Ruth Gray, Home Care Organiser (North Division); Susan Mason, Assistant Divisional Manager (North Division); Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Wilma Doyle, Alan Campbell, Robert McDill, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly and John Smith.

CHAIR: Councillor Jimmy Boyd, Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. As part of ongoing staff training development and in relation to Item 4 the Chair welcomed Ruth Gray, Home Care Organiser (North Division) and Susan Mason, Assistant Divisional Manager (North Division) to the meeting.

The Chair also invited Members of the Committee to view a video on Social Work Department Sensory Impairment Services, which would be shown at the end of the meeting.

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted and approved, both as correct records and in respect of recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Sub-Committee minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendices I and II of these minutes.

2.1 CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 10 SEPTEMBER 1997 - Appendix I.

2.2 COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 12 SEPTEMBER 1997 - Appendix II.

**SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 - SECTION 10
PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

3. There was submitted a report dated 23 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work recommending the payment of Section 10 funding to Victim Support (Cumnock).

It was agreed:

- (i) that a sum of £1,250 be transferred from the Section 27 budget to the Section 10 budget to meet the annual funding request of the Victim Support (Cumnock) Organisation; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

URBAN PROGRAMME

4. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the range of voluntary Urban Programme Projects supervised by the Social Work Department, together with their progress in meeting their identified aims and objectives.

Supervising Officers reports were appended to the report in respect of (i) Shortlees and Riccarton Neighbourhood Care Schemes; (ii) North West Kilmarnock Lone Parents Project; (iii) Community Health and Safer Environment Project and Citizens Advocacy Project.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit relevant reports for consideration at the next cycle of Local Committees in respect of Urban Programme Project annual reports;
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work report to the Social Work Committee on Urban Programme Projects on an annual basis including the financial detail and that such reports would include an executive summary;
- (iii) to note that Supervising Officers' Reports for the remaining projects i.e. Kilmarnock Car Project, Cumnock Women's Aid (Refuge) and CSV Befriending Project would be submitted to the next meeting for consideration; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the content of the report.

RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES - PLACEMENTS AND BUDGETS

5. There was submitted a report dated 30 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the current position on placements and committed expenditure in respect of residential and nursing homes in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:

- (i) to note that since the preparation of the report paragraph 3 should be changed to reflect that there was now one vacancy in Local Authority Residential Homes; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

SOCIAL WORK PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 1996/97

6. There was submitted a report dated 24 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the Social Work Performance Indicators reported to the Accounts Commission in respect of the first year of operation of the Social Work Department.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a report to the Social Work Committee in due course on the detail of the Accounts Commission published report as it related to Social Work; and

- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

**“SHIFTING THE BALANCE - RESOURCE TRANSFER FOR COMMUNITY CARE”
- ACCOUNTS COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND REPORT**

- 7. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the findings of the Accounts Commission for Scotland report “Shifting the Balance - Resource Transfer for Community Care”.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to the Social Work Committee on progress in resource transfer negotiations; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITIES: UPDATE REPORT (Item 4, Page 2134)

- 8. There was submitted a report dated 18 September 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the progress on Anti-Poverty work undertaken by Social Work staff in the period 1 April to 8 September 1997.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Director of Social Work submit further update reports to the Social Work Committee on Anti-Poverty work on a regular basis; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

Councillor Sneller congratulated all members of staff involved in Anti-Poverty Strategies for their hard work in achieving these targets.

The meeting terminated at 1125 hours.