

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 1996 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Alan Campbell, Kathleen Hall, Bob Beattie, Daniel Coffey, David Macrae, Eric Ross, Jim Kelly, David Sneller, John Smith and Eric Jackson.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; John Hillis, Director of Housing; Jim Dickie, Director of Social Work; Margaret Burnell, Senior Depute Director of Education; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work (Children, Families and Criminal Justice); Douglas Bulloch, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Alan MacDougall, Depute Director of Social Work (Finance and Resources); Douglas Campbell, Head of Public Relations and Marketing; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Donal Flannery, Principal Officer (Social Work); David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Charlie McBreen, Senior Safety Officer; Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer and Christine Baillie, Administrative Assistant.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Wilma Doyle, Jim O'Neill, Robert McDill, Jimmy Boyd and Tommy Farrell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Vice-Chair.

**IMPLEMENTATION OF SECTION 19 CHILDREN (SCOTLAND) ACT 1995
(LOCAL AUTHORITY PLANS FOR SERVICES TO CHILDREN)**

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 15 August 1996 (circulated) by the Directors of Education, Housing and Social Work on the Council's new statutory obligation to prepare a Children's Service Plan for East Ayrshire and advising of the comments made by East Ayrshire Council on the Scottish Office document "Draft Directions and Guidance on Children's Services: Local Authority Planning".

It was agreed:

- (i) that Directors of appropriate Service Committees report further on implementation issues as necessary, following publication of the final directions and guidance; and
- (ii) that the report be referred to the Policy and Resources Committee for its interest and consideration.

**REVIEW OF "VIOLENCE TO STAFF" POLICIES AND
PROCEDURES (Item 1, Page 372 1995/96)**

2. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on proposed administrative alterations to the former Strathclyde Regional Council's Violence to Staff Policies and Procedures, to facilitate the local reporting, management and resolution of violent incidents to employees and clients.

It was agreed:

- (i) to approve the proposed administrative changes to the "Violence to Staff" Policies and Procedures; and
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work communicate the adopted departmental policy to all Social Work employees by 30 September 1996.

DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AT 87 HURLFORD ROAD, KILMARNOCK

3. There was submitted a report dated 4 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work, recommending that the property at 87 Hurlford Road, Kilmarnock be declared surplus to operational requirements.

It was agreed that the property at 87 Hurlford Road, Kilmarnock be declared surplus to departmental requirements.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICES IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM - PLANNING STATEMENT 1997/98

4. There was submitted a report dated 2 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of the 1997/98 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 that the Planning Statement be forwarded to the Social Work Services Group of the Scottish Office.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES/AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS (Item 8, page 871)

5. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1996 (circulated) on Occupational Therapy staffing, identification of need, and current referral status.

It was agreed:

- (i) that the Directors of Social Work and Housing, report further to the Committee on the Aids and Adaptations Service including a break-down of the waiting list categorisations; and
- (ii) meanwhile that the Director of Social Work provide Members with further information on the waiting list for assessments including a break-down of the categories awaiting assessment (A, B or C).

Councillors Alan Campbell and David Sneller left the meeting during discussion of this item.

A NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR CARE IN OLD AGE - RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PAPER

6. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on a proposed response to the Government Consultation Paper which proposed the establishment of a "partnership" arrangement between the Government, individuals and insurers, in relation to consideration of capital within financial assessment associated with public finance for long term care.

It was agreed to approve the proposed response to the discussion document.

Councillor David Sneller rejoined the meeting at this point.

**CARE PROGRAMME APPROACH: RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT
CONSULTATION DOCUMENT**

7. There was submitted a report dated 6 August 1996 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on a proposed response to the Government Consultation document on the future of the Care Programme Approach.

It was agreed to approve the proposed response as detailed in the Director of Social Work's report.

Councillor Brailsford left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Councillors Hall, Beattie and J Smith left the meeting at this point.

BENEFIT TAKE-UP CAMPAIGN 1996 (Item 6, Page 489, 1995/96)

8. There was submitted a joint report dated 6 August 1996 (circulated) by the Directors of Housing and Social Work, on the outcome of the Council's first Benefit Take-Up Campaign.

It was agreed that the Director of Housing provide Members with information as to the number of people who had gained financially as a result of the Campaign.

The meeting terminated at 1105 hours.