

APPENDIX 1

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4 JUNE 1997 AT
1400 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS,
LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Drew McIntyre, Irene Reeves, Gordon Cree, Ronald Brailsford, Kathleen Hall and Jimmy Boyd.

ATTENDING: 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); Hugh Carswell, Service Officer (Children and Families); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGY: Councillor Alan Campbell.

CHAIR: Councillor Jane Darnbrough, Chair.

**“COSTS, SENTENCING PROFILES AND THE SCOTTISH
CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM 1995”**

1. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the content of a Scottish Office publication, “Costs, Sentencing Profiles and the Scottish Criminal Justice System 1995”, and recommending approval of proposed action by the Social Work Department.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that, with the assistance of the Sheriff Principal, representatives of the Social Work Department meet with Sheriffs at Kilmarnock Sheriff Court to seek to promote the further use of probation and supervised attendance as a more effective way, where appropriate, in certain situations and with certain individuals, of tackling offending behaviour than imprisonment;
- (ii) that the Social Work Department continue to give priority to the development of strategies to deal with young people who offend;
- (iii) that the Director of Social Work report further to the Sub-Committee on the Department's strategy for young offenders; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

Councillor McIntyre joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHEME: WORK PLACEMENTS AND BENEFICIARIES
OF THE SERVICE**

2. There was submitted a report dated 13 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the range and type of work undertaken by East Ayrshire Community

Service Scheme in its first year of operation and providing information on the principal beneficiaries of the service.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the continuation of the placement strategy for Community Services; and
- (ii) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

IMPLEMENTATION OF YOUTH STRATEGY SUPPORT PROJECT (Item 3, Page 1872)

3. There was submitted a joint report dated 20 May 1997 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and Education, requesting approval to implement further the youth strategy support project and advising of progress to date.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve Phase 2 of the youth support strategy in Auchinleck;
- (ii) to request the Director of Social Work to liaise with the Director of Personnel Services in respect of this matter;
- (iii) to approve the recommended management arrangements for the project;
- (iv) that the Directors of Social Work and Education provide further information to the Sub-Committee on the outcome of the project's activities;
- (v) that the Directors of Social Work and Education report in due course on Phase 3 of the project, to be located at Hillhead Primary School, and on consequential amendments to the use of other Departmental resources; and
- (vi) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

THE CULLEN REPORT: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR A NATIONAL SYSTEM OF ACCREDITATION AND VETTING INFORMATION FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCOTLAND

4. There was submitted a report dated 19 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the issues arising from a consultation on proposals for a national system of Accreditation and Vetting Information for Adults Working with Children and Young People and the response of the Department to the Scottish Office.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the Social Work Department's responses to the Scottish Office's consultation on proposals for a National System of Accreditation and Vetting Information for Adults Working with Children and Young People in Scotland; and
- (ii) to authorise the Director of Social Work to respond to the Scottish Office Education and Industry Department consultation document in these terms.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

5. The Sub-Committee resolved, in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, that the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

PRE-FIVE SERVICES: THE CHILDREN ACT 1989 PART X - RECOMMENDATION TO CANCEL REGISTRATION AS A CHILDMINDER

6. There was submitted a report dated 14 May 1997 (circulated) by the Director of Education on the grounds for the recommendation to cancel Mrs MM of Kilmarnock's registration as a childminder.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to cancel Mrs MM of Kilmarnock's registration as a childminder as she had failed to pay the annual inspection fee as required under Section 74(1)(c)(ii) of the Children Act 1989;
- (ii) to remove this individual's details from the central register; and
- (iii) to note that the Director of Education would take the appropriate action in respect of this matter.

The meeting terminated at 1452 hours.