

APPENDIX I**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL****CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE
SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 AUGUST 1999 AT 1400
HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD,
KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Alex Walsh, Jimmy Kelly, Julie Faulds, and William Menzies.

ATTENDING: David Montgomery, Chief Executive; Bernadette Docherty, Senior Depute Director of Social Work; Graham Short, Depute Director of Education; David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; Bill Walkinshaw, Principal Administrative Officer; Jim Hazlett, Principal Officer (Children, Families and Criminal Justice); Hugh Carswell, Service Officer (Resources); and Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough and Robert Taylor.

CHAIR: In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Alex Walsh was unanimously appointed to the Chair.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEVELOPMENT FUND (Item 9, Page 4378)

1. There was submitted a joint report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Social Work and of Education which sought approval for the establishment of posts to be created from the Children's Services Development Fund.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to remit to the next meeting of the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee the recruitment of one Team Leader (Youth Strategy), one Senior Clerical Assistant (Youth Strategy) and one Home/School Link Worker for Accommodated Children; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

NEW COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (Item 3, Page 4185)

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Education and of Social Work on the Government's initiative to develop New Community Schools and which advised members of the Implementation Plan.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the implementation plan for the New Community Schools project;
- (ii) that the Directors of Education and of Social Work ensure that the development of New Community Schools take cognisance of other national initiatives such as the Children's Service Plan, the National Child Care Strategy and the Social Inclusion Bid; and
- (iii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

UK NATIONAL STANDARDS IN FOSTER CARE

3. There was submitted a report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the newly published UK National Standards in Foster Care and which identified implications for East Ayrshire Council.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that the Director of Social Work develop a strategic response to the recruitment, selection, support and training of Children's Carers, taking into account the newly published UK National Standards in Foster Care; and
- (ii) otherwise, to note the content of the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

4. The Sub-Committee resolved that, under Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, 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.

DEATH OF A CHILD LOOKED AFTER BY EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (Item 11, Page 4379)

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 9 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on a the Scottish Office response to the report submitted to it on 23 March 1999 by the Social Work Department on the circumstances surrounding the death of a child looked after by East Ayrshire Council.

It was further noted that the Scottish Office had indicated its satisfaction with the actions taken by the local authority and that the Social Work Department continued to be involved in supporting the family of the young person in question.

The meeting terminated at 1428 hours