

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 1999 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Alex Walsh, Daniel Coffey, Robert Stevenson, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, David Macrae, Eric Jackson, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell, Julie Faulds, William Menzies and Robert Taylor.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Depute Chief Executive; Douglas Bulloch, Director of Social Work; Mary Fegan, Depute Director of Social Work (Community Care); Allan Y McDougall, Depute Director of Social Work (Finance and Resources); David Mitchell, Principal Solicitor; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; David Morgan, Public Relations Officer; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager; Julie Armstrong, Senior Administrative Officer; Helen McGee, Service Unit Manger (Community Care); Donal Flannery, Service Unit Manager (Criminal Justice); Morven Gemmell, Service Manager (Independent Living Services); Melanie Macleod, Administrative Officer; and Christine Baillie, Trainee Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Jane Darnbrough, Brian McNeil, Katie Hall, Ann Hay, Stephanie Young, Ian Linton, Jim Raymond and Jimmy Carmichael.

CHAIR: Councillor Alex Walsh, Vice-Chair.

CHAIR'S REMARKS

1. As part of ongoing staff development, the Chair welcomed to the meeting Diane Norwood, Service Officer (Personnel) and David Forbes, Service Officer (Administration and Contracts).

SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES

2. There were submitted and approved both as a correct record and in respect of any recommendations contained therein, the undernoted Minutes (circulated) as contained in Appendices I and II of these Minutes.

2.1 CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE OF 18 AUGUST 1999 - APPENDIX I

2.2 COMMUNITY CARE SUB-COMMITTEE 26 AUGUST 1999 – APPENDIX II.

BUDGETARY CONTROL SUMMARY STATEMENT - SOCIAL WORK TO 30 JULY 1999 (PERIOD 4)

3. There was submitted and noted a joint report dated 27 August 1999 (circulated) by the Directors of Finance and of Social Work on the current budgetary control position and the projected out-turn for the year for the Social Work Department for the period ended 30 July 1999 (Period 4).

SOCIAL WORK (SCOTLAND) ACT 1968 - SECTION 10 GRANTS

4. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which requested the Committee to consider three applications for funding under the Section 10 budget.

It was agreed:-

- (i) that approval be granted, in terms of Section 5.3 of the Council's Financial Regulations, for the virement of resources in the amount of £5,723 from the Other Payments budget to the Section 10 budget;
- (ii) that the following grant awards be made, viz:- £2,660 to Victim Support Scotland and £3,063 to CSV, Clyde Action;
- (iii) that no award be made from the Section 10 budget in 1999/2000 to Victim Support East Ayrshire; and
- (iv) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

ABSENCE MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER FROM 5 APRIL TO 2 JULY 1999

5. There was submitted and noted a report dated 16 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on absence rates for the Social Work Department for the quarterly period ended 2 July 1999.

APPROPRIATE ADULT SCHEME

6. There was submitted a report dated 23 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the implementation of the Ayrshire and Arran Appropriate Adult Scheme provided by East Ayrshire Council in partnership with North and South Ayrshire Councils, Ayrshire and Arran Health Board and Strathclyde Police "U" Division.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to note that paragraph 3.4(iii) of the report should be amended to read "help ensure that the interviewee understands the questions being asked" and that in Section 3.5 of the report, the phrase "mentally ordered" should be amended to read "mentally disordered";
- (ii) that the Director of Social Work submit a progress report to the Social Work Committee following the year of operation of the Appropriate Adult Scheme; and
- (iii) otherwise to note the content of the report.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICE - ADDITIONAL POST: SOCIAL WORKER (YOUNG PEOPLE WHO OFFEND)

7. There was submitted a report dated 31 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work which sought approval for the establishment of a new post of Social Worker (Young People Who Offend).

It was agreed:

- (i) to refer the establishment of the post of Social Worker (Young People Who Offend) to the Personnel and Property Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee, for consideration; and

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

AWARDING OF TENDERS

8. There was submitted and noted report dated 20 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Corporate Services which provided details, for information, of tenders awarded.

CONTRACT	SUCCESSFUL CONTRACTOR	AMOUNT
Supply and Install ramps 1999/2000	Anderson and Innes, Kilmarnock	£63,583.83*
Supply and Install showers 1999/2000	East Ayrshire Council, Kilmarnock	£181,516.91*
Stairlift maintenance and service 1999/2000	Peter Brown Ltd, Glasgow	£9,160.00*

* indicative costs as a Schedule of Rates will apply to the contracts budget and requirements of the contract may be subject to ongoing changes as the "needs" of the service are identified.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

9. The 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 3 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

VIOLENT INCIDENTS

10. There was submitted and noted a report dated 31 August 1999 (circulated) by the Director of Social Work on the number and nature of violent incidents which had occurred in Social Work establishments from 1 April 1996 and which provided an update on the analysis and management of violent incidents.

The meeting terminated at 1135 Hours.