

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Social Work Committee held within the Council Suite, Council Offices, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 29th January, 1997.

Present: Councillors George Cairney (LAB - substituting for Mary Campbell), James McElhill (SNP), John Syme (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), John McCutcheon (SNP), Geoffrey Calvert (LAB and CO-OP), John Wailes (SNP), William Mackechnie (SNP) and Margaret McGregor (SNP).

Attending: Stephen Brown, Manager, Legal and Administrative Services; Tim Huntingford, Director of Social Work; Bill Clark, Planning and Development Manager; and Iain M. Murray, Resources Manager.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Duncan Mills (LAB) and Mary Campbell (LAB).

ELECTION OF CONVENER

In the absence of the Convener of the Committee, Councillor Rice, seconded by Councillor Calvert, moved that the Meeting be chaired by Councillor Cairney. By way of an amendment, Councillor Wailes, seconded by Councillor McCutcheon, moved that the Meeting be chaired by Councillor White.

On a vote being taken four Members voted for the Amendment and five for the Motion. The Motion was accordingly declared carried and Councillor Cairney took the Chair.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee on 27th November, 1996 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

COMMUNITY LAUNDRY SERVICE

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 27th November, 1996 (Page 1547 refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work providing further information on specific issues raised by the Social

Work Committee in relation to the proposed closure of the Community Laundry Service.

Having heard Councillor Cairney, the Committee agreed to continue the matter to a future Meeting.

REPORT ON BUDGETARY POSITION AS AT 30TH NOVEMBER 1996

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work informing of the Budgetary position in respect of the Social Work Department's Budget as at 30th November, 1996.

Having heard the Director of Social Work, the Committee agreed to note the position.

PLACEMENT IN NURSING HOMES AND PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL HOMES

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work informing the Committee of action taken to reduce the deficit in the budget for Nursing and Residential Home Placements.

Having heard the Director of Social Work in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the Report.

INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE RATES

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work requesting approval of increases in Maintenance Rates for Private and Voluntary Homes applicable to West Dunbartonshire placements and making recommendations thereon.

Having heard the Director of Social Work in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the increase in maintenance rates from the effective dates as follows:-

<u>Establishment</u> <u>/Organisation</u>	<u>Previous</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Revised</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>Effective</u> <u>Date</u>	<u>No. of West</u> <u>Dunbartonshire</u> <u>Placements</u>	<u>Per Cent</u> <u>Increase</u>
Key Housing, Alexander Street, Clydebank	£ 49.42	£ 508.80	1/4/96	3	3.12%
Key Housing, Pattison Street, Clydebank	£1255.33	£1292.76	1/4/96	2	2.98%
Key Housing, Adelaide Court, Clydebank	£1293.92	£1332.57	1/4/96	3	2.99%

"MOVING FORWARD WITH CARE"

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REPORT BY SOCIAL WORK SERVICES INSPECTORATE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work advising of the findings of the recent Scottish Office Inspection of Community Care Services for Elderly People in Angus, Dundee and Perth & Kinross, and making recommendations thereon.

Having heard the Director of Social Work, the Committee agreed to approve the Report as a basis for the response to the Scottish Office.

PRIORITY PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - BIDS SUBMITTED BY OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work advising of bids made under the Priority Partnership Agreement supported by the Social Work Department.

Having heard Councillor Cairney, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the Report and that the outcome of the bid would be submitted to a future Meeting of the Committee.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT (SCOTLAND) BELL

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work detailing his response to the Scottish Office in relation to the proposal to introduce Electronic Tagging for Juvenile Offenders, and requesting the Committee's endorsement thereon.

Having heard the Director of Social Work the Committee agreed to endorse the comments as detailed within Appendix 2 of the Report.

DIVERSION FROM PROSECUTION/SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE ORDERS

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work: -

- (1) advising the Committee of the extension of Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System by means of additional funding obtained from the Scottish **Office**; and
- (2) requesting approval of the measures required to implement Diversion from Prosecution and Supervised Attendance Orders for West Dunbartonshire.

Having heard the Director of Social Work, in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the measures required to implement Diversion from Prosecution and Supervised Attendance Orders for West Dunbartonshire as detailed within the Report., and

- (2) to note that a further Report on the operation of the schemes would be submitted to a future Meeting of the Committee as part of the plans for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice system.

**DRAFT FRAMEWORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
IN SCOTLAND (CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - SCOTTISH OFFICE - NHS
MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE)**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work advising of the Scottish Office Draft Framework for the future of Mental Health Services in Scotland, and making recommendations thereon.

Having heard Mr Clark, Planning and Development Manager, the Committee agreed: -

- (1) to note the contents of the Report; and
- (2) to authorise the Director of Social Work to advise the Scottish Office of the practical difficulties of implementing the proposals as detailed within the Report.

COMMUNITY ALARMS

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work providing information on the changed emergency telephone console arrangements for the Community Alarm System in West Dunbartonshire.

Having heard the Director Of Social Work, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report and that savings would result from the proposed changes.

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