

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Social Work Committee held within the Sub-Regional Offices there on Wednesday, 6th December, 1995.

Present: Councillors Duncan Mills (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), John Syme (LAB), Craig McLaughlan (SNP) as substitute for Councillor W. Mackechnie; James McElhill (SNP), Margaret McGregor (SNP) and John Wailes (SNP).

Attending: Michael J. Watters, Chief Executive; Ian Leitch, Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council; Tim Huntingford, Director of Social Work; David B. Campbell, Director of Housing Services and Eric Walker, Director of Finance.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence from the meeting were intimated on behalf of Councillors G. Calvert and William Kemp.

Councillor Duncan Mills in the Chair

INDUCTION PROGRAMME FOR MEMBERS

There was submitted report by the Director of Social Work (previously circulated) seeking approval for a timetable in relation to a programme of visits and meetings with operational units of the Department.

Following consideration and having heard the Director of Social Work the Committee approved the proposals.

DISAGGREGATION ISSUES - UPDATE

There was submitted report by the Director of Social Work (previously circulated) updating the Committee on the outstanding issues.

The report was noted.

CHILD PROTECTION COMMITTEE

There was submitted report by the Director of Social Work (previously circulated) seeking agreement for the formation of a Child Protection Committee for the new Council area.

Following consideration and having heard the Director of Social Work in explanation thereof the Committee agreed to the setting up of a Child Protection Committee on the new

Authority boundary and to authorise the Director of Social Work to enter into discussion with other Agencies with a view to such a Committee being in place for 1st April, 1996.

REGISTRATION, INSPECTION AND COMPLAINTS

There was submitted report by the Director of Social Work (previously circulated) making proposals for discharging the statutory requirements for the Social Work Department to carry out registration and inspection of residential homes and to have in place a complaints procedure.

Following consideration and as recommended by the Director of Social Work, the Committee agreed as follows:-

1. To approve the creation of a unit for registration, inspection and complaints within the Social Work Department.
2. To constitute an Appeals Committee for the unit's function, the membership of which to be Councillor Duncan Mills (Chairman) and Councillors Anthony Devine and G. Calvert and one member of the SNP Group.
3. To authorise the Director of Social Work to identify independent persons for the Appeals Committee.