

## **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

At a Meeting of the Social Work Committee held within the Council Suite, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday, 6th May, 1998.

**Present:** Councillors Duncan Mills (LAB), James McElhill (SNP), John Syme (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), William Mackechnie (SNP), Margaret McGregor (SNP), James Flynn (LAB) and James Chirrey (SNP).

**Attending:** Tim Huntingford, Director of Social Work and Housing; Iain M Murray, Resources Manager; Anne Ritchie, Operational Services Manager; William Clark, Planning and Development Manager; Bill Rogerson, Assistant Principal Officer - Addiction; and Stephen Brown, Manager - Legal and Administrative Services.

**Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Geoffrey Calvert (LAB & CO-OP) and John Wailes (SNP).

### **Councillor Duncan Mills in the Chair**

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 11th March, 1998 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 1998 - 2001**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising of progress made in respect of the Community Care Plan for West Dunbartonshire 1998 - 2001.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the draft Community Care Plan as the basis for consultation.

### **CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising of progress made in respect of the Children's Services Plan for West Dunbartonshire.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the draft Children's Services Plan as the basis for consultation.

## **INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION UNIT'S ANNUAL REPORT**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 7th May, 1997 (volume page **2163** refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting the Committee to approve the Inspection and Registration Unit's Annual Report for 1997/98.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in further explanation, the Committee agreed to approve the Annual Report and that the work of the Inspection and Registration Unit be publicised.

## **UPDATE ON SOCIAL WORK AND HOUSING STRATEGY DOCUMENT ON ADDICTION - 26 NOVEMBER 1997**

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 11th March, 1998 (volume page 3209 refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing informing of work undertaken on the strategic priorities set out in the report to Social Work Committee on 26th November 1997.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing and the Assistant Principal Officer - Addiction in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that two new Members of staff had been recruited to assist with the provision of addiction services in West Dunbartonshire;
- (2) that regular reports on the progress of work on addiction services, detailing the workload of the staff, be submitted to future meetings of the Committee;
- (3) to highlight the need for more needle exchanges in West Dunbartonshire; and
- (4) otherwise to note the terms of the Report.

## **INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE RATES**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting the Committee to approve revised maintenance rates for voluntary residential homes, day centres and schools applicable to West Dunbartonshire placements.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the revised rates as detailed in the Appendix to these Minutes.

### **RATES OF CHARGE FOR PERMANENT CARE - 1998/99**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting the Committee to set the rates of charge for permanent care of adults and older people in residential establishments operated by West Dunbartonshire Council.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the requirement to set weekly charges for residential care and to review them annually; and
- (2) to approve the 1998/99 rates of charge for permanent care, for implementation with effect from 13th April, 1998, as detailed below:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>1997/98</u>	<u>1998/99</u>	<u>Change</u>
Permanent Residential Care - Elderly	£326.00	£342.00	4.91%
Permanent Residential Care - Learning Disability	£427.00	£440.00	3.04%

### **RATES OF CHARGE FOR DAY CARE - 1998/99**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting the Committee to approve increases in the rates of day care in West Dunbartonshire.

The Committee agreed to approve increases of £1.00 per day in respect of charges to other authorities for services provided to their residents within West Dunbartonshire units as undernoted:-

<u>Category</u>	<u>1997/98</u>	<u>1998/99</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Basic Day Care	£27.00	£28.00	3.70%
Intensive Day Care	£37.00	£38.00	2.63%

## **CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL HOMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting the Committee to approve an increase in the rate for the use of places in the Council's Young People's Homes.

The Committee agreed that the rate of charge for places in the Council's Young People's Homes would be £731 per week for 1998/99.

## **FULLERS GATE PROJECT**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising of the establishment of a new voluntary home for adults with learning disabilities within the West Dunbartonshire area and seeking approval for a weekly rate of charge.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in further explanation of the Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the rate of charge for the Fullers Gate Project would be £664.85 per week with effect from 1st March, 1998; and
- (2) that the Director would contact the Archdiocese of Glasgow with a view to arranging a visit by Members to the new home.

## **INCREASE IN FOSTERING AND RELATED ALLOWANCES**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing seeking the Committee's approval of an increase in fostering and related allowances for 1998/99.

The Committee agreed to approve the undernoted basic rates in respect of fostering and related allowances as recommended by COSLA for 1998/99:-

<u>Ages</u>	<u>Cosla Rates 1997/98</u>	<u>Recommended Cosla Rate 1998/99</u>	<u>Percent Increase</u>
0 - 4	£54.18	£55.79	2.97%
5 - 10	£67.20	£69.23	3.02%
11 - 15	£83.65	£86.17	2.97%
16 - 18	£108.36	£111.58	2.97%

## **CHARGES FOR GLASGOW CITY COUNCIL HOSPITAL BASED SOCIAL WORK SERVICES**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising the Committee of Glasgow City Council's proposals to charge for hospital social work services and seeking approval of the Department's response to the proposals.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing, in further explanation of the Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve, in principle, the proposals outlined within the Director's Report to develop a West Dunbartonshire response to social work requirements in Glasgow hospitals; and
- (2) to authorise the Director of Social Work and Housing to negotiate an appropriate financial contribution for a basic referral service to be provided by Glasgow City Council.

## **YOUNG PEOPLE IN TROUBLE**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing informing of progress made in the provision of a joint response by Social Work and Education in services for young people in trouble and at risk of a residential school placement.

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

- (1) to note progress made to date;
- (2) that further consideration be given to drawing up more detailed proposals for the creation of an intensive community based support scheme for young people in trouble in collaboration with the Department of Education and Leisure; and
- (3) to note that the Report would also be submitted to the Education Committee for consideration.

## **WOMEN'S AID**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising the Committee of the proposed development of Women's Aid in West Dunbartonshire and seeking approval for continued funding of the service.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the proposed development of Women's Aid in West Dunbartonshire as detailed within the Report;
- (2) that the core funding for 1998/99, as detailed below, be met from Social Work Section 10 Grant:-  
  
Clydebank Women's Aid - £41,000;  
Dumbarton Women's Aid - £36,000; and
- (3) that the sum of £20,000 be split between the above organisations as a development budget.

### **SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising the Committee of the Supported Employment Programme and seeking approval of the Council's continued participation in the scheme.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the provisions of the Supported Employment Scheme;
- (2) to confirm the Council's continued support for the employment of disabled people; and
- (3) to authorise the Director of Social Work and Housing to sign the contract with SEPACS for the year commencing 1st April, 1998 to 31st March, 1999.

### **GREATER GLASGOW DRUG ACTION TEAM - DRAFT STRATEGY FOR 1998 - 2001**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing advising the Committee of the Greater Glasgow Drug Action Team Draft Strategy for 1998 - 2001 and setting out proposals for consultation within West Dunbartonshire.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in further explanation, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the draft strategy document for the Greater Glasgow Drug Action Team and the proposed format for consultation; and
- (2) that a copy of the full report be made available to all Members.

**THE SOCIAL SECURITY GREEN PAPER -  
“NEW AMBITIONS FOR OUR COUNTRY: A NEW CONTRACT FOR WELFARE”**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing on the Government’s proposals to reform the welfare state and social security provision.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in further explanation, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the Report and the Director’s intention to prepare a full response to the Green Paper for submission to the Council at its Meeting in June.

**WORKING TOGETHER FOR A HEALTHIER SCOTLAND -  
A CONSULTATION GREEN PAPER**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing informing the Committee of the main themes of the Green Paper “Working Together for a Healthier Scotland” and requesting approval of a response thereon.

Following discussion the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the response to the Scottish Office as detailed in Appendix I to aforementioned Report;
- (2) that following completion of the Health Promotion Audit, the Council and both Health Boards should consider how best to pursue jointly the objectives within the Green Paper and that the Director of Social Work and Housing should co-ordinate this review; and
- (3) otherwise to note the terms of the Report.

**COLLABORATIVE WORK WITH HEAD INJURIES TRUST SCOTLAND**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing informing the Committee of recent collaboration with the Head Injuries Trust Scotland (HITS) on a development of locally based rehabilitation and community integration for people who have suffered a head injury, along with the provision of support and information for family and carers.

The Committee agreed that a further Report on the progress of work with HITS be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

## **LEISURE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES**

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing informing of the success of a taster day held in Clydebank and the subsequent development of leisure activities for young adults with learning disabilities in West Dunbartonshire.

Having heard the Convener the Committee agreed to note the terms of the Report and to commend all those involved for their initiative and enthusiasm. In particular, he asked that the contributions of Mrs Lorraine McKenzie and Mrs Margaret Armstrong be noted.



**APPENDIX**

**INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE RATES**

<b>Home/Day Centre/ School</b>	<b>Type of Care</b>	<b>Previous Rate</b>	<b>Revised Rate</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>No of WDC Residents</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>
Key Housing 1 Granville Street Helensburgh	Residential	£305.27	£312.90	13/04/98	3	2.50%
Red Towers 4 Douglas Drive Helensburgh	Residential	£424.23	£440.78	13/04/98	1	3.90%
St Francis Day Unit Good Shepherd Centre Bishopton Renfrewshire	Day Care	£37.97	£39.30	01/04/98	2	3.50%
St Francis Day Unit Springboig St John's School 1190 Edinburgh Rd Glasgow	Day Care	£37.97	£39.30	01/04/98	1	3.50%
Redgorton House School Redgorton Perthshire	Residential	N/A	£875.00	01/04/98	New Service	
Kibble School Goudie Street Paisley	Residential (Spot Rate)	£1,191.00	£1,191.00	01/04/98	6	0%
Kibble School Goudie Street Paisley	Residential (Block Rate)	£1,085.00	£1,128.00	01/04/98	0	3.96%
Extended Day Project Kibble School Goudie Street Paisley	Day Care  (Young People already attending as Day Pupils)	N/A	£150.00	01/04/98	New Service	

Home/Day Centre/ School	Type of Care	Previous Rate	Revised Rate	Effective Date	No of WDC Resident s	Percent Increase
Extended Day Project Kibble School Goudie Street Paisley	Day Care  (Young people attending other schools)	N/A	£180.00	01/04/98	New Service	
Extended Day Project Kibble School Goudie Street Paisley	Day Care  Overnight respite (Rate per night)	N/A	£95.00	01/04/98	New Service	
Seamab House School Rumbling Bridge Kinross	Residential	£635.00	£670.00	01/04/98	1	5.51%
Hillside School Hillside Aberdour Fife	Annual Fee {5 day week}	£30,643.00 £806.40	£32,619 £858.40	01/04/98 01/04/98	1 1	6.45% 6.45%
Hansel Village Broadmeadows Kilmarnock Road Symington Kilmarnock	Residential.	£280.00	£339.00	01/04/97	1	21.07%
Hansel Village Broadmeadows Kilmarnock Road Symington Kilmarnock	Day Care	£70.00	£75.00	01/04/97	1	7.14%
Balfour Sclare Glasgow Association for Mental Health 4 Circus Place Glasgow	Residential.	£267.14	£271.15	01/04/97	1	1.50%

<b>Home/Day Centre/ School</b>	<b>Type of Care</b>	<b>Previous Rate</b>	<b>Revised Rate</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>No of WDC Residents</b>	<b>Percent Increase</b>
Huntly Lodge 34 Huntly Gardens Glasgow	Residential	£444.47	£455.25	01/04/97	1	2.43%
Hillington Day Centre Lorne Road Hillington Industrial Estate Glasgow	Day Care	N/A	£51.42	01/07/97	2	N/A
Hillington Resource Day Centre 68-74 Queen Elizabeth Avenue Hillington Industrial Estate Glasgow	Day Care	N/A	£35.14	01/07/97	2	N/A