

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Social Work Committee held within the Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 26th November, 1997.

Present: Councillors Duncan Mills (LAB), James McElhill (SNP), John Syme (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), Patricia Rice (LAB), Geoffrey Calvert (LAB & CO-OP), John Wailes (SNP), 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; Stephen Brown, Manager - Legal and Administrative Services; and Colin Meehan, Assistant Principal Officer.

Councillor Duncan Mills in the Chair

PRESENTATION TO MRS MARION MURRAY

The Convener presented Mrs. Marion Murray with a bouquet of flowers and a West Dunbartonshire Council rose bowl, and thanked her on behalf of the Council, for her services as a foster carer over the past 26 years. The Director of Social Work and Housing informed Members that Mrs Murray, who has now retired, had cared for over 100 children during her time as a foster carer for Strathclyde Regional Council and West Dunbartonshire Council. Thereafter Mrs Murray thanked the Committee for the gifts and left the Meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 1st October, 1997 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

DIVERSION FROM PROSECUTION/SUPERVISED ATTENDANCE ORDERS

With reference to the Minutes of the Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 29th January, 1997 (pages **1699/1700** refer), there was submitted and noted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing providing Members with an update on the Supervised Attendance Order Scheme and the enhanced Diversion from Prosecution Scheme which commenced on 17th November, 1997.

REVISED MAINTENANCE RATES

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting approval of revised maintenance rates for private and voluntary homes applicable to West Dunbartonshire placements.

The Committee agreed to approve the revised maintenance rates as detailed in Appendix I to this Minute.

BUDGETARY PERFORMANCE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing updating the Committee on the performance of the Social Work Budget as at 30th September, 1997.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing and Mr Murray, Resources Manager, in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the Report.

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

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

- (a) informing of the services for people with learning disabilities provided or funded by the Council and highlighting the significant development of these services in partnership with other Council services, other statutory bodies, voluntary agencies, local housing agencies, and users and carers; and
- (b) requesting the Committee to approve a revised structure of professional and management support for Learning Disability Services.

The Committee received a presentation by Mr. C. Meehan, Assistant Principal Officer, on the learning disability services currently being provided by this Council.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing and Mr. Clark, Planning and Development Manager, in further explanation of the Report, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the significant achievement of the Council, in partnership with other agencies, in the field of learning disability;
- (2) to approve the commitment of resource transfer/decrement funds, at a total cost of £21,030, to improve the management support of service development and to the proposed arrangements for a revised support structure as detailed in Appendix II to this Minute; and
- (3) to approve the priority targets as detailed in paragraph 13.1 of the said Report.

SOCIAL WORK AND HOUSING ADDICTION STRATEGY

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing setting out strategic priorities for the Department's Addiction Services and the service developments undertaken since March 1997.

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

- (1) to note the progress made in re-providing the Council's Addiction Services and the new services commissioned from voluntary sector partners; and
- (2) to support the Department's intention to pursue the joint priority concerns within the planning structures and forums available to the Council, as detailed in paragraph 12.4 of the said Report.

WRVS CONTACT CENTRE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing seeking approval to develop a local contact centre allowing parents in conflict to have supervised access to their children.

Having heard the Convener the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve funding of £2,000 towards the Women's Royal Voluntary Service (WRVS) project to establish a contact centre in West Dunbartonshire, in appreciation of the WRVS's generosity and service to the people of West Dunbartonshire; and
- (2) to assist the project by locating appropriate premises.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR COVER

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing informing of arrangements put in place to ensure the provision of social work services over the Christmas and New Year period.

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

ANDREW McINTYRE TRUST

There was submitted a Report by the Depute Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council concerning the proposed disbursement of the remaining funds held by the Andrew McIntyre Trust to the Auchentoshan Resource Centre.

Following discussion the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the remaining monies contained within the Trust be gifted to the Auchentoshan Resource Centre for the purposes of purchasing sensory equipment to create a new resource; and
- (2) on completion of the sensory area, a formal presentation should be arranged involving Mrs McIntyre and a commemorative plaque erected in the Centre in memory of Andrew.

It was noted that the above decision required to be remitted to Council for ratification, as it was outwith the delegated powers of this Committee.

INSPECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing seeking the Committee's approval of four additional nominations to the Inspection Advisory Committee.

Following discussion the Committee agreed that the following persons be appointed as Members of the Inspection Advisory Committee for a period of one year:- Mr. George Warnock, Ms. Carol Duffy, Ms. Charlotte Lee and the Reverend Cameron Langlands.

COMPLAINTS REVIEW COMMITTEE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work and Housing requesting the Committee to approve a nomination to the Complaints Review Committee.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed that Ms. Charlotte Lee be appointed as a lay member of the Complaints Review Committee.

CONFERENCE

There was submitted and noted details of the Scottish Health Advisory Service Conference - "Making Judgments about Long Term Care for Older People and People with Dementia" to be held in the Quality Central Hotel, Gordon Street, Glasgow on 26th/27th February, 1997.

EXCERPT MINUTE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE MEETING OF WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 1997.

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