

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Social Work Committee held within the Council Suite, Council Offices, Clydebank on Wednesday, 2nd October, 1996.

Present: Councillors Duncan Mills (LAB), Mary Campbell (LAB), John Syme (LAB), Andrew White (LAB), Anthony Devine (LAB), John Wailes (SNP), William Mackechnie (SNP) and Margaret McGregor (SNP).

Attending: Stephen Brown, Manager, Legal and Administrative Services; Tim Huntingford, Director of Social Work; Anne Ritchie, Operational Services Manager; and Bill Clark, Planning and Development Manager.

Apologies Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors James
for Absence: McElhill, Geoffrey Calvert and Patricia Rice.

Councillor Duncan Mills in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee on 7th August, 1996 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

BUDGETARY PERFORMANCE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 22nd May, 1996 (Page 522 refers), there was submitted and noted a Report by the Director of Social Work informing Members of progress on budget reductions and outlining the financial performance in various elements of the Social Work Departmental budget.

INCREASE IN MAINTENANCE RATES

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 22nd May, 1996 (Pages 522/523 refer), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work requesting approval of increases in the rates of charge for maintenance of residents in residential establishments operated by voluntary organisations within the City of Glasgow.

Having heard Mr Huntingford in response to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to approve the rates listed in Appendix 1 of the Report (printed as Appendix I hereto) for payment on behalf of any current or future residents who originate from West Dunbartonshire.

GRANTS AND PAYMENTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 22nd May, 1996 (Page 525 refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work:-

- (1) requesting the Committee to review the Council's commitment to the grant funding of Voluntary Organisations and making recommendations thereon; and
- (2) advising of additional applications for funding received from Voluntary Organisations and making recommendations thereon.

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

- (a) to approve the funding for the second half of the year for organisations listed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the Report (printed as Appendices II and III hereto);
- (b) approve, subject to appropriate checks being made by the Social Work Department, the funding for those additional groups listed in Appendix 3 of the Report (printed as Appendix IV hereto); and
- (c) otherwise to note the contents of the Report.

MEETING WITH LOMOND HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 7th August, 1996, (Page 927 refers), there was submitted for information, a Note of a Meeting between Members of the Social Work Committee and Members of the Board of the Lomond Healthcare NHS Trust which was held on 19th September, 1996.

Having heard the Convener, the Committee noted:-

- (1) that the Chairman of the Lomond Healthcare NHS Trust had invited Members of the Social Work Committee to visit the Vale of Leven Hospital and meet with Members of the Board, And
- (2) that, at some point after the hospital visit, Members of the Board of the Trust would be willing to meet with the Social Work Committee in the Council Offices in Dumbarton.

HOME CARE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 7th August, 1996 (Page 928 refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work:-

- (1) describing the scope of Home Care Services provided by the Social Work Department in West Dunbartonshire; and
- (2) making recommendations in respect of further work required to ensure that services develop to meet identified needs and to maintain people in the Community.

The Committee received a presentation by Mrs Helen Blackwell and Ms Lynne McKnight (Home Care Organisers, both in attendance for this item only) on two case histories which illustrated the scale and scope of home care services which were provided to those in need in West Dunbartonshire.

Having heard Ms. Ritchie in further explanation of the Report and the Director of Social Work in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed that the Social Work Committee, at its Meetings with Lomond Healthcare NHS Trust, would raise the issue of clients being bathed once a fortnight, with a view to changing this practice to at least once per week.

Thereafter, on the motion of Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Mills, the Committee agreed:-

- (a) that the recommendations contained in paragraph 8 of the said Report be approved; and
- (b) that the Director of Social Work should submit progress Reports on Home Care as appropriate to the Social Work Committee.

WAITING LISTS AND PRIORITY SYSTEMS IN AIDS AND ADAPTATIONS PROVISION

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 7th August, 1996 (Page 929 refers), there was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work:-

- (1) advising of the current priority systems in use by Occupational Therapy and Sensory Impairment staff in order to direct resources to clients in greatest need, and
- (2) highlighting those waiting list issues affecting service delivery.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Councillor Campbell, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the Report.

INSPECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work requesting the Committee to establish an Inspection Advisory Committee to oversee the inspection of residential and day care services within West Dunbartonshire.

On the motion of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to establish an Inspection Advisory Committee with the following membership:
- Councillors Duncan Mills, Anthony Devine, Patricia Rice and Margaret McGregor;
- (2) that Mrs Margaret Craig from Kilpatrick House, Church of Scotland and Mr Heinz Keineder from Sunningdale Home be nominated to represent the private and voluntary providers; and
- (3) Mrs Sylvia Barclay of the Red Cross and Ms Katy McLeod of Stepping Stones be nominated to represent the views of users and carers on the Inspection Advisory Committee.

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work informing Members of the Social Work Department's Complaints Procedure and requesting approval of nominations of lay members to the Complaints Review Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that Councillors Duncan Mills, Patricia Rice, Anthony Devine and Margaret McGregor had already been appointed to the Complaints Review Committee;
- (2) to approve the appointment of Mr Joe McCormack the Reverend Irene Bristow and Mrs Mary Collins to be the lay members of the Complaints Review Committee;
- (3) to note the Social Work Department's Complaint. Procedure as detailed within the Report

PANEL OF CURATORS AD LITEM AND REPORTING OFFICERS

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work requesting the Committee's approval of the Panel of Curators ad litem and Reporting Officers for West Dunbartonshire.

On the motion of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Campbell, the Committee agreed to approve the Panel of Curators ad litem and Reporting Officers as detailed within the Report.

CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - "IMPROVING DECISION MAKING AND APPEALS IN SOCIAL SECURITY"

There was submitted a Report by the Director of Social Work requesting the Committee to consider the Social Work Department's response to a Consultation Document entitled "Improving Decision Making and Appeals in Social Security".

Having heard Councillors McGregor and Campbell in support of the proposed response to the Consultation Document, the Committee agreed that the comments detailed in Appendix 2 of the aforementioned Report, be submitted to the Department of Social Security by West Dunbartonshire Council, as its response to the Consultation Document.

CONFERENCES

There was submitted details of the "Young Offenders" Conference to be held in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling on Tuesday 5th November, 1996.

On the motion of Councillor Mills, seconded by Councillor Campbell, it was agreed that Councillor Mills together with the relevant Officer or substitutes would attend the above Conference.

APPENDIX I

1996/97 MAINTENANCE RATES

VOLUNTARY ORGANISATION	CARE GROUP	FINAL RATE APPROVED 1995/96	RECOMMENDED RATE 1996/97	% INCREASE
ARCHDIOCESE OF GLASGOW				
ANNANDALE STREET	LEARNING/PHYSICAL DISABILITY	319.92	331.24	3.54
ASSISSI HOUSE	LEARNING/PHYSICAL DISABILITY	640.94	664.44	3.67
DE PAUL HOUSE	HOMELESS	327.85	339.31	3.50
GLENGOWAN HOSTEL	HOMELESS	340.74	350.82	2.96
GOVANHILL STREET	HOMELESS	361.40	374.18	3.54
MCNEIL STREET	ELDERLY (DEMENTIA)	446.69	459.97	2.91
MOFFAT STREET	ELDERLY	319.92	331.24	3.54
ST. ANDREWS DRIVE	LEARNING DIFFICULTY	392.16	405.73	3.46
ELPIS CENTRE				
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CHURCH OF SCOTLAND				
RAINBOW HOUSE	ADDICTION	385.14	396.64	2.99
SUTHERLAND HOUSE	LEARNING DIFFICULTY	303.87	312.94	2.98
VICTORIA VIEW	ADDICTION	320.71	330.37	3.01
WESTHAVEN	PHYSICAL DISABILITY	290.24	298.94	3.00
KEY HOUSING				
BUDHILL (HALLHILL RD)	LEARNING DIFFICULTY	302.37	312.45	3.33
IBROX	LEARNING DIFFICULTY	269.94	281.78	4.39
LINTHOUSE	LEARNING DIFFICULTY	292.13	304.17	4.12
PEAT ROAD	LEARNING DIFFICULTY	270.08	282.22	4.49
RICHMOND FELLOWSHIP				
HUNTLY LODGE	LEARNIG DIFFICULTY	431.54	444.47	3.00
TALBOT ASSOCIATION				
CALDERGBANK HOUSE	HOMELESS	249.18	256.62	2.99
HILL STREET	HOMELESS	292.25	300.94	2.97
MILNBANK HOUSING ASSOCIATION				
CRAIGPARK	VULNERABLE YOUNG WOMEN AND DEPENDENT CHILDREN	339.85	363.12	6.85

NOTE - Effective date for Increase In Recommended Rates

- (a) Archdiocese of Glasgow McNeil Street - Effective date of Increase 10 June 1996.
(b) All other establishments – Effective date of increase 1 April 1996.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Social Work Department : Payment to Voluntary Organisations 1996/97

	<i>Organisation :</i>	<i>Funding Approved</i>	<i>Payment Made</i>	<i>Balance</i>
1.	West of Scotland Society for the Deaf	2,740	1,370	1,370
2.	Epilepsy Association of Scotland	13,080	6,540	6,540
3.	St Vincent's Centre	3,020	1,150	1,150
4.	Womens' Royal Voluntary Service	5,580	2,790	2,790
5.	One Plus	6,760	3,380	3,380
6.	Strathclyde Carers Forum	4,560	2,280	2,280
7.	Save the Children Fund "Sparky the Dragon Bus"	3,070	1,535	1,535
8.	ENABLE – Holidays	1,180	905	905
9.	Sense Scotland	500	250	250
10.	Strathclyde Mediation	6,190	3,095	3,095
11.	Clydebank Womens Aid	35,590	17,795	17,795
12.	Dumbarton Womens Aid	35,260	17,630	17,630
<i>TOTALS</i>		118,160	59,080	59,080

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	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>	<i>Payment Made</i>	<i>Balance</i>
1.	Ben View Community Project	2,700	1,350	1,350
2.	Dalmonach Disabled Club	1,000	500	500
3.	Physically Handicapped & Able Bodied Club (PHAB)	500	250	250
4.	Dumbarton District Forum on Disability	1,000	500	500
5.	Victim Support – Clydebank	1,200	600	600
6.	Victim Support – Dumbarton & District	720	360	360
7.	Clydebank Volunteer Drivers Association	500	250	250
8.	St Andrews Community Church	1,000	500	500
9.	FAMAC (Female Adults Molested as Children)	100	100	0
10.	Home from Home Project	500	250	250
11.	Scottish Old Age Pensions Association	100	100	0
12.	British Retinitis Pigmentosa Society	20	20	0
13.	Dumbarton District Community Care Forum	1,300	650	650

	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Grant Approved</i>	<i>Payment Made</i>	<i>Balance</i>
14.	Scottish Pensioners Forum	110	110	0
15.	Scottish Episcopal Church	200	200	0
16.	Scottish Association of Laryngectomes etc (SALARC)	50	50	0
17.	Enable	200	200	0
18.	Scottish Down Syndrome Association	60	60	0
19.	Strathclyde Association of Victim Support Schemes	700	350	350
20.	Who Cares? Scotland	3,000	1,500	1,500
21.	Barnardo's – Scottish Adoption Service	2,000	1,000	1,000
22.	Scottish Child Law Centre	500	250	250
23.	Rape Crisis Centre	500	250	250
24.	Strathclyde Credit Union Development Agency (SCUDA)	500	250	250
25.	Fablevision	50	50	0
26.	GCVS – Integrate	978	489	489
	TOTAL	19,488	10,189	9,299

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	<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Funding Requested</i>	<i>Funding Recommendation</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1.	Princess Royal Trust	5,000	5,000	Council's contribution to the establishment of a carers centre.
2.	Clyde Action	3,870	3,870	Cash for Kids: 1996 Appeal.
3.	West Dumbarton Voluntary Care Project	2,400	2,400	Funding for 10 volunteer befrienders.
4.	Special Olympics Scotland West	1,470	1,470	To fund 6 disabled athletes and their coach to participate in the next British Special Olympics.
5.	Glasgow Marriage Counselling Service	2,000	2,000	To train a marriage counsellor to offer a service to West Dunbartonshire.
TOTAL		14,740	14,740	