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Motherwell, 19 August 1997 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor W. Martin, Convener; Councillors McElroy and Sullivan, Vice-Convener; Councillors Carmichael, Chadha, Connelly, Cox, Craig, Curley, Gordon, Leitch, Lunny, McCulloch, J. McGuigan, McKendrick, McLaughlin, J. Martin, Murphy, S.V. Murray, Robertson, Russell, Scott and Wallace.

CHAIR

Councillor W. Martin (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer; Director of Social Work, Head of Social Work Services, Head of Social Work Development, Head of Social Work Resources, Principal Officer (Planning and Development) and Principal Officer (Criminal Justice); Director of Housing; Head of Construction Resources and Senior Accountant (Department of Finance).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Beekman, Coyle, McAlorum, H. McGuigan, Maginnis, Nolan, Ross, Saunders, Shaw and Smith.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

(1) SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES) SUB-COMMITTEE

1. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub-Committee held on 5 August 1997.

Decided:that the terms of the Minute be approved.

(2) SOCIAL WORK (PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION)
SUB-COMMITTEE

2. There was submitted the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 6 August 1997.

Decided:that the terms of the Minute be approved.

REVENUE ESTIMATES 1997/98 - FINANCIAL MONITORING
STATEMENTS FOR THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT AND
SHELTERED WORKSHOPS

3. There were submitted reports dated 8 August 1997 by the Director of Finance advising of departmental spending levels of the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops for the period from 1 April to 20 July 1997 and providing a comparison with the approved budget excluding loan charges, central administration recharges and the central repairs account.

Decided:that the terms of the reports be noted.

SOCIAL WORK ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PANEL - MEMBERSHIP

4. C With regard to paragraph 21 of the Minute of the meeting of the Council held on 3 July 1997 when, inter alia, it had been agreed to amend the membership of its Committees and Sub-Committees, there was submitted a report dated 7 August 1997 by the Director of Administration advising that, as a result of the review, there was

a need to appoint an elected member to a vacancy on the Social Work Adoption and Fostering Panel.

Decided:that Councillor Gordon be appointed to the vacant place on the Social Work Adoption and Fostering Panel.

"PROTECTING CHILDREN - A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY" - SCOTTISH OFFICE DRAFT GUIDANCE ON INTER-AGENCY CO-OPERATION

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated August 1997 by the Director of Social Work setting out the background and proposed response which had been prepared in association with the Director of Education to a consultation paper by the Scottish Office entitled "Protecting Children -A Shared Responsibility".

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted;
- (2) that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the consultation paper, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Education Committee for its interest.

REGISTRATION OF RESIDENTIAL ESTABLISHMENTS FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN - DRAFT SCOTTISH OFFICE GUIDANCE

6. With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 June 1997 when, inter alia, the Committee noted the publication of the draft guidance from the Scottish Office on the registration of residential establishments for adults and children and requested that the Director of Social Work in

consultation with the Chief Executive prepare a detailed response on the draft guidance for submission to the Scottish Office, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 August 1997 by the Director of Administration intimating that an interim reply based on comments by the Director of Social Work had been forwarded to the Scottish Office within the consultation timescale for response, a copy of which was set out in the Appendix to the report.

Decided:that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the draft guidance and that the action taken by the Director of Administration in forwarding the response to the Scottish Office within the timescale for consultation be homologated.

"REVIEW OF SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEX OFFENDERS" - SCOTTISH OFFICE CONSULTATION PAPER

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 August 1997 by the Director of Social Work in respect of a consultation paper which had been received from the Scottish Office entitled "Review of Arrangements for the Supervision of Sex Offenders" and setting out comments on the consultation paper, which had been prepared in association with the Directors of Education and Housing, as an Appendix to the report.

Decided:that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the Scottish Office.

DRAFT NORTH LANARKSHIRE JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN AND ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY 1997/2000

8. C With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 April 1997, there was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated August 1997 by the Directors of Social Work, Housing and Education (1) setting out in the Appendix to the report (a) the draft North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan 1997/2000, together with a summary, which had been prepared under joint planning arrangements with Greater Glasgow and Lanarkshire Health Boards and Scottish Homes and in consultation with Lanarkshire NHS Healthcare Trust, and (b) the draft Joint Accommodation Strategy 1997/2000 which had been drafted by North Lanarkshire Community Care Housing Strategy Group; (2) proposing that the documents be made available for public consultation; (3) intimating that the Council and Lanarkshire Health Board should share equally the cost of the publication and distribution of the draft Community Care Plan and its summary document at an estimated cost of \$8,600, and (4) recommending that the Housing Committee consider meeting the cost of the publication and distribution of the draft Accommodation Strategy at an estimated cost of \$2,817 from the Housing Revenue Account, subject to a contribution being sought

from Scottish Homes.

Decided:

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- (1) that the draft North Lanarkshire Joint Community Care Plan, the Summary Document and the draft Accommodation Strategy 1997/2000, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved;
 - (2) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to liaise with the other joint planning partners to arrange for the draft documents to be made available for public consultation;
 - (3) that the proposed arrangements for the publication and distribution of the draft Joint Community Care Plan and the Summary Document, as set out in the report, be approved;
 - (4) that the report and plans be remitted to the Housing Committee for consideration of the proposal that the publication and distribution costs of the draft Accommodation Strategy be met from the Housing Revenue Account, and otherwise for its interest, and
 - (5) that the report and plan be remitted to the Education Committee for its interest.

LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY CARE FORUM - FUNDING
ARRANGEMENTS 1997/98

9. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 22 May 1996 when it was agreed that funding be awarded to Lanarkshire Community Care Forum for 1996/97, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 August 1997 by the Director of Social Work (1) regarding the proposed funding arrangements for Lanarkshire Community Care Forum for 1997/98, and (2) advising that a detailed review of the Forum's structure and functions was being carried out in association with South Lanarkshire Council and Lanarkshire Health Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be approved;
- (2) that \$14,167 be awarded to Lanarkshire Community Care Forum for 1997/98, on condition that South Lanarkshire Council and Lanarkshire Health Board each match the funding, and
- (3) that the Director of Social Work prepare a report on the outcome of the review of the Forum and on proposals for the support of 'user' and 'provider' representation in relation to community care services in North Lanarkshire for submission to a future meeting.

MOTHERWELL COMMUNITY HEALTH PROJECT - "HEALTH FOR ALL" - FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS 1997/98

10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this

Committee held on 4 June 1996 when it was agreed that funding be awarded to the Motherwell Community Health Project known as "Health for All", there was submitted a report (docketed) dated

19 August 1997 by the Director of Social Work regarding the proposed funding arrangements for the project for 1997/98.

Decided:

- (1) that the level of funding contributions by Lanarkshire Health Board and Motherwell College to the project known as "Health for All" be noted;
- (2) that funding be made available for the project until 31 December 1997, at a cost no greater than \$15,908, and
- (3) that the Director of Social Work be requested to consult with Lanarkshire Health Board in relation to the future of the project and, thereafter, to prepare a report thereon for submission to a future meeting of the Committee.

GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS 1997/98

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 29 July 1997 by the Director of Social Work setting out details of applications which had been received from voluntary organisations for funding, the grants which had been awarded in 1996/97, and the recommendations for grant awards for 1997/98.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the recommendations for grant awards to voluntary organisations for 1997/98, as set out in the Appendix to the report be approved.

FINAL MEASUREMENTS

12. There was submitted a report dated 10 June 1997 by the Director of Construction Services detailing Final Measurements for various Social Work projects.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted, as shown below:-

- (1) Construction of an access road and erection of gates at Orbiston Adult Training Centre, Bellshill, in the sum of \$10,936.68, and
- (2) Upgrading works and alterations at Hallcraig Street Adult Training Centre, Airdrie, in the sum of \$91,679.77.

RESIDENTIAL RESPITE SERVICE AT BUCHANAN HOUSE,
COATBRIDGE - FUNDING AND MAINTENANCE RATE

13. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 1997 by the Director of Social Work outlining the proposed maintenance rate and funding arrangements for the residential respite service at Buchanan House, Coatbridge to be provided and managed by Parental Help Evenings and Weekends (PHEW) (Scotland) Limited.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Administration, in consultation with the Director of Social Work, be authorised to conclude a contract with PHEW (Scotland) Limited for the provision of respite care for children and adults with learning disabilities at Buchanan House, Coatbridge;
- (2) that PHEW (Scotland) Limited be awarded a grant no greater than \$17,000 towards the actual purchase cost of requisite furniture and equipment for Buchanan House;
- (3) that the recruitment and training costs of the Company during the start-up period be re-imbursed, and
- (4) that a maintenance rate of \$916.53 per week be set for respite services at Buchanan House.

CONFERENCES

- (1) INCREASING THE DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN
AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

14. There was submitted an invitation from the National Children's Bureau to attend a conference entitled "Increasing the Democratic Participation of Children and Young People in Local Government" which was held in London on 30 July 1997.

Decided:that approval for the attendance of Councillor Maginnis at the conference be homologated.

- (2) PEOPLE FIRST (SCOTLAND) 1997 UK CONFERENCE

15. There was submitted an invitation from People First (Scotland) to attend its first conference to be held in Edinburgh on 19 September 1997.

Decided:that Councillor Smith be authorised to attend the conference.

- (3) THE SCOTTISH NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR THE WELFARE

OF THE BLIND ANNUAL CONFERENCE

16. There was submitted an invitation from the Scottish National Federation for the Welfare of the Blind to attend the annual conference to be held in Glasgow from 24 to 26 September 1997.

Decided:that Councillor McElroy be authorised to attend the conference.

(4) SCOTTISH HOUSING WITH SUPPORT CONFERENCE 1997

17. There was submitted an invitation from the Jones Ogg Associates to attend the "Scottish Housing with Support Conference 1997" to be held in Crieff during the period from 9 to 10 October 1997.

Decided:that Councillor Nolan be authorised to attend the conference.

(5) SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF DELINQUENCY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

18. There was submitted an invitation from the Scottish Association for the Study of Delinquency to attend the annual conference to be held in Peebles during the period from 14 to 16 November 1997.

Decided:that Councillor Sullivan and Councillor Coyle be authorised to attend the conference.

The Convener being of the opinion that the following item of business was of an urgent nature authorised its consideration to progress the Capital Programme.

RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE UNIT AT LESLIE STREET,
MOTHERWELL - REFURBISHMENT

19. There was submitted a report dated 15 August 1997 by the Director of Construction Services detailing costs which had been negotiated with the Building and Roads DLO and which were greater than the estimated costs in the Capital Programme for the refurbishment of the Residential Child Care Unit at Leslie Street,
Motherwell.

Decided:that the report be remitted simpliciter to the Policy and Resources Committee.