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Motherwell, 5 March 1998 at 12.30 pm.

A Special Meeting of the SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

PRESENT

Councillor W. Martin, Convener; Councillor McElroy, Vice-Convener; Councillors Beekman, Carmichael, Chadha, Connelly, Cox, Coyle, Craig, Curley, Gordon, Lunny, McAlorum, McCabe, McCulloch, H. McGuigan, J. McGuigan, Maginnis, J. Martin, Murphy, S.V. Murray, Nolan, Robertson, Russell, Saunders and Shaw.

ALSO PRESENT

Councillor Lyle

CHAIR

Councillor W. Martin (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services, Director of Social Work, Director of Finance and Head of Accounting Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Brooks, Leitch, McKendrick, McLaughlin, Macleod, Ross, Scott, Smith and Sullivan.

REVENUE BUDGET 1998/99

Following a request by Councillor McAlorum, the Convener agreed that Councillor Lyle, as local Member, be allowed to speak in respect of the proposal to close Sir John Mann Home, Bellshill.

1. C There were submitted (1) a report (docketed) dated 26 February 1998 by the Director of Finance (a) referring to the 1998/99 departmental base estimates for the Social Work Department and Sheltered Workshops which had previously been noted by the Committee and in which account had been taken of certain current service provision (CSP) adjustments; (b) advising that it has been necessary to review those base estimates to take into account further CSP adjustments as detailed in Appendices II to the report; (c) providing in Appendices III to the report detailed revenue estimates in the compilation of which account had been taken of all CSP adjustments but not of recommended savings and enhancements or of any provision for a possible 1998/99 pay award; (d) detailing in Appendix IV to the report proposals in respect of the Department of Social Work to contribute to the overall savings requirements of the Council and specifying in

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Appendix those proposals which, following a review of the Department's Service Plan, are recommended for acceptance; (e) setting out, in Appendix V to the report, details of recommended service enhancements in respect of the Department of Social Work; (f) indicating that the Council may wish to consider, also, corporate savings in which event the 1998/99 revenue estimates for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops may require further adjustment, and (g) recommending that the Committee -

- (A) agree the further CSP adjustments as detailed in Appendices II to the report and approve, the detailed revenue estimates for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops as detailed in Appendices III to the report;
- (B) approve, from the savings proposals in respect of the Department of Social Work detailed within Appendix IV to the report, those shown therein as recommended for acceptance following review of the Department's Service Plan;
- (C) approve the recommended service enhancements for the Department of Social Work as detailed in Appendix V to the report, and
- (D) note that the revenue estimates for 1998/99 may be subject to further adjustment to take account of such corporate savings as may be approved by the Council,

and (2) a report (docketed) dated 18 February 1998 by the Director of Social Work regarding the Home Care Charging Structure and proposing that the charging policy, to be applied from 1 April 1988, be as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

Councillor Lyle as local Member was heard in respect of the proposed closure of Sir John Mann Home, Bellshill.

Councillor W. Martin, seconded by Councillor McElroy, moved that the Committee -

- (1) approve, for its interest, the further CSP adjustments in relation to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops as detailed in Appendices II to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (2) approve, for its interest, the detailed revenue estimates in relation to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops as detailed in Appendices III to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (3) approve, for its interest, those proposals to contribute to the Council's overall savings requirement recommended for acceptance following a review of the Service Plan for the Department of Social Work as detailed in Appendix IV to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (4) approve, for its interest, the recommended service enhancements for the Department of Social Work as

detailed in Appendix V to the report by the Director of Finance;

- (5) note that the revenue estimates for 1998/99 for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops may be subject to further adjustment to take account of any corporate savings which may be approved by the Council, and
- (6) approve, the Home Care Charging Policy for 1998/99, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report by the Director of Social Work.

the Councillor McAlorum, seconded by Councillor Cox, moved as an amendment that items 1 to 8 listed on the Social Work departmental savings proposals, page 11 (Appendix IV) of the report be continued for consideration to the Special meeting of Council being held later today.

On a vote being taken 4 Members voted for the amendment and 20 Members voted for the motion, which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee approve, for its interest, the further CSP adjustments in relation to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops as detailed in Appendices II to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (2) that the Committee approve, for its interest, the detailed revenue estimates in relation to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops as detailed in Appendices III to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (3) that the Committee approve, for its interest, those proposals to contribute to the Council's overall savings requirement recommended for acceptance following a review of the Service Plan for the Department of Social Work as detailed in Appendix IV to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (4) that the Committee approve, for its interest, the recommended service enhancements for the Department of Social Work as detailed in Appendix V to the report by the Director of Finance;
- (5) that it be noted that the revenue estimates for 1998/99 for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Workshops may be subject to further adjustment to take account of any corporate savings which may be approved by the Council, and
- (6) that the Committee approve, the Home Care Charging Policy for 1998/99, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report by the Director of Social Work, and that a report evaluating the charging policy be submitted to a future meeting of the Social Work Committee.