

SOCIAL WORK (SAFEGUARDER) AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE - 3 March 1998

Motherwell, 3 March 1998 at 3.00 pm.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (SAFEGUARDER) AD HOC SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillors McCabe, McElroy, H. McGuigan, W. Martin, Russell and Sullivan.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Director of Administration, the Director of Social Work and the Head of Central Services.
James H.G. Muir and, representing Mr. Muir, Roy Lumsden, Solicitor.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

1. It was agreed that Councillor McGuigan be appointed to chair the meeting.

PANEL OF SAFEGUARDERS - CONSIDER REPRESENTATIONS BY JAMES H.G. MUIR

2. With reference to the minutes of the meeting of the Council of 12 February 1998 when, having considered the minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee of 20 January 1998 regarding the reappointment and appointment of Safeguarders, the report dated 6 February 1998 by the Director of Administration regarding the application by Mr. Muir for reappointment to the Panel of Safeguarders, the written representations which Mr. Muir had submitted for consideration and the request by Mr. Muir that he be afforded an oral hearing, the Council agreed, *inter alia*, that Mr. Muir be afforded the opportunity to make oral representations and that those representations be heard by this Sub-Committee, there were submitted:-

- (1) relevant excerpts from the minutes of the meeting of the Council of 12 February 1998;

- (2) copy of the report of 6 February 1998 by the Director of Administration as submitted to that meeting of the Council; and
- (3) copy of the written representations submitted by Mr. Muir.

Mr. Muir and Mr. Lumsden were then invited to make further representations and Mr. Lumsden was heard in support of Mr. Muir's application for reappointment to the Panel of Safeguarders, in amplification of the written representations submitted by Mr. Muir and in relation to the matters covered in those written representations and the report of 6 February by the Director of Administration. Thereafter Mr. Muir and Mr. Lumsden were heard in response to members' questions.

The Director of Administration advised that with the benefit of considering the written representations made by Mr. Muir and the oral submissions, representations and responses made to the Sub-Committee he did not depart from his earlier recommendation to the Social Work Committee that the recommendation by the Social Work Committee be approved and that Mr. Muir be not reappointed to the Panel of Safeguarders for North Lanarkshire.

DECIDED

The Sub-Committee, after consideration and having regard to the report of 6 February 1998 by the Director of Administration, the written representations submitted by Mr. Muir, the oral submissions made by Mr. Lumsden and the responses by both Mr. Muir and Mr. Lumsden to members' questions, agreed that the application by Mr. James Muir for reappointment to the Panel of Safeguarders for North Lanarkshire be rejected and that the Panel of Safeguarders for North Lanarkshire be that approved by the Social Work Committee as detailed in paragraph 12 of the minute of the meeting of that Committee held on 20 January 1998.