

**SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES) SUB – 6 January 1999**

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Motherwell, 6 January 1999 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES)  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor McElroy, Convener; Councillors Connelly, Coyle, McAlorum, McLaughlin, J. Martin, M. Murray, S.V. Murray, Ross, Russell, Scott and Smith.

**CHAIR**

Councillor McElroy (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Services Officer; Head of Social Work Services and Principal Officer Criminal Justice.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors McCabe, Macleod, W. Martin, Nolan and Shaw.

**SCOTTISH OFFICE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT: COMMUNITY SENTENCING - THE TOUGH OPTION**

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 December 1998 by the Director of Social Work setting out the Council's response to the Scottish Office Consultation Paper on the Review of the Criminal Justice Services in Scotland (1) outlining the background to the Review of Criminal Justice Services in Scotland; (2) intimating the issues on which comments were sought; (3) advising that views were sought on whether Criminal Justice Social Work Services should continue to be provided by local authorities or through the establishment of a national body or through joint boards of local authorities, and (4) setting out in the Appendix to the report the Council's comments on the Consultation Paper on the Review of Criminal Justice Services in Scotland.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the Consultation Paper be noted, and
- (2) that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the Scottish Office Consultation Paper on the Review of Criminal Justice Services in Scotland.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES: THREE YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN - 1999-2002**

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 December 1998 by the Director of Social Work in respect of the Three Year Strategic Plan for Social Work Services in the Criminal Justice System and seeking approval to forward the plan to the Scottish Office (1) outlining the background to the Strategic Plan; (2) indicating that the Plan included the broad principles which underpinned North Lanarkshire's approach in relation to both the local and national context of Criminal Justice; (3) detailing the aims of North Lanarkshire Council in relation to Criminal Justice in Social Work Services; (4) identifying the key priorities for service development in the period covered by the Plan, and (5) indicating that the level of overall funding bid had still to be costed.
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**Decided:**

- (1) that the Three Year Strategic Plan for Criminal Justice Social Work Services be approved, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide details of the overall funding requirements of the strategic plan to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

**WOMEN OFFENDERS: SERVICE REVIEW**

3. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 12 August 1998 when, *inter alia*, it had been agreed that the Director of Social Work be authorised to report the results of the Review of Services to Women Offenders in North Lanarkshire to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 16 December 1998 by the Director of Social Work setting out the Council's response to the Scottish Office in relation to the Review of Community Disposals for Women Offenders in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to the review; (2) intimating the areas on which the review concentrated; (3) setting out in Section 3 of the report the Council's comments on the Review of Community Disposals for Women Offenders, and (4) advising that the development of a range of services relevant to women offenders had been included in the resource bid made in the Three Year Strategic Plan.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the comments set out in paragraph 3 of the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the Scottish Office Review of Community Disposals for Women Offenders, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to Policy and Resources (Equal Opportunities) Sub-Committee for information.