

SOCIAL WORK (OPERATIONS AND SERVICES) SUB – 17 February 1999

Motherwell, 17 February 1999 at 11 am.

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

PRESENT

Councillor McElroy, Convener; Councillors Connelly, Coyle, McAlorum, McLaughlin, Maginnis, J. Martin, W. Martin, S.V. Murray, Nolan and Ross.

CHAIR

Councillor McElroy (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Services, Principal Officer, Community Care and Principal Officer, Criminal Justice and District Manager (North), Housing Department.

APOLOGIES

Councillor McCabe.

JOINT HOUSING AND SOCIAL WORK OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES (ANTI-SOCIAL TENANTS)

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 December 1998 by the Director of Housing detailing, in the Appendix to the report, operational procedures (anti-social tenants) which were aimed at improved liaison arrangements between the Housing and Social Work Departments.

Decided:

- (1) that the joint Housing and Social Work operational procedures (anti-social tenants) appended to the report be approved, and
- (2) that it be noted that the procedures would be part of an overall strategy to be developed and subject to further reports to the Sub-Committee.

MENTAL ILLNESS SPECIFIC REVENUE GRANT (MISG)

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 February 1999 by the Director of Social Work advising of the annual submission for revenue grant funding in respect of Community Care Projects in the Mental Illness field during 1999-2000 (1) intimating that MISG was aimed at developing services in the community to support people with mental health problems; (2) indicating that the Council were required to make an annual submission to the Scottish Office to ensure continuity of funding for existing projects, and (3) detailing within the Appendix to the report, the ten projects within North Lanarkshire funded by MISG.

Decided: that the submission of an application to the Scottish Office for Mental Illness Specific Grant by the Director of Social Work be noted.

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SCOTTISH OFFICE CONSULTATION PAPER - MODERNISING SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 10 February 1999 by the Director of Social Work setting out the Council's response to the Scottish Office Consultation Paper on Workforce Regulation and Education for Social Work Services (1) outlining the background to the Consultation Paper which was aimed at improving the quality of Social Work Services; (2) detailing in Section 3 of the report the scope and content of the Paper, and (3) advising that the financial implications for Central and Local Government were not quantifiable at present.

Decided: that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the Consultation Paper on modernising Social Work Services.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK SERVICES 3 YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 1999-2002

4. With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 6 January 1999 when (1) the 3 Year Strategic Plan for Criminal Justice Social Work Services was approved, and (2) it was agreed that the Director of Social Work provide details of the overall funding requirements of the Strategic Plan for the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 February 1999 by the Director of Social Work detailing the bid for resources for current services for 1999-2002, and for service developments for 1999-2002. Thereon, the Principal Officer, Criminal Justice reported that the bid for service development had now been recosted at £532,000 for 1999/2000, £795,000 for 2000/2001 and £814,000 for 2001/2002.

Decided: that the contents of the 3 Year Strategic Plan for Criminal Justice Social Work Services as amended orally at the meeting be submitted to the Scottish Office.

DRAFT REVISION OF NATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND STANDARDS FOR SOCIAL ENQUIRY REPORTS AND COURT BASED SOCIAL WORK SERVICES

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 January 1999 by the Director of Social Work setting out the Council's response to the Scottish Office in relation to the Draft Revision of National Objectives and Standards for Social Enquiry Reports and Court Based Social Work Services (1) outlining the background to the National Standards; (2) detailing the content of the Draft, and (3) commenting on the Draft as it affects North Lanarkshire.

Decided: that the Director of Social Work be authorised to respond to the Scottish Office in the terms outlined in the report.