

Motherwell, 17 September 1999 at 10 am.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (COMPLAINTS REVIEW) SUB-COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Mr George Bryson (Chair), Mrs Sadie Welsh and Councillor Curley.

CHAIR

The Sub-Committee agreed that in terms of the Regulations Mr George Bryson as an independent person be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Chief Committee Services Officer

REPRESENTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Director of Social Work, Area Manager, Cumbernauld and Principal Solicitor, Legal Services

COMPLAINANT

The Complainant was represented by Mr Callaghan, Messrs Duffy, Toshner & Company.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 5 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

COMPLAINT AGAINST THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT

1. There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work outlining the background to the complaint against the Social Work Department by JS and a response to the complaint by the Director of Social Work.

The Sub-Committee established and outlined procedural matters and agreed with the complainant the basis of the complaint. Thereafter, the Sub-Committee considered the complaint in line with the agreed procedure and heard both sides fully. Both sides then withdrew from the meeting. The Sub-Committee proceeded to identify findings in fact and, on the basis of the findings in fact, made recommendations all as detailed in the report on the complaint.

Decided: that the report and the recommendations contained therein be submitted for consideration by the Social Work Committee.