

Motherwell, 29 February 2000 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor Selfridge, Convener; Councillors Cox, Coyle, Curley, Gordon, Gorman, Irvine, Lafferty, McLaughlin, Morris, Robertson, Ross and Valentine.

CHAIR

Councillor Selfridge (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Director of Social Work, Principal Officer Child Care, Principal Officer Community Care and Principal Officer, Criminal Justice.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha, H. McGuigan, Shaw and Sullivan.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT - REVIEW OF YOUTH CRIME

1. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the response which had been submitted by the Council on the Scottish Executive consultation on the Review of Youth Crime (1) outlining the background to the Scottish Executive's Consultation Document entitled "Review of Youth Crime", and (2) setting out in the appendix to the report the Council's response to the consultation document.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Director of Administration to advise the Scottish Executive of the Council's comments on the consultation paper "Review of Youth Crime" be homologated, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Education Committee for information.

SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE: GUIDANCE NOTE ON THE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS AND POLICE DEALING WITH POTENTIALLY VIOLENT MENTALLY DISORDERED PERSONS IN THE COMMUNITY

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the content of the guidance issued by the Scottish Executive in relation to dealing with potentially violent mentally disordered persons in the community (1) outlining the background to the developments in dealing with mentally disordered persons in the community; (2) setting out the contents of the guidance which was based on the principles of good inter-agency practice, and (3) advising that the Council proposed to discuss the establishment of local protocols with relevant liaison forums.

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Decided:

- (1) that the contents of the guidance on dealing with potentially violent mentally disordered persons in the community be noted, and
- (2) that a report on the outcome of the discussions with the agencies involved in the establishment of the local protocols be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CHILD CARE SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AT RISK

3. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 9 November 1999 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that development proposals for the implementation of bail services, young people who offend and addiction services be submitted to future meetings of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 February 2000 by Director of Social Work seeking approval to commission work from the voluntary sector for the development of services for young people at risk (1) advising that the aim of the project was to develop services complementary to those currently provided by the Council, with a particular focus on the provision of flexible intervention programmes at peak offending times; (2) indicating that the cost of the project was £70,000 to be shared equally between North and South Lanarkshire Councils; (3) intimating that the specification for the work had been passed to four organisations; Scottish Association for the Care of Resettlement of Offenders (SACRO), Barnardos, National Children's Home (NCH) and Includem; (4) advising that the four bids were being evaluated, and (5) proposing that due to the complex nature of the bids the Director of Social Work, in consultation with the Convener, approve the bid from the successful organisation in advance of the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in order that the service can be provided as early as possible after 1 April 2000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Social Work in consultation with the Convener be authorised to approve the bid from the successful organisation for the development of services for young people at risk in order that the service can be provided as early as possible after 1 April 2000, and
- (2) that the outcome of the evaluation of the bids be reported to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES - CONSULTATION PAPER

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 9 February 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the Scottish Executive consultation document Strategic Framework for Children's Services and setting out the Council's response to the consultation paper (1) outlining the background to the Consultation Document entitled "Strategic Framework for Children's Services"; (2) advising that the key principles underpinning the framework were child centred services, prevention through early intervention, improvements in service quality, multi-agency working and securing better outcomes; (3) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report the Council's response to the consultation paper, and (4) detailing in Appendix 2 to the report the performance measurements currently being used by the Childcare Section within the Social Work Department.

Decided:

- (1) that the comments set out in the appendix 1 to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the consultation document on the Strategic Framework for Children's Services, and

- (2) that the report be remitted to the Community Services and Education Committees for information.

INTENSIVE HOME SUPPORT SERVICE - UPDATE

5. With reference to paragraph 12 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work Committee held on 24 November 1998 when, *inter alia*, the creation of an out of hours service and the proposed changes to the Management Support Structure at Merrystone House, Coatbridge were approved, there was submitted a report dated February 2000 by the Director of Social Work providing an update on the progress made in developing Intensive Home Support Services at Merrystone House, Coatbridge (1) outlining the background to the project which had been developed within the context of an agreed strategy for the provision of services for frail older people; (2) setting out the range of services which would meet the overall objectives of the project; (3) detailing the current staffing structure and duties undertaken by the Project Team; (4) intimating that 29 clients had been supported by the project with a further 11 currently being assessed, and (5) indicating (a) that the further planned reduction of National Health Service continuing care beds would result in an increased number of older people who would require to be supported with intensive packages of care in their own homes; (b) that the current financial resources of the service would require to be enhanced with resource transfer monies from the closure of further NHS continuing care beds to enable the number of persons supported by the service to be increased, and (c) that a report on the enhancement of the service would be submitted to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Social Work prepare a report on the enhancement of the Intensive Home Support Service for a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.