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Motherwell, 26 September 2000 at 2 pm.

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

**PRESENT**

Councillors Chadha, Curley, Gorman, Lafferty, McCallum, McLaughlin and Sullivan.

**CHAIR**

In terms of Standing Order No. 11 Councillor Sullivan was appointed to the Chair.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Services, Principal Officer, Criminal Justice and Co-ordinator, Criminal Justice.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillor Selfridge, Convener and Councillors Gordon, H. McGuigan and Shaw.

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

1. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 29 February 2000 when, it was agreed (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 could be provided as early as possible after 1 April 2000, and (2) that the outcome of the evaluation of the bids be reported to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2000 by the Director of Social Work (a) advising that following evaluation of four bids, Includem had been commissioned to manage the development of services for young people at risk on behalf of North and South Lanarkshire Councils, and (b) intimating that the provision of the service had commenced on 1 July 2000.

**Decided:**

- (1) that it be noted that Includem had been commissioned to manage the development of services for young people at risk on behalf of North and South Lanarkshire Councils, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide six monthly reports to future meetings of the Sub-Committee on the progress of the project.

**EVALUATION OF RESTRICTION OF LIBERTY ORDERS - ELECTRONIC MONITORING**

2. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 12 August 1998 when, *inter alia*, it was noted that the Director of Social Work would submit a further report on the pilot project for Restriction of Liberty Orders by means of Electronic Monitoring to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated August 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the outcome of the research into the pilot project for Electronically Monitored Restriction of Liberty Orders (1) outlining the background to the scheme which had been introduced in Aberdeen, Hamilton and Peterhead Sheriff Courts from 24 August 1998; (2) setting out the findings of

the research for the pilot projects; (3) detailing the findings specific to Hamilton Sheriff Court, and (4) intimating that while the Scottish Executive had indicated their satisfaction with the progress of Restriction of Liberty Orders, there had been no indication about plans for the future development of the service.

**Decided:** that the results of the research findings into the introduction of Restriction of Liberty Orders, Electronic Monitoring be noted.

**SCOTTISH PRISON SERVICE DOCUMENT: INTERVENTION AND INTEGRATION FOR A SAFER SOCIETY**

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated September 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the contents of the Scottish Prison Service (SPS) document "Intervention and Integration for a Safer Society" and setting out the Council's response (1) outlining the background to the SPS document which re-affirmed the SPS commitment to the concept of the responsible prisoner; (2) advising that the document set out proposals to manage short term prisoners, remand prisoners, young offenders, female prisoners, prisoners with mental health problems, sexual offenders and older prisoners, and (3) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report the Council's response to the document.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the contents of the SPS document "Intervention and Integration for a Safer Society" be noted, and
- (2) that subject to the inclusion of a reference to long term ethnic minority prisoners the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the SPS document on "Intervention and Integration for a Safer Society".

**SCOTTISH FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT: "TO ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL AGREEMENTS TO IMPROVE THE EMPLOYABILITY PROSPECTS OF OFFENDERS"**

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated August 2000 by the Director of Social Work regarding the publication of the framework document providing guidance to local authorities and the employment service on joint working to promote employment opportunities for offenders (1) advising that the purpose of the document was to allow the development between statutory agencies of effective collaborative agreements which were designed to assist unemployed offenders find work, suitable training or further education; (2) indicating that the Employment Service would be responsible for the co-ordination of the arrangements for progressing the agreements which would be subject to ongoing review by the Scottish Offenders Forum, (3) intimating that local agreements would be drawn up based on the Employment Service, District Structure to be in place by mid September, and (4) advising that the proposals contained within the framework document were consistent with arrangements already established between the Council and the Employment Service.

**Decided:** that the publication of the framework document "To Assist in the Development of Local Agreements to Improve the Employability Prospects of Offenders" be noted.