

**Motherwell, 11 January 2001 at 10 am.**

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

**PRESENT**

Councillor Selfridge, Convener; Councillors Chadha, Coyle, Curley, Gordon, McLaughlin, Morris, Robertson and Ross.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Selfridge (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Chief Committee Services Officer, Head of Social Work Services, Principal Officer Community Care and Principal Officer Criminal Justice.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Gorman, Irvine, McCallum, H. McGuigan, Shaw and Sullivan

**THE COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE**

1. The Convener advised the Sub-Committee that Mr. J. Nisbet, Principal Officer, Community Care, of the Department of Social Work was present at the meeting and would make a presentation on the Community Care Service.

Thereafter, the Principal Officer was heard in relation to (1) the legislative framework, development and work of the Community Care Service; (2) the shift in the balance of care in recent years from the Health Service to local authorities, and (3) the strategies and initiatives in place for the further development of Community Care.

**Decided:** that the terms of the presentation be noted.

**TAGGING OFFENDERS : THE ROLE OF ELECTRONIC MONITORING IN THE SCOTTISH CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM - CONSULTATION BY SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE**

2. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated December 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that a consultation document entitled "Tagging Offenders : The Role of Electronic Monitoring in the Scottish Criminal Justice System" had been received from the Scottish Executive; (2) intimating that the Council's views had been sought on certain key issues in relation to the future use of Restriction of Liberty Orders by 12 December 2000, and (3) setting out in the Appendix to the report the response which had been submitted by the Director of Social Work to meet the date for comments to be submitted.

**Decided:** that the comments set out in the Appendix to the report be endorsed and homologated as the Council's formal response to the Scottish Executive consultation document "Tagging Offenders: The Role of Electronic Monitoring in the Scottish Criminal Justice System".

**MENTAL WELFARE COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND ANNUAL REPORT 1999/2000**

3. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 27 December 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising of the publication of the Annual Report by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1999/2000; (2) commenting on the key findings highlighted by the Commission in its Report; (3) indicating that, for the first time, the Commission had included a chapter on social work issues which reviewed social work policies and practices which were relevant to the development of mental health social work services; (4) intimating that the social work policies, procedures and practices operated by the Council met the standards recommended by the Commission, and (5) setting out in the Appendix to the report, a copy of the Annual Report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the terms of the Annual Report by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland for 1999/2000 be noted, and
- (2) that, where appropriate, the Director of Social Work respond to the Commission on any issues and recommendations contained in the Annual Report.

**EVENING TIMES LOCAL HEROES AWARDS 2000**

4. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Sub-Committee held on 12 August 1998 when it had been agreed that this Council should host the Evening Times Local Heroes Awards for 2000 for outstanding voluntary work by community groups nominated by participating authorities, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated December 2000 by the Director of Social Work (1) advising that the awards presentation ceremony would be held in the Royal Concert Hall, Glasgow, on 19 February 2001; (2) intimating that the initiative was being sponsored by the Evening Times in association with this Council, South Lanarkshire Council, Glasgow City Council, East Renfrewshire Council, East Ayrshire Council, the Princess Royal Trust for Carers and First Business; (3) outlining the categories for the awards, and (4) detailing in the Appendix to the report, the community groups which had been nominated by this Council.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the arrangements for the Evening Times Local Heroes Awards presentation ceremony for 2000 be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work submit a report on the outcome of the Local Heroes Awards 2000 to a future meeting of the Sub-Committee.