

Motherwell, 15 February 2001 at 10.02 am.

A Special Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Selfridge, Vice-Convener; Councillors Cassidy, Chadha, Curley, Gordon, Irvine, Jones, Lafferty, Love, Lunny, McCabe, McCallum, McElroy, J. McGuigan, McLaughlin, J. Martin, Morris, M. Murray, Robertson, Ross, Saunders, Shaw, Smith and Stocks.

CHAIR

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

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Central Services, Director of Social Work, Director of Finance and Head of Accounting Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Coyle, H. McGuigan, McKendrick, McKinlay and Sullivan.

REVENUE ESTIMATES 2001/2002

1. **C** There were submitted reports (docketed) dated 2 February 2001 by the Director of Finance (1) referring to the 2001/2002 base revenue estimates with regard to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered/Supported Employment which had, previously, been noted by the Committee and in which account had been taken of certain Current Service Provision (CSP) adjustments; (2) advising that it had been necessary to review those base estimates and detailing, in Appendix i to each report, a revised summary of CSP adjustments; (3) providing, in Appendix ii to each report, explanations of detailed CSP adjustments; (4) referring to the approval by the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting of 5 September 2000, of a recommendation by the Chief Executive that Departments of the Council identify efficiency savings totalling £5m to be achieved through the process of Best Value, value for money studies and economies resulting from capital investment; (5) detailing, in Appendix iv to the report in respect of the Department of Social Work, savings proposals amounting to £690,000 identified by the Director of Social Work; (6) indicating that, following the provision by the Scottish Executive of grant support figures for each of the next three years, the Council has the opportunity to move towards three year budgeting and it was intended that Departmental budgets would be developed over the coming months thus assisting in the process of service planning and the ongoing development of Best Value, and (7) recommending that the Committee

- (a) note the Current Service Provision adjustments to the departmental base estimates with regard to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered/Supported Employment as set out in Appendices i and ii to each of those reports;
- (b) approve the base budget for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered/Supported Employment as detailed in Appendix iii to each of those reports prior to consideration of savings proposals;
- (c) consider and recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee, from the proposals detailed in Appendix iv to the report in respect of the Social Work Department, a range of efficiency savings which will have no detrimental impact on service delivery, and
- (d) note the proposal to develop departmental three year budgets.

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Decided: that the Committee

- (1) note the explanation of the detailed CSP movements as set forth in Appendix ii to the reports by the Director of Finance and, for its interest, approve the revised CSP adjustments to the departmental base estimates with regard to the Department of Social Work and Sheltered/Supported Employment as detailed in Appendix i to the reports;
- (2) approve, for its interest, the base departmental budget for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Employment as detailed in Appendix iii to the reports subject to the following savings;
- (3) approve, for its interest, savings from the departmental base estimates for the Department of Social Work as detailed within Appendix iv to that report;
- (4) recommend accordingly to the Policy and Resources Committee and the Council, and
- (5) note the proposal to develop departmental three year budgets.