

Motherwell, 22 March 2001 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener; Councillors Selfridge and Sullivan, Vice-Conveners; Councillors Cox, Coyle, Curley, Devine, Gordon, Gorman, Irvine, Jones, Lafferty, Lunny, McElroy, J. McGuigan, McLaughlin, J. Martin, Morris, M. Murray, Robertson, Saunders and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor H. McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer; Director of Social Work; Head of Social Work Resources; Head of Social Work Services; Principal Officer, Community Care; Principal Officer, Planning and Development; Principal Officer, Registration and Inspection; Principal Officer, Strategy; Assistant Principal Careers Officer and Senior Accountant

APOLOGIES

Councillors Chadha, Love, McCabe, McCallum, Ross, Shaw and Smith.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

D. McKendrick, Secretary PHEW; Sheriff F. Lunny, Chair PHEW; J. Ramage and K. Martin, Architects, GCA Limited.

R. PARRY, CHIEF COMMITTEE SERVICES OFFICER

1. The Convener, on behalf of the Committee expressed best wishes to Bob Parry, Chief Committee Services Officer and wished him a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

PRESENTATION: DEVELOPMENT OF RESPITE CARE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

2. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 August 2000 when it was recommended that the Director of Housing and Property Services explore the feasibility of donating the pyramid site in Motherwell to Parental Help Evenings and Weekends (PHEW) with a view to building a new Respite and Carers Centre of Excellence, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 6 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding progress in establishing the Respite and Carers Centre (1) outlining the background to the services provided by PHEW; (2) intimating that PHEW had appointed GCA Limited as Architects with the remit of developing the design brief for the Centre; (3) advising that PHEW were developing a business plan for the funding of the Centre and ongoing running costs of the service, and (4) indicating that the estimated capital costs of the project were £1.6 million to be funded via lottery funding and contributions from the Health Board and the Council with PHEW contributing approximately £500,000.

Thereon representatives of the Architects, GCA Limited outlined plans for the development of the pyramid site in Motherwell to a new Respite and Carers Centre of excellence and thereafter responded to Members' questions.

Decided: that the terms of the report and presentation be noted.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

3. There was submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 6 March 2001 and the Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub-Committee held on 8 March 2001.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be approved.

SCHOOL LEAVER DESTINATION STATISTICS 1999/2000 - SECONDARY SCHOOLS WITHIN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

4. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 31 January 2001 when that Committee (1) noted a joint report by the Directors of Education and Community Services detailing the destination statistics of school leavers from schools in North Lanarkshire for the period 1999/2000 including information on leavers entering employment, further education and those engaged in training programmes, and (2) referred the report to this Committee for information, there was submitted the said joint report dated November 2000 by the Directors of Education and Community Services thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

NATIONAL NUTRITION AUDIT OF ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS IN LONG-TERM CARE - AUGUST 2000

5. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 15 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding the research into the role nutrition plays in maintaining health and improving quality of life and functioning for older people in long-stay hospital wards and Nursing Homes (1) intimating that the research highlighted a high prevalence of under-nutrition amongst elderly people in long-term care settings compared to those living at home due to (a) inadequate food intake linked to poor social and physical environments; (b) lack of nutritional screening, and (c) failure of care providers to meet individual needs for feeding assistance; (2) detailing the key findings of the research which were intended to decrease the prevalence of under nourishment; (3) advising that Lanarkshire Health Board had concurred with the recommendations of the research and had included closer consideration of residents' dietary needs within their routine inspection framework; (4) providing details of the current position in relation to nutritional issues in North Lanarkshire residential establishments, and (5) setting out details of the proposed North Lanarkshire Action Plan which has been formulated in consultation with Lanarkshire Health Board.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the action plan detailed in the report in terms of diet and nutrition aimed at improving quality of life and functioning for older people in long stay hospital wards and nursing homes be approved.

REPORT OF CARERS CONFERENCE AND CARERS STRATEGY FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 22 August 2000 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that the draft Strategy for Carers in North Lanarkshire be issued for consultation for a period of two months, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 7 February 2001 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to issue the North Lanarkshire Strategy for Carers 2001-2004 (1) outlining the background to the consultation process; (2) intimating that over 200 people had attended the North Lanarkshire Carers' Conference, the focus of which was to identify the way forward for the carers network in North Lanarkshire, and (3) advising that a number of carers had expressed an interest in setting up and running a North Lanarkshire Network which was now being progressed with the support of the Director of Community Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the issue of the North Lanarkshire Strategy for Carers 2001-2004 be approved;
- (2) that the progress made by carers organisations towards the development of a North Lanarkshire Carers' Network be noted, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Community Services, Education and Housing and Property Services Committees for their interest.

SECTION 10 FUNDING 2001/2002

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding applications received from voluntary organisations requesting funding for 2001/2002 financial year under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (1) advising that the Section 10 Budget allocation for 2001/2002 was £429,000; (2) detailing the criteria and the factors taken into consideration in determining recommendations for funding; (3) proposing that (a) the application from Strathclyde Credit Union Development Agency be continued pending clarification on developments which may impact on the operation of Credit Unions; (b) the application from Scottish Women's Aid be refused in view of the level of support provided to local Women's Aid organisation, and (c) the application from North Lanarkshire Women's Aid Limited be continued pending further information; (4) recommending that proposals be formulated outlining the principle of three year funding for payment of grant through Section 10 funding, and (5) setting out in Schedule 1 to the report the recommended level of grant for each organisation.

Decided:

- (1) that the funding recommendations as set out in Schedule 1 to the report be approved with the exception of that relating to North Lanarkshire's Women's Aid Limited, consideration of which was continued for further information;
- (2) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to make appropriate payments subject to monitoring requirements being satisfied;
- (3) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee outlining proposals for the principle of three year funding opportunities for those voluntary organisations supported through Section 10 funding;
- (4) that the application from Strathclyde Credit Union Development Agency be continued pending clarification on the developments which may impact on the operation of Credit Unions;

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- (5) that the application from Scottish Women's Aid be refused in view of the level of support provided to local women's aid organisations, and
- (6) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

NATIONAL HOMECARE COUNCIL: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 13 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding an invitation received from the National Homecare Council to nominate an elected Member to serve on its Executive Committee (1) outlining the background to and the work undertaken by the National Homecare Council, and (2) recommending that the Council accept the invitation from the National Homecare Council to nominate a representative to its Executive Committee.

Decided: that Councillor H. McGuigan represent the Council on the Executive Committee of the National Homecare Council with Councillor Sullivan as substitute.

MODERNISING THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - REVISED STAFFING STRUCTURE

- 9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 16 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding proposals for the introduction of a revised staffing structure for the Social Work Department (1) outlining the background to the policy changes and the departmental responsibilities which necessitated the need for a review of the staffing structure; (2) setting out in Appendix 1 the proposed revised structure of the department; (3) detailing in Appendix 3 to the report the financial implications of the proposals, and (4) intimating that appointment to the posts in the new structure would be effected through direct matching, restricted selection or advertising of posts as appropriate, with the posts being filled from the top down.

Decided:

- (1) that the revised staffing structure for the Social Work Department be approved, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Finance and Personnel Services Committees for consideration.

APPROVED RATES FOR NURSING AND RESIDENTIAL HOMES

- 10. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 9 January 2001 when it was agreed that the Director of Social Work should submit a report to a future meeting on issues arising from discussions with the representatives of Scottish Care in relation to their future funding and fee structure arrangements, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 20 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding the outcome of negotiations with the representatives of the Nursing and Residential Home Providers (1) outlining the background to the factors which had been taken into consideration when setting rates for private and voluntary nursing and residential care homes; (2) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report details of the approved rates set by Councils across Scotland for 2000/2001; (3) highlighting that North Lanarkshire had set its rate for 2000/2001 above the Department of Social Security (DSS) rate; (4) advising that 32 Providers had advised the Director of Social Work of their intention to increase fees for nursing homes by £55 and residential homes by £43 which would require a funding increase of 24% for the Council; (5) advising that following negotiations with Scottish Care; the Council's offer of a proposed interim increase had been rejected; (6) recommending that the Council (a) pursue negotiations with Scottish Care with a view to bringing forward proposals for a final approved rate for the coming financial year; (b) enter into urgent

discussions with Lanarkshire Health Board and local NHS Trusts to ensure that all necessary steps were taken to safeguard the welfare of existing residents as well as those currently being assessed; (c) draw up contingency arrangements to ensure that appropriate care is provided in the event of owners refusing admissions to persons who are unable to secure third party contributions, and (d) makes available exceptional interim payments at a level of 5.6% in cases where financial difficulty can be demonstrated, and (7) proposing that the standard weekly client contribution for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes be £119.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to continue negotiations with Scottish Care and submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee on the outcome of the discussions;
- (2) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to:-
 - (a) pursue negotiations with Scottish Care with a view to bringing forward proposals for a final approved rate for the coming financial year;
 - (b) enter into discussions with Lanarkshire Health Board and local NHS Trusts to ensure that all necessary steps were taken to safeguard the welfare of the existing residents as well as those currently being assessed, and
 - (c) draw up contingency arrangements to ensure that appropriate care is provided in the event of owners refusing admissions to those persons unable to secure third party contributions;
- (3) that the interim approved rates for residential care homes and nursing homes as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report be approved with effect from 9 April 2001;
- (4) that a standard weekly client contribution of £119 to Council funded clients for respite care in private and voluntary nursing homes and residential care homes be approved, and
- (5) that the Directors of Finance and Social Work be authorised to make exceptional payments of a 5.6% increase in cases of financial hardship subject to the provisions detailed in paragraph 7.4 of the report.

REPORT ON STANDARD CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION OPERATED BY THE COUNCIL

11. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 19 March 2001 by Director of Social Work seeking approval for the uprating of standard charges for residential accommodation operated by the Council for the elderly and people with learning disabilities (1) advising that the current charge in North Lanarkshire was the average cost of providing a residential place in the homes operated by North Lanarkshire; (2) proposing that the charges for long-term care in residential homes for the elderly be increased to £345 per week and £537.60 per week in residential homes for people with learning disabilities, and (3) proposing that the flat rate client contribution towards cost of respite care in local authority establishments be set at £56.45 per week.

Decided:

- (1) that the standard charge for long-term care in residential homes for the elderly be increased to £345 per week with effect from 16 April 2001;

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- (2) that the standard charge for long-term care in residential homes for people with learning disabilities be increased to £537.60 with effect from 16 April 2001, and
- (3) that the flat rate client contribution for respite care in local authority establishments be set at £56.45 per week with effect from 16 April 2001.

PROVISION OF DAY CARE SERVICE FOR OLDER PEOPLE - SIR JOHN MANN CENTRE, BELLSHILL

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 26 February 2001 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to establish a forty place day care centre for older people in the former Sir John Mann Home for Older People in Bellshill (1) outlining the background to the refurbishment of the Sir John Mann building; (2) proposing that 40 places be allocated for day care services on the basis detailed in the report, and (3) intimating that the staffing requirements at the day centre would be on the basis of 1:10 staff to user ratio, with staff employed on residential conditions to allow flexibility of care over 7 days as detailed in the Appendix to the report.

Decided:

- (1) that the establishment of a forty place day centre for frail and vulnerable older people in the Sir John Mann building, Bellshill be approved;
- (2) that the staffing arrangements for the centre be approved, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Personnel Services Committee for consideration.

REVENUE ESTIMATES 2000/2001 - FINANCIAL MONITORING STATEMENT FOR THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT AND SHELTERED EMPLOYMENT - 1 APRIL 2000 TO 4 FEBRUARY 2001

13. There were submitted reports dated 1 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work advising of departmental spending levels for the Department of Social Work and Sheltered Employment respectively for the period from 1 April 2000 to 4 February 2001 and providing a comparison with approved budgets.

Decided: that the terms of the reports be noted.

COMPOSITE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2000/2001 - MONITORING REPORT FOR SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - 1 APRIL 2000 TO 4 FEBRUARY 2001

14. There was submitted a report dated 6 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work (1) detailing the current progress being made in the individual projects included in the Capital Programme as at 4 February 2001, and (2) intimating that expenditure against the approved budget amounted to £196,440 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Decided: that the progress of the Capital Programme for the Social Work Department as at 4 February 2001 be noted.

IMPLEMENTATION OF JOINT EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP - PROGRESS REPORT

15. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 21 November 2000 when, *inter alia*, the Directors of Housing and Property Services and Social Work were authorised to bring forward a report on the implementation plans in respect of the recommendations of the Joint Equipment and Adaptations Member/Officer Working Group to a future meeting of the Committee, there was submitted a joint report (docketed) dated 7 March 2001 by the Directors of Housing and Property Services and Social Work summarising in Appendix 1 to the report progress in implementing the recommendations of the Joint Equipment and Adaptations Member/Officer Working Group.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in implementing the recommendations of the Joint Equipment and Adaptations Member/Officer Working Group be noted, and
- (2) that further reports advising of progress in implementing the decisions of the Joint Equipment and Adaptations Member/Officer Working Group be submitted to future meetings of the Housing and Property Services and Social Work Committees.

A HOME FOR THE FUTURE - IMPLEMENTATION PLANS

16. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 21 November 2000 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed that the Director of Social Work bring forward further reports to future meetings of the Committee detailing the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the A Home for the Future Working Group, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 2001 by the Director of Social Work summarising in Appendix 1 to the report the progress in implementing the recommendations of the A Home for the Future Working Group.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress in implementing the recommendations of the A Home for the Future Working Group be noted, and
- (2) that further progress reports on the implementation of the recommendations of the A Home for the Future Working Group be submitted to future meetings of the Housing and Property Services and Social Work Committees.

LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN - EXTENSION TO SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

17. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 14 March 2001 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to extend the current use of special services for young people provided by Includem (1) outlining the background to the services currently provided by Includem under the partnership agreement with North and South Lanarkshire Councils; (2) proposing that, in view of concerns raised in relation to the provision of appropriate specialist services to young people, currently looked after and accommodated, the current services provided by Includem be extended to meet those needs for a period of 2 years from 1 April 2001, and (3) intimating that additional provision of services would require recurring revenue costs of £133,981 from April 2001 and non-recurring revenue costs of £36,754.

Decided:

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- (1) that recurring revenue funding of £133,981 and non-recurring revenue funding of £36,754 be provided to Includem for the development of special support services for highly vulnerable looked after and accommodated young people, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work be authorised to submit progress reports on the provision of the service to future meetings of the Committee.

QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORTS

(1) ACCOUNTS COMMISSION: STATUTORY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS 2000/2001 - RETURN FOR 3RD QUARTER

18. With reference to paragraph 23 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 21 November 2000 when it was noted that the Social Work Department Statutory Performance Indicators for 1999/2000 and for the first two quarters of 2000/2001 had been submitted to the Accounts Commission for Scotland, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 28 February 2001 by the Director of Social Work setting out in the Appendix to the report the Department's Performance Indicators for 2000/2001 for submission to the Accounts Commission for Scotland.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) SERVICE PLAN MONITORING

19. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated February 2001 by the Director of Social Work advising of the implementation of the Departmental Service Plan for 2000/2003 and setting out in the Appendix to the report details of the progress of the key strategic development tasks identified therein.

Decided: that the progress of the key strategic development tasks as detailed in the Appendix to the report be noted.

NORTH LANARKSHIRE CARE AND REPAIR PROJECT - APPOINTMENT OF MANAGING AGENT FOR 2001/2004

20. With reference to paragraph 31 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing Committee held on 11 March 1998 when, *inter alia*, it was agreed to appoint Clyde Valley Housing Association as Managing Agents for the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Project, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 March 2001 by the Directors of Housing and Property Services and Social Work setting out options for the appointment of a managing agent to operate the care and repair scheme in North Lanarkshire for 2001/2004 (1) outlining the background to the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Scheme; (2) setting out Clyde Valley Housing Association's proposals to take the project forward, the key features of which were the provision of a more focussed approach to target care and repair assistance to those individuals who most need it and the setting of priorities for serious disrepair cases and for disabled adaptations, and (3) providing options for the Business Plan for the project for the next three years including financial projections.

Decided:

- (1) that Clyde Valley Housing Association be re-appointed to manage the North Lanarkshire Care and Repair Scheme for the period up to 31 March 2004;
 - (2) that the option 1 budget as detailed in the Business Plan be approved for 2001/2002 and agreed in principle for 2002/2003 and 2003/2004, and
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- (3) that the current funding arrangements for the project be continued.

CONTRACTS

(1) ALTERATIONS TO CARRON HOUSE, CUMBERNAULD

21. There was submitted a report dated 14 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the alterations to Carron House, Cumbernauld was that of Wm. Crawford and Son (Contractors) Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £55,053.55, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(2) HALLCRAIG STREET CENTRE, AIRDRIE - HEATING REPLACEMENT

22. There was submitted a report dated 19 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the heating replacement at Hallcraig Street Centre, Airdrie was that of Breval Technical Services Limited, Glasgow in the sum of £104,574.13, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(3) WINDOW REPLACEMENT 2000/2001 TO SOCIAL WORK BUILDINGS BATCH A AND B

23. There was submitted a report dated 1 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Window Replacement 2000/2001 to Social Work Buildings Batch A and B was that of J. & S. McFadyen Limited, Carlisle in the sum of £189,100.90, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

(4) CHLORINE DIOXIDE DOSING SYSTEMS IN TEN HOMES FOR THE ELDERLY

24. There was submitted a report dated 28 February 2001 by the Director of Housing and Property Services advising (1) that the lowest tender for the Chlorine Dioxide Dosing Systems in Ten Homes for the Elderly was that of Chloroxy Tech Limited, Birmingham in the sum of £89,512.00, and (2) that the Director of Administration was progressing the matter in terms of his delegated powers.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

CONFERENCES

25. There were considered invitations from:-

- (1) Children in Scotland to attend a conference entitled "Parenting Matters" held in Edinburgh on 6 March 2001;
- (2) Afasic Scotland to attend a conference entitled "Talking About Dyspraxia" held in Glasgow on 10 March 2001;

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- (3) The Public Health Institute of Scotland to attend a conference entitled “Scotland’s Health - A Constituency Perspective” held in Edinburgh on 15 March 2001;
- (4) Castlemilk Law Centre to attend a conference entitled “The Millan Report on Mental Health Legislation” held in Castlemilk on 15 March 2001;
- (5) The Scottish Executive, Minister for Education, Europe and External Affairs to attend a seminar entitled “Better Integrated Children’s Services” held in Edinburgh on 20 March 2001;
- (6) The Scottish Local Government Information Unit to attend a conference entitled “Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities” held in Edinburgh on 20 March 2001;
- (7) Neil Stewart Associates to attend a conference entitled “Long Term Care for the Elderly: Planning for Change” to be held in Edinburgh on 26 March 2001;
- (8) Harrogate Management Centre to attend a conference entitled “Integrating Health and Social Care” to be held in London on 27 March 2001;
- (9) Children in Scotland to attend a conference entitled “Equality in Action: The Persona Doll Training Programme” to be held in Edinburgh on 4 April 2001;
- (10) Harrogate Management Centre to attend a conference entitled “NSF for Older People - Issues and Implementation” to be held in Harrogate on 5 April 2001;
- (11) CAPITA to attend a conference entitled “Modernising Stroke Services” to be held in London on 23 April 2001;
- (12) Laing and Buisson to attend a conference entitled “The Dimensions of Intermediate Care” to be held in London on 24 April 2001;
- (13) Harrogate Management Centre to attend a conference entitled “From Child Health Services to Children’s Services - Emerging Models” to be held in Harrogate on 25 April 2001;
- (14) The Care and Repair Forum Scotland to attend a conference entitled “Care and Repair Forum Scotland Annual Conference 2001: Facing the Future” to be held in Stirling on 27 April 2001, and
- (15) CAPITA to attend a conference entitled “Re-Housing Sex Offenders: Managing the Risk” to be held in London on 30 April 2001.

Decided:

- (1) that the attendance of Councillors H. McGuigan, Cassidy, Love and J. Martin at the “Scotland’s Health - A Constituency Perspective” conference held in Edinburgh on 15 March 2001 be homologated;
 - (2) that the attendance of Councillor Sullivan at the “The Millan Report on Mental Health Legislation” conference held in Castlemilk on 15 March 2001 be homologated;
 - (3) that the attendance of Councillor H. McGuigan at the “Better Integrated Children’s Services” conference held in Edinburgh on 20 March 2001 be homologated;
 - (4) that it be noted that the “Social Inclusion and Equal Opportunities” conference scheduled to be held in Edinburgh on 20 March 2001 was postponed;
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- (5) that the attendance of Councillors H. McGuigan, Sullivan and M. Murray at the “Long Term Care for the Elderly: Planning for Change” conference to be held in Edinburgh on 26 March 2001 be approved;
- (6) that the attendance of Councillor Sullivan at the “From Child Health Services to Children’s Services - Emerging Models” conference to be held in Harrogate on 25 April 2001 be approved;
- (7) that the attendance of Councillors Sullivan and Shields at the “Care and Repair Forum Scotland Annual Conference 2001: Facing the Future” conference to be held in Stirling on 27 April 2001 be approved;
- (8) that the attendance of Councillors Sullivan and Shields at the “Re-Housing Sex Offenders: Managing the Risk” conference to be held in London on 30 April 2001 be approved, and
- (9) that no attendance at the seven other conferences be authorised.