

Motherwell, 18 June 2001 at 2 pm.

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

PRESENT

Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener; Councillor Sullivan, Vice-Convener; Councillors Coyle, Gordon, Gormill, Homer, Irvine, McCallum, McElroy, J. McGuigan, McKinlay, McLaughlin, J. Martin, M. Murray, Nolan, Robertson, Scott, Shaw, Shields and Smith.

CHAIR

Councillor H. McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Officer, Director of Social Work, Head of Social Work Resources, Head of Accounting Services and Head of Personnel Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cassidy, Chadha, Curley, Love, Lunny, McCabe, Ross and Selfridge.

IMPLEMENTATION OF BUDGET PROPOSALS 2001/2002

1. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 31 May 2001 when consideration of the implementation of the Budget Proposals for 2001/2002 was continued there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 12 June 2001 by the Director of Social Work regarding the implementation of the growth proposals contained with the Social Work Budget for 2001/2002 (1) intimating that the Social Work Budget for 2001/2002 had been increased following the receipt of additional resources for services and additional resources to be generated during the year as detailed in Section 2.1 and 2.2 of the report; (2) advising that the £525,000 received from DSS transfer would be used to enhance the CET budget which funds the purchase of independent sector residential and nursing home places; (3) setting out details in Section 3.2 of the report, of the services which would receive increased expenditure following receipt of Scottish Executive recognised service enhancements; (4) providing details of the services which would receive additional funding due to service enhancements agreed by the Council; (5) detailing the services which would be enhanced from the additional resources from the income to be generated during the 2001/2002 financial year; (6) advising that a number of posts would be subject to a Best Value Review as detailed in Appendix 6 to the report; (7) setting out in Appendices 1-5 of the report the Personnel and financial implications for the service enhancements to Home Support Services, Drugs Rehabilitation Services, re-shaping of Young Persons Support Unit, Viewpark and Kirknowe, Wishaw the development of the Share Care and Befriending Services, and (8) summarising in Appendix 5 to the report a number of other permanent posts to be added to the departmental structure.

Decided:

- (1) that the implementation of the 2001/2002 Budget proposals as detailed in the report and more specifically in Appendices 1-5 be approved;
- (2) that the Director of Social Work in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Convener of the Social Work Committee be authorised to implement those proposals contained within Appendix 6 of the report which remain unaltered following the Best Value Review;

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- (3) that any changes to the proposals outlined in Appendix 6 to the report which arise as a consequence of the Best Value Review be reported to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (4) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration, and
- (5) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.