

Motherwell, 25 August 2005 at 11 am.

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor H. McGuigan, Convener; Councillors Nolan and Sullivan, Vice-Conveners; Councillors Chadha, J. Coyle, Devine, Gemmell, Gorman, Gormill, Homer, Irvine, Lunny, Lyle, McAuley, McElroy, J. McGuigan, McLaughlin, Ross, Saunders and Shields.

CHAIR

Councillor H. McGuigan (Convener) presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Committee Services Manager; Director of Social Work; Head of Social Work Development; Head of Social Work Resources and Head of Social Work Services.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Burrows, M. Clark, S. Coyle, Gordon, McCabe, McCallum, McCulloch, J. Martin and Shaw.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF SUB-COMMITTEES

1. There were submitted the Minutes of the meetings of the Social Work (Complaints Review) Sub-Committee held on 4 July 2005, the Social Work (Operations and Services) Sub-Committee held on 29 June 2005 and the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee held on 11 August 2005.

Decided: that the terms of the Minutes be approved.

REMIT FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF 25 MAY 2005 - NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS PROGRAMME

2. With reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of the Education Committee held on 25 May 2005 when, inter alia, a report dated 27 April 2005 by the Director of Education advising of the progress of the facilities and activities strands of the New Opportunities for Physical Education and Sports Programme was approved and referred to this Committee for information, there was submitted the said report thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

REMIT FROM HOUSING AND TECHNICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF 26 MAY 2005 - HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES - BRIDGEWORK PROJECT

3. With reference to paragraph 9 of the Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Technical Services Committee held on 26 May 2005 when a report dated 22 April 2005 by the Director of Housing and Property Services seeking approval to vary the bridgework housing support service contract to include an additional floating support service allowing for the provision of an additional post at an additional cost of £20,139.85 per annum for the duration of the original contract funded from the Scottish

Executive Rough Sleepers Initiative grant was approved and referred to this Committee for information, there was submitted the said report thereon.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

SUPPORTING SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES CONSULTATION ON COMMUNITY JUSTICE AUTHORITIES - SCOTTISH EXECUTIVE

4. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the Scottish Executive consultation on Community Justice Authorities and seeking homologation of the Council's response (1) outlining the background to the consultation which sets out proposals to establish Community Justice Authorities which would place new duties on local authorities and Scottish Ministers to work closer together in the development and implementation of plans for the management of offenders; (2) intimating that the consultation proposes the creation of Criminal Justice Authorities which would draw together local authorities for the purpose of delivering criminal justice services from within their grouping; (3) indicating that the Scottish Executive had proposed the establishment of four or six Criminal Justice Authorities (CJAs) across Scotland; (4) setting out the issues for the Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Grouping in terms of service requirements, population and the planning mechanisms; (5) advising that it was the view of the Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Grouping that the establishment of eight CJAs would be a more realistic option in relation to service requirements, population and existing planning mechanisms, and (6) enclosing in the Appendix to the report the Council's response to the Scottish Executive Supporting Safer, Stronger Communities consultation on Community Justice Authorities.

Decided:

- (1) that the action taken by the Director of Social Work in responding to the Scottish Executive Supporting Safer, Stronger Communities consultation on Community Justice Authorities be homologated, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

MEADOWSIDE HOUSE, AIRDRIE AND LOCHVIEW HOUSE, COATBRIDGE

5. There was submitted a report dated 25 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work proposing that the properties at Meadowside House, Forrest Street, Airdrie and Lochview House, Tay Street, Coatbridge be declared surplus to the requirements of the Social Work Department as they were no longer required to provide Social Work Services.

Decided:

- (1) that the properties at Meadowside House, Forrest Street, Airdrie and Lochview House, Tay Street, Coatbridge be declared surplus to the requirements of the Social Work Department, and
- (2) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Property) Sub-Committee for consideration.

SECTION 10 GRANTS

6. With reference to paragraph 4 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 10 March 2005 when it was agreed, inter alia, that the application for a Section 10 grant from Body Positive be continued subject to a further report being submitted to a future meeting of the Committee and

paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 May 2005 when, *inter alia*, the allocation of Section 10 grant funding to various organisations was approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work regarding applications received from voluntary organisations requesting funding for 2005/2006 financial year under Section 10 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (1) detailing the criteria and the factors taken into consideration in determining the recommendations for funding; (2) setting out in Appendix 1 to the report, the recommended level of grant for one application currently seeking Section 10 funding; (3) recommending that the application from Body Positive be considered as withdrawn as the organisation had wound up its activities; (4) enclosing in Appendix 2 to the report details of the outcome of the customer satisfaction survey which had been carried out on organisations in receipt of Council grant funding, and (5) intimating that the recommendations for funding would leave a balance of £69,869 for further applications during the financial year.

Decided:

- (1) that the allocation of funding to the organisation set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (2) that the withdrawal of the application from Body Positive be noted, and
- (3) that the outcome of the customer satisfaction survey be noted.

CONSULTATION BY NHS LANARKSHIRE ON THE PROPOSAL TO CENTRALISE UROLOGY AND GYNAECOLOGY INPATIENT SERVICES

7. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work enclosing the Council's response to the NHS Lanarkshire consultation on the proposal to centralise urology and gynaecology inpatient services (1) setting out details of the locations and sites for the current provision of gynaecology and urology services in Lanarkshire; (2) intimating that the impact of the proposals would involve the integration of all inpatient urology surgery at Monklands District General Hospital and all inpatient gynaecology surgery at Wishaw General Hospital; (3) advising that existing outpatient and day care services would continue to take place in their current locations which would mean that 87% of urology patients and 92% of gynaecology patients would continue to receive all their care in their local hospital, and (4) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report the Council's response to the NHS Lanarkshire consultation on the proposal to centralise urology and gynaecology inpatient services.

Thereon the Convener intimated that reassurance would be sought from NHS Lanarkshire on the management of risk for emergency payments and the concerns over the issue of travel for in-patients.

Decided:

- (1) that the response set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Social Work be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the NHS Lanarkshire consultation on the proposal to centralise urology and gynaecology inpatient services in Lanarkshire, and
- (2) that a further report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee following clarification from NHS Lanarkshire on management of the risk for emergency patients and the concerns over the issue of travel for inpatients.

SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT PROGRESS REPORT

8. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 21 June 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing information on the number of individuals assisted into employment by the Supported Employment Service (1) outlining the background to the Supported Employment Service which was launched in

January 1999 with the aim of assisting people with learning disabilities to access employment; (2) intimating that since its inception the service had worked with 196 service users of whom 153 had completed vocational profiles and a further 43 were in the process of completing profiles; (3) indicating that there were currently 95 people in employment and that job searching, and job matching was being undertaken for a further 58 individuals; (4) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report a breakdown of the employment locations of each individual currently in employment, and (5) setting out in Appendix 2 to the report a case study of an individual who had been assisted by the Supported Employment Service.

Decided:

- (1) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee highlighting the progress in securing employment opportunities for individuals within the public sector, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

SENTENCING COMMISSION FOR SCOTLAND - EARLY RELEASE FROM PRISON AND SUPERVISION OF PRISONERS ON THEIR RELEASE - CONSULTATION PAPER

9. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work regarding the Sentencing Commission for Scotland Consultation Paper on the early release from prison and supervision of prisoners on their release (1) outlining the background to and the remit of the Sentencing Commission for Scotland; (2) intimating that early release was the term given to arrangements which allow the release of a prisoner either on a discretionary or automatic basis and either conditionally or unconditionally prior to the expiry of the term of imprisonment imposed by the Court, and (3) enclosing in Appendix 1 to the report the proposed response to the Sentencing Commission for Scotland consultation.

Decided: that the response set out in the Appendix to the report by the Director of Social Work be endorsed as the Council's formal response to the Sentencing Commission for Scotland Consultation Paper on the early release from prison and supervision of prisoners on their release.

CHOOSE LIFE: A NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO PREVENT SUICIDE IN SCOTLAND

10. With reference to paragraph 7 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 13 January 2005 when, inter alia, the second North Lanarkshire Action Plan: Choose Life – A National Strategy and Action Plan to prevent suicide in Scotland was approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work regarding the progress in implementing the second North Lanarkshire Local Action Plan (1) outlining the background to the Plan; (2) indicating that suicide prevention week takes place in the week beginning 5 September 2005 and a range of events were planned in North Lanarkshire to promote awareness; (3) providing an update on the progress which has been made in the implementation of the second North Lanarkshire Local Action Plan, and (4) indicating that the proposal to fund a full time Development Manager for CRUSE Bereavement Care has been revised within previously agreed financial costs and the service would now offer an approach geared towards building capacity and ensuring future sustainability of new services.

Decided:

- (1) that the change of services provided by CRUSE Bereavement be approved, and
 - (2) that the Director of Social Work submit further reports to future meetings of the Committee on the progress of the implementation of the Action Plan.
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BEST VALUE REVIEW OF INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES: PROGRESS REPORT

11. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 May 2005 when, *inter alia*, the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the Best Value Review of Independent Living Services was noted, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 18 July 2005 by the Director of Social Work providing details of the progress of the implementation of the findings of the review.

Decided: that the progress of the implementation of the recommendations of the Best Value Review of Independent Living Services be noted.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE AT HOME - TENDERING PROPOSALS

12. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 1 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the outcome of the restricted tendering exercise for the provision of Independent Home Care Services and seeking approval to contract with the successful providers (1) intimating that, as at 30 June 2005, the Council had purchased 3,500 hours of service to 321 people under preferred provider arrangements and 2,730 hours of care at home services to 150 people under spot purchase arrangements; (2) indicating that, in order to encourage competition and to achieve best value, the provision of existing care at home services and spot purchase arrangements would be subject to a competitive tendering process for all existing contracted business; (3) providing details of the analysis of the tender returns from 14 interested parties; (4) intimating that seven providers were invited to a second phase assessment, details of which are enclosed in Section 4 of the report; (5) recommending that, to achieve consistency and continuity in the provision, preferred providers would be allocated to work in specific Social Work Divisions with proposals for geographical allocation based on a mix of provider preference, the price spread and current purchasing patterns, and (6) recommending that the, seven preferred providers, together with their hourly rate, sleepover rate, minimum charge and allocation and priority as detailed in Section 4.6 of the report be approved.

Decided:

- (1) that the award of the preferred contracts within the price and service distributions as set out in Section 4.6 of the report be approved, and
- (2) that it be noted that progress reports on the contract implementation performance would continue to be provided via the Monitoring Reports to the Social Work (Planning and Administration) Sub-Committee.

PURCHASE OF COMMUNITY ALARM DISPERSED UNITS - TENDER OUTCOME

13. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 8 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) detailing, in Section 3.1 of the report, all tender returns received in respect of the purchase of community alarm dispersed units; (2) setting out in Section 5 of the report, a detailed analysis of the tender evaluations undertaken, and (3) recommending, after checks and applying the contract award criteria of price and quality, that the tender submitted by Attendo Systems Limited, Rotherham in the sum of £85,000 be accepted.

Decided: that the Director of Administration be authorised to accept the tender submitted by Attendo Systems Limited, Rotherham in the sum of £85,000 for the supply of community alarm dispersed units.

JUSTICE SERVICE DEVELOPMENT - THROUGH-CARE PHASE 2 VOLUNTARY ASSISTANCE

14. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work setting out service developments in relation to the Justice Throughcare Services and seeking approval to implement proposals in respect of the provision of services (1) outlining the background to the Throughcare Team which was set up in April 2002 to offer a service to all offenders returning to Lanarkshire who had been serving sentences of four years or more; (2) intimating that the Scottish Executive had announced additional resources for Throughcare Phase 2 of the Throughcare Developments; (3) setting out the priorities and proposals identified in the Phase 2 Plan which sought to complement the work of the Throughcare Team; (4) recommending, in order to implement the Phase 2 proposals, the creation one post of Social Worker (Throughcare) at salary grade QSW; two Social Work Assistants (Throughcare) at salary grade AP2/3 and one Clerical Assistant/Typist at salary grade GS1/2, and (5) intimating that funding for the posts would be provided by the Scottish Executive on a recurring basis and that all posts would be located within the Justice Throughcare Team.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposals in relation to the Throughcare Phase 2 Developments as detailed within the report be approved;
- (2) that it be noted that the funding for the proposals would be provided by the Scottish Executive on a recurring basis;
- (3) that it be noted that the proposals contained within the report have been agreed by the Lanarkshire Criminal Justice Joint Planning Forum;
- (4) that the Committee, for its interest, approve the establishment of one post of Social Worker (Throughcare) at salary grade QSW; two posts of Social Work Assistant (Throughcare) at salary grade AP2/3, and one post of Clerical Assistant/Typist at salary grade GS1/2, and
- (5) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.

JUSTICE SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

15. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval of service developments in respect of Restorative Justice Services (1) advising that the developments relate to the Divert Initiative, a move to new premises and the increase in demand for Community Services Orders; (2) outlining the background to the Divert Project which identifies and provides individualised programmes for young people aged between 16 and 21 on the fringes of criminal behaviour through drugs misuse; (3) intimating that the Restorative Justice Service was relocating to refurbished premises at Hunter Street, Bellshill; (4) indicating that there had been a 74% increase in the use of Community Service Orders in the last five years, and (5) proposing, in order to meet the continued developments within these areas, (a) the creation of one temporary post of Social Work Assistant at salary grade AP2/3 for a period of two years which would be funded solely from the Big Lottery; (b) the creation of one post of Caretaker at salary grade MW3, and (c) the creation of two Community Service Work Supervisors at salary grade AP1 pro-rata with week-end enhancements.

Decided:

- (1) that the service developments in relation to Restorative Justice as detailed within the report be approved;

- (2) that the Committee, for its interest, approve the establishment of one post of Caretaker at salary grade MW3; two posts of Community Service Work Supervisors at salary grade AP1 and one post of Social Work Assistant at salary grade AP2/3;
- (3) that the Director of Social Work submit further reports to future meetings of the Committee on the progress of the development of Restorative Justice Services, and
- (4) that the report be remitted to Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.

ADVOCACY FOR PEOPLE WITH COMMUNICATION SUPPORT NEEDS

16. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval to enter into a contract for the provision of advocacy for people with communication support needs in North Lanarkshire (1) outlining the background to the North Lanarkshire Advocacy Plan 2004/2007; (2) intimating that the plan acknowledges the extent of the existing advocacy for people with mental health difficulties and dementia but highlights gaps in advocacy to people with communication support needs; (3) proposing that the existing funding for advocacy for people with learning disabilities be combined to create a single comprehensive service; (4) advising that the existing resources provided to the North Lanarkshire Advocacy Project were £50,666 per annum and the Speak Out Advocacy Project were £49,000 per annum; (5) proposing that expressions of interest be sought from existing and potential providers for the service, and (6) recommending that independent representatives from the Scottish Consortium for People with Learning Disabilities provide advice in the tendering process at a non recurring cost of £3,000 to ensure that the process is undertaken to a high and transparent standard.

Decided:

- (1) that the North Lanarkshire Advocacy Project and Speak Out Advocacy Project be combined to create a single comprehensive service;
- (2) that expressions of interest be sought from existing and potential providers for the provision of the service, and
- (3) that representatives from the Scottish Consortium for People with Learning Disabilities be consulted in the tendering process at a non recurring cost of £3,000.

CLUBNET: A NEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE FOR NORTH LANARKSHIRE

17. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work seeking approval of the creation of the Clubnet service model for people with mental health difficulties (1) outlining the background to the Clubnet service which had been developed by people with mental health problems in North Lanarkshire and supported by a Development Worker employed by the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH); (2) intimating that an extensive consultation exercise undertaken across North Lanarkshire informed the proposed development of the service model; (3) proposing that SAMH continue to have management responsibility for the development and implementation of the Clubnet service; (4) recommending that funding currently attached to the SAMH Etna Project be reinvested to fund the development of new Clubnet service, and (5) indicating that the proposals for the change of use of existing funding had been agreed in principle by NHS Lanarkshire and SAMH and that the Scottish Executive had been advised of the proposed change of use of monies from the mental health specific grant funding.

Decided:

- (1) that the proposals for the creation of the Clubnet service in North Lanarkshire be approved;
- (2) that the re-investment of funds from the SAMH Etna Project be approved, and
- (3) that the Director of Social Work submit a further report to a future meeting of the Committee setting out the implementation plan for the project.

CARER DEVELOPMENTS AND THE USE OF FUNDING

18. With reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 May 2005 when, *inter alia*, the Strategy for Carers in North Lanarkshire 2005/2008 was approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) advising of the current progress on key developments to support carers including the use of carer development funding (1) outlining the background to the North Lanarkshire Strategy for Carers 2005/2008 which had a total development budget of £667,500; (2) providing details of recent developments in respect of the strategy, and (3) setting out, in Section 3.5 of the report, projects identified by the Carers Strategy Implementation Group for funding for 2005/2006.

Decided:

- (1) that the allocation of funding to the carers organisations identified in Section 3.5 of the report be approved, and
- (2) that the terms of the report be otherwise noted.

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - 1 APRIL TO 22 JULY 2005

19. There was submitted a report dated 9 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work detailing the provisional outturn expenditure for the Department of Social Work for the period from 1 April to 22 July 2005 and providing a comparison with the approved budget.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

COMPOSITE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/2006 - MONITORING REPORT FOR THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT - 1 APRIL TO 22 JULY 2005

20. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work (1) detailing progress made in individual projects contained within the Capital Programme for the Department of Social Work as at 22 July 2005; (2) providing a comparison of expenditure against the approved budget as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report; (3) setting out details of a number of realignments to the programme totalling £100,143; (4) intimating that the slippage from the 2004/2005 Programme amounted to £1,313,797 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and (5) indicating that the total revised budget for 2005/2006 was £4,913,797.

Decided:

- (1) that the progress of the Capital Programme for the Department of Social Work as at 22 July 2005 be noted, and
- (2) that the realignments from the 2004/2005 Capital Programme be noted.

SOCIAL WORK SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN - YEAR END MONITORING REPORT

21. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 3 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the progress made in the implementation of the Social Work Service Improvement Plan from October 2004 to March 2005.

Decided: that the progress in respect of the thirty eight key actions identified in the Social Work Service Improvement Plan 2004/2005 be noted.

DAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES - MEMBER/OFFICER WORKING GROUP

22. With reference to paragraph 20 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 27 February 2003 when, *inter alia*, the recommendations of the Day Opportunities for People with Learning Disabilities Member/Officer Working Group were approved, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 11 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work detailing the progress of the implementation of the recommendations.

Decided: that the terms of the report be noted.

PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT AND ADAPTATIONS - PROGRESS REPORT

23. With reference to paragraph 6 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 21 November 2000 when, *inter alia*, the Committee (1) endorsed the preferred options recommended by the Joint Equipment and Adaptations Member/Officer Working Group which were designed to create major improvements in occupational therapy services and the provision of equipment and adaptations, and (2) requested that the Director of Social Work submit further reports to the Committee on the implementation of the recommendations of the Working Group, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 2 August 2005 by the Director of Social Work setting out the current service provision, performance and budgetary information and seeking approval to redesignate an existing post within the Joint Equipment Service (a) advising of the implementation of the recommendations of the Member/Officer Working Group on Equipment and Adaptations; (b) setting out details of the performance information of the Joint Equipment Service in terms of referrals, deliveries and uplifts; (c) detailing the budgetary provision for equipment, minor adaptations and major adaptations; (d) providing details of the current demands on the service and the budget provision; (e) intimating that there were 316 people currently on the waiting list requiring an estimated £1,045,375 of work; (f) recommending that the post of Store Manager (AP1) be deleted and that one post of Administrative Assistant at salary grade AP1 be created; (g) indicating that the contract for the provision, servicing and maintenance of major equipment was due for renewal and, following discussion with the Head of Legal Services, an open tender approach had been proposed with the existing contract being extended until 31 December 2005 to allow adequate time for the process to be administered, and (h) advising that the Scottish Executive had indicated it would be providing non recurring funding of £300,483.

Decided:

- (1) that the level of demand for equipment and adaptations and the implications for the Joint Equipment Service be noted;
- (2) that it be noted that the equipment and minor adaptations budget had been uplifted by a non recurring amount of £764,000;
- (3) that it be noted that the Scottish Executive had indicated it would be providing non recurring funding of £300,483 to the Council and the NHS for joint service improvements in 2005/2006;

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- (4) that approval be given for the commencement of an open tendering process in respect of the provision, servicing and maintenance of major equipment;
- (5) that the Committee, for its interest, approve the deletion of the post of Store Manager at salary grade AP1;
- (6) that the Committee, for its interest, approve the creation of one post of Administrative Assistant at salary grade AP1, and
- (7) that the report be remitted to the Policy and Resources (Personnel) Sub-Committee for consideration.

CONFERENCES

24. There was submitted a report (docketed) dated 22 July 2005 by the Director of Administration advising that twenty five invitations had been received in respect of attendance at conferences and seeking consideration of the invitations.

Decided:

- (1) that the following conference attendance be homologated:-

Conference	Venue	Date	Attendance
A Brighter Future for Children and Young People	Glasgow	9 June 2005	Councillor H. McGuigan

- (2) that the Council be represented at the undernoted conferences:-

Conference	Venue	Date	Attendance
Crisis Resolution and Home Treatment: Practice, Evaluation and Research	York	8 September 2005	One Member
Developing Positive Activities for Young People	Edinburgh	13 September 2005	One Member
Bright Futures for Looked After Children	London	19 September 2005	One Member
Protecting Communities – The Anti Social Behaviour (Scotland) Act One Year On	Edinburgh	3 October 2005	2 Members
Placing Children First	Stirling	4 November 2005	1 Member

and

- (3) that otherwise no attendance be authorised.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50 (A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 4 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

DEATH OF A LOOKED AFTER AND ACCOMMODATED CHILD

25. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the death of a child who was looked after and accommodated (1) detailing the background to the circumstances of the death, and (2) advising that a full report on the circumstances of a child's death would require to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers and that, following the response, a report would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide a report to a future meeting of the Committee following the response from the Scottish Ministers on the circumstances of the death.

DEATH OF A LOOKED AFTER YOUNG PERSON

26. There was submitted a report dated 19 April 2005 by the Director of Social Work advising of the death of a young person who was looked after (1) detailing the background to the circumstances of the death, and (2) advising that a full report on the circumstances of the child's death would require to be submitted to the Scottish Ministers and that, following the response, a report would be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the terms of the report be noted, and
- (2) that the Director of Social Work provide a report to a future meeting of the Committee following the response from the Scottish Ministers on the circumstances of the death.

SOCIAL WORK (COMPLAINTS REVIEW) SUB-COMMITTEE - 22 APRIL 2005

27. With reference to paragraph 31 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 19 May 2005 when consideration of the recommendations of the Social Work (Complaints Review) Sub-Committee in respect of a complaint against the Social Work Department was continued, there was submitted a report dated 21 July 2005 by the Director of Administration in relation to a meeting of the Social Work (Complaints Review) Sub-Committee which had been held on 22 April 2005 to hear a complaint by ER against the Social Work Department and enclosing a report by the Sub-Committee together with its recommendation.

Decided: that the recommendation of the Sub-Committee as hereinafter detailed be approved:-

against the background the Sub-Committee did not conclude that any of the grounds of the complaint could be upheld, it is the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the Social Work Department continue in its support of ER and with regard to Child 2 continue to work closely with the City of Glasgow Council to bring to an early conclusion, consideration of whether it is appropriate that responsibility for Child 2 be transferred to North Lanarkshire Council.