

**SOCIAL WORK (COMPLAINTS REVIEW) SUB – 12 June 2006**

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**Motherwell, 12 June 2006 at 10 am.**

A Meeting of the **SOCIAL WORK (COMPLAINTS REVIEW) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Mr. George Bryson (Chair); Rev. James Grier and Rev. Kenneth Mayne.

**CHAIR**

The Sub-Committee agreed that in terms of the Regulations, Mr. George Bryson be appointed as the Chair of the meeting.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Head of Central Services.

**Representing the Department of Social Work**

Principal Solicitor, Legal Services and Service Manager, Department of Social Work.

The Complainants

**Representing the Complainants**

Kenneth McEwan.

**It was agreed in terms of Section 50A(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.**

**COMPLAINT AGAINST THE SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT**

1. There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work outlining the background to the complaint against the Social Work Department by JD and LH and a response to that complaint by the Director of Social Work; there were submitted, also, written submissions on behalf of the complainants JD and LH.

The Sub-Committee established and outlined the procedural matters and agreed the basis of the complaint. Thereafter, the Sub-Committee heard evidence lead and submissions made.

**At this point the meeting was adjourned at 4 pm and re-convened on Monday, 26 June 2006 at 10 am. there being then present and in attendance the same persons.**

The Sub-Committee then heard further evidence lead and submissions made.

Thereafter, both sides then withdrew from the meeting.

The Sub-Committee then, following full consideration of all material submitted, evidence lead and submissions made, proceeded to determine the complaint and made recommendations all as detailed in the report on the complaint.

**Decided:** that the report and recommendations contained therein be submitted for consideration by the Social Work Committee.