

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday 8 April 2003
at 2.00pm in the Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries

Members

David McKie (Chairman)	-	Lincluden
Jock Purdie (Vice Chairman)	-	Castle Douglas - Dee
Helen Bell	-	Dalbeattie - Milton
Andrew Campbell (Convener)	-	Castle Douglas - Urr
Kathleen Davidson	-	Dalbeattie - Craginair
John Forteath (Leader)	-	Marchmount
Tony Gilbey	-	Stewartry
Patsy Gilroy	-	Kirkcudbright - Tarff
Beth Gordon (Depute Convener)	-	Lochar
Robert Higgins (Depute Leader)	-	Stranraer East
Thomas E Holmes	-	Loreburn
Jane Maitland	-	Kirkcudbright - Bengairn
Denis Male	-	Langholm & Upper Eskdale
Joan Mitchell (Depute Leader)	-	Cree
George McBurnie	-	Palmerston
William Nimmo	-	Lochside
Wilma Paterson	-	Annan West
Bert Saunders	-	Kirkconnel
Tommy Sloan	-	Stranraer North
Allan Wright	-	Cairn Valley

Alex Haswell
Group Manager
Corporate Support and Governance

Dates of Meetings in 2002/2003

14 Jan • 11 Feb • 11 March • 8 April

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Agenda

Decision

1. **MINUTES** - Meeting of 11 March 2003 (previously circulated)

2. **SOCIAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2002/2003** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 17 March 2003
(recommendation – note that overall Social Services is projected to outturn £1million below budget in 2002/03; and agree the virements in included in Appendix 2)

3. **AN INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE FOR DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY** -
Report by Director for Social Services dated 26 March 2003 *(recommendation – support the development of an Independent Living Service as outlined in the report; and agree to the report being submitted for consideration as part of the Capital Planning process)*

4. **DIRECT PAYMENTS SCHEME FOR DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 26 March 2003 *(recommendation – note the duty placed on the Council to offer a Direct Payment to community care service users, to enable them to purchase their own services; agree that further work is undertaken with the Independent Living Services partnership to establish a Direct Payments Support Agency; and note the ongoing work with Direct Payments Scotland)*

5. **SPECIALIST RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 24 March 2003 *(recommendation – agree the proposed purchasing strategy for EMI places in care homes to be implemented in 2003/04 and 2004/05 and agree that a further report is presented to Members in January 2004 setting out the financial implications for 2004/05)*

6. **AUDIT OF ADULTS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY SERVICE – FEBRUARY - MARCH 2003** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 31 March 2003 *(recommendation – note the audit and agree the measures set out in 5.4 of the report)*

7. **ATTENDANCE AT THE ADSW ANNUAL CONFERENCE – 21 – 23 MAY 2003 – HILTON DUNBLANE HYDRO** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 17 March 2003 (*recommendation – that this Council be represented at the ADSW Annual Conference at the Hilton Dunblane Hydro, Perthshire, from 21 – 23 May 2003 by an Elected Member of the Social Services Committee*)

8. **COMMUNITY CARE STAFFING DEVELOPMENTS** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 24 March 2003 (*recommendation – note the workload pressures in the Learning Disability Service and agree to the establishment of two Senior Practitioner posts (1 in East, 1 in West) and 4 Care Co-ordinator Posts in each of the Community Teams across the Region; and agree the establishment of 1 FTE Social Worker post (substance misuse) to be based in the Substance Misuse Team and managed as part of the joint service [NHS D&G and Education and Community Services]*)

9. **INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE – WEEKLY FEES** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 31 March 2003 (*recommendation – agree the revised fees for independent care homes for older people with effect from 1 April 2003 as : an increase of £21 to £346 per place per week for residential care; and an increase of £29 to £406 per place per week for nursing care*)

Noting

10. **COMPLAINTS REVIEW PANEL – 16 JANUARY 2003** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 31 March 2003 (*recommendation – note the Department's response to the recommendations and comments of the Panel of 16 January 2003 and note that in future a letter will be sent to confirm arrangements of this nature and copies to be kept on file as good practice*)

11. **COMPLAINTS REVIEW PANEL – 12 FEBRUARY 2003** – Report by Director for Social Services dated 31 March 2003 (*recommendation – note the Department's response to the recommendation and comments of the Panel of 12 February 2003*)

12. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN MAY DECIDE IS URGENT DUE TO THE NEED FOR A DECISION**



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SOCIAL SERVICES REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2002/2003

1 REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the actual performance against the 2002/2003 Revenue Budget for the Social Services Department.

2 OUTTURN EXPENDITURE

- 2.1 Details of actual over and under spends are contained in **Appendix 1**. The resultant variances from budget are based upon a projection of the current actual levels of expenditure and income if they continued for the year to 31st March 2003.
- 2.2 The £1 million under spend on the Social Services budget 2002/03 projected in the January monitoring is forecast to continue. It is intended that this will be transferred to General Fund Balances.

3 SIGNIFICANT CLIENT GROUP VARIANCES

- 3.1 Service Strategy & Regulation – There has only been a marginal change in the projected variance in this area.
- 3.2 Children & Families – There has been an increase, of £91k, in the level of over spend forecast for this area.
 1. There has been a slight increase in the projected overspend on residential care. This is the result of higher than budgeted level of repairs and maintenance in Milton House.
 2. There has only been a marginal change in the outturn for fostering and adoption costs.