

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a MEETING held at COUNTY HALL, TROWBRIDGE on THURSDAY, 12TH OCTOBER, 2000.

PRESENT: Mrs JH Seager (Chairman), Mr PG Allnatt, Mr BE Atfield, Mr RG Catton, Mrs C Crisp, Lt Col DBW Jarvis, Mrs VCS Landell Mills, Mr AG Peach, Mrs ME Salisbury, Mr PWL Sample, Mrs JA Scott and Mrs I Throp.

63. **Membership Changes** The Director of Corporate Services reported the membership of the Committee incorporating any changes since the previous meeting.

64. **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Mr C Newbury.

65. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Resolved: To confirm and sign the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 7th September, 2000.

66. **Chairman's Announcements**

(1) Colonel David Rogers The Committee noted with regret the death of Colonel David Rogers, who served as a County Councillor for the Bedwyn and Pewsey Division from 1985 to 1993. Colonel Rogers was a previous Vice-Chairman of the Social Services Committee.

(2) Welcome to Ms Sue Mead and Mr Bob Welch The Chairman welcomed Ms Sue Mead, the Assistant Director of the national Audit Commission/ Department of Health Joint Review Team and Mr Bob Welch, the Lead Reviewer for Wiltshire, to the meeting. The Chairman thanked them for their seminar held earlier in the morning on the findings from Wiltshire's Joint Review. The Committee also noted that Mr Bob Welch would be giving a presentation on the Joint Review findings at the Social Services Departmental Conference on Friday, 13th October, 2000.

67. **Joint Review Report** On considering the Joint Review Report, a report by the Director of Social Services and on receiving a presentation on the findings from Wiltshire's Joint Review,

Resolved: To receive and note the report of the Joint Review of Social Services in Wiltshire.

68. **Joint Review – Draft Action Plan** On considering a report by the Director of Social Services and on receiving a seminar earlier in the day on the findings from Wiltshire's Joint Review,

Resolved: To endorse the department's draft Action Plan in response to the Joint Review, which would be consulted upon further at the Departmental Conference on 13th October, 2000, with a report back to this Committee in December, 2000 for final approval of the Action Plan.

69. **Revenue Budget – Review of 2000-01** On receiving a report by the Director of Social Services,

Resolved: To note the report.

70. **Adoption Services Review 2000** On considering a report by the Director of Social Services regarding the outcome of the recent Adoption Services Review,

Resolved:

- (1) To note the report and endorse the 47 recommendations as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.*
- (2) To refer the report for further consideration to the next meeting of the Joint Children's Working Party.*

71. **Support to Care Leavers** On considering a report by the Director of Social Services about proposed developments to the service provided to care leavers,

Resolved: To note the report, and endorse proposals to establish an in-house Aftercare Service as outlined in the report.

72. **Review of Learning Disability Day Services** On considering a report by the Director of Social Services,

Resolved:

- (1) To note the plans put forward for the development of day support services in each of the four districts in line with the 'Day Support Services 2000-2005' document, and to agree that further work be undertaken in developing the local plans.*
- (2) To note the proposals for change outlined in the report.*
- (3) To note that the outcomes would be tested in the Best Value Review scheduled for 2003/2004.*
- (4) To agree that a further more comprehensive report be submitted to the February meeting of this Committee.*

73. **The Future of Learning Disabilities** On considering a report by the Director of Social Services,

Resolved:

- (1) *To agree to publish the options paper, attached as Appendix A to the report, for consultation.*
- (2) *To commission a 6 month consultation process.*
- (3) *To receive a further report on this matter in June, 2001.*

74. **Supporting People – A New Policy and Funding Framework for Supported Housing Services** A report by the Director of Social Services is circulated.

Resolved:

- (1) *To note the details of the new 'Supporting People' programme.*
- (2) *To approve the work undertaken to date, and in particular the responses to consultation papers attached as Appendices to the report.*
- (3) *To approve the proposed "Next Steps" (outlined in paragraph 16 of the report) in the implementation of the Supporting People programme.*
- (4) *To nominate Mrs C Crisp as the representative for the Elected Members Group and agree that attendance at meetings of this group be an approved duty for the purposes of attendance, travelling and subsistence allowances.*

75. **Annual Report of the Registration and Inspection Unit** On receiving a report by the Chief Inspector,

Resolved: *To note the report.*

76. **Annual Assessment of the Registration & Inspection Unit** On considering a report by the Chief Executive,

Resolved: *To note the report, a copy of which is appended to these minutes for receipt by the County Council.*

77. **Conferences and Seminars**

- (a) **LGA Conference on the New Agenda for Social Care - 19th September 2000** The Committee received a verbal report on this Conference from Mrs C Crisp.
- (b) **British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering LGA Seminar – The New Adoption Agenda - 10th October 2000** The Committee received a verbal report on this Seminar from the Chairman.

78. **Reports of Sub-Committees**

(1) Education & Social Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the Education & Social Services Scrutiny Sub-Committee meeting held on 6th September, 2000.

(2) Registration and Inspection Sub-Committee

Resolved: To receive the minutes of the Registration and Inspection Sub-Committee meeting held on 21st September, 2000.

(Duration of meeting: 11.30am - 1.30pm)

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