

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE – 19 AUGUST 2002

REPORT ON: REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEES OF THE SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK

REPORT NO: 623-2002

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The report advises the Social Work Committee of changes to the Registration and Cases Sub-Committee and the Quality Assurance Advisory Sub-Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the Social Work Committee: -

- amend the Registration and Cases Sub-Committee to reflect the changing role and rename this the Cases Sub-Committee.
- dissolve the Quality Assurance Advisory Sub-Committee.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The changes outlined in the report will result in some minor savings as the number of sub-committees meeting will reduce.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no Agenda 21 implications included in this report.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The sub-committees enable a fair hearing for matters relating to vulnerable people.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Background

6.1.1 In September 1996, the Social Work Committee established three sub-committees to deal with specific issues relating to the business of the Social Work Department. These sub-committees met when required and held full delegated powers. The function of registering and inspecting residential establishments is no longer held by the Local Authority and as such the sub-committees established to deal with these matters should change or be amended.

6.2 Registration and Cases Sub Committee

6.2.1 The Remit of this Committee covered two aspects. To attend to registration issues including the registration and deregistration of residential establishments under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and to consider individual cases in terms of relevant legislation and policy across named client groups.

6.2.2 The Regulation of Care (Scotland) Act 2001, removed the Local Authorities responsibility to undertake the registration and inspection of care providers. From April 2002, the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care will carry out this function. As such the Council no longer has the requirement to consider registration and inspection matters. It is therefore recommended that the Registration and Cases Sub-Committee is renamed the Cases Sub-Committee.

6.2.3 It is proposed that the arrangements for the cases Sub-Committee should remain the same and be as follows: -

Membership 2 members of the Majority Group; 1 Member of the Major Opposition Group; 1 Member of the Minor Opposition Group.

Quorum 3 members.

Frequency of Meetings As required.

6.2.4 The remit of the Cases Sub Committee will be as follows: -

Subject to the Sub-Committee acting in all individual cases in terms of the relevant legislation and within the policies approved by the Social Work Committee, the Sub-Committee will consider: -

- The assistance of older people or those with disabilities or illness and other individuals in need.
- The supervision and care of individuals on probation or release from prison or other forms of detention.
- The care of individual children in need including all arrangements for dealing with individual children in the care of the Council.

6.3 Quality Assurance Advisory Sub-Committee

6.3.1 The remit of this Sub-Committee was to advise the Social Work Committee on the work of the Inspection Unit, on the operation of inspection arrangements, on the general guidance for procedures for inspections and on the application of guidance on standards.

6.3.2 This sub-committee will no longer be required and should therefore be dissolved.

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 The Director of Support Services has been consulted.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

Report to the Social Work Committee – 11.03.1996 – Establishment of Sub-Committees.
Report to the Social Work Committee – 16.09.1996 – Review of Sub Committees of the Social Work Committees.

9.0 SIGNATURE

Director of Social Work

Date

19 July 2002