

**ANGUS COUNCIL**  
**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 27 MAY 1997**  
**REGISTRATION AND INSPECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION**

**ABSTRACT**

This Report presents the nominations for members of Angus Council Social Work Registration and Inspection Advisory Committee as laid down in Scottish Office Circular SWSG7/1996.

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

- (i) note the contents of this Report; and
- (ii) approve the membership of the Registration and Inspection Advisory Committee as outlined in the Report.

**INTRODUCTION**

Reference is made to Report No 424/96 which was submitted to and approved by this Committee at its meeting on 28 May 1996.

Within that Report, the Director of Social Work recommended, in accordance with Guidance issued by the Secretary of State in SWSG Circular 7/96, that a local Registration and Inspection Advisory Committee be established. The remit of the Advisory Committee, which would be created using the powers available to the Council under the terms of Section 57(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 is to provide a source of independent advice which will enhance the objectivity of the Social Work Department's Registration and Inspection Unit.

The Circular specifies that the combined number of local authority members and officers, and the voluntary and private providers, should be no more than half the total numbers and that the remainder should be made up of service users, their relatives or representatives.

The Committee agreed that the make up of the Advisory Committee should be as follows:-

- (a) three members of the Social Work Committee, these being the Convener, the Vice-Convener and one other;
- (b) a provider of residential care for adults/older people (private or voluntary sector);
- (c) a provider of day care for children under eight (private or voluntary sector);
- (d) five users of service or their representatives (including one parent of a child under the age of eight currently attending a registered day care provision).

The Head of Registration and Inspection, one Registration and Inspection officer (in rotation) and the Director of Social Work will attend meetings of the Advisory Committee, with the administrative support coming from this Department's Committee Services staff.

## PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

The following persons have been contacted and their formal acceptance of nomination as members of the Registration and Inspection Advisory Committee obtained.

### (a) Members of the Social Work Committee

1. Councillor Helen Angus, Convener
2. Councillor Glennis Middleton, Vice-Convener
3. Councillor William Doig, "other" member

### (b) Providers of Residential Care for Adults/Older People (private/voluntary sector)

Mr Tom Daley, Leysmill House, Arbroath.

### (c) Providers of Day Care for Children Under 8 (private/voluntary sector)

Ms Arlene Ross, Area Manager SPPA.

### (d) Users

1. Mrs Margaret Chalmers - representing adults with a physical disability.
2. Mr Charles Bell - representing older people attending a day care facility.
3. Miss Angela Simpson - representing people attending a Resource Centre.
4. Miss Debra Ritchie - representing service users generally.
5. Mrs Chris Menzies - representing the parents of children under eight currently attending a registered day care facility.

The Committee will elect their own chairperson, for a fixed term, from within the Group and this person need not be a Council member. The Committee will meet three times per year.

## FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this Report.

## CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive and the Director of Finance have been consulted in the preparation of this Report.

## CONCLUSION

The establishment of this Committee will provide a source of independent advice which will enhance the objectivity of the Registration and Inspection Unit. It will also ensure that the authority complies with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

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**NOTE:** No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above Report.

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