

**JOINT ADVISORY SUB COMMITTEE FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES
9 DECEMBER 1998**

Present: Councillors Barnard (Chairman), Miss Haydon, Mrs Hirst,
Mrs Shillcock and Worrall

Apologies for Absence were received from:
Councillor Ward

15 Substitute Members

In accordance with Standing Order 38, Councillor North attended the meeting as a substitute for Councillor Ward.

16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Sub Committee held on 2 September 1998 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17 Review of Day Care Provision for Children Under Section 19 of The Children Act 1989 (Item 1)

The Sub Committee considered a report giving details of the progress of the Section 19 Day Care Review of Children Care Services for children aged 0 to 8 years in Bracknell Forest Borough. It was noted that during the review the Government had introduced a National Childcare Strategy, with a requirement for the local authority to produce a Childcare Plan by February 1999 for the children aged between 0 and 14 years. It was proposed therefore to incorporate the Section 19 review findings within the Childcare Plan which would be produced during February 1999.

RESOLVED that the Section 19 finding incorporated within the childcare plan to be produced in February 1999.

18 Development of a Local Youth Offending Team (Item 2)

The Sub Committee considered a report giving details of the progress made by the Multi Agency Youth Offending Team Steering Group in the preparation for a local Youth Offending Team. The Steering Group with members from most key agencies within the youth justice system, had started detailed planning on the form to be adopted for the proposed Youth Offending Team, and various models had been considered. Discussions had been undertaken with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead regarding the potential to develop a Youth Offending Team covering the two local authority areas and negotiations regarding this were still ongoing. It was hoped to recruit to the Y.O.T. Manager post in the Spring of 1999.

RESOLVED that

- (i) the progress being made by the Multi Agency Youth Offending Team Steering Group in preparation for a local Youth Offending Team be noted; and
- (ii) the contingency plans for a stand alone Youth Offending Team for Bracknell Forest, in the event of negotiations with another local authority being unsuccessful, be endorsed.

19 Behaviour Support Plan (Item 3)

The Sub Committee considered a report regarding the progress made towards the production of the Behaviour Support Plan for Bracknell Forest for submission to the DfEE at the end of December 1998. It was noted that the authority had been undertaking a review of special educational needs provision within Bracknell Forest and as part of this review, consideration had been given to the issue of pupil behaviour. The review coincided with the requirement to publish a behaviour support plan. The issues surrounding pupil behaviour were considered to be complex and these had been discussed by the Task Group of Headteachers and Officers from the LEA considering SEN matters. The Behaviour Support Plan would be considered by the Education Committee on 30 March 1999.

RESOLVED that the Sub Committee

- (i) endorses the draft behaviour support plan for submission to be DfEE at the end of December 1998; and
- (ii) subject to the outcome of further consultation, recommends that the plan be adopted by the Education Committee at its meeting on 30 March 1999.

20 Items Submitted for Information

The following item was submitted for information only:

Quality Protects Initiative (Item 4)

The Chairman thanked the Officers on the informative seminar that had been held on the Quality Protects Initiative.

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm and concluded at 8.30pm.

CHAIRMAN