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MINUTES of the special meeting of the SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE, which was open to the press and public, held at LEWISHAM TOWN HALL, CATFORD, SE6 on WEDNESDAY 8TH AUGUST 1984 at 7.30pm.

Present

Councillor Goudge (Chair); Councillor Jordan (Vice-Chair); Councillors Barrett, Bartlett, Bullock, Day, Edmond, Elvin, Long, Lynch, Profitt, Rowing, Searle, N Smith, Ubdsell, Whetstone and Wilson.

Co-opted members: Mrs Gorick, Mr Holder, Mrs Hurren and Ms Millbank.

Observers: Mr Bevan, Mrs Humble, Ms Kelly and Mr Levett.

Minute No.

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| 1 | <u>REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE'S RESIDENTIAL REVIEW GROUP (Page 184 and appendices attached at pages 185 - 207)</u> | |
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The Chair referred to the letter from NALGO to the Director of Social Services, dated 8th August 1984. A copy of the Director's reply to this letter was then circulated to members of the Committee.

The following points of concern which were raised by NALGO in their letter were then considered:-

- (1) The Chair was concerned that some children were in care because of their non-attendance at school and it was agreed that representation should be made to the ILEA on the lack of education welfare officer provision. It was also agreed that a further report should be submitted to the Committee on the number of children in care solely because of their non-attendance at school.
- (2) It was noted that the suggestion of a second reception centre/ short-stay residential unit would be the subject of further discussion by the Residential Review Group.
- (3) Councillor Barrett suggested that young people discharged from Sydenham Hill, for example, could be placed in some of the Departments' own accommodation.
- (4) The Residential Review Group started a Survey in September 1984 on fostering breakdown. It was anticipated that the survey would take 18 months to complete.
- (5) Councillor Profitt was concerned that children from ethnic minorities had not been considered in the report and it was agreed that this should be included in the discussions of the Residential Review Group.
- (6) The Committee agreed with the philosophy with respect to residential care for children, outlined in paragraph 5, 6 and 7 of appendix 1 of the report. It was noted, however, that the financial implications needed to be looked at. The Residential Review Group should continue to "firm up" the proposals and continue negotiations with the Unions.

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(7) The Committee were advised by the Borough Housing Officer's representative that it would be helpful if the Housing Department knew how many young people were being discharged from care needing re-housing.

RESOLVED that

(i) the overall strategy of the Residential Review Group be endorsed and the pattern it outlines for future children's residential provision and concomitant supportive services be agreed, and that flexibility be allowed for alterations;

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(ii) the overall strategy of the recommendations outlined in paragraph 8 of the document entitled 'Assessment of Children and Young Persons' be approved, and flexibility be allowed;

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(iii) representations be made to the ILEA on the lack of education welfare officer provision, and a further report be submitted to the Committee in due course on the number of children in care solely because of school non-attendance; and

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(iv) the Residential Review Group should look at the implications for children from ethnic minorities.

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2 ILDERTON MOTOR PROJECT (page 208 and appendix attached at page 212)

RESOLVED that

(i) responsibility for the Ilderton Motor Project be transferred to the Social Services Committee and the Employment and Industry Committee and the Policy and Resources (Grants) Sub-Committee be informed accordingly;

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(ii) the Employment and Industry Committee be recommended that the factory premises at 80 Edward Street SE8 be made available to the Ilderton Motor Project on the terms to be agreed by the Borough Valuer;

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(iii) the Borough Valuer be requested to make the terms the best possible ones for the Project;

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(iv) the Ward Councillors be kept informed of any new developments.

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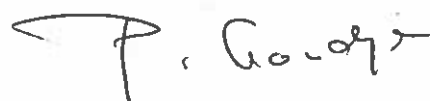
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TVIND SCHOOLS CO-OPERATIVE - RICHMOND VALE ACADEMY, ST VINCENT - DEVELOPMENT IN THIS COUNTRY (page 213)

RESOLVED that the report be received.

The meeting ended at 9.30pm.



Chair

21st November 1984

Item
No.1

REPORT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE'S
RESIDENTIAL REVIEW GROUP
(Contributor: DSS)

A copy of the report which was deferred by the Committee on 27th June 1984 is attached as Appendix 1.

A further paper entitled "Assessment of Children and Young Persons" is attached as Appendix 2.

ACTION REQUIRED

1. To consider the report of the Residential Review Group and to agree the pattern it outlines for future children's residential provision and concomitant supportive services (Appendix 1)
2. To consider the recommendations contained in para 8 of the document entitled "Assessment of Children and Young Persons" (Appendix 2).