

PRESENT: Councillor Rodgers (Chairman)
Councillors Fish (substitute for Councillor Cockcroft),
Flannery, Mrs Gannon, Higgins (substitute for Councillor
Preston), Mrs Neal, Osborne, Winterburn.

103 CALDERDALE SOCIAL SERVICES INQUIRY - The Director of Social Services submitted a written report which gave the background to the setting up by the Authority at the request of this Committee, of a Panel of Inquiry to consider the appointment of Dr R A Ryall to the post of Director of Social Services for Calderdale Council and the implications of events which led to his resignation. The Panel had heard many contributions and the conclusions which had been reached and the recommendations made for improvements both in practice within Calderdale and in other local authorities were detailed in the report prepared by the Panel which had been circulated to all Members of the Council. Mr Brian Roycroft, Chairman of the Inquiry Panel, attended the meeting and presented the Report of the Inquiry to Members. He recorded his appreciation of the quality of evidence given to the Panel and made particularly appreciative reference to Brian Horner who acted as Secretary to the Panel and to Mrs Marel Denton, Director of Social Services, Dr Ryall's successor. On behalf of the Members of the Panel he thanked all concerned for the friendly co-operation given to the Panel throughout the period of the Inquiry. Mr Roycroft responded to Members' comments and questions.

* RESOLVED that (a) the Report of the Panel of Inquiry be received;

(b) the conclusions be accepted;

(c) the recommendations be agreed;

(d) recommendation 9, 10, 11 and 12 be referred to the Personnel Sub Committee of the authority for implementation; and

(e) it be agreed that the Report be sent formally to the relevant bodies referred to in the conclusions.

Note: The following report is available for inspection by Members of the Council:-

Calderdale Social Services Inquiry

(The above Minute was submitted to Council on 9th August, 1989).

Chairman replied.
RESOLVED that the Minutes be approved and adopted.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Rodgers,
Seconded by Councillor Mrs. Gannon, and
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Social Services Committee
held on 5th July and 9th August 1989 be approved and adopted
(so far as they require the approval of the Council).

**FAIR SHARES (THE INHERITANCE AND COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT) COMMITTEE**

It was moved by Councillor Wardell,
Seconded by Councillor Topham, and
RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Fair Shares (The Inheritance
and Community Development) Committee held on 10th July 1989
be approved and adopted (so far as they require the approval
of the Council) with the following amendments:-

Minute Number 60/136 - Member Representation on Voluntary
Bodies - Nominations:-

Home Concern, Calderdale

Councillor Mrs. Gannon, Councillor Mellor, one Democrat
nomination required.

Calderdale Council for Voluntary Service

Councillor Najib, Councillor Reason, one Democrat nomination
required.

Calderdale Women's Refuge

Councillor Mrs. Neal

Disabled Advice Resource Team (DART)

Councillor Mrs. Gannon

Furniture Service (United Reform Church)