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LAMBETH
Memorandum

TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Attn
Your Ref
FROM DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
Our Ref DPA
Tel DPA
Date 8 DECEMBER 1992

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RE: SCHEDULE 1 OFFENCES - EMPLOYMENT IN LAMBETH

I was contacted today 8/12/92 by the Leader and advised that at Labour Group last night, it was decided to seek a report on the issue of employment of Schedule 1 offenders (sexual offences) in Lambeth. In effect Labour Group appeared to wish to agree a blanket policy of not employing any Schedule 1 offenders (arising out of the current furore over John Carroll). The Leader asked DSS to draft this in the next few days - I said this was totally impossible, due to current workload and the complexity of the issues.

The Leader accepted this, but wants a short overview report on the timescale and support required to be able to produce this and the implications of the Warner Report. Having gathered my thoughts its obvious that such a policy debate is fraught with complex matters, not least the civil liberties issues and the problem of how many offences (including rape/assault/robbery etc. etc.) may need to be considered. In addition the employment of Schedule 1 offenders as it relates to working with children, is an issue for DE and DES not just DSS. As it is likely to cut across existing Council EoP policies the CPO and Legal Division need to be involved.

DSS can of course produce relevant documentation etc. on the issue, but the production of a report must be a corporate issue, involving as it does DE, DES, DSS, CPO and Legal and not an issue that DSS can address in the period before Christmas.

Could we discuss urgently please and determine a way forward as I have to reply to the Leader in the next few days.

I await your advice.

DPA

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DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES