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AGENDA ITEM NO:

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE & TOWN CLERK
AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES
SPECIAL SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

7TH MAY 1991

RESPONSE TO JUDGE'S FINDINGS ON WARDSHIP CASES

Wards Affected:

All

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- (i) To respond to the transcript of the Public Judgement of the Honourable Mr. Justice Douglas Brown in the Middleton Wardship cases.
- (ii) To obtain Committee approval to the approach outlined for our Departments in the light of the "Lessons to be Learnt" as detailed at the end of the High Court Judgement.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Committee approves the Terms of Reference for future work between the Social Services Department and the Social Services Inspectorate.
- 2.2 That Committee agrees to consider progress reports on work with the SSI and any resource implications arising.
- 2.3. Decisions to apply for wardship to be taken by the Director of Social Services after consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee.
- 2.4 That Committee endorses the action taken to date and the future approach to restoring public confidence in the Council's Child Protection Services.

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