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CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE

17th MARCH 1966

PRESENT: Alderman Alcroft (in the chair); Councillors Boothman, Deasey, Fox, Gorton, Hall, Ratcliffe, Stanley.

91. MINUTES &c. (1) The minutes of the last meeting were signed. (2) Paid overtime: January - 19 hours; February - 4 hours.

92. SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES. Read minutes of (1) CASES SUB-COMMITTEE of today's date as follows:

PRESENT: Alderman Alcroft (in the chair); Councillors Fox, Ratcliffe.

(a) CASEWORK. The Children's Officer reviewed the progress of 57 children in care, and 13 special cases now mentioned

RESOLVED - That the 13 special cases be dealt with as follows: (See typed minutes)

RESOLVED - That such minutes be approved and adopted.

(2) INITIATION OF PROCEEDINGS SUB-COMMITTEE of 4th March as follows:

PRESENT: Alderman Alcroft (in the chair).

(a) RESOLVED - That the Children's Officer be authorised to bring the young person now mentioned before the Juvenile Court in accordance with Section 3, Children & Young Persons Act 1963, as being beyond control: (See typed minutes)

RESOLVED - That such minutes be approved and adopted.

(3) JOINT SUB-COMMITTEE RE FAMILY CASEWORK of 2nd

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March as printed in full in the minutes of the Welfare Services Committee of 14th March
RESOLVED - That such minutes be approved and adopted.

93. VISITING ROTA. Submitted report of visits by Alderman Quinn and Councillors Stanley and Cryer to 46 & 72 Rhodes Crescent, and Councillors Ratcliffe and P.R. Brierley to Rosebank Girls' Hostel and Burnedge View.
94. CONFERENCES. RESOLVED - That (1) the Chairman, Councillor Kershaw and the Children's Officer be authorised to attend a one-day conference on Child Care Officer Training, organised by the Assn. of Children's Officers, at Manchester, on 22nd March, (2) Miss McCulloch and Mrs. L.B. Kelsall be authorised to attend the weekend Annual Conference of Assn. of Child Care Officers, at Nottingham, on 16th & 17th April.
95. CHILDREN'S HOMES - MAINTENANCE COSTS. The Borough Treasurer submitted a statement on maintenance costs and charges
RESOLVED - That (1) for the 12 months commencing on 1st April 1966 the daily maintenance charge to other authorities be as follows:
Burnedge View - £1 13s.6d. (reduced from £2 6s.0d.)
Rose Bank - £2 0s.0d. (as before)
Family Group Homes - £1 12s.6d. (increased from £1 10s.6d.)
(2) the proposal be reported to the Finance Committee under SO 31.
96. ARREARS OF PARENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS. The Borough Treasurer reported hereon
RESOLVED - That arrears amounting to £440 6s.11d. on Committee Agreements, £168 11s.11d. on Court Orders, £69 2s.1d. on Maintenance Orders, and £132 11s.2d. on Court Orders - Approved Schools, be written off as irrecoverable.

97. BURNEDGE VIEW CHILDREN'S HOME - HOLIDAYS. RESOLVED - That this Committee undertake to pay £9 10s.0d. for the 2 children of Mrs. P. Sutcliffe, Matron, Burnedge View, in respect of one week's holiday at Pontins Holiday Camp in June.
98. ROCHDALE HOSTEL FOR BOYS ASSN. Read letter from Alderman Smith regarding re-opening of Cambridge House and requesting meeting with this Committee in respect of possible financial support
RESOLVED - That the arranging of such a meeting be left in the hands of the Chairman.
99. STAFF. RESOLVED - That subject to the approval of the Establishment Committee (1) the position of Senior Clerk be filled one month before the present holder Mrs. Sampson leaves in order to facilitate transfer of duties, (2) Miss Jane Cousins, Trainee Child Care Officer, be seconded on full salary for 4 years in order to undertake studies at Birmingham University, subject to her agreeing to remain in the service of the Corporation for a period of 2 years after the completion of the course, (3) subject to the vacant posts of Child Care Officer and Family Caseworker being filled (vide minute 88/4 Feb 66), the establishment of the Children's Dept. be varied as follows:
- | | <u>Present</u> | <u>Recommended</u> |
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| | <u>Grade</u> | <u>Grade</u> |
| Children's Officer | 'C' | 'D' |
| Deputy Children's Officer | 'A' | 'B' |
| Senior Family Caseworker | APT IV | APT IV/'A' |
| 2 Family Caseworkers | APT III | APT III/IV |
| 3 Child Care Officers | APT III | APT III/IV |
100. VOTE OF THANKS TO CHAIRMAN. RESOLVED - That the thanks of this Committee be accorded Alderman Alcroft for her valuable services as Chairman during the past municipal year.