

EX91. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2016

- **ROWANS SHORT BREAK SERVICE**
- **SOCIAL WORK CHILDREN & FAMILIES BUDGET UPDATE**

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services and Head of Social Work Adult Services presenting recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee.

The Scrutiny Committee considered, on 4 February 2015, reports on the Rowans short break service (ref SC37) and an update on the Social Work Children and Families budget (ref SC39) and made the following recommendations to the Executive:-

Rowans Short Break Service

- (1) where service redesign is undertaken in the future it is carried out using a model of co-production with service users; and
- (2) that there is greater clarity provided around decisions made in the budget process.

Social Work Children & Families Budget Update

- (3) action is taken to set a realistic budget for external fostering

Councillor C Martin, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, moved that the Executive:-

- (1) *requests a further report to include progress on the Community Empowerment Act and guidelines; and*
- (2) *notes that Children's Services recognises (as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report) the opportunity to progress "transformation of current services in our approach to service delivery" and (at para 5.1) that they "will be reviewing working practices and seeking transformational change to address these issues" and that, accepting that this will take time and resource, the Service needs to demonstrate that it is on the front foot about this.*

The Executive then adjourned at 9.45a.m. to allow members of the Opposition to consider the motion and reconvened at 9.50a.m. with all members present as per the sederunt.

Councillor Meiklejohn, as convener of the scrutiny committee, provided an overview of the recommendations before the Executive.

Decision

The Executive agreed the motion.

Councillor Gow joined the meeting during consideration of the previous item.