WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Acting Director of Social Work Services

Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 17 May 2006

Subject: NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde – Community Care Financial Planning with Local Authorities

1. Purpose

1.1 This report advises the Partnership of the preliminary work undertaken with Senior Managers and Officers of the following organisations regarding Community Care Financial Planning:

- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- East Renfrewshire Council
- Inverclyde Council
- Renfrewshire Council
- West Dunbartonshire Council

This follows the dissolution of NHS Argyll & Clyde with effect from the 1st April 2006.

2. Background

2.1 In the latter part of 2005 NHS Greater Glasgow discussed the NHS Argyll & Clyde Financial Plan with the Scottish Executive Health Department and in particular the possible impact on Local Authorities (previously serviced by NHS Argyll & Clyde) on Community Care Financial Planning.

2.2 Discussion at an early stage was sought with all of the organisations noted in 1.1 above in order to review the financial position for 2006 / 2007 and to agree the processes required to establish a robust community care and resource transfer framework.

3. Main Issues

3.1 An introductory meeting has been held to discuss the objectives and frameworks required with all parties.

3.2 It has been agreed that the 1st April 2005 shall be the date from which all agreed financial frameworks shall be deemed to have commenced.

3.3 First draft financial figures have been prepared by NHS Greater Glasgow for Resource Transfer values from NHS Argyll & Clyde for the undernoted Community Care Groups:

- Addictions
- Adult Mental Health
- Learning Disability
- Older People
- Older People Mental Health
- Physical Disability
- Palliative Care
- Delayed Discharge

These are currently being reviewed for content and accuracy and will be discussed at the next meeting (scheduled to be held in May 2006).

3.4 Budgets for 2005 / 2006 for the four Local Authorities within Social Work Services have been requested by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and a draft template has been drafted and issued for completion.

This also will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting (scheduled to be held in May 2006).

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 At this stage there are no personnel issues but as the development and transparency of the financial framework progresses, these may arise.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are possible financial implications for the Partnership but these will not be apparent until the process develops and progresses through discussion.

5.2 It is intended that progress reports will be provided to the Partnerships.

6. Conclusions

6.1 Until the Financial Framework has been further progressed no conclusions can be given at this stage.

7. Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended that Members note the report.

7.2 It is recommended that Members make comments as necessary to the Acting Director of Social Work Services.

7.3 It is recommended that an update on progress is presented to the next Partnership meeting scheduled to be held in August 2006.

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