

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee held on Wednesday 16 September 2009 in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Gail Casey, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, Patrick McGlinchey, Marie McNair, Iain Robertson, Martin Rooney and May Smillie.

Attending: Bill Clark, Executive Director of Social Work and Health; Adrian Gray, Section Head – Resources; Max Agnew, Section Head, Quality Assurance and Training Section; Lynne McKnight, Section Head – Homecare; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Borthwick, Committee Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Also Attending: Chris McNeil, Head of Assessment and Care Services, Community Health Partnership.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Bolland and Jim Brown.

Councillor Jonathan McColl in the Chair

VALEDICTORY

The Chair, Councillor J. McColl informed the Committee that this would be the last meeting of the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee that Mr Clark would attend as he was retiring from the post of Executive Director of Social Work and Health on 30 October 2009.

Councillor J. McColl expressed his appreciation of the advice and guidance that Mr Clark had provided during his many years of good service with West Dunbartonshire Council and intimated that it was a fitting tribute to Mr Clark that the Department of Social Work and Health had received an excellent report from the Social Work Inspection Agency in his final year in Council Service.

In response Mr Clark thanked Councillor McColl for his kind words and in doing so, also thanked Members of the Committee and previous Service Spokespersons for their good work and continued support over the years.

Thereafter, on behalf of the Committee, Councillor J. McColl wished Mr Clark a long and happy retirement.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee held on 17 June 2009 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Having heard the Chair, Councillor J McColl and the Executive Director of Social Work and Health in response to questions from Councillor Rooney concerning the Minutes of Previous Meeting, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that a Briefing Note providing an update on the situation at Dalmoak Castle would be issued following publication of the Care Commission's inspection report; and
- (2) to note that any changes to the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) action plan resulting from discussion with the Link Inspector would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE – 10 AUGUST 2009

A report was submitted by the Head of Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services advising of a complaint heard by the Social Work Complaints Review Sub-Committee held on 10 August 2009.

Following discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Social Work and Health in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the recommendations contained in the Minutes of Meeting of the Sub-Committee;
- (2) that a report on how the Department of Social Work and Health had actioned the recommendations contained in the Minutes of Meeting of the Sub-Committee would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; and
- (3) otherwise to note the findings of the Sub-Committee.

AUCHENTOSHAN DAY CENTRE – UPDATE REPORT

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee held on 3 December 2008 (Page 1562 refers), when it was agreed that a progress report would be submitted to the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee in August 2009, Councillor J. McColl and the Executive Director provided a verbal update on progress made to date and in doing so, advised that a full progress report would be provided to the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 18 November 2009.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/09 SERVICE PLAN ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR ADULTS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on the performance of Social Work and Health in relation to Departmental Service Plan Actions 2008/2012, Statutory Performance Indicators and Key Performance Areas for Adult Services for the period of 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Social Work and Health and the relevant officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a Briefing Note providing information on 'justified complaints' in relation to the Social Work Adult Services Complaints Annual Report 2008-2009 be provided to Councillors J. McColl and Rooney;
- (2) to request ongoing progress reports to future meetings of the Committee; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORTS FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE REGISTERED SERVICES

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on the Care Commission Inspection Reports received covering West Dunbartonshire registered services which were still to be reported on.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Social Work and Health in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to congratulate staff on their fantastic achievement in receiving a very positive report from the Care Commission for West Dunbartonshire Registered Services; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**SOCIAL WORK BUDGETARY POSITION 2009/2010
AS AT PERIOD 3 – YEAR TO 15 JULY 2009**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health advising of the performance of the Social Work and Health budget for the period to 15 July 2009.

After discussion and having heard the Executive Director of Social Work and Health and the Section Head - Resources in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) that a further report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee outlining the actions being taken to address the adverse variance for the service; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 11.13 a.m.