

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

Community Participation Committee: 18th April 2012

Subject: Approval of The Vale Centre for Health & Care

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to bring to the Community Participation Committee's attention the Scottish Government's formal approval of the Full Business Case for the new Vale Centre for Health & Care Centre.

2. Background

- 2.1 A new health and care centre to serve the Vale of Leven area has been the top capital development priority for the CHCP (as affirmed within its Strategic Plan 2011/12); and a key element of the delivery of the NHSGGC Vision for the Vale of Leven.
- 2.2 The CHCP Committee and the CHCP Public Participation Forum (PPF) has been regularly up-dated on the intensive work programme to deliver a robust Full Business Case for the Centre. This included the submission of a Planning Application for the Centre, which was approved by West Dunbartonshire Council Planning Committee on 6th September 2011.
- 2.3 At its November 2012 meeting the CHCP Committee endorsed the Full Business Case for the new scheme, and commended it to the Scottish Government for approval. At that meeting the CHCP Director was able to provide a verbal up-date to members that the NHSGGC Health Board had also formally approved the Full Business Case capital investment of approximately £20.8m.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1 As has been reported to CHCP Committee and the CHCP PPF, the extensive engagement undertaken with local stakeholders has evidenced a positive response to the design scheme (with an accompanying impatience for its delivery) including:
- A high level of support for the overall design approach and accommodation layout having been based around how best to provide high quality and integrated services for patient/service users;
 - Approval for all public services being easily accessible on the ground floor;
 - Appreciation for how the design made use of the green space within the site, especially the views of parkland/trees available internally (including waiting areas) alongside high levels of natural light and ventilation; and
 - Enthusiasm for the 'modern' building shape.

3.2 The approved Full Business Case confirmed that the Centre as proposed:

- Is both affordable and value-for-money.
- Will deliver on a range of national and local health and care priorities.
- Will bring leading-edge health and care services to communities that have high levels of persistent health needs.
- Will reflect a very high standard of design quality.
- Will be delivered in a manner that supports the physical, social and economic regeneration of the area as whole.

3.3 An explicit element of the project's on-going stakeholder engagement process had been an exercise to identify an appropriate name for the new facility. As has now been confirmed with the CHCP Committee and CHCP PPF, the most popular suggestion (from both staff and members of the public) was that the new facility be called the *Vale Centre for Health & Care*. The main reasons offered for this suggestion was that it was a "new name for a new facility", clearly reflective of both the site within which the centre would be physically located; and the whole catchment area whose communities it would serve.

4. People Implications

4.1 There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report. The Community Participation Committee should be reassured that the content of the approved Full Business Case and the Centre as proposed has been informed by a comprehensive and on-going process of engagement with all relevant staff and services.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The project is funded by treasury capital and thus included in NHSGGC's Capital Resource Limit allocation from the Scottish Government. Provision for this expenditure has been made within the NHSGGC Capital Programme.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 The strategic risks and mitigating actions identified for the project have previously been reported to the CHCP Committee, with the risks associated with the Full Business Case not being approved/ and capital funding not being secured now being negated.

7. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

7.1 The formal Equality Impact Assessment of the Full Business Case confirmed that there are no negative equality impacts anticipated from the proposal within; and that they are anticipated to generate a variety of positive equality impacts (particularly in relation to age, disability, sex, pregnancy and maternity).

8. Conclusions and Recommendations

- 8.1** The delivery of a new Health and Care Centre has been a longstanding ambition within the Vale of Leven area. A huge amount of effort has been invested by a host of staff and services to develop detailed plans for an innovatively designed Centre focused on delivering leading-edge health and care services. The quality of that work is not just reflected in the fact that we have now secured all the necessary approvals to commence building, but also the positive reception the plans for the Centre have received locally – especially amongst local communities for whom this facility will be there to serve.
- 8.2** The CHCP is committed to delivering this Centre as a tangible example of the recognition of the needs and value of the people of the Vale of Leven, providing not just a showpiece health and care centre but a landmark building that engenders and reinforces a palpable sense of civic pride. We have already begun to work with NHS GGC colleagues and the project's appointed external contractors (Turner & Townsend and Laing O'Rourke) to prepare for the imminent commencement of construction, working towards the Centre being operational in Summer 2013.

The Community Participation Committee is asked to:

- Express its appreciation to the CHCP (and other partners) for securing this important development for the local area; and acknowledge the important contribution that local community groups have made to the plans for the new Centre.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers:

Vision for the Vale of Leven:

http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=home_valevision

West Dunbartonshire CHCP Strategic Plan 2011/12

Wards Affected:

Ward 17 - Renton / Alexandria South

Ward 18 - Alexandria North / Tullichewan

Ward 19 - Balloch