

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Social Work and Health

Social Work and Health Improvement Committee: 21 May 2008

Subject: Better Health Better Care Action Plan Update

1. Purpose

- 1.1** To inform Members of progress on work relating to potential Council input and activity relevant to the 'Better Health, Better Care Action Plan', and to seek committee endorsement of our approach.

2. Background

- 2.1** The revised 'Better Health, Better Care: Action Plan' document recognises the relevance of Local Authorities in joint planning for shared health outcomes. On 9 March 2008 Social Work and Health Improvement Committee recognised, and endorsed the need for proactive planning and decision making in respect of the action plan.
- 2.2** It was recommended that Committee request further work to clarify the implications for Council on potential partnership working across relevant actions as presented in 'Better Health, Better Care'.

3. Main Issues

- 3.1** The 'Better Health, Better Care Action Plan' document discusses activity, which is presently delivered across the domain of many agencies and partnership groups. The West Dunbartonshire Single Outcome Agreement (SOA), is now developing to include partnership actions. Work commissioned by the Community Planning Health Improvement Strategy Group is informing a number of key health improvement indicators for inclusion in the SOA.
- 3.2** This piece of work will give advance notice to SW and HI Committee in relation to issues which may require WDC involvement. **Appendix 1** illustrates the proposed format for a Committee 'work plan' schedule of relevant issues. This is work in progress, however needs committee endorsement and discussion on the appropriateness of this format.

4. Personnel Issues

- 4.1** None

5. Financial Implications

5.1 None at present.

6. Risk Analysis

6.1 Many of the proposed actions require joint delivery between Social Work and the Health Service, and between Education and the Health Service. Committee should be kept updated with issues of relevance.

7. Conclusions

7.1 We recognise, and propose the need for proactive planning and decision making in respect of the action plan, and propose a committee proactive work plan informed by a discursive process such as suggested in **Appendix 1**.

8. Recommendations

8.1 It is recommended that Committee endorse the format of **Appendix 1** and request conclusion of work to clarify the implications for Council on potential partnership working across relevant actions as presented in 'Better Health, Better Care'.

8.2 Committee to receive a progress report at Meeting of 22 October 2008.

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Appendices: 1. Better Health Better Care Items for Committee Discussion

Background Papers: Full document available at:
www.scotland.gov.uk?Publications/2007/12/11103453/0

Wards Affected: All