

## **HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP**

At a Meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 23 November 2005 at 2.10 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors Martin Rooney, Craig McLaughlin and Andy White (West Dunbartonshire Council); Rev Ian Miller (Divisional Chair, NHS Argyll and Clyde Board); David Dowie (Operations Manager, Communities Scotland) and Keith Redpath, Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership).

**Attending:** **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Bill Clark, Acting Director of Social Work Services; Stephen B Brown, Head of Legal and Administrative Services; Agnes Trotter, Assistant Principal Officer (Older People); Mike Foley, Strategy Officer (Mental Health) and Maureen Birss, Team Leader (Mental Health).

**Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership:** Helen Watson, Joint Strategy Officer and William Pook, Joint Finance Officer.

**Apologies:** Councillor James Flynn (West Dunbartonshire Council), Andrew Robertson (Chair, Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust and NHS Board) and Rosslyn Crocket, Acting Chief Executive, Greater Glasgow Primary Care Division.

### **Councillor Rooney in the Chair**

#### **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

7558 After hearing the Convener, Councillor Rooney, the Partnership agreed to vary the Order of Business as hereinafter recorded.

#### **JOINT IMPROVEMENT TEAM**

7559 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising that the Joint Improvement Team (JIT) would be attending the meeting, in order to inform on the work that the JIT had undertaken.

7560 In this connection, the Partnership heard a detailed presentation on the work that the JIT had undertaken from Mike Martin, Director and Elaine Torrance, Assistant Director of the JIT.

7561 Following a question and answer session, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report and the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter.

7562 Thereafter, the Convener, Councillor Rooney, thanked Mr Martin and Ms Torrance for their interesting and informative presentation.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- (a) The Minutes of Meeting of the Partnership held on 24 August 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject as undernoted:-

7563 In relation to a point raised by Councillor McLaughlin concerning the item entitled "Leven Cottage" (Page 1825, paragraph 6664 refers), it was agreed that the minute be amended to record that the terms of the motion which had been moved by Councillor McLaughlin and seconded by the Rev. Ian Miller should read "That the Partnership delay any decision on the future of Leven Cottage until such time as full provision was in place with regard to nursing care facilities in Alexandria including the completion of such facilities."

7564 With regard to the item entitled "Update on Consultation on the Establishment of a West of Scotland Cardiothoracic Centre at Golden Jubilee National Hospital" (Page 1827, paragraph 6677 refers), it was noted that a further update report would now be submitted to the February 2006 meeting of the Partnership for Members' consideration.

- (b) The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Partnership held on 28 October 2005 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

### **PARTNERSHIP CONSTITUTION**

7565 A report was submitted by the Clerk to the Partnership providing clarification as to the terms of the constitution of the Partnership.

7566 After discussion and having heard the Head of Legal and Administrative Services in explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the terms of the report.

7567 Councillor McLaughlin, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed motion, asked that his dissent be recorded.

### LEVEN COTTAGE PROGRESS REPORT

- 7568 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an update on the progress made towards the closure of Leven Cottage, involving consultation with residents, carers and trades unions.
- 7569 After discussion and having heard the Convener, Councillor Rooney, and the relevant officers in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the work undertaken to meet with residents, carers, staff and trades unions to identify issues and action required arising from the decision to close Leven Cottage; and
  - (2) to endorse the previous commitment to the provision of high quality Care Home provision in the Vale of Leven area.
- 7570 Councillor McLaughlin, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed motion, asked that his dissent be recorded.

Note: Councillor White left the meeting during consideration of this item.

### PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING GRANT (PSHG)

- 7571 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of reduced funding for 2006/2007 in respect of the Private Sector Housing Grant.
- 7572 After discussion and having heard the Convener, Councillor Rooney, it was agreed:-
- (1) to note, with concern, the contents of the report;
  - (2) that a further report dealing with the impact of the reduced level of grant on key issues would be submitted to a future meeting of the Partnership for consideration; and
  - (3) that the Acting Director of Social Work Services be authorised to explore possible alternative sources of funding with partner organisations, given the significant reduction in grant.
- 7573 Councillor McLaughlin, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed motion, asked that his dissent be recorded.

## **PARTNERSHIP DISCHARGE PROTOCOL**

7574 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services requesting formal agreement to the Partnership Discharge Protocol, produced by Greater Glasgow NHS and Local Authority partners, including officers of West Dunbartonshire Council.

7575 After discussion, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to endorse the protocol and authorise the Acting Director of Social Work Services to sign off the protocol on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council.

## **JOINT PERFORMANCE INFORMATION & ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK (JPIAF) – ANNUAL EVALUATION STATEMENTS 2004/2005**

7576 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services providing an update on the Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework 2004-2005 and draft Annual Evaluation Statement (issued by the Scottish Executive) reported at the meeting of the Partnership held on 24 August 2005.

7577 After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to note the content of the correspondence received from the Scottish Executive in respect of this matter.

7578 Councillor McLaughlin, having failed to obtain a seconder for a proposed motion, asked that his dissent be recorded.

## **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MENTAL HEALTH (CARE AND TREATMENT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2003**

7579 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the progress made towards the implementation of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003.

7580 After discussion and having heard the relevant officers in elaboration, the Partnership agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made towards ensuring that Council was in a position to meet its statutory duties and responsibilities;

- (2) to note the difficulty in terms of recruiting and retaining approved mental health officers and the consolidation of mental health services designed to minimise the risk of not delivering the requirements of the Act;
- (3) to approve an additional increment for Mental Health Officers (MHOs);
- (4) that the Acting Director of Social Work Services would monitor MHO recruitment and retention; and
- (5) that the Acting Director of Social Work Services would bring forward progress reports on how the new Act was being implemented in West Dunbartonshire.

### **VULNERABLE ADULTS**

- 7581 A report was submitted by the Acting Director of Social Work Services advising of the adoption of procedures for the protection of Vulnerable Adults.
- 7582 Having heard the Acting Director of Social Work Services, the Partnership agreed to note the procedures and welcomed their introduction across West Dunbartonshire.

### **COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP (CHP) UPDATE**

- 7583 A report was submitted by the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership advising of a further range of appointments by Greater Glasgow in conjunction with NHS Argyll and Clyde to the new CHP for West Dunbartonshire.
- 7584 After discussion and having heard the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership in explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 4.10 p.m.