

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Sub-Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday, 12 March 2003 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Ronnie McColl, Connie O'Sullivan and Mary Collins (West Dunbartonshire Council); Mrs Vivien Dance (Argyll and Clyde NHS Board); and David Dowie (Communities Scotland).

Attending: **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work and Housing Services; Ian McMurdo, Director of Education and Cultural Services; Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Michael Foley, Senior Social Worker (Strategy); Helen Watson, Senior Social Worker (Strategy); William Pook, Social Worker (Strategy); Tom Jackson, Community Planning Co-ordinator, Policy Unit; Bobby Jones, Health Improvement Officer, Policy Unit; and Craig Stewart, Administrative Assistant.

Greater Glasgow NHS: Alex MacKenzie, Assistant Director of Planning and Community Care.

Argyll and Clyde NHS: Ron Arbuckle, Head of Service.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Rev. Ian Miller and Kay Eastwood (Argyll and Clyde NHS); and Andrew Robertson (Greater Glasgow Primary Care NHS Trust and NHS Board).

Councillor Ronnie McColl in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 27 November 2002 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

The Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 30 January 2003 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES – A NEW STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

With reference to the Minutes of Meeting of the Education Committee held on 12 February 2003, a report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of proposals agreed by the Council for the future strategic framework of children's services.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and the Director of Education and Cultural Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed that the contents of the report be noted.

NOTE: The Director of Education and Cultural Services left the meeting at this point in the proceedings.

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT (DRAFT)

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of the current status of the Local Partnership Agreement due to be finalised by 31 March 2003.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and after discussion, it was agreed:-

- (a) that the joint working that led to the development of the Local Partnership Agreement (Draft) be noted;
- (b) that the contents of the Local Partnership Agreement (Draft) be noted; and
- (c) that any further comments on the content of the Draft would be made to the Director of Social Work and Housing Services, as necessary.

HEALTH IMPACT SCREENING PILOT

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services advising of a 6-month pilot on the process of Health Impact Assessment Screening in the Social Work and Housing Services Department of West Dunbartonshire Council.

Having heard the Health Improvement Officer, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the intention of the Department of Social Work and Housing Services to undertake a 6-month pilot on the process of Health Impact Assessment Screening, which was scheduled to begin later this year; and
- (b) that further reports on the outcome of the pilot would be submitted to the Sub-Committee at the appropriate time.

‘CARE IN SCOTLAND’ RECRUITMENT: A LOCAL PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services:-

- (a) advising of the steps taken by West Dunbartonshire Council and its partners to develop workforce planning, training resources and recruitment of key staff across the care sector; and
- (b) requesting that the Director of Social Work and Housing Services be authorised to fund, in partnership with Job Centre Plus, a seconded post within the Council to promote the recruitment of care staff.

Having heard the Head of Strategy in elaboration and in answer to Members’ questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the recruitment initiatives that would be undertaken as outlined in the report;
- (2) to approve the funding of the seconded post from Job Centre Plus for a 6 month pilot, commencing on 1 April 2003; and
- (3) that the Director of Social Work and Housing Services be requested to bring forward further reports on the outcome of the pilot later in the year.

DRAFT JOINT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services requesting that the Sub-Committee note and approve the progress made in the development of a Joint Health Improvement Plan for West Dunbartonshire.

A presentation on the report was then undertaken by the Community Planning Co-ordinator and the Health Improvement Officer. During the course of the presentation, the Local Health Plan 2002/2003 (2003 Update) for NHS Greater Glasgow was circulated, for information, by the Assistant Director of Planning and Community Care.

After discussion and having heard officers in answer to Members’ questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (a) to note the contents of the report;
- (b) to approve the progress of the Joint Health Improvement Plan and the work of the Joint Strategy Sub Group for Health Improvement Planning; and

- (c) to note the invitation for all partners to comment on the consultation draft which was appended to the report.

The meeting closed at 11.14 a.m. with the Chair, Councillor R. McColl, thanking everyone for their attendance.