

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership**

**Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership: 21 February 2007**

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**Subject: Proposed Membership of West Dunbartonshire Council and West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership as a Partner in the Joint Equipment Store operated by Greater Glasgow Independent Living Equipment Service (GGILES) with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To provide the Partnership with a progress report on the Proposed Membership of West Dunbartonshire Council and West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership as a Partner in the Joint Equipment Store operated by Greater Glasgow Independent Living Equipment Service (GGILES).
- 1.2** A report on this subject was made to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership meeting on 22 November 2006, where the proposed membership was approved.
- 1.3** One of the recommendations approved from this report was to refer this issue to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership Committee for further progress reports on the integration process.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** Full details of the background are provided in the report to the Social Justice Committee of 13 September 2006 together with the report to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership of 22 November 2006.
- 2.2** The Joint Equipment Store is located in Baillieston in Glasgow and current partners are as follows together with an estimate of current responsibility and an estimate of responsibility with the inclusion of West Dunbartonshire Council.

##### **Current Status**

Glasgow City Council	65%
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	26%
East Dunbartonshire Council	9%
West Dunbartonshire Council	0%

##### **Effective from 1 April 2007**

Glasgow City Council	60%
NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde	24%
East Dunbartonshire Council	8%
West Dunbartonshire Council	8%

These require to be confirmed and are provided for guidance purposes only – they are not expected to be materially different.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** Full details of the main issues are provided in the report to the Social Justice Committee of 13 September 2006 together with the report to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership of 22 November 2006.
- 3.2** An “in-principle” decision was given on 17 May 2006 by the GGILES Steering Group to West Dunbartonshire Council and West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership to become one of the partners in the Joint Equipment Store with effect from <sup>1</sup> April 2007.
- 3.3** Formal approval was given on 18 December 2006 by the GGILES Steering Group to West Dunbartonshire Council and West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership to become one of the partners in the Joint Equipment Store with effect from 1 April 2007.
- 3.4** A Project Implementation Plan has been prepared on the basis of an effective commencement date for the new service by GGILES on 1 April 2007.
- 3.5** West Dunbartonshire Council will have representation in “shadow” form on the GGILES Steering Group and various sub-groups until full membership from the 1 April 2007. NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are already represented on the Steering Group.
- 3.6** The implementation date of 1 April 2007 will be achieved.

### **4. Personnel Issues**

- 4.1** Full details of the Personnel Issues are provided in the report to the Social Justice Committee of 13 September 2006 together with the report to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership of 22 November 2006.
- 4.2** A newsletter has been issued to all Social Work and Health employees who will be affected by the change of service to GGILES. This provides details of the Project Implementation Team; Training dates; background to GGILES; benefits of service change etc. It is planned to issue a second newsletter at the end of January 2007 with further updates thereafter.
- 4.3** A Joint Staff Event for Social Work and Health employees affected by the service change to GGILES was run on 24 January 2007. The event was attended by approximately 100 employees and representatives from Direct and Care Services (DACS), Glasgow City Council and East Dunbartonshire Council attended to inform employees about the GGILES services and what it means to users.

- 4.4** Discussions with potentially displaced employees have been undertaken and it is anticipated that these employees will be redeployed within West Dunbartonshire Council at 1 April 2007.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** Full details of the financial implications are provided in the report to the Social Justice Committee of 13 September 2006 together with the report to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership of 22 November 2006.

## **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** The decision to join GGILES was approved by West Dunbartonshire council on 13 September 2006 and by the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership on 22 November 2006 following an options appraisal.
- 6.2** An implementation plan was produced which identified tasks and actions required to implement membership on 1 April 2007.
- 6.3** The implementation plan is, at present, on target and any risks to the line membership are being managed.

## **7. Conclusions**

- 7.1** Approval has been provided at the Social Justice Committee on 13 September 2006 and the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership on 22 November 2006 for West Dunbartonshire Council to become one of the partners within the Greater Glasgow Independent Living Equipment Service with effect from 1 April 2007. This will bring an enhanced and improved service to clients and service users and the potential for financial savings based on the significantly larger purchasing power of the GGILES grouping.

## **8. Recommendations**

- 8.1** The Partnership is asked to note the content of the Report and make comment as necessary to the Director of Social Work Services and the CHP Director.
- 8.2** The Partnership is asked to note that further progress reports on the integration process will be presented to the Committee for review.

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**Background Papers:** Health Improvement Social Justice Partnership June 2004  
Health Improvement Social Justice Partnership  
September 2004  
Audit Scotland Report (dated August 2004) titled  
“Adapting to the Future” (Management of Community  
Equipment and Adaptations)  
Social Justice Committee September 2006  
Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership  
November 2006

**Wards Affected:** All council Wards.