

## **COMMUNITY HEALTH AND CARE PARTNERSHIP**

### **Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership**

**Committee: 15 December 2010**

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**Subject: Progress Report on the Reprovision of Auchentoshan Day Centre**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update on the re-provision of Auchentoshan Day Services.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** On 18 February 2009 a report on the reprovision of Auchentoshan Day Centre was considered by the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee. The decision of the Committee was that Auchentoshan Day Centre would close with the department to proceed with the proposed development of the identified site at Dunn Street in Dalmuir, with the involvement of carers throughout.
- 2.2** Following the decision of the Committee of 18 February 2009, the Department of Housing, Environmental and Economic Development Estates Section entered negotiations with Clydebank Co-operative, to whom the building is currently leased, and a developer, who, under the proposals would acquire the top floor of the building at Dunn Street, and would have fitted the same out as the Day Centre and then leased it to the Council.

#### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** Update reports have been provided to the Health and Social Work Committee in the period since February 2009 to keep Committee up to date with developments. However recently, two issues have arisen which have resulted in difficulties in taking forward the proposal regarding the premises at Dunn Street, namely:
- (a) On searching against the Council's titles, it transpires that there may be a small part of the building, towards the frontage (facing Dumbarton Road), which is not within the Council ownership. Searches and discussions are

ongoing with potentially interested parties to ascertain the full position and seek a resolution.

- (b) Notwithstanding the above, in any event, the matter would appear unlikely to be able to be progressed further, pending the outcome of a current internal investigations into the circumstances of this and other transactions. Due to the nature of the investigations no further comment is presently possible.

- 3.2 In light of these issues the Learning Disability Service will now require to explore all available opportunities for service reprovion and redesign. A full and detailed report will then be provided to Committee in February 2011.

#### **4. People Implications**

- 4.1 There are no immediate effects on Council employees as a result of the delay in reprovion, other than those employees who were previously located within Auchentoshan and who are now currently redeployed elsewhere within the Learning Disability service will remain redeployed.
- 4.2 For service users the delay encountered as a result of the issues highlighted above will mean they will remain at the current locations for day services.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 The delay in reprovion will have no significant effect on the revenue budget for 2011/12.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 This service is currently re-provided within the Dumbarton Centre and at locality services in the Clydebank area. The service users are settled within these services where their needs are met and therefore the risk to them is low.

There is a risk of increased anxiety within the carers' population as a result of the uncertainty regarding this project. In order to mitigate this risk the department will provide a further report to this Committee in February 2011 and will keep the Steering Group and carers up to date with ongoing developments.

#### **7. Equalities Impact**

- 7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this measure.

#### **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1** As previously stated, Learning Disability Services will explore all available opportunities for service redesign. We will provide a full and detailed report to the CHCP committee in February 2011.
- 8.2** Committee is asked to note the content of this report.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:**

**Wards Affected:** All