

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Chief Officer: Supply, Distribution and Property

Infrastructure Regeneration and Economic Development Committee:

16 August 2023

**Subject: Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services
Accommodation**

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Committee regarding the agreed option for Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice Services accommodation in Alexandria.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:

- (i) Note the contents of the report.
- (ii) Approve the capital allocation for the capital plan detailed in 4.1.

3. Background

- 3.1 A Report to Council 9 March 2022 : General Services Budget Setting 2022/23 and 2023/24 – 2024/25 Budget Estimates indicated:

“it has become clear that the facilities being provided by the HSCP at the Vale Centre for Health and Care are less than perfect, and Council agrees we must provide better facilities for our staff and their clients. A report will come to the relevant committee with options for outfitting suitable space in Dumbarton/Vale of Leven, which will deliver the fit for purpose, modern facilities we need”

- 3.2 It was agreed to bring back a further report to committee detailing costs to satisfy this request and these costs are detailed specifically in 4.1.

4. Main IssuesAlexandria

- 4.1 Following meeting of Council on 9 March 2022, Council approved an allocation of budget to be determined by Committee for options for suitable space in Dumbarton/Vale of Leven to deliver fit for purpose services and modern facilities for Children and Families contact space & other associated statutory requirements. Following discussions between Asset Management

and HSCP a number of sites in Alexandria were reviewed and sites visits took place with officers.

The following is proposed for Children and Families Services within Alexandria for contact space and other statutory functions:

ALEXANDRIA			
	CAPITAL	REVENUE	
Alexandria Community Centre (part thereof) (Appendix 2)	£27,000	£4,500	Cost include fit out Rental

Office Accommodation

4.2 Following review of existing desk allocation space and work style reviews HSCP have proposed the following for delivery of their service across the authority.

- Church Street for all staff within Children's Health and Children and Families allocated workspace on 1st Floor in addition to flexible work space throughout the building.
- Aurora allocated and flexible workspace on 1st Floor.
- Alexandria Town Centre Office flexible working space available.

5. People Implications

5.1 Consultation with employees and Trade Unions has been carried out by HSCP.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications

6.1 No capital or revenue budget allocation has been made for recommendations in 4.1 and £27,000 will require to be allocated from the capital budget.

6.2 In relation to Revenue budgets for rental income for Alexandria (as outlined in para 4.1) within this is already accounted for within the budget allocation from WDC to HSCP for accommodation provision across the authority.

6.3 Running costs for utilities for Alexandria would require to be met by HSCP and would be recharged via West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust. Running costs across the wider NHS/West Dunbartonshire Council estate will be rationalised due to various sites no longer being utilised by HSCP and it is therefore anticipated that the overall cost would not be affected.

6.3 There are no procurement issues associated with this report

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** A desktop assessment of available options across NHS sites and Council sites was carried out by officers from Asset Management and HSCP.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** An Equality Impact Assessment is not applicable for the purpose of this report.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** Consultations have been undertaken with Trades Unions, Finance and Regulatory Services, Planning and Road Services.

10. Strategic Assessment

- 10.1** By agreeing to this proposal this will be contributing to the Council's strategic priority 1 - Our Communities - Resilient and Thriving.

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Appendices: Appendix 1

Background Papers: Report to Council 9 March 2022 : General Services
Budget Setting 2022/23 and 2023/24 – 2024/25 Budget
Estimates

Wards Affected: ALL