

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE SUB-COMMITTEE

At the inaugural meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Sub-Committee held in the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Rosebery Place, Clydebank on Wednesday 22 May 2002 at 10.00 a.m.

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

Attending: **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work and Housing Services, Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Stephen Brown, Head of Legal and Administrative Services; and Michael Foley, Senior Social Worker (Strategy).

Greater Glasgow NHS: Catriona Renfrew, Director of Planning and Community Care.

Argyll and Clyde NHS: Michael Bews, Chief Executive; and Kay Eastwood, Director of Nursing.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor John Trainer (West Dunbartonshire Council) and Ronnie Cleland and Andrew Robertson (Greater Glasgow NHS Board).

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The Head of Legal and Administrative Services invited Members to appoint a Chair from its membership.

On the motion of Councillor Collins, seconded by Councillor O’Sullivan, the Sub-Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Ronnie McColl as Chair.

Thereafter, Councillor McColl (Chair) invited nominations for the position of Vice Chair of the Sub-Committee.

On the motion of Councillor McColl, seconded by Mrs Dance, the Sub-Committee agreed to appoint Rev. Ian Miller as Vice Chair.

MINUTE OF AGREEMENT

There was submitted and approved, as an interim working document, the Minute of Agreement (Draft Version 4) which sets out the arrangements whereby the Partners would implement the recommendations of the Joint Future Report, Scottish Executive Circulars and duties and powers under the Community Care and Health (Scotland) Act 2002.

Having heard the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, the Sub-Committee noted that all partner organisations required to nominate named substitutes to attend meetings of the Sub-Committee, in the absence of the nominated member. It was agreed that all organisations should notify the Head of Legal and Administrative Services of their named substitutes as soon as possible.

ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT STRATEGY GROUP

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services proposing the formal establishment of the Joint Strategy Group, the membership of which was detailed within the Appendix to the report.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services in further explanation, the Sub-Committee agreed to formally establish the Joint Strategy Group as detailed in the report.

INITIAL LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services on the initial Local Partnership Agreement between West Dunbartonshire Council, NHS Greater Glasgow Board, NHS Argyll and Clyde Board and Communities Scotland, which sets out the arrangements for partnership working and the joint resourcing and joint management of services for older people and other community care services. It was noted that a copy of the full Initial Local Partnership Agreement (ILPA) had been issued to all Members.

At this point Bill Clark, Head of Strategy, gave a presentation on the progress made towards the implementation of the Agreement and in so doing, highlighted some of the key issues and major challenges facing the Partnership.

Councillor McColl, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, thanked Mr Clark for his presentation.

Thereafter, the Sub-Committee agreed to note the contents of the ILPA and directed the Joint Strategy Group to progress work on the implementation of joint strategic planning and the integration of community care services.

The Head of Legal and Administrative Services left the meeting at this point.

JOINT FUTURE SUPPORT POSTS

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval for the joint funding of additional posts to support and facilitate the implementation of Joint Future arrangements and objectives.

Having heard Councillor McColl (Chair), the Sub-Committee agreed to note the progress made in recruiting joint future support staff and to approve the costs and apportionment of costs for the posts as detailed within the report.

SERVICE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval for the recruitment of social work and nursing staff to implement the recommendations of the Scottish Executive review of learning disability services "The same as you", and the Partnership in Practice Agreement, agreed by West Dunbartonshire Council on 27 June 2001.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services and the Strategy Manager in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed to approve the expenditure detailed within the report, totalling £188,500, which is released from the existing Social Work Operations budget for learning disabilities and from Greater Glasgow NHS Board and Argyll and Clyde NHS Board Resource Transfer, as a result of Transitional Housing Benefit income.

NEW HOUSING AND SUPPORT FOR ADULTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES LIVING IN RESIDENTIAL CARE

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services seeking approval for the transfer of ownership of Kilpatrick House to Dunbritton Housing Association at nil value and detailing the new financial investments required.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Strategy in answer to Members' questions, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the transfer of Kilpatrick House to Dunbritton Housing Association at nil value, subject to the consent of the Scottish Ministers; and
- (2) to approve the resource release from Transitional Housing Benefit income.

DELAYED DISCHARGE ACTION PLANS

A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work and Housing Services outlining progress by West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Boards on the preparation of Delayed Discharge Action Plans in the West Dunbartonshire area.

Having heard the Director of Social Work and Housing Services in further explanation, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress made in tackling delayed discharges across West Dunbartonshire;
- (2) to note that further reports on delayed discharges would be submitted to the Sub-Committee on a regular basis; and
- (3) that the Joint Strategy Group should give consideration to the provision of services for the elderly.

Due to the Fire Alarm sounding, the meeting adjourned for approximately 15 minutes. The Meeting reconvened at 11.15 a.m. with all Members shown on the list of those present in attendance with the exception of Councillor Mary Collins.

STANDING ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

The Director of Social Work and Housing Services invited the Sub-Committee to give consideration to standing items for future agendas.

After discussion, the Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that there would be regular reports to the Sub-Committee on the following:-
 - Performance of joint strategies/initiatives;
 - Financial reports; and
 - Issues/proposals from the Joint Strategy Group.
- (2) that there should be presentations on various aspects of the Sub-Committee's work e.g. financial planning, community planning, children's services etc.; and
- (3) that a Seminar be arranged for all elected Members and Members of the Sub-Committee on the implications of the Joint Futures for both the Council and its partners.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

After discussion, it was agreed that the Sub-Committee should meet in August, November, February and May of each year and that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 14 August 2002 at 10.00 a.m. in Committee Room 2, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.