

**HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND SOCIAL JUSTICE
PARTNERSHIP**

At a Meeting of the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership held in Meeting Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Wednesday 29 September 2004 at 10.30 a.m.

Present: Councillor Connie O'Sullivan (West Dunbartonshire Council); Catriona Renfrew (Director of Planning and Community Care, Greater Glasgow NHS Board) and Karen Murray (Divisional Director, Lomond and Argyll Division, NHS Argyll and Clyde).

Attending: **West Dunbartonshire Council:** Alexis Jay, Director of Social Work Services; Bill Clark, Head of Strategy; Jim Dean, Area Social Work Manager; Bobby Jones, Lead Officer – Health Improvement; Kelly Gainty, Contracts and Commissioning Officer and Nuala Borthwick, Administrative Assistant.

Health Improvement & Social Justice Partnership: Helen Watson, Joint Strategy Officer.

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

Apologies: Councillor Andy White, (West Dunbartonshire Council), Rev Ian Miller and Kay Eastwood, (Argyll and Clyde NHS Board), Andrew Robertson and Ronnie Clelland, (Greater Glasgow NHS Board) and David Dowie (Operations Manager, Communities Scotland).

Councillor O'Sullivan in the Chair

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

3709 The Minutes of the Meeting of the Partnership held on 9 June 2004 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

REPORT TO COUNCIL – DIRECT ELECTIONS TO NHS BOARDS

3710 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of a report to West Dunbartonshire Council relating to the Consultation on the Proposal for Direct Elections to National Health Service Boards (Scotland) Bill.

- 3711 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services and the Director of Planning and Community Care in further explanation, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the Council Report and to make comment as necessary to the Director of Social Work Services.

**EXTENDED LOCAL PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT DRAFT
ANNUAL EVALUATION STATEMENT**

- 3712 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services:-
- (a) advising of the Draft Annual Evaluation Statement from the Scottish Executive which relates to the West Dunbartonshire Extended Local Partnership Agreement;
 - (b) proposing a Partnership response to the Draft Annual Evaluation Statement; and
 - (c) advising that the Scottish Executive require that the Extended Local Partnership Agreement be formally signed by a representative from each of the Partnership agencies.
- 3713 Having heard the Director of Social Work Services in further explanation, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the content of the Draft Annual Evaluation Statement and make comment as necessary to the Director of Social Work Services;
 - (2) to endorse the management response to the Statement; and
 - (3) to sign the Extended Local Partnership Agreement after the close of the business of the meeting.

**BETTER OUTCOMES FOR OLDER PEOPLE: FRAMEWORK
FOR JOINT SERVICES**

- 3714 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the Scottish Executive Draft Framework for Joint Services for Older People, "Better Outcomes for Older People".
- 3715 The Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the Draft Framework as useful guidance to ensuring a continued focus on better outcomes for older people as a result of joint working within West Dunbartonshire; and
 - (2) to endorse a response to the Scottish Executive, welcoming the Better Outcomes for Older People Framework for Joint Services.

STEPPING STONES

- 3716 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services seeking approval to release resource of £11,590 from Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 implementation monies to enable Stepping Stones to extend the contracts of an Employment Worker and a Project Worker to the end of the financial year (31.03.2005).
- 3717 Having heard the Head of Strategy in further explanation, the Partnership agreed to approve resource release of £11,590 from Mental Health (Care and Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 implementation monies to enable Stepping Stones to extend the contracts of an Employment Worker and a Project Worker to the end of the current financial year.

RECOMMENDATION AND OUTCOME OF TENDERING PROCESS FOR THE SHORT BREAKS SERVICE FOR CARERS

- 3718 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services:-
- (a) advising on the progress of tendering for a Short Breaks Service for Carers; and
 - (b) advising of the accepted recommendation by the Tendering Committee on 4th August 2004 to contract with a provider of short breaks services.
- 3719 Having heard the Head of Strategy and the Contracts and Commissioning Officer in further explanation, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to note the contents of the report;
 - (2) to note the accepted recommendation of the Tendering Committee to approve the tender submitted by Quarriers; and
 - (3) to authorise the Director of Social Work Services to negotiate an appropriate contract for the provision of the Short Breaks Service for Carers.

LAUNCH OF FIRST LOCAL PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY FOR CARERS

- 3720 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the Joint Future Local Partnership First Carers Strategy which was formally launched by Councillor Martin Rooney, on Friday 27th August 2004 at the Council Chambers, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton.
- 3721 Having heard the Head of Strategy in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the Local Partnership Carers Strategy.

**PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON
SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES**

- 3722 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services requesting:-
- (a) that the West Dunbartonshire Joint Future Partnership response to the national consultation on 'Smoking in Public Places' be endorsed by the Partnership; and
 - (b) that the Partnership supports a ban on smoking in public places, with the exceptions as noted at paragraphs 5.3 and 5.4 of the report.
- 3723 Following discussion, the Partnership agreed:-
- (1) to support a ban on smoking in public places, with the exception of care homes for adults as noted at paragraph 5.3 of the report;
 - (2) that it be noted that NHS Argyll and Clyde and Greater Glasgow NHS Boards were not in support of preserving the option of designated smoking areas in adult day-care facilities;
 - (3) that a clear statement be provided to the Scottish Executive to reflect the division of opinion of West Dunbartonshire Council and the NHS Argyll and Clyde and Greater Glasgow NHS Boards in respect of smoking in adult day-care facilities as noted at paragraph 5.4 of the report; and
 - (4) that dependent on the outcome of the national consultation, the uptake of care packages to adult day-care facilities be monitored on an ongoing basis.

**ADAPTING TO THE FUTURE – AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT & ADAPTATIONS –
BASELINE REPORT**

- 3724 A report was submitted by the Director of Social Work Services advising of the recently published Audit Scotland review of the Management of Equipment & Adaptations.
- 3725 Having heard the Area Social Work Manager in further explanation, the Partnership agreed to note the content of the Report and to instruct the Director of Social Work Services to submit periodic reports on the implementation of the Action Plan.

URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

- 3726 The Chair, in terms of Section 50(B)4(b) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as inserted by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, decided that the following items be considered as matters of urgency on the grounds that the action to be taken required early consideration.

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY GROUP RESPONSE PAPER TO ARGYLL AND CLYDE NHS BOARD CLINICAL STRATEGY CONSULTATION

- 3727 A report was submitted (tabled) by the Director of Social Work Services advising of a paper to Argyll and Clyde NHS Board relating to the Consultation on the Clinical Strategy.
- 3728 After discussion the Partnership agreed to note the content of the report and consider its content when finalising any further Council or Partnership response to the Clinical Strategy.

SHAPING THE FUTURE – NHS ARGYLL & CLYDE CLINICAL STRATEGY

- 3729 A report to West Dunbartonshire Council on 29 September 2004 was submitted (tabled) to the Partnership by the Director of Social Work Services, advising of the content of the NHS Argyll and Clyde Clinical Strategy and its potential implications for the people of West Dunbartonshire.
- 3730 It was noted that the report was submitted for Members' information only.

The meeting closed at 11.20 a.m.