

SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee held on Wednesday, 11 August 2010 in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank, at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, Gail Casey, Jonathan McColl, Ronnie McColl, Patrick McGlinchey*, Iain Robertson, Martin Rooney and May Smillie*.

*Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Keith Redpath, Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership; Stephen West, Head of Strategy, Resources and Modernisation; David Elliott, General Manager, Learning Disability Services; Moira Swanson, Section Head – Strategy; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and George Hawthorn, Senior Administrative Officer, Legal, Administrative and Regulatory Services.

Apology: An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Marie McNair.

Councillor Ronnie McColl in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Councillor R. McColl (Chair) welcomed Keith Redpath, Director of West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership to the meeting and congratulated him on his appointment.

URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS

Councillor R. McColl (Chair) informed the Committee that he had agreed to accept a motion from Councillor Jonathan McColl in connection with the effect of the Housing stock transfer on sheltered housing premises, as a matter of urgency. It was noted that the motion would be taken after all other agenda items had been considered.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Social Work and Health Improvement Committee held on 19 May 2010 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Councillor J. McColl and the Head of Strategy, Resources and Modernisation were heard in response to Members' questions.

Note: Councillor Smillie entered the meeting during discussion on the above item.

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE REPROVISION OF AUCHENTOSHAN DAY CENTRE

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing an update on the reprovision of Auchentoshan Day Services.

After hearing the General Manager, Learning Disability Services, in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the report and the planned timeline for the development of the reprovision;
- (2) to note the Planning Application for the proposed new Centre would be submitted to the Planning Committee in October 2010; and
- (3) to note that the appendices to the report on the Equalities Impact Assessment had not been included in the papers and would be issued to all Members after the meeting.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PERFORMANCE ON SERVICE DELIVERY TIMESCALES – APRIL TO JUNE 2010

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health advising of the performance of Social Work and Health regarding timescales for service delivery within Community Care Services.

Having heard the Section Head, Social Work Strategy in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to instruct the Director to bring regular progress reports to Committee; and
- (2) otherwise to note the terms of the report.

Note: Councillor McGlinchey entered the meeting during the discussion on the above item.

CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION REPORTS FOR REGISTERED SERVICES IN WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on the most recent Care Commission inspection reports received for each of nine independent sector providers delivering services within West Dunbartonshire.

After hearing the Head of Strategy, Resources and Modernisation in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Quality Assurance and Training Team would check that Joan's Carers are complying with the three Care Commission requirements referred to in paragraph 3.6 of the report and that a briefing would be sent to elected members apprising them of the current situation; and
- (2) otherwise to note the Care Commission's Inspection Reports.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON SOCIAL CARE PROCUREMENT GUIDANCE

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health advising on the departmental response to the Scottish Government's draft guidance on Social Care Procurement.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that the consultation response reflected the conclusions of the March report to Committee; and
- (2) that a further report on how the guidance would shape the Council's Social Care Procurement Policy and Procedures should be presented to Members following the publication of final guidance.

JOINT ACQUIRED BRAIN INJURY STRATEGY 2010 – 2014

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy.

Following discussion and having heard the Director and Head of Strategy, Resources and Modernisation in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to endorse the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy for West Dunbartonshire;
- (2) to request updates from the Acquired Brain Injury Strategy Group on progress with implementation of the action plan; and

- (3) to ask the Director to convey the thanks of the Committee to all staff involved in the preparation of the Strategy which was a very good example of best practice.

SENSORY IMPAIRMENT STRATEGY COVERING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SENSORY IMPAIRMENT

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health presenting the Joint Sensory Impairment Strategy.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to endorse the Sensory Impairment Strategy for West Dunbartonshire;
- (2) to request updates from the Sensory Impairment Strategy Group on progress with implementation of the action plan; and
- (3) to ask the Director to convey the thanks of the Committee to all staff involved in the preparation of the Strategy which was another good example of best practice.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2009/10 SERVICE PLAN ACTIONS AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS: SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH SERVICES FOR ADULTS

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health providing information on the performance of Social Work and Health in relation to Departmental Service Plan Actions for 2009/2013, Statutory Performance Indicators and Key Performance Areas for Adult Services for the period of 1 April 2009 to 31 March 2010.

After hearing the Head of Strategy, Resources and Modernisation and the Section Head, Strategy in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the content of the Annual Performance Report;
- (2) to approve the revised Performance Framework for Social Work and Health; and
- (3) that ongoing progress reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

SOCIAL WORK BUDGETARY POSITION 2010/11 AS AT PERIOD 3: YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2010

A report was submitted by the Interim Executive Director of Social Work and Health advising of the performance of the Social Work and Health budget for the period to 30 June 2010.

After hearing the Head of Strategy, Resources and Modernisation in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the terms of the report.

**URGENT ITEM OF BUSINESS –
MOTION BY COUNCILLOR JONATHAN MCCOLL ON EFFECT OF HOUSING
STOCK TRANSFER ON SHELTERED HOUSING**

The Committee unanimously approved the undernoted urgent motion by Councillor Jonathan McColl:-

The Committee notes that there are currently officer discussions taking place to decide how the stock transfer process will affect Council owned sheltered housing premises.

The Committee agrees that the current care arrangements at sheltered housing and other Council owned care facilities will not be affected by the stock transfer process.

Furthermore, the Committee agrees that within such premises, Social Work staffing arrangements, including staff terms and conditions, will also be unaffected by the stock transfer process.

No post predominantly involving Social Work duties will be compulsorily transferred under the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations (TUPE) to another employer should the tenancies within a complex be transferred to a new landlord.

The meeting closed at 10.55 a.m.