

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by Acting Director of Social Work

Council: 26 April 2006

**Subject: Issues relating to the Health Improvement and
Social Justice Partnership Committee**

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The Purpose of this Report is to advise Council of changes to the Partnership arrangements.

2. Background

- 2.1** Members will recall that, in order to facilitate joint working between NHS Bodies and the Council, the Council delegated to the Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership its duties and powers in respect of local authority functions relating to community care and children's services.
- 2.2** The terms of a Partnership Agreement with NHS Greater Glasgow Health Board, NHS Argyll & Clyde Health Board and Community Scotland were agreed. Since the establishment of the Partnership, all partners have jointly worked in a co-operative, participative and successful manner and this has been recognised in the evaluation reports from the Scottish Executive.
- 2.3** Members will also be aware that the NHS Reform (Scotland) Act 2004 makes provision for the establishment of Community Health Partnerships by Health Boards. Discussions with all partners on this have been ongoing by means of a WDC CHP Development Group with representation by Senior Officers and managers of all agencies.
- 2.4** At its meeting on 2 February 2005 the Council supported "in principle" the development of a West Dunbartonshire Community Health Partnership ("the CHP") and agreed the development of the CHP in line with statutory guidance building on existing joint future arrangements. It also determined that the existing Health Improvement and Social Justice Partnership arrangements would remain in place and would be the key interface between the Council and the CHP.
- 2.5** Following the announcement by the Scottish Executive on its proposals to dissolve NHS Argyll and Clyde from 1 April 2006, consultation has taken place across all parties. The outcome is that the dissolution of NHS Argyll and Clyde has been agreed and the new organisation will be known as NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde with effect from 1 April 2006.

2.6 This report describes certain organisational arrangements which will require to be put in place as a consequence of the restructuring detailed in the previous paragraph.

3. Main Issues

3.1 Changes will be required to the existing Partnership Agreement to take into account the change in membership described at Clause 2.6 above and also to reflect the developing entity of the Partnership.

4. Personnel Issues

4.1 There are no personnel issues.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

6. Recommendation

6.1 Council is asked to agree to enter into a new Minute of Agreement, the terms of which will be negotiated by the Acting Director of Social Work Services and the Head of Legal Services in consultation with our partners. Details of the Agreement will be reported to the Partnership.

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Background Papers: Minute of Agreement 4th April 2006

Wards Affected: All