

## WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

### Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

#### Community Health & Care Partnership: 22 June 2011

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**Subject: Developing a new Alexandria Health and Care Centre – Up-date**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to bring to the CHCP Committee attention the achievement of a key milestone for this development, namely submission of a formal Planning Application for the Centre. The CHCP Committee is asked to note this Report, the positive local reception to the design developed and the intensive effort underway by CHCP staff to deliver a robust Full Business Case for a new Alexandria Health and Care Centre.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1** A new Alexandria Health and Care Centre is the top capital development priority for the CHCP, and is a key element of the delivery of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board's Vision for the Vale of Leven Hospital campus.
- 2.2** As has previously been reported to Committee, the Outline Business Case (OBC) for a new integrated Health and Care Centre within the grounds of the Vale of Leven Hospital was approved in June 2010; and thereafter appointments were made of external Project Managers, Cost Advisers and a Private Supply Chain Partner (PSCP) to progress design and subsequent construction.
- 2.3** An intensive work programme is well underway and on-schedule to deliver a robust Full Business Case for the Centre during summer 2011 (as set out within the approved CHCP Strategic Plan 2011/12), for submission for formal approval by both the NHSGGC Health Board and the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group.
- 2.4** A key milestone for this project has been the submission of a formal planning application to West Dunbartonshire Council, the deadline for this having been identified as within May 2011. A formal letter was submitted to West Dunbartonshire Council on 24th December 2010 confirming the intention to submit a planning application for this Centre and carry out the necessary pre-application consultation. An official response letter dated 6th January 2011 was received confirming that the notice and consultation proposals were acceptable; and that the minimum 12 week period required prior to the submission of a Planning Application commenced on 24th December 2010.
- 2.5** According to Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 the new Centre is considered to be a major development. It has therefore been a requirement for the CHCP to carry

out Pre-Application Consultation with the local community before submitting a Planning Application.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1 The planning application was submitted on schedule on the 13<sup>th</sup> May 2011. This includes a comprehensive Design & Access Statement for the new Centre (Appendix 1).
- 3.2 The design set out within the Statement is the product of an intensive and comprehensive stakeholder engagement process, both in terms of the constituent staff/services who will be operating within this new Centre and the local communities who will be served by it. It has also taken inspiration from exemplar health centres identified from across the United Kingdom; and been informed by best practice guidance from authoritative bodies.
- 3.3 The access provisions reflect the performance criteria/objectives set for the Centre and the CHCP's commitment to Centre achieving a BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) Excellent Healthcare rating. They have also been informed – and strengthened - by positive contributions from the West Dunbartonshire Access Panel and Strathclyde Police (specifically in relation to crime prevention), who have been consulted with as part of the design process (and who the CHCP are committed to continuing to engage with and draw upon their expertise/perspectives as the project progresses).
- 3.4 The Centre design and site layout presented have received a consistently enthusiastic reception from the many community constituencies/groups who have been engaged with as part of the required Pre-Application Consultation (and which has been detailed in a supplementary report that has been included within the planning application documentation). This positive reception is likely reflective of the fact that the intensive Pre-Application Consultation activities have been undertaken as an integral and substantial component of the overall communications and stakeholder management approach that the CHCP has adopted (as recommend following the Gateway Stage 2 Review of the project, as already reported to Committee).

### **4. People Implications**

- 4.1 There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report.

### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1 There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

### **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1 No risk assessment was necessary to accompany this report.

## **7. Equalities, Health & Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 7.1 No significant issues were identified in a screening for potential equality impact of this report.
- 7.2 The Full Business Case for the new Alexandria Health and Care Centre will be subjected to an equalities impact assessment prior to its being finalised.

## **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Vision for this new Alexandria Health and Care Centre is that it be a place that is welcoming, reassuring and revitalising for its patients and their carers; its staff; and visitors from the wider community. The CHCP is committed to delivering an exceptional facility that delivers excellent health and care services for the communities of the Vale of Leven; and that can be viewed as an exemplar facility across both Scotland and the UK.
- 8.2 The project's intensive work programme is well underway and on-schedule to deliver a robust Full Business Case for the Centre during summer 2011, for submission for formal approval by both the NHSGGC Health Board and the Scottish Government Capital Investment Group.
- 8.3 The CHCP Committee is asked to note this Report, the positive local reception to the design developed and the intensive effort underway by CHCP staff to deliver a robust Full Business Case for a new Alexandria Health and Care Centre during 2011.

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**Appendices:** Alexandria Health & Care Centre – Design & Access Statement

**Background Papers:** Vision for the Vale of Leven:  
[http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=home\\_valevision](http://www.nhsggc.org.uk/content/default.asp?page=home_valevision)

West Dunbartonshire CHCP Committee Report:  
Developing a new Alexandria Health and Care Centre – Gateway Stage 2 Review (15<sup>th</sup> December 2010)

Alexandria Health & Care Centre – Pre-Application Consultation Report

West Dunbartonshire CHCP Strategic Plan 2011/12

**Wards Affected:** Ward 17 - Renton / Alexandria South  
Ward 18 - Alexandria North / Tullichewan  
Ward 19 - Balloch