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**Subject:** LEARNING DISABILITY (LD) REDESIGN – LD COMMUNITY HUB

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Health and Social Care Committee of the decision by the Inverclyde Council in early 2020 to include £7.4 million funding for the new Learning Disability Hub at the former Hector McNeil Baths site within the 2020/23 Capital Programme and to advise of ongoing development work in the design of the Learning Disability Community Hub.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Outline Business Case was presented to the Corporate Management Team in July 2019 outlining the work undertaken to date in progressing with the LD Redesign. The Outline Business Case was presented to the Corporate Management Team in July 2019.
- 2.2 Regular updates have been provided to the Health and Social Care Committee and Integration Joint Board with the options for two sites being presented in February 2020. The Hector McNeil Baths site was the preferred option after consideration of the site investigation work.
- 2.3 The former Hector McNeil Baths site was agreed by the Inverclyde Council in early 2020 and the inclusion of £7.4 million funding for the new Learning Disability Hub within the 2020/23 Capital Programme. The go ahead was given for the development of the site to be progressed by the HSCP and Property Services.
- 2.4 In mid March 2020, the continuous community transmission of COVID19 and the resultant cessation of non-critical Health and Social Care services resulted in staff resources being focused on critical health and social care service support, including the learning disability service. Despite services being diverted to respond to COVID, virtual work continues with the LD Community Hub design to develop the former site in terms of the early building and open space concept and online consultation with service users facilitated by The Advisory Group.
- 2.5 With the gradual lifting of the national lockdown and the Scottish Government's Recovery road map moving into phase three and shortly phase four, the LD Programme Board chaired by the Head of Health and Community Care will progress the development of the site with an estimated 24 month completion date.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Committee is asked to note the former Hector McNeil Baths site being agreed by the Inverclyde Council in early 2020 with the inclusion of £7.4 million funding for the new Learning Disability Hub within the 2020/23 Capital Programme.
- 3.2 The Health and Social Care Committee is asked to note that despite services being diverted to respond to COVID19, virtual work continues with Property Services to develop the former site in terms of the early building concept and online consultation with service users facilitated by The Advisory Group.
- 3.3 The Health and Social Care Committee is asked to note that service user, carer and staff consultation will be a key consideration in the development of the LD Community Hub.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Following the Strategic Review which set out the case for change, the Learning Disability Redesign was progressed to:-

- Develop a new model of day opportunities for adults with LD, with clear service access criteria.
- Merge two LD day centres on an interim basis, into one service on the Fitzgerald Centre site.
- Seek a longer term development to create a new community hub to accommodate day opportunities resources for people with LD and Autism with more complex needs, requiring building-based support.
- Ensure ongoing, significant review of all LD packages of care to ensure that packages are delivering high quality support to people in achieving their personal needs and outcomes and are financially sustainable.

4.2 An original list confirmed 28 potential sites identified across Inverclyde. Following option appraisal work this reduced to 8 and then 4 and then 2 sites which were considered within the Feasibility Study.

4.3 The Integration Joint Board of 10th September 2019 approved the creation of a £526k Earmarked Reserve to meet one-off costs associated with the project. £100k was allocated for site investigation works on the two emerging sites, with the balance set aside to meet any one-off costs associated with the project, outwith any funding approved by the Council. Both sites were subject to more detailed site investigation work in order to reach a preferred site. This concluded in December 2019.

4.4 The Health and Social Care Committee recommended the former Hector McNeil Baths site which was subsequently agreed by the Inverclyde Council in February 2020 for the inclusion of funding for the new Learning Disability Hub within the 2020/23 Capital Programme.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### FINANCE

5.1 **Financial Implications:**

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Capital	Learning Disability	2020/23	7,400		Approved by Council 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2020 as part of Capital Programme
CFCR	Learning Disability	2020/23	265		Estimated kit out and ICT costs Funded from EMR.

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
Learning Disabilities	Running Costs	2022/23	1,327		Estimated sum available for the running costs of the new facility

## LEGAL

- 5.2 The Hector McNeil Baths site is Common Good land which requires to be re-appropriated through legal processes, potentially taking over one year, depending on any objections. This will also incur legal costs which have not been included in the report. A similar exercise was recently concluded in respect of Lady Alice Bowling Club which occupies part of the same site.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- 5.3 There are no human resources issues within this report.

## EQUALITIES

- 5.4 There are no equality issues within this report.

- (a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES
√	NO – An Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken with service users, carers and other stakeholders as full details of the future redesign emerges.

- (b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
x	NO

- (c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
x	NO

## **6.0 CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The recommendations in this report are supported by the CMT and IJB.
- 6.2 There has been ongoing consultation sponsored by the Learning Disability Programme Board. This consultation has consulted on the service requirement for a new resource hub and the rationale for a community location but has not consulted on a specific site.

## **7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.