

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 29 APRIL 2008

Health & Social Care Committee

Tuesday 29 April 2008 at 3.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Blair (for Fyfe), Grieve, McCabe, McKenzie, MacLeod, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McKenzie presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Support & Development, Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration) and Ms T Wall (for Chief Financial Officer).

Apologies: Councillors Fyfe and McIlwee.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

302 Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 - Progress 302

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer updating the Committee in respect of the status of the projects forming the Health & Social Care Capital Programme and highlighting the overall financial position.

Noted

303 Social Work Services Performance Report 303

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of progress made by Social Work Services in achieving its key objectives, as set out in the Education & Social Care Directorate Plan for 2007/08 and the contribution made to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

(Councillor Blair entered the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Noted

304 Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA) 304

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the outcome of the follow up inspection visit by the Social Work Inspection Agency (SWIA), in respect of their earlier performance inspection which was carried out in April 2006.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee acknowledge the Social Work Inspection Agency view that good progress had been made by Social Work Services in continuing to improve performance and;

(2) that the Committee approve the action indicated to further improve services.

305 Education & Social Care Directorate Plan 2008/11 305

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care presenting the Education & Social Care Directorate Plan for 2008/11 for consideration

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and approval by the Committee.

Decided: that the Committee adopt the Education & Social Care Directorate Plan for 2008/11.

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| 306 | Social Work Services Business Plan 2008/09 | 306 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care requesting approval for the Social Work Service Business Plan 2008/09.</p> <p>Decided: that the Social Work Services Business Plan 2008/09 be approved.</p> | |
| 307 | Charging 2008/09 | 307 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the current position in relation to charges levied for Social Work Services.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 308 | Revised Maintenance Rates | 308 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the revised maintenance rates which reflect the weekly cost per person for permanent and respite placements in registered residential establishments within Inverclyde.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 309 | Changes to the Application of Independent Living Funds | 309 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care notifying the Committee of the changes introduced by the Trustees of the Independent Living Fund in order to manage the growth in applications to the fund and the subsequent implications for Local Authority funds.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that a report providing an update on the position be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee; and</p> <p>(2) that a report be submitted to the Committee in 6 months time monitoring the impact of the changes.</p> | |
| 310 | Children and Young Persons - The Intensive Support and Monitoring (Scotland) Regulations 2008 | 310 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of new regulations coming into force as of 1 April 2008 and of the impact of the regulations in terms of service requirements for Social Work Services within Inverclyde Council.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee approve the development of systems through Social Work and Education Services to meet the demands of the new legislation.</p> | |
| 311 | Implementation of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 | 311 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care updating the Committee on the implementation of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 and the implications for Inverclyde Council.</p> | |

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse and support the work of the Adult Protection Committee Steering Group in the period leading up to the full implementation of the Act;
- (2) that the Committee approve Inverclyde's interim Adult Protection Operational Procedures and Guidance;
- (3) that the Committee note the current position in terms of funding to deliver on the requirements of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007; and
- (4) that a further progress report be submitted to the Committee prior to full implementation of the Act.

312 Inverclyde Drug Information and Education (INDIE) Project**312**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care acknowledging the consolidation of staffing resources for the INDIE Project which provides a service to meet the needs of children and young people who have an addiction problem.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee acknowledge the consolidation of funding for the INDIE Project within the mainstream provision of service offered to children and young people by Social Work Services within Inverclyde Council; and
- (2) that the Committee remit to the Head of Organisational Development & Human Resources to establish the posts through proper procedures.

313 Support to Carers**313**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care informing the Committee of the agreed investment in respect of increased support to carers, including young carers, through the consolidation of the Short Breaks Bureau and the provision of short breaks and sitting services.

(Provost McCormick left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Committee endorse the budget commitments outlined within this report.

314 Procurement of Social Care Services in Inverclyde**314**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the intention to procure Social Care Services within specified framework agreements and negotiate the option of entering into a collaborative framework agreement for the provision of supported living services with Renfrewshire Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee endorse the progress of the development of collaborative framework agreements with strategic partners and pan Local Authority;
- (2) that the Committee endorse the commencement of negotiations with Renfrewshire Council to consider the option to enter into a collaborative agreement for the provision of supporting living services; and
- (3) that the Committee endorse the approach of Social Work Services to consider framework agreements for a range of Social Care Services in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure: Contracts for the Procurement of Social Care Services.

315 Demonstrators of Older People's Housing, Support, Health and Care**315**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care informing Members of the successful application by Inverclyde Joint Care Partnership to

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become one of three Demonstrator sites across Scotland for older people's housing, support, health and care and the allocation of additional grant funding of £150,000 accompanying this programme.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the report and support the Partnership to achieve the outcome of an increase in independent living for older people in the locality; and
- (2) that the Committee remit the monitoring of progress of the Demonstrator to the Joint Care Board.

316 HMIe Inspection of Services to Protect Children 316

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee on the forthcoming inspection of the Child Protection Services in Inverclyde. The report outlined the scope and timescales involved and summarised the action being taken in preparation for the inspection.

Decided: that the Committee note that an inspection of Child Protection Services in Inverclyde will take place between June and September of this year and also the work currently being undertaken on an inter agency basis to prepare for the inspection.

317 Looked After Children 317

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the progress of the Corporate Parenting Strategy, the Children's Champion Scheme and initiatives towards enhancing educational attainment of Looked After Children.

Decided: that the Committee note the developments outlined and continue to offer the leadership and support of corporate parents.

318 Through Care Services 318

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of the positive Care Commission inspection of the Council's Through Care Services for care leavers.

Decided: that the Committee note the inspection report and the positive appraisal of the Through Care Service.

319 Homelessness Service 319

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of the progress made to date on the aims and objectives of the Homelessness Strategy as approved by the Committee on 5 June 2007.

(Councillor Blair left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).

Decided: that the Committee note both the contents of this report and the progress to date in achieving the aims and objectives contained within the Homelessness Strategy.

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- 320 Older People’s Care Homes - Payment for Quality 320**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care informing the Committee of the care home “Payment for Quality” agenda and the funding/monitoring implications for 2008/09.
Decided: that the Committee note the outcome of the national care home fee negotiation.
- 321 North Strathclyde Community Justice Authority 321**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of the discussions and decisions relating to the Community Justice Authority and in particular those impacting on the delivery of the Criminal Justice Social Work Services within Inverclyde.
Decided: that the Committee note the content and decisions incorporated in the minute of the Community Justice Authority dated 14 December 2007.
- 322 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 30 January 2008 322**
- There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 30 January 2008.
Noted
- It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**
- 323 Mental Health Service Redesign 323**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising the Committee of action proposed in relation to the redesign of Mental Health services in Inverclyde as part of the NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Strategy with particular reference to the re-provisioning of services located on the Ravenscraig Hospital campus. (Councillor Rebecchi left the meeting during consideration of this item of business).
Decided:
 (1) that the Committee note the content of this report and approve continued joint planning in preparation for the Mental Health service redesign; and
 (2) that the Committee note that identified risk factors in relation to cost implications for this local authority and the well developed dialogue with NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Mental Health Partnership.
- 324 Margaret Blackwood Housing Association - Maclehose Court, Greenock 324**
- There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care recommending changes to payment in respect of Maclehose Court, Greenock, a residential care facility for young people with physical disabilities provided by Margaret Blackwood Housing Association.
Decided: that the Committee approves an increase in payment from £792.24 per week per place to £899.95.
- 325 Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers (Panels) Scotland Regulations 2001 325**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking the approval of the Committee for the re-appointment of individuals previously appointed by the Council to serve as Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers for the purpose of Children's Hearings and proceedings in the Sheriff Court.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee agree to the reappointment of the Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers listed in the appendix to this report for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011, subject to no subsequent adverse comments being received by the Head of Legal & Administration; and

(2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Administration to approve any further appointments of Curators Ad Litem and Reporting Officers to 30 June 2011, as necessary, subject to applicants meeting the criteria set out in the report.

326 Children (Scotland) Act 1995, Section 41 - Panel of Safeguarders

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking the approval of the Committee for the reappointment of individuals previously appointed by the Council as Safeguarders for the purposes of Children's Hearings and proceedings at the Sheriff Court.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the reappointment of the Safeguarders listed in the appendix to the report for the year from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011, subject to no subsequent adverse comments being received by the Head of Legal & Administration; and

(2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Administration to approve any further appointments of Safeguarders to 30 June 2011, as necessary, subject to applicants meeting the criteria set out in the report.

327 Children's Hearings (Legal Representatives) (Scotland) Rules 2001 - Panel of Legal Representatives

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources seeking the approval of the Committee for the reappointment of individuals previously appointed by the Council as Legal Representatives to provide services required by Children's Hearings.

Decided:

(1) that agreement be given to the reappointment of the Legal Representatives listed in the appendix to the report for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2011, subject to no subsequent adverse comments being received by the Head of Legal & Administration; and

(2) that authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Administration to approve any further appointments of Legal Representatives to 30 June 2011, as necessary, subject to applicants meeting the criteria set out in the report.