

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 23 OCTOBER 2008

Health & Social Care CommitteeThursday 23 October 2008 at 3.00 pm

Present: Councillors Ahlfeld, Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, McCabe, McCallum (for Provost McCormick), McIlwee, MacLeod, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

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

Apologies: Provost McCormick and Councillor Grieve.

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

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| 723 | Capital Programme 2008/09 - 2010/11 - Progress | 723 |
| | <p>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.</p> <p>The Head of Support & Development advised the Committee that the anticipated start date for phase 3 of the refurbishment of the Inverclyde Centre was 10 November 2008.</p> <p>Noted</p> | |
| 724 | Revenue Budget 2008/09 - Period 5 | 724 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue Budget 2008/09 as at Period 5 (31 August 2008) which was projecting an underspend of £60,000.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the current projected underspend of £60,000 for 2008/09, as at 31 August 2008, be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that the virement request totalling £24,650 detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 3 of the report be approved.</p> | |
| 725 | Social Work Services Performance Report | 725 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the progress of Social Work Services in achieving their key objectives as set out in the Education & Social Care Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.</p> <p>Decided:</p> <p>(1) that the Committee endorse the performance information contained in the report and note that further reports on the performance of Social Work Services will be presented to future meetings of the Committee; and</p> <p>(2) that a progress report on health inequalities be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.</p> | |

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726 Choose Life Annual Report

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care updating the Committee on the local implementation and developments relating to the "Choose Life" initiative and appending a copy of the progress report 2007/08.

Decided:

- (1) that the findings of the "Choose Life" Inverclyde progress report 2007/08 be noted;
- (2) that a report providing details of deliberate self harm in Inverclyde be submitted to the Committee;
- (3) that further annual progress reports be submitted to the Committee; and
- (4) that Councillor Fyfe be nominated to serve on the Choose Life Inverclyde Development Group.

727 Partnership in Practice (2007 - 2010)

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) on the key themes of the third Partnership in Practice Agreement (2007 - 2010) developed as a result of joint working with a number of agencies and after extensive consultation with service users and their carers and (2) seeking approval for the use of the service user designed front cover.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the requirement for the local authority and the Health Board to develop and publish the Partnership in Practice 2007 - 2010 Agreement in respect of services for people with learning disabilities;
- (2) that the consultation process which has informed the Partnership Agreement be noted; and
- (3) that approval be given for the use of the front cover designed by the winner of a competition held throughout Learning Disability Services to promote the third Partnership in Practice Agreement 2007 - 2010.

728 Scottish Housing Regulator Inspection Report on Homelessness Services and Post-Inspection Improvement Plan

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) on the outcome of the recent re-inspection of Inverclyde Council's Homelessness Services and (2) seeking approval of the resultant post-inspection improvement plan for submission to the Scottish Housing Regulator.

Decided:

- (1) that the outcome of the re-inspection of Homelessness Services be noted and approval given to the improvement plan attached to the report for submission to the Scottish Housing Regulator; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education & Social Care to arrange a seminar on homelessness for Elected Members.

729 Care Commission - Regulation of Care New Inspection Process and Most Recent Outcome

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on (1) the changes in respect of the Care Commission inspection process and (2) the initial outcome of the process on the inspection of Neil Street Residential Children's Unit.

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Decided: that the Committee note the changes to the inspection process, welcome the inspection grading for Neil Street Residential Children's Unit and extend congratulations to those involved.

730 Provost Fund Christmas 2008**730**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the outcome of the review of the current Christmas lunch/voucher arrangements to older people by the sub-group established by the Committee in October 2007.

Decided:

- (1) that agreement be given to continue with the provision of the Christmas lunch subsidy and Christmas gift vouchers for older people for the current year; and
- (2) that it be remitted to the Corporate Director Education & Social Care to submit a report on proposals for the administration of the gift voucher scheme including the application of the eligibility criteria by Social Work Services.

731 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 1 July 2008**731**

There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 1 July 2008.

Noted**732 Respite - Short Breaks****732**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the progress made in respect of increased support to carers through the provision of flexible short breaks.

Decided: that the Committee acknowledge the progress outlined within the report. (Councillor McCabe left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

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 the respective paragraphs of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act as are set opposite each item.

Item	Paragraph(s)
Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 10 Comprising Case Studies	3 and 6
Individual Call-Off Contract relating to Merchiston Hospital Closure Programme	3 and 9
Unresolved Complaints	3

733 Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 10 Comprising Case Studies**733**

There was submitted appendix 1 relative to agenda item 10 (Respite - Short Breaks) comprising case studies.

Noted

734 Individual Call-Off Contract Relating to Merchiston Hospital Closure Programme**734**

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care requesting the Committee to approve an individual care package for an individual with complex and challenging needs following discharge from Merchiston Hospital and continuing NHS Care.

Decided: that approval be given to the care and support package to be provided by Quarriers on an individual call-off contract basis under Rule 3.2 of the Council's Standing Orders, Rules of Procedure, Contracts for Procurement of Social Care Services.

(Councillors Moran and Brooks left the meeting following consideration of this item of business).

735 Unresolved Complaints**735**

There was submitted a report by the Complaints Review Committee on the outcome of a hearing held under the local authority complaints procedure in respect of Social Work functions and the Committee agreed to adopt the findings of the Complaints Review Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.