

INVERCLYDE JOINT CARE BOARD

MINUTE OF MEETING OF 18 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 2 PM

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS, GREENOCK

Present: Councillors R Ahlfeld, T Fyfe and J McIlwee (Chair) and Mr I Fraser (Inverclyde Council), Mr A Buckley and Mrs M McConnachie (Inverclyde CHP), Mrs N McFadden (Inverclyde Community Care Forum) and Ms D Maloney and Mr R Taggart (UNISON).

Present also: Mrs B Billings, Mr R Murphy and Mrs R McGhee (Inverclyde Council).

Apologies: Mr D Walker and Ms S McCorry-Rice (Inverclyde CHP) and Mrs G McCready (Inverclyde Council).

MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting held on 17 December 2008 was submitted and approved.

INVERCLYDE JOINT CARERS STRATEGY (2008 - 2011)

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) on the key themes emerging from the Inverclyde Joint Carers Strategy (2008 - 2011) and (2) providing an outline of key actions identified to take the work forward.

Mr Fraser advised that the Strategy was to be launched on 27 March.

The Board noted the content of the Inverclyde Joint Carers Strategy (2008 - 2011) and key areas for action.

COMMUNITY CARE INTER AGENCY CORE GROUP DEVELOPMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care (1) informing the Board of the establishment of the Inter Agency Community Care Core Group and (2) outlining the focus of the work to be undertaken the Group.

Mrs Billings reported that the two meetings of the Group held to date had been well received by all attendees who had expressed a willingness to work together.

There was then some discussion on the Joint Staff Partnership Forum which, following a successful development session, was to start meeting again, the next meeting to be held in February/March.

The Board agreed:

- (1) that the progress of the Community Care Core Group be noted; and
- (2) that an update on the Joint Staff Partnership Forum be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

COMMUNITY CARE OUTCOMES FRAMEWORK: BENCHMARKING NETWORK

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising of an invitation to participate in the Community Care Outcomes Framework: Benchmarking Network, it being noted that the level of subscription fee was still to be determined.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:

- (1) to note the details of the invitation to participate in the Community Care Outcomes Framework: Benchmarking Network; and
- (2) that approval be given for the appropriate officers to participate in the preliminary Benchmarking Network meeting to be held in March with a view to clarifying the financial implications and benefits of participation.

PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE (2007 - 2010)

There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on the progress made to date on the Partnership in Practice agreement (2007 - 2010).

During the course of discussion, Mr Fraser referred to the launch of the Agreement, to which all members of the Board are invited, to be held on 23 March within the Fitzgerald Centre.

The Board agreed:

- (1) to note progress to date and that annual progress reports on the Agreement will be submitted to the Board; and
- (2) that Mr Buckley update members of the Board on the "Access to Exercise" programme.

WELLPARK PLANNING

The Board was informed by Mr Fraser that the Health & Social Care Committee had, subject to planning permission being granted, agree to grant permission to procure the services of appropriate contractors in relation to the demolition and rebuild of the Wellpark Centre.

The Planning Board, at the meeting on 7 January, had continued consideration of the application for a site visit and consideration had been continued again from the meeting on 4 February for the submission of revised plans. In this regard, it was noted that the revised plans were to be considered by the Planning Board at the meeting to be held on 4 March.

Mr Fraser advised that, in the meantime and to ensure access to the funding, tenders had been issued.

It was noted, in response to a question from Mrs McFadden, that the funding for the Wellpark Centre was ringfenced and would not impact on the funding available for Kempock House.

The Board noted the position.

TELECARE

Councillor McIlwee reported that £50,000 match funding had been made available through the Council's budget process, resulting in a total funding package of £200,000.

The Board noted the position.