

## HEALTH &amp; SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 22 OCTOBER 2009

Health & Social Care CommitteeThursday 22 October 2009 at 3.00 pm

**Present:** Provost McCormick, Councillors Brooks, Dorrian, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee and MacLeod.

**Chair:** Councillor McIlwee presided.

**In attendance:** Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Head of Support & Development, Ms S McAlees (Social Work Services), Mr H McNeilly (for Head of Legal & Administration), Ms A Edmiston and Ms T Wall (for Chief Financial Officer) and Mr M Bingham (for Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

**Apologies:** Councillors Ahlfeld, Grieve, Moran and Rebecchi.

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

**653 Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress 653**

There was submitted amended report by the Acting Director Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer (1) updating the Committee in respect of the status of the projects forming the Health & Social Care Capital Programme and (2) highlighting the overall financial position.

**Noted**

**654 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 5 654**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue Budget 2009/10 as at Period 5 (31 August 2009) which was projecting an overspend of £85,000.

**Decided:** that the Committee note the current projected overspend of £85,000 for 2009/10, as at 31 August 2009, and the ongoing action being undertaken by Social Work Services to bring spend back within budget.

**655 Social Work Services Performance Report 655**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care on the progress of Social Work Services in achieving the key objectives as set out in the Education and Social Care Directorate Plan and how they have contributed to the achievement of key corporate priorities.

**Decided:** 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.

**656 Social Work Annual Performance Report 656**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care seeking approval of the Social Work Services Annual Report 2008 - 2009, a copy of which was appended to the report.

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**Decided:** that the Committee note and approve the Social Work Services Annual Report 2008 - 2009.

**657 Choose Life Annual Progress Report****657**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) updating the Committee on the local implementation and developments of the "Choose Life" initiative and (2) appending a copy of the progress report 2008/2009.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the findings of the "Choose Life" Inverclyde Progress Report 2008/2009 be noted;
- (2) that further annual performance reports be submitted to the Committee;
- (3) that it be remitted to the Head of Community Care & Strategy to arrange for a presentation on the "Choose Life" initiative to be made to the Committee; and
- (4) that the Committee's congratulations be conveyed to the Choose Life Team following their success in winning the APSE award for best Public/Voluntary Partnership Working Initiative 2009.

**658 Progress on Post-Inspection Improvement Plan (Scottish Housing Regulator Inspection of Homelessness Services)****658**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care on progress made in relation to the post-inspection improvement plan approved by the Committee at the meeting on 23 October 2008 in response to the inspection of Inverclyde Council's homelessness services published in August 2008.

**Decided:** that the progress in achieving the anticipated outcomes contained within the Improvement Plan and the work still required in securing a higher percentage of lets to homeless households from the Council's partners in the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sector be noted.

**659 "Remember I'm Still Me", Inverclyde Perspective****659**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) on the issues arising in care homes in Inverclyde in the context of the findings and recommendations of the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission joint report on the equality of care for people with dementia living in care homes in Scotland and (2) providing an update on the local plans currently underway in partnership with NHS and the care home sector to deliver the key recommendations of the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission joint report.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the progress achieved in meeting the requirements of the Care Commission and Mental Welfare Commission joint report in Inverclyde be noted;
- (2) that the Committee note the future planning arrangements to improve the quality of services for older people with dementia in care homes;
- (3) that a briefing session on mental health issues be arranged for Elected Members; and
- (4) that a further report be submitted to the Committee in six months' time.

**660 Integrated Family Placement Strategy****660**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care outlining proposals for an integrated family placement strategy for Looked After Children in Inverclyde.

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**Decided:**

(1) that the Committee approve the overall strategy for an integrated family placement service for Looked After Children as follows:-

**Foster Care**

Agree a revised scheme for the payment of allowances and fees for Foster Care as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to be implemented on 1 April 2010;

Agree an annual and recurring recruitment budget;

Agree an annual and recurring training and support budget;

Agree the provision of a respite scheme at a projected cost.

**Kinship Care**

Agree the provisions of a Kinship Care Allowance scheme under the arrangements outlined in the report;

Agree that all outstanding Kinship Care referrals are progressed and approved from 1 October 2009, in accordance with the present linked carer scheme;

Agree that Kinship Care allowances are set at rates equivalent to the revised level 1 fostering allowances effective from 1 April 2010.

**Adoption**

Note the introduction of legislation intended to modernise adoption in Scotland;

Agree the service plans to implement the changes necessary alongside national benchmarking data as it becomes available;

Note the existing budgetary pressure in the adoption service;

Agree the proposed increase in post adoption support projected at £8,000;

Request a further report on the modernisation of the adoption service.

(2) that this service development be remitted to the budget setting process for consideration, for the next financial year and beyond;

(3) that approval be given to a three year review of funding in respect of family placements; and

(4) that the implementation of the Adoption and Children (Scotland) Act 2007 on 28 September 2009 be noted and that it be remitted to the Acting Director Social Care to submit a further report to the Committee in January 2010.

**661 A New Framework for Local Partnerships on Alcohol and Drugs - Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership 661**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) on the self evaluation tool completed by Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Forum in preparation for the establishment of Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership and (2) identifying key requirements and reporting mechanisms outlined in the Scottish Government's publication on a new framework for local partnerships on alcohol and drugs.

**Decided:**

(1) that agreement be given to the content and routes of accountability in relation to the work of Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Partnership;

(2) that the current and developing arrangements for performance monitoring reporting which have a direct relationship to Audit Scotland's findings and the further development of effective partnership working be noted; and

(3) that the Committee note the favourable outcomes in relation to both drugs and alcohol reported to the Committee at the meeting on 25 May 2009 and the mature multi-agency partnership forum established by the Inverclyde Alcohol and Drug Forum which

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provides a solid basis for further development as the alcohol and drug partnership.

**662 Update on Change of Social Care Service for Specific Individuals 662**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care updating the Committee on the progress of the change in service model from residential to housing support for a group of individuals with learning disabilities which had been approved by the Committee at the meeting on 5 March 2009.

**Noted**

**663 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 17 June 2009 663**

There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 17 June 2009.

**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 item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 6 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.**

**664 Proposed Relocation of a Contracted Residential Service for a Particular Group of Individuals 664**

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care providing details relating to the proposed relocation of a contracted residential service for a particular group of individuals and the Committee agreed to the action recommended, all as detailed in the appendix.