

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 7 JANUARY 2010

Health & Social Care CommitteeThursday 7 January 2010 at 3.00 pm

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

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Acting Director Social Care, Head of Community Care & Strategic Services, Head of Support & Development, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer) and Ms R MacDougall (Corporate Communications & Public Affairs).

Apologies: Councillors Grieve and Moran.

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

9 Capital Programme 2008/11 - Progress 9

There was submitted a 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

10 Revenue Budget 2009/10 - Period 7 10

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 7 (31 October 2009) which was projecting an underspend of £151,000.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the current projected underspend for 2009/10 of £151,000 as at 31 October 2009; and
- (2) that the Committee approve the virement requests totalling £50,760 as detailed in paragraph 7.1 and appendix 3.

11 Social Work Services Performance Report 11

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 & 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.

12 Adult Support & Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 12

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) apprising the Committee of the constitution Inverclyde's Adult Protection Committee will adopt and (2)

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seeking the Committee's agreement for the process of appointing members to the Adult Protection Committee.

There were circulated to Members copies of the updated constitution for the Adult Protection Committee.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the updated constitution for Inverclyde's Adult Protection Committee; and

(2) that approval be given to the process for appointment of representatives to the Adult Protection Committee outlined in the report.

13 Eligibility Criteria for Access to Community Care Services

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) seeking approval of the eligibility criteria for access to Community Care Services developed in line with national guidance, a copy of which was appended to the report, and (2) advising of the implications in relation to implementing this policy and seeking approval for the proposed implementation.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee approve the eligibility criteria for access to Older People's Community Care Services; and

(2) that the Committee approve the implementation schedule proposed in appendix 2 to the report.

14 Interim Homelessness Strategy 2010 - 2011

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care (1) on the proposed Interim Strategy to deliver the Council's Homelessness Service for the period up to and including December 2011 and (2) seeking approval of the draft Interim Strategy 2010 - 2011, a copy of which was appended to the report.

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note and approve the content of the draft Interim Homelessness Strategy 2010 - 2011 appended to the report; and

(2) that a further report providing information on how the Homelessness Service will seek to achieve the 2012 target together with comparison information identifying how the current situation compares with that previously be submitted to the Committee.

15 Equipment and Adaptations

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There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care and the Corporate Director Environment & Community Protection providing detailed information on the current and future demand for equipment and adaptations in the private and public housing sectors to inform future investment requirements.

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

Decided:

(1) that the Committee note the historical demand and the rising demand for equipment and adaptations in Inverclyde;

(2) that the appropriate Officers examine the prices for works relating to the provision of equipment and adaptations through the procurement process; and

(3) that further reports be submitted to both the Health & Social Care and Safe, Sustainable Communities Committees on funding issues relating to equipment and adaptations, including the level of Registered Social Landlord budgets for 2010/11.

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16 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 19 August 2009 16

There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 19 August 2009.

Noted

17 Re-provision of Children's Residential Units 17

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director Social Care on the progress towards the redevelopment of the three children's residential units at Redholm, Neil Street and Crosshill and outlining proposals for a phased approach to the replacement of the units to ensure they are fit for purpose for a modern and responsible care provision.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the proposals for a phased replacement of Redholm, Neil Street and Crosshill as set out in the report; and
- (2) that approval be given to the proposals for phase 1 as follows:-
 - (a) replacing Redholm with a new build, six bedded unit, the total budget for which will be £1.4m;
 - (b) incorporating the capital receipts from the sale of Redholm to augment the finance arrangements for the new build;
 - (c) reducing capacity in Neil Street and Crosshill to six beds, both effective at the date of opening the new unit;
 - (d) actively progressing site acquisition for the location of the new unit at Kylemore Terrace, South West, Greenock;
 - (e) approving spend of £10,000 (estimated cost) to complete the necessary land surveys which are included in the £1.4m project budget;
 - (f) implementing revised arrangements for catering and cleaning across all three units; and
 - (g) delegating authority to the Acting Director Social Care and Acting Director Education to select appropriate tenderers and to issue tender documents for the re-provisioning of Redholm Children's Unit and to accept the lowest or most economically advantageous tender in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

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 during consideration of 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.

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18 Appendix 1 relative to Agenda Item 9 18

There was submitted appendix 1 relative to agenda item 9 (Re-provisioning of Children's Residential Units) comprising an options appraisal of a range of potential locations for a replacement for Redholm Children's Unit.

Noted**19 Social Work Complaints Review Committee - Unresolved Complaints****19**

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 and that the Head of Social Work Services report to the Committee, all as detailed in the appendix.