

To: Finance, Resources and Customer Services Policy Board

On: 30 January 2019

Report by: Chief Executive

Heading: Macmillan Renfrewshire Improving the Cancer Journey Project

1. Summary

- 1.1 Renfrewshire Council has successfully secured £500,000 of funding from Macmillan Cancer Support to deliver the Macmillan Renfrewshire Improving the Cancer Journey (ICJ) project. The main aim of the project is to develop and deliver for everyone in Renfrewshire with a cancer diagnosis, clear, seamless and accessible pathways of care based upon a robust holistic assessment of need. In Renfrewshire, approximately 1,100 people per year who receive a new cancer diagnosis together with their carers and families will be offered this service. In addition, the service will also be available to existing cancer patients.
 - 1.2 Scoping of the project will begin early 2019 and with implementation of the service anticipated to begin in late 2019.
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2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that members note:
 - the award of £500,000 funding for the Macmillan Renfrewshire Improving the Cancer Journey project; and
 - that the Chief Executive has accepted the offer of grant on behalf of Renfrewshire Council
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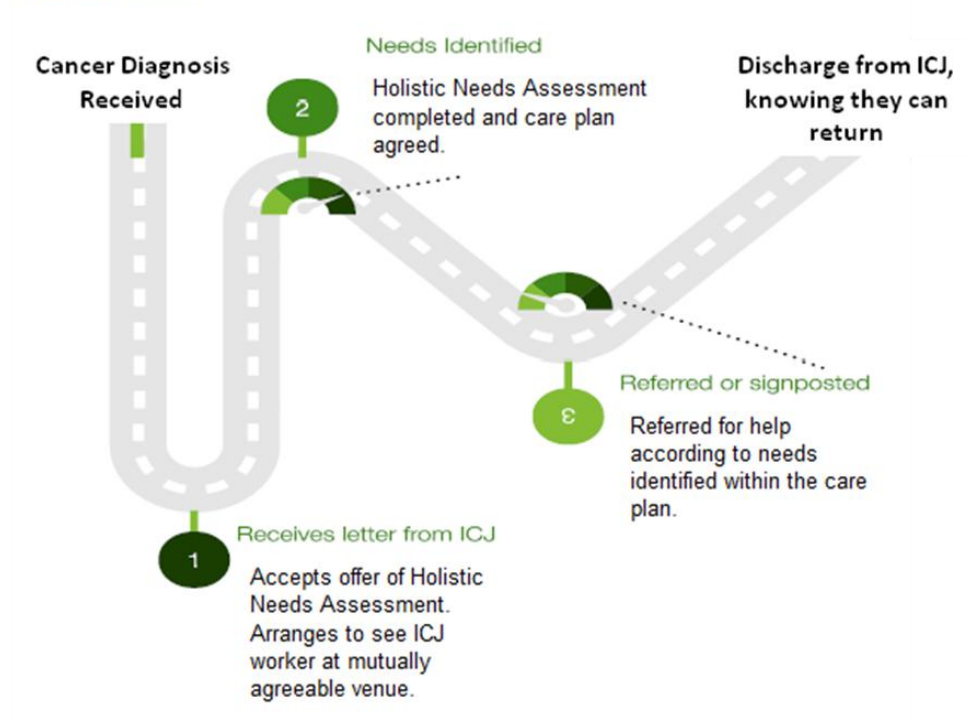
3. Background

3.1 During 2018, officers from Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership and Macmillan Cancer Support have been working together to discuss and develop Renfrewshire's ICJ project.

3.2 The aim of the project is to support people affected by cancer in Renfrewshire by:

- Supporting health and third sector partners to strategically assess and meet the non-clinical needs of people affected by cancer by supporting the development of a community based cancer impact assessment for the wider partnership and a joint strategic needs assessment on cancer.
- Enabling high quality and integrated models of person centred assessment, care and support to deliver the greatest impact for the communities they serve.
- Creating clear pathways for people affected by cancer from diagnosis - that are designed around the user and streamlined for convenience, efficiency and accessibility. Centred round a person affected by cancer's Holistic Needs Assessment, transitions will be anticipated, planned, fully supported, co-ordinated and integrated from the point of a cancer diagnosis.
- Create access points for information and other support services that will provide advice on support, health and wellbeing and self management. This will build on existing links in local communities and make the best use of available resources and partnerships including maximising use of third sector resources including Macmillan's.
- Providing access to financial and welfare benefits advice.

3.3 The diagram below provides an overview of the typical client pathway.



3.4 The anticipated outcomes of the project include:

- People living with cancer are self managing and their families and wider communities see Renfrewshire Macmillan ICJ as an integral part of the cancer pathway;
- All community planning partner organisations in Renfrewshire recognise and accept the collective responsibility for the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Renfrewshire with a cancer diagnosis and their families and carers;
- The improvement of care and support builds upon existing provision, expertise and innovation across the Renfrewshire and in doing so, delivers the best use of resources which will ensure sustainability over the longer term;
- Renfrewshire Macmillan ICJ service will be able to deliver services to meet the growing need due to the increasing number of cancer diagnosis across Renfrewshire;
- Utilise the cancer agenda and future evaluation report(s) and results delivered through this project to build a foundation for other long term health conditions; and
- Reduced incidence of people not attending appointments due to lack of support.

4 Next Steps

- 4.1 During the first quarter of 2019, a dedicated project manager from Macmillan will work with Council officers and partners to undertake detailed scoping, mapping and gap analysis of current cancer support services, IT, training and development for link officers and other support systems. The officer will develop robust project plans to ensure developments, milestones and implementation are all delivered within the agreed timescale and to manage risks appropriately to ensure the delivery of the project remains on track.
- 4.2 Concurrently, a steering board will be established who will be responsible for governing key decisions on change management, redirection of resources, monitoring performance and findings from the research and analysis for review and consideration. The steering board will also be responsible for overseeing the financial governance of the project.
- 4.3 It is envisaged that the project will be implemented post Summer 2019.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** - Renfrewshire Council has successfully secured £500,000 funding from Macmillan Cancer Support to deliver the project in Renfrewshire
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – The detailed scoping exercise will identify the staff required to deliver the project.
3. **Community/Council Planning – none**

4. **Legal – none**
5. **Property/Assets – none**
6. **Information Technology – none**
7. **Equality & Human Rights**

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report because it is for noting only. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety – none**
9. **Procurement – none**
10. **Risk – none**
11. **Privacy Impact – none**
12. **Cosla Policy Position – none**

List of Background Papers

None

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