

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE SOCIAL WORK, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING POLICY BOARD
HELD ON 13th JANUARY, 2015**

PRESENT

Councillors McEwan, J Sharkey, Glen, Henry, McCartin, Hood, McGee, I McMillan, Bibby, Andy Doig, Gilmour, M Brown and Harte.

Councillor I McMillan, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

P MacLeod, Director of Social Work; R Cooper, Economic Development Manager (Development & Housing Services); L Mitchell, Managing Solicitor (Contracts/Conveyancing), D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer, D Forbes, Finance Manager and E Gray, Intern (all Finance & Corporate Services); and D Hawthorn, Head of Childcare and Criminal Justice, A McMillan, Head of Resources, S Strachan, Head of Adult Services and J Trainer, Transition Manager (all Social Work).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

A Lowe, Independent Chair, Renfrewshire Adult Protection Committee.

APOLOGY

Councillor Cameron.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

In terms of Standing Order 16, the Convener intimated that he proposed to alter the order of business to facilitate the conduct of the meeting by considering item 7 of the agenda before item 3.

1. RENFREWSHIRE ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work relative to the third Renfrewshire Adult Protection Committee's (RAPC) biennial report which had been submitted to the Scottish Government in November 2014.

The report intimated that the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007 introduced measures to identify and protect adults at risk of harm. The Act clarified the roles and responsibilities in adult protection and placed a duty on councils to make the necessary enquiries to establish whether or not further action was required to stop or prevent harm from occurring to adults at risk of harm. The Act also required each local authority to establish a multi-agency Adult Protection Committee and Renfrewshire's Adult Protection Committee first met on 23rd April, 2008 with subsequent meetings held on a two-monthly cycle.

The biennial report, attached as an appendix to the report, set out the membership of the Committee and how it addressed key activities such as providing public information; continuous improvement in responding to adult protection matters; ensuring practitioners had access to training and development opportunities; and overseeing the performance and the quality of services. The report provided a summary of the work of the Committee over the previous two years and gave an indication of the work to be taken forward in the subsequent year.

A Lowe, Independent Chair of the Adult Protection Committee, provided a brief overview of the background and context of the Committee's work and highlighted a number of the initiatives detailed in the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Renfrewshire Adult Protection Committee's biennial report be approved; and
- (b) That the submission of the biennial report to the Scottish Government be homologated.

2. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Acting Director of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Social Work for Social Work for the period 1st April to 7th November, 2014.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the budget position and the forecast year end overspend of around £400,000 (0.4%) be noted;
- (b) That it be noted that monies used to help to mitigate the current budget position would be available in the current year only; and
- (c) That it be noted that there had been net budget realignments of £18,412 related to £65,706 of holiday pay arrears partly offset by minor transfers to Finance & Corporate Services in relation to business support and corporate landlord services adjustments.

3. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Acting Director of Finance & Corporate Services for Social Work for the period 1st April to 7th November, 2014.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the report be noted; and
- (b) That the request to redirect budget to the projects outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report be approved.

4. EDUCATION OUTCOMES AND DESTINATIONS FOR LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

Under reference to item 10 of page 133 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 4th November, 2014, there was submitted a joint report by the Directors of Social Work and Education & Leisure relative to an update on the work undertaken to date on the improvement agenda for education outcomes for looked after children and highlighting the actions being taken forward.

The report intimated that since the last meeting of this Board social work staff had liaised with the Scottish Government's statistical section to assist in a more detailed investigation into the outcomes for Renfrewshire's looked after school leavers. The report detailed the outcomes for the 56 Renfrewshire looked after school leavers and identified that the poorest progress was made by those children who were looked after at home. An interagency working group had been established to develop an action plan to help improve outcomes.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the action taken to date in identifying the issues around positive destinations be noted;
- (b) That the planned actions over the next six months to improve positive destinations be noted; and
- (c) That it be noted that a further report on progress would be provided to a future meeting of this Board.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work relative to the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 which received Royal Assent on 27th March, 2014.

The report intimated that the Act covered a number of issues including the rights of children and young people, getting it right for every child (including the requirement for a Named Person and a single planning process for children who required it), and increasing early learning and education provision. The 2014 Act also put in place significant new legislative duties in respect of looked after children.

The report advised that the Scottish Government had published draft Orders relating to the regulations for Corporate Parenting, Aftercare and Continuing Care in November 2014. Copies of the draft Orders were attached as appendices 1, 2 and 3 to the report. The Scottish Government had sought responses to the consultation on the draft secondary legislation on these Orders by 29th December, 2014 and the Council's response formed appendix 4 to the report.

The report also intimated that the Scottish Government had launched two consultation documents in December 2014, the first being guidance on corporate parenting and the second guidance on aftercare and continuing care. The draft response to these consultation documents would be presented to the next meeting of this Board to be held on 3rd March, 2015.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the publication of the draft Orders relating to the regulations for Corporate Parenting, Aftercare and Continuing Care attached at appendices 1, 2 and 3 to the report be noted;
- (b) That the draft response to the consultation on the draft secondary legislation attached at appendix 4 to the report be approved;
- (c) That the launch of the consultation on the guidance on corporate parenting and the guidance on aftercare and continuing care be noted; and
- (d) That it be noted that a draft response to the two guidance documents would be presented to the meeting of this Board to be held on 3rd March, 2015 for consideration and approval.

6. FOSTERING AND ADOPTION ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work relative to the annual report of Renfrewshire Council's Fostering and Adoption Panel.

The annual report, attached as an appendix to the report, set out the work that had been dealt with by the two panels over the year 1st October, 2013 to 31st September, 2014 and set it in the context of the broader issues pertaining to looked after and accommodated children. The report made reference to the progress being made regarding Renfrewshire's own foster carers with eight new carer households being registered in 2013/14.

The report intimated that the Adoption Service had progressed the plans for 19 children during 2013/14, that the Supported Carers Service had transferred from the Throughcare Team to the Fostering and Adoption Team during the previous year and that Plans for Permanence in Care for eight young people had been approved during 2013/14.

The Convener took the opportunity to advise the Board that one of Renfrewshire's foster carers, Marion Crangle, had received an MBE for services to foster care in Renfrewshire. He suggested that he write on behalf of the Board to congratulate her on her award. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the contents of the Fostering and Adoption Panels' annual report 2013/14 be noted; and
- (b) That the Convener write to Marion Crangle to congratulate her on her award of the MBE.

7. REDESIGN OF DRUG TREATMENT AND TESTING ORDERS AND THE ENHANCED THROUGHCHARE SERVICE WITHIN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK

There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work relative to the redesign of Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTOs) and the enhanced throughcare service within Criminal Justice Social Work.

The report intimated that Drug Treatment and Testing Orders (DTTO), currently provided by East Renfrewshire Council, and the enhanced Criminal Justice Throughcare service, provided by Inverclyde Council, had both suffered significant financial reductions over the last few years. This had resulted in the need for ongoing redesign and the review of the financial contribution provided by each authority to maintain the services. The grant awarded to DTTO was expected to further decrease in 2015/16 due to decreasing workload. Furthermore, increasing expectations within core workload in particular Community Payback Orders, would mean that there were other pressures on the available resources.

A range of options had been considered, however based on funding and priorities the report recommended the redesign of both services, with service provision for these two areas of service becoming the responsibility of individual local authorities. Renfrewshire would commence provision of Enhanced Throughcare and DTTO for Renfrewshire service users, with a planned date of 1st April, 2015. From that date it was proposed that the budgets for Enhanced Throughcare and DTTO would be awarded to Renfrewshire Council on the basis of workload. Work was currently being undertaken with legal and human resources officers across the three authority areas to ensure the appropriate redeployment of existing staff across the services.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the recommended option of service redesign of Enhanced Throughcare and DTTO, with Renfrewshire Council commencing responsibility for the delivery of these services in 2015/16, which included the transfer of some posts under TUPE be approved; and
- (b) That the recruitment of any additional staff through scheme of delegation based on service need and available criminal justice social work funding in 2015/16 be approved.

8. UPDATE ON MULTI-AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work relative to developments currently underway or planned, including a thematic review of Multi-agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), the extension of the process to violent offenders, and updated national guidance.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

9. THE INTRODUCTION OF INTEGRATED CARE FUND 2015-2016

There was submitted a report by the Director of Social Work relative to the introduction of the Integrated Care Fund 2015/16.

The report intimated that the new Integrated Health and Social Care Authority would be established in April 2015, integrating health and social care services for adults. The Scottish Government had allocated £100m across Scotland in 2015/16, the Integrated Care Fund, to support investment in integrated services for adults with a focus on prevention, early intervention and support for people with complex and multiple conditions. The Integrated Care Fund had been committed for one year, 2015/16, and the allocation to Renfrewshire was £3.49m. The Renfrewshire Partnership's draft plan for the use of the Integrated Care Fund had to be lodged with the Scottish Government by 12th December, 2014.

DECIDED: That the decision to submit the Integrated Care Fund Plan for Renfrewshire, in draft, to the Scottish Government by its deadline date of 12th December, 2014 be homologated.

10. UPDATE ON THE REGULATIONS TO ACCOMPANY THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014

There was submitted a report by the Acting Director of Finance & Corporate Services relative to an update on the regulations which accompanied the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014.

The report intimated that, at its meeting held on 19th August, 2014, this Board had approved the Council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on draft Regulations and Orders to accompany the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Following the consultation, a number of changes had been made to the Regulations and Orders in response to comments made by the Council and other consultees and these changes were highlighted in the report.

The Regulations and Orders came into force in November and December 2014 and a Supporting Note had also been issued by the Scottish Government to provide further information on the scope of the health and social care functions to be included in integration. Further statutory guidance was expected to follow.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be noted that the Regulations and Orders came in to force in November and December 2014. Together with the Act, these set out the legislative requirements for the integration of health and social care services;
- (b) That it be noted that the deadline for submission of the Integration Scheme to the Scottish Ministers for approval was 1st April, 2015;
- (c) That it be noted that the Integration Joint Board would be established by Order of the Scottish Ministers, once they had approved the Integration Scheme;
- (d) That it be noted that the Chair of the Integration Joint Board would not now have a casting vote. Instead, the dispute mechanism in the Standing Orders for the conduct of meetings of the Integration Joint Board would require to state what would happen in the event that a vote was tied; and
- (e) That it be noted that the Regulations prescribed 1st April, 2016 as the latest date by which the prescribed Council and Health Board functions must be delegated to the Integration Joint Board.