

Minute of Meeting Social Work, Health & Well-being Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 19 January 2016	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

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

CHAIR

Councillor I McMillan, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

P Macleod, Director of Children's Services; I Beattie, Acting Head of Adult Services (Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership); A McMillan, Head of Resources (Children's Services); and D Forbes, Finance Manager and E Currie, Senior Committee Services Officer (both Finance & Resources).

APOLOGY

Councillor Cameron.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

1 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Directors of Finance & Resources and Children's Services for Social Work for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015.

Information in relation to the current occupancy levels of care homes was requested and it was proposed that the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership provide details of the current occupancy levels of care homes to members of this Board. This was agreed.

DECIDED:

(a) That the budget position be noted;

(b) That it be noted that there had been net budget realignments of £98,470 processed since the last report. These were primarily related to transfers to the corporate landlord, the transfer of advice works and IT funding to Finance and Resources and an adjustment to salary budgets for the impact of the living wage; and

(c) That the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership provide details of the current occupancy levels of care homes to members of this Board.

2 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Director of Finance & Resources for Social Work for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 INTEGRATION OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN RENFREWSHIRE - UPDATE

Under reference to item 8 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 3 November 2015 there was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to work being undertaken to prepare for the practical implementation of the integrated working arrangements to ensure that the new Integration Joint Board was appropriately organised and mobilised to effectively assume responsibility for delivering health and adult social care across Renfrewshire.

The report provided information on the development and approval of the Integration Joint Board's Strategic Plan which would set out the arrangements for carrying out the delegated functions; the programme of work to support health and adult social care integration; the financial and non-financial governance arrangements for the Integration Joint Board which must be in place by 1 April 2016; the Participation, Engagement and Communication Strategy; the work being undertaken to develop a performance framework and balanced scorecard to take into account the requirement to reflect locality working arrangements; the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Workforce Plan which required to be approved by parent organisations before March 2016; clinical and care governance; and information sharing and ICT.

Councillor I McMillan, seconded by Councillor Bibby, moved (a) that the work being undertaken to develop the Strategic Plan be noted and that it be noted that approval of this plan by the Integration Joint Board triggered the legal delegation of adult services and the corresponding council budgets from 1 April 2016 to the Integration Joint Board; (b) that it be noted that the structured programme of work underway to ensure the local implementation of health and adult social care services by April 2016 was progressing to plan; (c) that the current status and planned action in relation to the development of sound financial governance arrangements for the Integration Joint Board and agreeing the 2016/17 budgets for delegated functions by 1 April 2016 be noted; and (d) that it be noted that the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Workforce Plan reflecting more integrated working would be submitted to the Leadership Board on 17 February 2016 for approval.

Councillor M Brown, seconded by Councillor McEwan, moved as an amendment (a) that the work being undertaken to develop the Strategic Plan be noted and that it be noted that approval of this plan by the Integration Joint Board triggered the legal delegation of adult services and the corresponding council budgets from 1 April 2016 to the Integration Joint Board; (b) that it be noted that the structured programme of work underway to ensure the local implementation of health and adult social care services by April 2016 was progressing to plan; (c) that the current status and planned action in relation to the development of sound financial governance arrangements for the Integration Joint Board and agreeing the 2016/17 budgets for delegated functions by 1 April 2016 be noted; (d) that it be noted that the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Workforce Plan reflecting a more integrated working would be submitted to the Leadership Board on 17 February 2016 for approval; and (e) that in order to reflect Audit Scotland guidance, the Social Work, Health and Well-being Policy Board recommends that the full Council creates a sub-section of the Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board, which will examine non finance related performance issues of the Integration Joint Board and ensure that non Integration Joint Board Councillors are kept apprised of progress.

On the roll being called, the following members voted for the amendment: Councillors McEwan, McCartin, McGee, M MacLaren and M Brown.

The following members voted for the motion: Councillors J Sharkey, Glen, Henry, Hood, I McMillan, Bibby, Gilmour and Harte.

5 members having voted for the amendment and 8 members having voted for the motion, the motion was accordingly declared carried.

DECIDED:

(a) That the work being undertaken to develop the Strategic Plan be noted and that it be noted that approval of this plan by the Integration Joint Board triggered the legal delegation of adult services and the corresponding council budgets from 1 April 2016 to the Integration Joint Board;

(b) That it be noted that the structured programme of work underway to ensure the local implementation of health and adult social care services by April 2016 was progressing to plan;

(c) That the current status and planned action in relation to the development of sound financial governance arrangements for the Integration Joint Board and agreeing the 2016/17 budgets for delegated functions by 1 April 2016 be noted; and

(d) That it be noted that the Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership Workforce Plan reflecting more integrated working would be submitted to the Leadership Board on 17 February 2016 for approval.

4 INTEGRATED CARE FUND 2015/16: MID-YEAR REPORT TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the mid-year report on the Integrated Care Fund submitted to the Scottish Government, a copy of which formed the appendix to the report.

The report intimated that the Scottish Government had allocated £100 million 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 three years and Renfrewshire's allocation for 2015/16 was £3.49 million.

The Integrated Care Fund Plan for Renfrewshire 2015/16 had two main themes: the roll-out of successful rehabilitation, reablement and technology-enabled models of service to all adult groups, building on the successful application of such models through the four year Change Fund Programme (Reshaping Care for Older People) and the delivery of a community capacity building plan, engaging a wide range of stakeholders in its development and delivery, with third sector organisations leading on a number of the work areas.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the role and remit of the Community Occupational Therapy Service. The report provided information on performance management and detailed the current operational and financial pressures on the service.

DECIDED: That the report and the work of the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership and the Director of Development & Housing Services to develop options for responding to the demand and financial pressures highlighted in the report be noted.

6 RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS PROCESS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the Council's response to the Scottish Government consultation on changes to the social work complaints process.

The report intimated that the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 standardised complaints handling procedures across all local authority service areas except social work. Following consultation, the Scottish Government agreed that the same complaints handling procedure should be adopted for social work complaints which included extending the remit of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman to enable them to consider the professional judgement of social work staff rather than simply whether the process had been handled correctly. A Draft Order which made legislative changes necessary for implementation had been published and it was this Order which was the subject of the consultation.

The Council's response to the consultation, which formed the appendix to the report, had been submitted to the Scottish Government by the due date of 14 December 2015, subject to Board approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted; and

(b) That the Council's response submitted to the Scottish Government on 14 December 2015 be approved.

7 RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON CHANGES TO NATIONAL CARE STANDARDS

There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer, Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership relative to the Council's response to the Scottish Government consultation on changes to national care standards.

The report intimated that in June 2014 the Scottish Government launched a public consultation exercise on reviewing existing national care standards. It proposed changes intended to simplify the current system for both providers and service users and to reflect closer working between health and social care services. Based on responses received, a further round of consultation had been launched setting out seven principals and seeking views as to their appropriateness. The consultation also sought views on how the principles could be put into practice.

The Council's response to the consultation, which formed the appendix to the report, had been submitted to the Scottish Government by the due date of 10 December 2015, subject to Board approval.

DECIDED:

(a) That the report be noted;

(b) That the Council's response submitted to the Scottish Government on 10 December 2015 be approved; and

(c) That the Renfrewshire Health & Social Care Partnership continue to participate in the development of new care standards.