

## ADULT SERVICES – SERVICES FOR CLIENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

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### 1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 Government policy for Learning Disability directs Social Work to provide person centred services which emphasise the use of available community resources rather than via the traditional Resource Centre model.
- 1.2 Significant progress has been made in Helensburgh & Lomond, Bute & Cowal and in part Oban. However, services across Argyll and Bute require further re-design and modernisation in order to provide the person centred approach required.
- 1.3 In order to progress this matter, the Council released a Letter of Interest to the independent sector in order to clarify the potential interest in providing services. Thirty four providers registered an interest; 27 of which indicated an interest in providing services throughout the Council area.
- 1.4 A paper was presented to the Executive Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2007 noting the return and recommending that a full tender of services be progressed.

### 2. PROGRESS TO DATE

- 2.1 The Project Board that oversees the Re-design of Older Person's Services was re-constituted on 13<sup>th</sup> August in order to provide a governance framework for the Re-design of Learning Disability Services. The attached papers were presented to the Project Board for approval on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2009.
- 2.2 The Project Board approved:
  - The methodology of developing an options appraisal.
  - The initial consultation events.
  - Agreed that a review of Respite Services for Adult Care would progress within the governance arrangements for Learning Disability and would encompass the issue of Fyne View in doing so. It was acknowledged that the consultation process would consequently be wider than the Learning Disability client group for this specific matter.

### 2.3 The Project Board:

Requested that an additional client /carers representative be added to the two nominated. Specifically a client/carer from the Helensburgh/Lomond area who can bring the experience of re-design to the table.

## 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Project Team are working on a timescale of 3 months to bring scored options to the Project Board. Thereafter there will be a period of public consultation over a 3-4 month period on the agreed short-list options.

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