

**MINUTES of MEETING of SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES held in
the BOARD ROOM, SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE, KILMORY INDUSTRIAL ESTATE,
LOCHGILPHEAD
on THURSDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2009**

Present: Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Donald McIntosh	Councillor Gary Mulvaney
Councillor Robert Macintyre	Councillor Len Scoullar

Also Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending: Douglas Hendry, Director of Community Services
Jim Robb, Head of Adult Care
David Logan – Quality Information Officer – Special Projects
Chris Dalgarno-Platt, Finance Manager – Special Projects
Joanna Miller, Finance Manager – Community Services

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Committee for Older People's Services of 13 August 2008 were approved as a correct record.

3. REPORT ON REVIEW OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES WITH APPRAISAL BRIEF

A report updating Members in regard to the options appraisal process in respect of the Review of Older People's Services was considered.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To request that a further report detailing the rationale and thought processes behind the scoring of all options be prepared and presented to the next meeting of the Project Board before any decision is taken;
3. To note that Financial appraisal on the recommended options contained within this report will commence and will be due for completion by July 2009. However, the Project Team may undertake further financial appraisals on other options if required, following discussion of the further report detailing rationale of scoring of all options;
4. To note that a presentation will made to the Project Board explaining the process followed in scoring of all options; and

5. To agree that consultation with Community Care Fora should be undertaken to seek their views on criteria used for short-listing of options.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services, submitted)

4. REPORT ON PROPOSED CONSULTATION IN REVIEW OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES

A report setting out the proposed format for the public consultations that will be held in regard to the emerging options for the re-design of older people's services in Argyll and Bute was considered.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To note that the Head of Service and Managers will meet with staff on an ongoing basis to keep them advised of the process;
3. To note that individual briefing sessions will be held for Elected Members, MPs/MSPs and the press;
4. To note that formal views will be requested from the CHP, Community Care Fora and Community Councils; and
5. To note that local radio will be used to publicise this exercise.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services dated February 2009, submitted)

5. REPORT ON PROGRESSIVE CARE PILOT

As part of the Expressions of Interest sought for Older People's services in July 2007, contact was made with providers of Sheltering Housing to ascertain their interest in developing Sheltered Housing complexes to offer Progressive Care facilities and the Special Committee for Older People's Services agreed, at its meeting on 24 June 2008, that the scoping out of 3 pilots be taken forward in the areas with a current gap in provision. A report providing detail of the work carried out to date in the scoping out of these pilot projects was considered.

Decision

To note the content of the report detailing the scoping work carried out to date and agree the Project Plan detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services, submitted)

6. REPORT ON REVIEW OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES WITH APPRAISAL BRIEF

A report updating Members in regard to the options appraisal process in respect of the review of Learning Disability Services was considered.

Decision

To note the contents of the report and that initial consultation will be carried out with Learning Disability groups.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services, submitted)

7. REPORT ON PROPOSED CONSULTATION IN REGARD TO LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

Following on the consultation exercise undertaken in the Review of Older People's Services, the Learning Disability Project Team have identified the need for a series of initial consultation events across the Council area in advance of any further formal consultation process that will follow during the review process.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To agree that five initial consultation events be undertaken to inform both the Project Board and Project Team of the views of service users and carers prior to the short listing of options;
3. To appoint Alex Davidson to co-ordinate these events; and
4. To undertake a review of Fyne View Respite House within the Learning Disability options appraisal. Consequently all client groups will be consulted as part of the consultation process.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services dated 19 February 2009, submitted)

8. REPORT ON NOMINATIONS TO THE PROJECT BOARD IN RESPECT OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES

A report seeking approval of nominations to the Learning Disability Project Board was considered.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To invite the two identified nominees to become members of the Project Board; and;
3. To instruct the Head of Adult Care to seek to identify and appoint, from the nominations received, an additional representative from the Helensburgh and Lomond area and to report back to the Committee if unable to do so.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services, submitted)

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To agree that a further meeting be arranged within the next 6-8 weeks in order for the Project Board to give further consideration to the Older Person's options appraisal.