

EXTRACT OF MINUTE OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS POLICY AND PERFORMANCE
GROUP 9 MARCH 2009

**11. COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP'S CONSULTATION PAPER ON THE
FUTURE OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

An extensive Service Review and work on developing options for the future of Mental Health Services has been progress in Argyll and Bute since 2007. A draft response on behalf of Argyll and Bute Council to the consultation along with a copy of the consultation document "Mental Health Services in Argyll and Bute – Redesign and Modernisation" from NHS Highland was before Members for consideration.

An amended report summarising the main points within the consultation document was also tabled at the meeting.

Decision

1. To agree the draft response to the consultation and to support Option 3 subject to the following amendments:-
 - (a) The importance of crisis beds being area based within the Community Hospitals should be included within the response;
 - (b) The importance of the development of the future configuration and management of Community Mental Health Teams should be stressed within the response;
 - (c) That in supporting Option 3, to make clear that this option should be made available to clients across the whole of Argyll and Bute including Helensburgh and Lomond; and
2. To note that the response will be redrafted to take account of the above amendments and forwarded to the Executive for their endorsement.

(Reference: Report by Director of Community Services dated 27 February 2009, issued and Amended Report by Director of Community Services dated 27 February 2009, tabled)