

**MINUTES of MEETING of SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES held in
the COUNCIL CHAMBER, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD
on MONDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2010**

Present: Councillor Dick Walsh (Chair)

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

Also Present: Councillor Elaine Robertson

Attending: Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director – Community Services

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were intimated from Councillor Robert Macintyre.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Committee for Older People's Services held on 18 June 2010 were approved as a correct record.

4. OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES - DEVELOPMENT OF FINAL BUSINESS CASE

A report updating Members in regard to the proposed approach to developing the Final Business Case for the Older People Services Review was considered.

Decision

1. Noted Councillor Morton's concern that the Final Business Case was not before the Special Committee today for consideration;
2. Agreed to carry out a market test prior to conclusion of the Final Business Case;
3. Agreed to utilise the Argyll and Bute Social Enterprise Network (ABSEN) to engage with existing council staff in regard to possible Social Enterprise option for externalisation and that the list of staff meetings/roadshows to be held, as detailed within appendix 1 of the Executive Director's report, should include a venue on Mull; and
4. Noted that paragraph 5 of the Executive Director's report should refer to the £18,800 required to carry out the detailed and independent consultation by ABSEN.

(Councillor Morton, having moved an amendment which failed to find a seconder

required her dissent from decision 3, in respect of ABSEN being appointed to carry out the consultation with staff without going to tender, to be recorded).

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, submitted)

5. OLDER'S PEOPLES SERVICES - MARKET TESTING

A report detailing the market testing proposal was considered. The Market Test exercise aims to bring certainty to the Final Business Case by seeking to confirm that there are alternative Providers willing to work in partnership with the council to deliver services. At this stage, the Commissioning Team simply wish to obtain information from these Providers.

Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report;
2. Noted that the Development of Tender Documents and Presentation to Board would take place in May 2011 and not May 2010 as detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the Executive Director's report; and
3. Noted that the timetable detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the Executive Director's report would be accelerated if feasible.

(Reference: Report by Service Commissioning Manager, submitted)

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the Head of Adult Care would confirm date for meeting to take place in January 2011.