

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET: 29 JUNE 2011

PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE AGREEMENT 2011 - 2015

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet's endorsement of the Partnership in Practice Agreement 2011 – 2015 entitled Living and Working in Partnership. The full document is available on the members portal.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The then Scottish Executive review of services for people with learning disabilities entitled "The Same as You" published in 2000 required Council's and NHS authorities to produce Partnership in Practice Agreements.
- 2.2 It was recommended that Partnership in Practice Agreements were developed by consulting service users and carers and reflected the role of the independent sector in delivering services to people with learning disabilities. It was expected that Partnership in Practice Agreements should consider areas such as support for families and carers, transitional arrangements and autistic spectrum disorders.
- 2.3 There is no longer a requirement to produce Partnership in Practice Agreements; however, in order to focus on service developments for people with learning disabilities and their carers in East Ayrshire we have continued to produce agreements, in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders. This is a reflection of the strong and meaningful partnership arrangements in East Ayrshire.
- 2.4 With the advent of Community Health Partnership arrangements and within this the Mental Health and Learning Disability Partnership, the Partnership in Practice Agreement serves as the strategic document for learning disability supports and services in East Ayrshire.
- 2.5 The original Partnership in Practice Agreements were designed to have a three year timescale however in East Ayrshire we have adapted this to fit in with Community Planning timescales. Delivery of the Partnership in Practice Agreement is an action within the Improving Health and Well Being Action Plan 2011 – 2015.

3. LIVING AND WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP – PARTNERSHIP IN PRACTICE AGREEMENT 2011-2015

- 3.1 The Partnership in Practice Agreement entitled Living and Working in Partnership was developed jointly by the Council, East Ayrshire Independent Advocacy Services, Kilmarnock College, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, Princess Royal Trust for Carers and the VIP Partners. In addition there was a specific Partnership in Practice development conference.
- 3.2 The outcome of the consultation with respect to day services in East Ayrshire 'Getting it Right for Everyone' was also used to inform the agreement.
- 3.3 The Partnership in Practice Agreement reflects information contained within the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Data and the aspirations of 'Towards a Mentally Flourishing Ayrshire and Arran' along with the work being undertaken with respect to the Integrated Resource Framework.
- 3.4 The Partnership in Practice Agreement defines the outcomes identified through consultation and in line with other strategies and information available then describes actions which will be undertaken to achieve those outcomes.
- 3.5 Examples include:-
- (i) **Outcome** -Increasing transparency about resources available and how they are allocated
Action - develop a resource allocation system
 - (ii) **Outcome** - Provide more choices for adult social venues and encourage independent and public sector providers to enhance natural community supports – **Action** - development of new Kilmarnock Day Service facility to facilitate this requirement.
 - (iii) **Outcome** Increase the opportunities for individuals to get work experience that can train/prepare for employment
Action - support existing social firms and the development of new ones.

4. MONITORING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF AGREEMENT

- 4.1 Progress in the delivery of outcomes identified within the Partnership in Practice Agreement will be undertaken through the Mental Health and Learning Disability Partnership within the Community Health Partnership.

5. LEGAL POLICY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Partnership in Practice agreement supports the council's role in delivering supports to people with learning disabilities in line with Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 and the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 All developments identified within the Partnership in Practice Agreement will be progressed within existing Council and partnership budgets.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING

- 7.1 The Partnership in Practice Agreement ensures the needs of people with learning disabilities are recorded and strategically addressed and monitored.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT

- 8.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and recognises the actions within the Partnership in Practice Agreement to support inclusion of people with disabilities.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 9.1 Cabinet is asked to:-

- (i) endorse the content of the Partnership in Practice Agreement

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. "Same as You", review of learning disability services 2000
2. Living and Working in East Ayrshire – Partnership in Practice Agreement

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