

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **CHAIR'S MONITORING GROUP**

#### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2007 AT 0830 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Drew McIntyre, John Knapp and Tommy Farrell.

**ATTENDING:** Elizabeth Morton, Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; and Anne Marie Carr, Senior Administrative Officer.

**CHAIR:** Councillor Drew McIntyre, Chair.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. The Chair, at his discretion, and in terms of Standing Order 19, agreed to alter the order of business and consider agenda item 2.1, Restructure of the Leisure Development Service – Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP), as the last item of business.

#### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

2. There was submitted and approved as a correct record Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 March 2007 (circulated)

#### **REPORTS TO SPECIAL CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

3. There was submitted the undernoted reports referred to the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration of the staffing proposals contained therein, viz:-

##### **3.1 DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATE SUPPORT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S OFFICE (FINANCE AND ASSET MANAGEMENT) – AMENDMENTS TO STAFFING STRUCTURES**

There was submitted a joint report dated 4 April 2007 (circulated) by the Chief Executive and the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support which sought approval for amendments to the staffing structure of the Finance and Asset Management Service within the Chief Executive's Office and the Department of Corporate Support.

- (i) It was agreed in terms of the remit from the Corporate Governance Committee, to confirm the Group's satisfaction as to the requirement for the staffing proposals contained within the report

##### **3.2 STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT OF OLDER PEOPLE SERVICES**

There was submitted a joint report dated 28 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which sought approval for amendments to the staffing structure within the Social Work Service of the Department of Educational and Social Services.

It was agreed in terms of the remit from the Corporate Governance Committee, to confirm the Group's satisfaction as to the requirement for the staffing proposals contained within the report.

### **3.3 STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF SOCIAL WORK SERVICES**

There was submitted a joint report dated 5 April 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services:-

- (i) which reported back to the Group on the full implications of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Social Work Review "Changing Lives";
- (ii) which made recommendations on a number of changes which would best position Social Work Services to further develop and successfully meet current and emerging challenges;
- (iii) to strengthen the Council's arrangements for driving forward the Council's Community Plan Action Plan responsibilities to develop stronger links and partnership arrangements;
- (iv) which sought approval on revised operational and management arrangements within the Social Work Service and across the Department of Educational and Social Services; and
- (v) which sought approval for amendments to the Social Work Structure within the Department of Educational and Social Services to enhance service development.

It was agreed in terms of the remit from the Corporate Governance Committee, to confirm the Group's satisfaction as to the requirement for the staffing proposals contained in the report.

### **3.4 RE-STRUCTURE OF THE LEISURE DEVELOPMENT SERVICE – COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP (CHIP)**

#### **3.4.1 Declaration of interest**

Councillor McIntyre declared a non-financial interest in accordance with paragraphs 5.17 and 5.18 of the Code of Conduct and withdrew from the meeting. In the absence of the Chair, Councillor Knapp took the Chair for this item.

#### **3.4.2 Consideration of Item**

There was submitted a joint report dated 2 March 2007 (circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Corporate Support and the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which sought approval for a re-structure of the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP) project team in the Leisure Development Section within the Department of Neighbourhood Services, subject to consultation with the Trade Unions.

It was agreed in terms of the remit from the Corporate Governance Committee, to confirm the Group's satisfaction as to the requirement for the staffing proposals contained within paragraph 3 of the report

The meeting terminated at 0852 hours.