

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE****MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2006 AT 1000 HOURS IN THE MEETING ROOM, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, LONDON ROAD, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Councillors Eric Jackson, Jim O'Neill, Douglas Reid, Gordon Cree, John Weir, Drew McIntyre, Isabella Macrae, Iain Linton, Ray Murray, John Knapp, Stuart Finlayson, Robert McDill, William Menzies, Neil McGhee and Elaine Stewart.

ATTENDING: Fiona Lees, Chief Executive; Graham Short, Executive Director of Educational and Social Services; Alex McPhee, Executive Head of Finance; Jackie Donnelly, Executive Head of Social Work; David Mitchell, Head of Administrative and Legal Services; Chris McAleavey, Head of Housing; Martin Rose, Head of Personnel; Alex McPhee, Financial Services Manager, Educational and Social Services; Eddie Fraser, Senior Manager, Community Care; Marlene Harkis, Service Manager (Older People) and Jennifer Morrison, Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Stephanie Young, Harry Wilson, Jim Raymond, Jimmy Kelly, Tommy Farrell and William Crawford.

CHAIR: Councillor Eric Jackson, Chair.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

1. It was agreed that under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 11 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

A SUPPORTED ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN EAST AYRSHIRE (Item 4, Page 1076, 03/07)

2. There was submitted a joint report dated 13 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Directors of Neighbourhood Services and of Educational and Social Services which (i) presented the final report on the Best Value Review of the Council's Sheltered Housing Warden Service as agreed by the Member/Officer Working Group on 12 April 2006 (Appendix 1 to the report) and (ii) sought approval for the recommendations contained therein.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to endorse the final report of the Member/Officer Working Group;
- (ii) to approve implementation of the recommended model of service provision;
- (iii) to remit the staffing proposals for consideration by the Corporate Governance Committee, subject to consultation with Trade Unions;
- (iv) to note that this report would also be presented to the Housing Committee on 17 May 2006; and
- (v) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

**THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES IN EAST
AYRSHIRE 2006-2011 (Item 12, Page 1380, 03/07)**

3. There was submitted a report dated 12 April 2006 (circulated) by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services which asked Committee (i) to agree the strategic framework within which Older People's Community Care Services could be taken forward (ii) to agree that the Supported Accommodation Strategy for Older People fitted within an over-arching strategy for older people's services and (iii) for agreement to the further development of a framework for joint services with health in order to establish an over-arching strategy for older people's health, housing and community care services in East Ayrshire.

It was agreed:-

- (i) to approve the strategic framework within which Older People's Community Care Services could be taken forward;
- (ii) that the Supported Accommodation Strategy for Older People fitted within an over-arching strategy for older people's services;
- (iii) to the further development of a framework for joint services with health in order to establish an over-arching strategy for older people's health, housing and community care services in East Ayrshire;
- (iv) to select option 3, as outlined in Section 7.3 of the report, as the preferred option and the way forward for the Council;
- (v) that a new Resource Centre be developed on the Rosebank site which would create a community hub for older people by providing a range of health and social care services alongside community facilities;
- (vi) that the Executive Head of Social Work, and her staff work closely with the existing service users and carers towards positive solutions over time;
- (vii) that the Executive Head of Social Work, work closely with staff and Trade Union representatives to achieve a shift in focus towards Care in the Community;
- (viii) to remit the staffing implications to the Corporate Governance Committee;
- (ix) to remit the resource implications to the Policy and Resources Committee; and
- (x) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

The meeting terminated at 1040 hours.