

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 30 MAY 2006

CO-LOCATION PROJECTS WITH NHS AYRSHIRE & ARRAN

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of progress with co-location projects in partnership with NHS Ayrshire & Arran and to propose the rationalisation of the project management arrangements for these projects.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** As agreed by the Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2002, a Joint Project Board comprising of Senior Officers from both the Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran was established to take forward a comprehensive new Health/Council/Community Facility in North West Kilmarnock similar in concept and approach to the existing Area Centres for Dalmellington and Drongan.
- 2.2** The North West Kilmarnock Project Board (Chaired by the Council's Chief Executive), but with membership drawn from all necessary professional disciplines within the Council and NHS Ayrshire & Arran has a current remit to oversee and ensure the co-ordination of the project within the allocated budget. Subordinate to the Board is a Project Management Team which undertakes the day to day management of the project. Scrutiny of the project's progress is undertaken by the Project Board which meets on a monthly basis and considers reports including, financial monitoring of current expenditure against budget limits; progress of the physical development of the project; to proposals for management arrangements of the fully commissioned facility.
- 2.3** As reported to the Policy & Resources Committee at its meeting on 8 February 2006, additional funding of £1.4 m has been secured for the enhancement of dental services. This involves the enlargement of the project and, as such, the Committee endorsed the proposal to negotiate with existing contractors in respect of the consequent variation to the various construction contracts.

3. CURRENT PROGRESS

- 3.1** The construction phase of the North West Kilmarnock Area Centre is well underway with an anticipated contractor handover date of 14 August 2006. Finalised design proposals for the additional accommodation for the dental facility are currently being discussed with the contractor and the earliest anticipated completion date is estimated as December 2006.

- 3.2** At the meeting of the Project Board on 27 April 2006, it was reported that NHS Ayrshire & Arran's bid for the construction of a new health care facility co-located with a new local office/library facility in Crosshouse village, supported by the Council, was approved by the Scottish Executive in March 2006. The current financial package in place totals £2.57m drawing on resources from the Primary and Community Care Premises Modernisation Programme 2006 – 2008, NHS Primary Care Resources and £295,000 from East Ayrshire Council's Capital Programme and land assets.
- 3.3** The Project Board has now also received a request from NHS Ayrshire & Arran to consider the potential for co-location of services for the communities of New Cumnock and Patna.
- 3.4** These further proposals for co-location of services now require to be managed and assessed. It is considered that the best way forward is to utilise the expertise and experience of the North West Kilmarnock Area Centre Project Board. It is suggested to amend the remit and rename the Board in recognition of its new role to consider co-location proposals throughout East Ayrshire.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The Project Board with initial responsibility for delivering the North West Kilmarnock Community Health Care Project has been a successful model in driving forward the implementation of this ambitious capital project in partnership with NHS Ayrshire & Arran. It is proposed to rename the Board as the Co-location Project Board and to amend its remit to reflect its new role of considering co-location projects throughout East Ayrshire.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1** The Policy & Resources Committee is asked to:-
- (i) note the current progress on the North West Kilmarnock Area Centre;
 - (ii) agree to extend the remit of the Project Board and to rename it as Co-location Project Board to consider all co-location projects within East Ayrshire; and
 - (iii) otherwise, note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Minutes of the North West Kilmarnock Project Board.

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