

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2006**

#### **FORMAL NAMING OF THE NEW HEALTH/COUNCIL/COMMUNITY FACILITY IN NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK**

##### **Report by Chief Executive**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To advise the Committee of progress with the new co-located Health/Council/Community Facility in North West Kilmarnock and to propose that the centre now be named.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** As agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting held on 21 February 2002, a Joint Project Board, comprising Senior Officers from both the Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran, was established to take forward a comprehensive new co-located Health/Council/Community Facility in North West Kilmarnock, similar in concept and approach to existing Area Centres in Dalmellington and Drongan.
- 2.2** As reported to the Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 8 February 2006, additional funding of £1.4 million has been secured for the enhancement of dental services. This has involved enlargement of the project and the commissioning of a new dental extension and, as such, the Committee endorsed the proposal to negotiate with existing contractors in respect of the consequent variation to the various construction contracts.
- 2.3** The Policy and Resources Committee, at its meeting on 30 May 2006, agreed to extend the remit of the North West Kilmarnock Project Board to consider all co-location projects within East Ayrshire with NHS Ayrshire and Arran. The Co-location Project Board (chaired by the Council's Chief Executive) meets on a regular basis with membership drawn from all necessary professional disciplines from within the Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran. Its current remit is to oversee and ensure the co-ordination of all Co-location Projects across East Ayrshire within allocated budget(s). Subordinate to the Board is a Project Management Team which undertakes the day-to-day management of each Project. Scrutiny of each project's progress is undertaken by the Project Board which meets on a monthly basis and considers reports including : financial monitoring of expenditure against budget limits; progress of the physical development of each project, including proposals for management arrangements of the fully commissioned facility.

### **3. CURRENT PROGRESS**

- 3.1** The construction phase of the North West Kilmarnock facility is at an advanced stage. Tom McCabe, Minister for Finance and Public Sector Reform, Scottish Executive, visited the project on 25 July 2006 and viewed the progress being made on the new facility as it nears completion. Representatives of public services that will use the centre also met the Minister and accompanied him on his visit.
- 3.2** Current progress with the new dental extension is at an extremely important stage and the Project Board is pursuing the matters with the existing contractor.
- 3.3** It is anticipated that the majority of main building will be available for occupation by late November with the remainder of the facility, particularly the dental extension being completed by end March 2007.
- 3.4** Due to the building nearing completion, there is a need now to consider naming the centre.

### **4. NAMING OF NEW HEALTH/COUNCIL/COMMUNITY FACILITY IN NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK**

- 4.1** Choosing a name for this flagship, groundbreaking facility is an extremely important decision and requires consideration of a number of matters.
- 4.2** The name of the new centre should be easy to remember and should be consistent with the image that the Council wishes to project to residents and organisations in the geographical service area of the facility.
- 4.3** Consideration should also be given to what has gone before, for example, the Council and its Community Planning Partners have built two area centres at Dalmellington and Drongan which are named Dalmellington Area Centre and Drongan Area Centre. Both these centres have a strong community association and the names have been well received locally.

### **5. RECOMMENDATION**

- 5.1** The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to:-
  - (a) note the current progress made in respect of the new facility in North West Kilmarnock.

- (b) agree the name of the new Health/Council/Community Facility in North West Kilmarnock; and
- (c) otherwise, note the report.

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**Chief Executive**

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