

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE - 21 FEBRUARY, 2002

JOINT DEVELOPMENTS WITH AYRSHIRE & ARRAN PRIMARY CARE (NHS) TRUST

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the outcome of the two partnership bids made by Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care (NHS) Trust in conjunction with East Ayrshire Council and other partner organisations to the Executive for funding to secure improved health care facilities in the communities of Dalrymple and North West Kilmarnock and to propose a programme for taking forward these projects.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Emergency Powers Committee at its meeting held on 22 November 2001 agreed, among other things, to endorse the bids by the Trust in respect of the proposed developments in Dalrymple and North West Kilmarnock and, in principle, subject to approval of the funding bids, to the use of Council land and accommodation required to allow the developments to proceed.
- 2.2 At the same meeting, the local outcome agreement for the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund was also agreed which committed £1,024,000 towards the establishment of a Neighbourhood Services Centre in North West Kilmarnock.

3.0 THE OUTCOME OF THE BIDS

- 3.1 The outcome of the bidding process, which covered the whole of Scotland, was announced by Malcolm Chisholm, Minister for Health and Community Care on 17 December 2001 who confirmed that the North West Kilmarnock Primary Care Neighbourhood Services Centre had been awarded £2.1m.
- 3.2 This is clearly excellent news for East Ayrshire and in particular the community of North West Kilmarnock. The sum of £2.1m awarded to this project represents some 14% of the entire £15m available across all of Scotland and was the largest award to any individual project outwith Glasgow. The award also compares favourably in relative terms, with East Ayrshire comprising only 2.5% of the total population of Scotland.

- 3.3 The award is a clear recognition of the levels of need and deprivation which exists within East Ayrshire. It acknowledges the extent of cohesive partnership working in place between the Council and the Trust which was an express requirement of the bidding process and builds upon the success of the already completed Dalmellington Area Centre and the Drongan Resource Centre which is nearing completion.
- 3.4 Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care (NHS) Trust has confirmed that there are no onerous conditions attached to the Scottish Executive's formal letter of approval. The Scottish Executive has indicated that all individual projects must be completed by 2003/04 and it is anticipated that the project will be able to be completed within this timescale.
- 3.5 Unfortunately, despite the submission of a strong bid, the proposed development in Dalrymple was unsuccessful. It is hoped, however, that the proposal may be able to be repackaged and funded from alternative sources, details of which are discussed later in this report.

4.0 PARTNERSHIP WORKING FRAMEWORK

- 4.1 A significant factor in the success of the North West Kilmarnock bid has undoubtedly been the active partnership which has been prevalent from the outset. It is intended that an overarching partnership working framework be developed to guide the way in which the Council and Trust collaborate with each other in delivering projects and services in which we have a common interest. This agreement will supplement the key partnership objectives in the operational framework to which both organisations are already jointly committed.
- 4.2 Thereafter it is suggested that each project be governed by individual project specific agreements to demonstrate, in an open and transparent manner, each organisation's responsibilities in relation to specific projects.

5.0 NORTH WEST KILMARNOCK PRIMARY CARE NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES CENTRE

- 5.1 Following the announcement of the success of this bid, early discussions have been held with officers of the Primary Care Trust to establish the way forward in planning a programme for the implementation of this project. It is intended that a Project Board, comprising of senior officers of East Ayrshire and the Primary Care Trust be established to oversee and ensure the co-ordination of the project. Under the Board it is proposed that a Project Management Team, on which all necessary professional disciplines will be represented, should be established to ensure delivery of the proposed development. It is further proposed that regular reports on progress be submitted to the Capital Programme Monitoring Group. Staff and community forums are also proposed to ensure that the views of all relevant stakeholders are considered and reflected within the final development.

- 5.2 In light of the funding made available by the Scottish Executive for this project the Primary Care Trust are currently assessing the precise nature of the services which they will provide from within the new facility. Once this has been established the Council will require to determine which services it will provide to compliment those being provided by the Trust and thus maximise the opportunities which will be presented by the co-location of our staff.
- 5.3 As was agreed by the Emergency Powers Committee on 22 November 2001, the extent of Council involvement in this development will then require to be considered in terms of a capital contribution by the Council towards the project. In this respect the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting held on 1 February 2002, in agreeing Capital Allocations to service departments, noted that the anticipated net capital cost to the council of the proposed development would be in the region of £0.500M and that the actual cost of the development would require to be met by the service departments from their 2003/04 capital allocations and reported to their respective Service Committees.

6.0 DALRYMPLE COMMUNITY CAMPUS

- 6.1 Whilst the bid for the proposed Community Campus in Dalrymple was unsuccessful, there remains a need to develop such a facility. In recognition of this need, £50,000 has been identified within the Council's capital programme for financial year 2003/04 for this purpose. In addition, £30,000 has been allocated by the East Ayrshire Coalfield Community Social Inclusion Partnership in financial year 2002/03 for the development of a Youth Initiative in Dalrymple.
- 6.2 It is proposed that officers, through established links with the Primary Care Trust, be requested to investigate whether there would be any alternative funding available to the Trust for this project. In addition, it is proposed that every effort be made to attract external funding for this project and that on the basis of funding available, officers be requested to re-assess the original proposals to determine the feasibility of the project in the light of all available funding.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial implications resulting from this report. As previously outlined, the sum of £1,024,000 has been identified within the Local Outcome Agreement for the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund for the North West Kilmarnock Project and the council's capital contribution will be met from within service department's capital allocations for financial year 2003/04.

8.0 LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no direct legal or policy implications resulting from this report. All of the proposals contained within the report will be discharged in accordance

with legislative requirements and with adherence to relevant council policy and procedures.

9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is asked to:-

1. note the successful outcome of the North West Kilmarnock Primary Care Neighbourhood Services Centre bid, resulting in a £2.1M health care investment within this community;
2. request the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Primary Care Trust to develop an overarching partnership working framework to govern projects of this nature and further to develop a specific partnership agreement in relation to the proposed development in North West Kilmarnock;
3. to note the proposed arrangements for implementation of the project in North West Kilmarnock as detailed in section 5.0 of this report;
4. to request that the Depute Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Resources examine alternative possibilities for the delivery of the proposed Dalrymple Community campus as discussed in section 6.0 of the report; and
5. otherwise note the contents of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Bids by Ayrshire and Arran Primary Care NHS Trust for Dalrymple Community Campus and North West Kilmarnock Primary Care Neighbourhood Centre dated November 2001.
2. Letter dated 18 December 2001 from Wilma Dickson, Head of Primary Care Unit, Scottish Executive advising of the results of the bidding process.

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AGENDA