

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE : 4 MAY 2000

#### COLLABORATIVE LINKS WITH AYRSHIRE & ARRAN PRIMARY CARE NHS TRUST

##### Report by the Director of Social Work

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To bring to the attention of Committee proposals considered by Social Work Committee on 2 May 2000 in relation to links with Ayrshire & Arran Primary Care NHS Trust and, to seek approval from Policy & Resources Committee to the development of a statement of joint approach, in the form of an **Operational Framework**, between the Council and Primary Care Trust for approval by Council at its Meeting of 18 May 2000.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 There is considerable overlap between the Government's Social Inclusion Strategy and the Health White Paper "Towards a Healthier Scotland". In addition, the Government paper "Modernising Community Care" requires effective joint work between the Council and Health services. East Ayrshire Council's Children's Service Plan, as required by the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, was developed partnership with other Departments and services, including health, with joint strategic aims being given specific attention in the planning of services for children and young people.
- 2.2 The Council has sought to provide access to services within local communities. This has led to the development of local offices providing an initial point of access to the range of Council services. These developments have been set within the context of a Decentralisation Strategy which has also included a commitment to engagement / consultation with local communities and for an organisational structure (Local Committees) which reflects the range of communities served by the Council.
- 2.3 The Social Work Committee on 2 May 2000 considered a Joint Strategy in relation to the provision of services to support those for whom the Council and Primary Care Trust have a joint responsibility, and noted the extensive range of services and initiatives which are being undertaken on a joint basis, establishing the depth of the engagement between the Council and the Primary Care Trust.
- 2.4 This has provided the potential for the development of a statement of joint approach between the Council and Primary Care Trust bringing together a number of elements of national policy which require "joined-up working" between agencies and a range of joint developments which can be considered within the context of national and local strategic directions to inform an Operational Framework.

### **3. FINANCIAL / PERSONNEL / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no new issues that require to be identified as a consequence of this report.

### **4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 This report builds on existing policies of the Council across a range of areas and consolidates a partnership with a key agency.

### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

5.1 It is recommended that Policy & Resources Committee :

- i) approves the development of a statement of joint approach, in the form of an Operational Framework, between the Council and Primary Care Trust and recommends consideration of this to Council at its Meeting on 18 May 2000; and
- ii) otherwise notes the contents of this report.

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#### **List of Background Papers**

Integrated Care Project Newmilns & Darvel Evaluation  
White Paper – “Towards a Healthier Scotland”  
Modernising Community Care – An Action Plan  
Joint Health and Social Care for People Requiring Community Based Service in East  
Ayrshire : A Strategy for The Future  
Social Inclusion : Opening the Door to a Better Scotland  
East Ayrshire Council Children’s Service Plan  
East Ayrshire Council Decentralisation Strategy

**AGENDA**