

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE : 31 JANUARY 2002

JOINT DEVELOPMENT AND RESOURCE GROUP WORK PLAN

Report by the Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek Committee endorsement for the Joint Development and Resource Group (JDRG) Work Plan.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The JDRG is the senior managers group which meets on a quarterly basis to address strategic joint planning and financial issues in respect of Community Care across Ayrshire and Arran. It comprises senior managers from the three Ayrshire local authorities and NHS Ayrshire and Arran and is chaired on an annual rotational basis by each of the local authorities.
- 2.2 At present , the chair resides with the Council and is exercised by the Head of Social Work.

3. WORK PLAN

- 3.1 At its most recent meeting on 6 December 2001, the JDRG approved a work plan for the coming period, based on the implementation of the Joint Future agenda, the Scottish Executive initiative to improve the development of Community Care services. Members will recall that Committee approved a report on the Joint Future agenda on 29 March 2001.
- 3.2 The work plan was approved by the JDRG, subject to endorsement being secured from each of the local authorities and the Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board. The work plan brings focus to the work of the JDRG and addresses the critical Joint Future implementation challenges facing local authorities and the Health system at the present time.
- 3.3 By focusing on the implementation of the Joint Future agenda, the work plan takes account of the priority Community Care policy implementation interests of the Scottish Executive and facilitates the accountability of the individual agencies to the Scottish Executive as it monitors performance against targets set out in circulars of guidance from the Executive to local authorities and the NHS.
- 3.4 The work plan and covering report are set out in full in Appendix 1.

4. POLICY/FINANCIAL/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no policy, legal or financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 However, it is anticipated that there will be such implications arising for the Council as the work plan is carried out.
- 4.3 Members should note that officers will refer any such matters to Committee for approval prior to any decisions being made about implementation.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Committee is requested to:

- a) Endorse the JDRG work plan as set out in Appendix 1;
- b) Invite the Director of Educational and Social Services to provide further reports as implementation of the work plan proceeds, in particular identifying any policy, financial or legal issues arising for the Council so that Committee authority can be secured prior to any decisions being made; and
- c) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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11 January 2002

APPENDIX

JDRG Work Plan (December 2001)

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA