



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

JOINT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting held in the Council Offices, Stornoway, on Thursday 14 June 2007 at 4.30pm.

PRESENT Mrs Mairi Bremner (Chair)
Mrs Annie Macdonald (Vice-Chair)
Mr Gerry Macleod Miss Catherine MacDonald
Mrs Agnes Rennie Mrs Elenor MacLeay
Ms Jane Adams

APOLOGIES Mrs Margaret Mackenzie

CONSTITUTION

Remit 3 The Head of Executive Office, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar chaired the meeting and referred to the Remit of the Committee. Clarification had been obtained from the Scottish Executive that constitutionally the four Members of NHS Eileanan Siar on the Committee need not be non-executive members.

It was agreed to recommend that the words “non-executive” where they appeared in the remit of the Committee be deleted.

Arising out of consideration of this item it was indicated that outstanding action required from the work of the Joint Future Committee would be incorporated into the work of this Committee and reports would be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

Appointment of Chair 1 The Head of Executive Office called for nominations for Chair of the Joint Services Committee to June 2008.

Miss Catherine MacDonald seconded by Mrs Agnes Rennie moved that Mrs Mairi Bremner be appointed as Chair of the Committee to June 2008.

There being no further nominations the Head of Executive Office declared that Mrs Mairi Bremner had been appointed as Chair of the Committee to June 2008.

Appointment of Vice-Chairman 2 The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Joint Services Committee to June 2008.

Mr Gerry Macleod seconded by Miss Catherine MacDonald moved that Mrs Annie Macdonald be appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee to June 2008.

There being no further nominations the Chair declared that Mrs Annie Macdonald had been appointed as Vice-Chair of the Committee to June 2008.

Joint Services Committee: Appointed/Co-opted Members 4 The Chief Executive, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar submitted a Report to allow Members of the Committee to consider the appointment of co-opted/appointed members to the Joint Services Committee and to advise Members on the alternative approaches to selection of appointed members which could be adopted.

The Report made reference to the previous practice of the Joint Future Committee and of the Comhairle's Social Work Committee in appointing co-opted members who had a right to attend and participate in discussion at meetings but could not vote.

The alternative approaches for appointing co-opted members and the criteria that may be adopted were outlined in the report.

It was agreed

- (a) to appoint two co-opted members to the Committee; and
- (b) that the Western Isles Community Care Forum be made aware of the criteria detailed at paragraph 6.2 of the Report and be invited to appoint two co-opted members to the Joint Services Committee attempting to secure geographic spread.

Community Health and Social Care Partnership (CHaSCP) 5

The Community Health Services Development Officer, NHS Eileanan Siar submitted a paper outlining the roles and remits of the Joint Services Committee, CHaSCP Committee and the teams supporting these committees.

It was highlighted that the paper was still in draft and would be amended to take account of circumstances.

The Report stated that CHaSCP Committee was a Sub-Committee of the Health Board required in terms of the Community Health Partnership Regulations and was at a formative stage which would evolve. The Joint Services Committee was responsible for the governance of the whole of the CHaSCP.

It was noted that it was intended that amendments be made in response to public consultation on locality planning groups. While it was intended to retain the five areas it was considered that it may be appropriate to have more than one locality group within an area where there were defined communities within these areas and indicated that this matter would be further considered by the CHaSCP Committee.

It was agreed to note the terms of the Report.

Arising out of consideration of this item it was agreed that a rerun take place of the training workshop which had taken place on 11 June and that Members of the Committee meet informally to discuss the work of the Committee.

FINANCE

General fund revenue outturn 2006-07 6

The Director of Finance and Corporate Resources Comhairle nan Eilean Siar submitted a Report to inform Members of the Comhairle's outturn for 2006-07.

The Report indicated that the Social Work Department overspend at the end of 2006-07 was £391,000 which was £56,000 higher than had been anticipated at the third quarter. The three main areas of overspend were domiciliary care (£390K), transportation (£155K) and Comhairle care homes (£98K) but this overspend had been offset by savings in community care placements and children's services. In common with other services the increase in premises related costs had contributed to the adverse impact on budgets with an overspend of £128K. The Comhairle continued to have the ongoing pressure of an increasing number of mainland placements both in adult and children's services and these budgets would be held and monitored centrally from 2007/08.

It was agreed that the Report be noted.

Draft Delegated Community Health Budget to CHaSCP for 2007-08 7

The Acting Depute Director of Finance NHS Eileanan Siar submitted a paper indicating that the preliminary draft budget for NHS Community Services for 2007/08 was approximately £21.7M. This figure was net of the relevant share of the Board's FRP (Financial Savings Target) which had still to be confirmed in detail and formally approved. The Report indicated that the Health Board's contribution to CHaSCP represented approximately 63% of the total CHaSCP costs as per the paper issued by Comhairle nan Eilean Siar on 16 November 2006.

It was agreed to note the Report.

COMMUNITY CARE

Adults with Learning Disabilities: Upgrading Facilities at Ardseileach

The Director of Social Work Comhairle nan Eilean Siar submitted a Report setting out proposals for the upgrading of facilities at Ardseileach and identifying the funding necessary to carry them out.

The Report indicated that the sum of £298,000 was sought from Comhairle nan Eilean Siar to upgrade the facilities at Ardseileach (Residential) and centre as detailed in the Project Evaluation Report appended to the Report.

The Report indicated that it was anticipated that the works to Ardseileach Centre would deal with the items raised by the Care Commission for some years to come and that the works to Ardseileach residential would deal with immediate items identified by the Care Commission and that a bid would be made to the Comhairle's Capital Programme 2008-12 in relation to further capital works required for the residential part of Ardseileach.

It was agreed to recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar that the Comhairle approve the £298,000 funding required to complete the upgrading of Ardseileach as detailed at paragraph 5.1 of the Report as detailed in the Project Evaluation Report appended to the Report.

Arising out of consideration of this matter it was agreed that it would be useful for Members of the Committee to visit facilities within the remit of the Committee so that they may be better informed. It was further clarified that where community care was provided in a "family type setting" the service would be registered both in terms of home care and housing support with the appropriate regulatory regimes.

Adults with Learning Disabilities: Day Support in Uist and Benbecula 9

The Director of Social Work Comhairle nan Eilean Siar submitted a Report setting out proposals for the restructuring of the way in which day support services to adults with learning disabilities were provided in Uist and Benbecula.

The Report referred to the decision of the Comhairle in December 2006 to review the service and provided details of the proposed combined services. It was indicated in the Report that Craigard was a centre of excellence for Arts and Crafts and it was hoped that by centralising services there clients could obtain the best aspects of each of the previous two services .

It was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle approve that the Craigard day service in Daliburgh day service be merged into one service with an administrative and day activities base at Craigard and that community services be managed from there; the range of services to be provided being

- (i) living skills training;**
- (ii) non-employment day occupation (in Craigard and community facilities);and**
- (iii) social support**

Date of Next Meeting 10

It was **agreed** that the next meeting of the Joint Services Committee would take place on 30 August 2007 at 4.30pm and that the Committee would be conducted in Gaelic with translation facilities.