

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE - 4 MARCH 2008

Health & Social Care Committee

Tuesday 4 March 2008 at 3.00 pm

Present: Provost McCormick, Councillors Wilson (for Ahlfeld), Brooks, Fyfe, McCabe, McIlwee, MacLeod, Moran and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor McIlwee presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Education & Social Care, Head of Social Work Services, Head of Support & Development, Mr F Jarvie (for Head of Legal & Administration), Ms A Edmiston (for Chief Financial Officer) and Head of Corporate Communications & Public Affairs.

Apologies: Councillors Ahlfeld and Grieve.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

159 **Revenue Budget 2007/08 - Period 9**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care and the Chief Financial Officer on the position of the Revenue Budget 2007/08 as at Period 9 (31 December 2008) which was projecting an underspend of £22,000, an increase in the underspend of £22,000 since the last meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that the projected underspend of £22,000 be noted; and
- (2) that the virement request totalling £87,900 as detailed in paragraph 6.1 and Appendix 3 of the report be approved.

160 **Social Work Services - Quarterly Performance Information**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care providing key performance management and activity information in respect of Social Work Services for the period October to December 2007.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the information contained in the report;
- (2) that the Committee note the service targets which are being met and those areas where improvement is required;
- (3) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the protocol and procedures in place relative to the management of hospital discharges; and
- (4) that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee on the issues faced by the Homeless Service, including the strategic context within which the service operates.

161 **Getting It Right**

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care informing the Committee of the local arrangements which have been put in place to fulfil the obligations placed on Inverclyde Council to provide a multi-agency plan in respect of every child or young person on whom the Reporter to the Children's Panel requests a Social Background Report.

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Decided: that the Committee note the local arrangements which have been put in place to respond to the requirement for a multi-agency action plan to accompany each Social Background Report requested by the Reporter to the Children's Panel.

162 Fostering and Kinship Care

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care advising that on 4 December 2007 the Scottish Government and COSLA had introduced a national strategy "Getting It Right for Every Child in Kinship and Foster Care" which was the first strategy produced as a joint commitment by the Scottish Government and COSLA.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the publication of the national strategy "Getting It Right for Every Child in Kinship and Foster Care"; and
- (2) that it be noted that Officers are preparing proposals for implementation of the strategy for consideration by the Committee.

163 Approval to Issue Tender Documents - Inverclyde Centre, Phase 3

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Education & Social Care on proposals for Phase 3 of the refurbishment of the Inverclyde Centre.

Decided:

- (1) that it be remitted to the Head of Legal & Administration to invite tenders for Phase 3 of the Inverclyde Centre refurbishment at an estimated cost of £516,000 including fees; and
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Administration in consultation with the Convener, Vice-Convener and a Member of the Minority Groups to accept the lowest acceptable tender received for the work.

164 Inverclyde Joint Care Board - Minute of Meeting of 8 November 2007

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There was submitted minute of the meeting of the Inverclyde Joint Care Board of 8 November 2007.

Noted

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 6 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

165 Social Work Complaints Review Committee - List of Independent Persons

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There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Regeneration & Resources (1) seeking approval for the reappointment of individuals previously appointed by the Council as members of the Complaints Review Committee to consider and finally determine unresolved complaints regarding the delivery of Social Work Services in Inverclyde following exhaustion of the Council's internal complaints procedure and (2) requesting that delegated authority be granted to approve any further appointments.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the re-appointment of the independent persons detailed in Appendix 1 to the report for the purposes of dealing with unresolved complaints under the Social Work (Representations Procedure) (Scotland) Directions 1996 and that for the

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period to 31 March 2011; and

(2) that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Legal & Administration to approve any further appointments from suitably qualified applicants subject to references and their undergoing the necessary disclosure checks.