
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 19 December 2013

Subject: Health & Care Integration - Partnership Arrangements

Report by: Chief Executive

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill 2013 was introduced to Parliament on 28 May, 2013, with the purpose of legislating for the integration of certain care and health services. (A report to the Housing, Health & Care Committee of 22nd August, 2013 refers.)
- 1.2. The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval that any future arrangements for health and care integration in this context can be undertaken on a joint basis with Stirling Council given the two councils have shared social services.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council:
- 2.2. a) agrees that future arrangements for integrating health and care services made under the pending legislation can be undertaken jointly with Stirling Council; and

b) notes that the Chief Executive will send a statement of intent to the Scottish Government Ministers that in the context of the pending legislation Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils plan to form a single partnership with NHS Forth Valley.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The process for the establishment and governance of partnership arrangements set out in the Bill incorporates the preparation of an Integration Plan between the Health Board and the local authority. The purpose of that Integration Plan is to establish the context for and provide clarity of the arrangements which will operate, including: governance arrangements, functions and budgets to be delegated, outcomes to be achieved and the model of financial integration.
- 3.2. The Bill allows for more than one local authority to join together to prepare an Integration Plan with their Health Board (as opposed to each local authority

within a single health board area having separate Integration Plans). Given that Clackmannanshire and Stirling councils share social services, it makes sense that there should be a joint Integration Plan for Clackmannanshire and Stirling councils and NHS Forth Valley rather than two separate plans.

- 3.3. This matter has been discussed by the Shared Services Steering Group, the members of which are councillors from both councils (Administration and opposition) and it was agreed that formal authority should be sought from councils to proceed on this basis.

4.0 Other Matters

- 4.1 Discussions are ongoing between NHS Forth Valley and the three local councils on future arrangements for integration. Key decisions which require to be made in the forthcoming months are:

- a) those services which will be integrated; and
- b) the model of governance which will apply to the integrated partnership arrangements.

- 4.2 Proposals on these will come back to Council for consideration in the new year further to a series of meetings which are taking place throughout December 2013 and January 2014.

5.0 Resource Implications

- 5.1 *Financial Implications* - none as a direct result of this report

- 5.2 *Staffing Implications* - none as a direct result of this report.

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1 Is this report exempt? No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box ☒)

- Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive ✓
- Vulnerable people and families are supported ✓
- Substance misuse and its effects are reduced ✓
- Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing ✓

- (2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

- 8.1 N/A

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

11.0 Background Papers

- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

1 - Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill - Policy Memorandum

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