

FC46. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive providing an update on the integration of health and social care services.

Council had agreed, on 14 May 2014 (ref FC7), to pursue the body corporate model of health and social care integration. This involves delegation by the Council and Health Board of the functions within the scope of integration to an Integration Joint Board which is responsible for overseeing the planning, management and delivery of all relevant functions. Since that meeting, a number of workstreams have been identified, including the preparation of a draft integration scheme.

The report provided updates in regard to:-

- the publication of Regulations issued thus far by the Scottish Government;
- the development of an Integration Scheme and the timeline leading to the submission of a Scheme to the Scottish Ministers by 1 April 2015;
- the vision for integration;
- the establishment of an Integration Joint Board;
- the delegation of functions to the Integration Joint Board;
- the appointment of a Chief Officer, including the role and remit of the post;
- the arrangements for the required consultations;
- funding available from the Integrated Care Fund;
- the integration timeline leading to the Integration Joint Board assuming full strategic and operational responsibility on April 2016.

It was proposed that a Transitional Board is established to take forward the integration. Its role will include oversight of consultation on the statement of vision and consideration of the process for appointing non-voting members to the Joint Integration Board. The Board will comprise an equal number of nominated representatives from the Council and the Health Board. The Transitional Board will also act as the appointment panel for the post of Chief Officer and will oversee the appointment. A job description for this post was presented for approval.

Councillor Gow, seconded by Councillor C Martin, moved that Council agrees:-

- (1) to note the progress that has been made on the arrangements for health and social care integration;
- (2) to note that further Regulations are due to be published that will inform arrangements for the Integration Scheme;
- (3) to approve the vision as set out in Appendix 1 of the report for wider consultation;
- (4) that a Transitional Board comprising 3 members each from Falkirk Council and from the Health Board be established to oversee the further development of the Scheme and that to appoint Councillors Black, D Goldie and Gow as the Council's representatives on the Board;
- (5) that the functions to be included within the scope of integration do not go beyond those listed in the draft regulations, but that the Scheme would be

developed to allow further functions to be included in the future on the agreement of both the Council and Health Board;

- (6) that the Transitional Board oversees the recruitment and appointment of the Chief Officer;
- (7) to authorise Officers to submit proposals to the Government on the Integrated Care Fund subject to approval of the Transitional Board; and
- (8) that relevant consultation takes place on the areas noted in the report in order to inform the final Integration Scheme;

As an amendment Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Coleman, moved the terms of the motion, with the exception of membership of the Board which he proposed should be split, with two places to be filled from the Administration and the third place taken by the Opposition with Councillor Meiklejohn being the Opposition representative.

In terms of Standing Order 22.4(i), a vote was taken by roll call, there being 31 members present with voting as undernoted:-

For the motion (17) – Provost Reid; Depute Provost Patrick; Baillie Paterson; Councillors Black, Blackwood, Buchanan, D Goldie, G Goldie, Gow, MacDonald, McLuckie, Mahoney, C Martin, Dr C R Martin, Murray, Nicol and Nimmo.

For the amendment (14) – Councillors Alexander, Balfour, Bird, Carleschi, Chalmers, Coleman, Hughes, Jackson, McCabe, McNally, Oliver, Ritchie, Spears and Turner.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.