

FC87. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME

Council considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting a proposed Health and Social Care Integration Scheme for Falkirk.

Council agreed on 14 May 2014 (ref FC7) to pursue a body corporate model of health and social integration and is required to submit a fully consulted Integration Scheme to Scottish Ministers by 1 April 2015. An update report was considered by Council, on 12 November 2014 (ref FC46) which set out a number of key issues which would be included in the draft Integration Scheme including:-

- the vision for health and social care integration;
- that a Transitional Board comprising 3 members each from Falkirk Council and from the Health Board is established to oversee the further development of the Scheme;
- 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;
- that the Transitional Board oversees the recruitment and appointment of the Chief Officer; and
- that relevant consultation takes place in order to inform the final Integration Scheme.

Consultation on the draft Integration Scheme was undertaken by the Transitional Board in January 2015. This focussed on:-

- the local vision and outcomes;
- the appointment process for non-voting members to the Board; and
- the draft Scheme.

The report set out proposed alterations to the vision and outcomes and set out, in an appendix, an amended draft Integration Scheme, which was approved by the Transition Board on March 2015. Section 8 of the draft Scheme – Finance - remains under discussion, with final wording still to be agreed between the Health Board and Council. The area of difficulty centres on the financial treatment of delegated functions within community hospitals and the potential this has to affect the scope for effective integration of services in the area.

It was proposed that the draft Scheme be submitted to Scottish Ministers subject to the caveat that the final wording for Section 8 is yet to be agreed.

Councillor Black, seconded by Councillor D Goldie, moved that Council:-

- (1) notes the report;
- (2) approves the Integration Scheme with the exception of para 8.1 and any consequential changes to the remainder of section 8, and

- (3) authorises the Chief Executive to agree Section 8 of the Integration Scheme following discussion with the Health Board and the Scottish Government in consultation with the Provost, Leader, Leader of the Opposition and the 3 members of the Transitional Board.

During the discussion, Councillor Alexander declared a non-financial interest in the item of business as a non Executive Director of the Scottish Ambulance Service but did not consider that this required him to recuse himself from consideration of the item having regard to the objective test in the code of conduct.

Decision

Council agreed the motion.

Prior to consideration of the following item all Chief Officers present, with the exception of the Chief Executive and the Head of Human Resources & Customer First, withdrew from the meeting.