

FALKIRK COUNCIL

SUBJECT: RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN THE FALKIRK PARTNERSHIP – CHANGE FUND SUBMISSION 2012 - 2013

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Members on the work undertaken by the Falkirk Partnership in relation to the 'Reshaping Care for Older People' agenda and to seek approval for the Draft Change Plan which is required by the Scottish Government in order to draw down Change Fund resources for the coming financial year. The Scottish Government required submission of Draft Change Fund Plans by 17th February 2012. The attached draft plan (**Appendix 1**) has therefore been submitted with the caveat that it is subject to approval of the Falkirk Partnership Board and the respective governance committees of Falkirk Council and NHS Forth Valley. The Falkirk Partnership Board considered the plan on 12th March and endorsed its contents.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The principal policy role of the Reshaping Care for Older People Programme is to optimise independence and well being of older people at home or in a homely setting. The implications of the current financial situation and demographic changes, locally and nationally, make this a challenging task, as an increasing number of people will require improved services, care and support.
- 2.2 It is widely recognised that maintaining the status quo will not suffice and significant shifts to anticipatory and preventative approaches are required over time to achieve and sustain better outcomes for older people. A philosophy of care based on the principles of co-production and achieved through effective partnership working across the statutory and non statutory sectors, is at the core of the Reshaping Care for Older People Programme.
- 2.3 The Scottish Government established the Change Fund for Older Peoples Service to enable Health, Social Care, Housing, Independent and Third Sector partners to implement local plans for making better use of their combined resources to improve outcomes for older people. Local partnerships were initially invited to submit local change plans by February 2011 in order to receive their local allocation of the £70m national change fund available for 2011/12. The Falkirk Partnership duly submitted

their change plan and, on the strength of this, were able to access the Falkirk Partnership allocation of £1.885m for the financial year of 2011/12.

- 2.4 Following the 2012 spending review, Ministers announced that an £80m Health and Social Care Change fund would be available for partnerships in 2012/13 with £80m committed for 2013/14 and £70m for 2014/15. It was confirmed in the guidance that was issued in November 2011 that partners should use this fund to change the way the total resource is spent on Health and Social Care provision for people aged over 65 years. They should aim to move incrementally towards investing more resources upstream in anticipatory and preventative approaches that will help to both manage demand for formal care and support carers when more older people are at home.
- 2.5 The guidance highlighted that the Change Fund submission for 2012/13 should consolidate those actions commenced in 2011/12. Furthermore the guidance emphasised that partnerships must continue to incorporate the Third and Independent Sectors as equal partners and to engage with carers and the public to develop strategic plans for older people that support independence and wellbeing and put in the care and support services that local communities require.
- 2.6 The guidance issued by the Scottish Government prescribed the information which partnerships would need to supply in order to access change fund allocations for 2012/13 and this has been followed in the submission which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.7 A specific requirement for the 2012/13 submission was that at least 20% of the Change Fund spend should be dedicated to supporting carers to continue to care for older people. The guidance also included a requirement that work should be commenced to develop joint commissioning strategies covering the period 2012/2020.

3. CHANGE FUND SUBMISSION 2012/13

- 3.1 Appendix 1 contains the Draft Change Fund submission which has been developed by the Change Fund Steering Group, consisting of representatives from the statutory, voluntary and independent sectors across the Falkirk Partnership area. The plan provides detailed information on how the current year's Change Fund allocation has been used and provides information on any slippage which requires to be rolled forward to the next financial year. It also contains a broad outline of areas of work which it is proposed will be taken forward, using the Change Fund resources which are available for 2012/13. The initiatives which are outlined in paragraph 3.3.1 of the draft submission build on the work commenced in year one.
- 3.2 Information is provided where available on performance to date in meeting the identified national and local improvement measures and a summary is provided on achievements to date in implementing year one initiatives.
- 3.3 The plan highlights the need to continue to work towards the development of strategic plan for older people and work has commenced to look at how such a plan or plans can be developed on a consistent and co-ordinated manner across the Forth Valley area.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The Change Fund provides an important opportunity for the Falkirk Partnership to further develop our approach to reshaping care for older people in Falkirk. It is anticipated that over the remaining 3 years of the Change Fund Programme, the Partnership will move towards greater shift of resources towards anticipatory and preventative care.

5. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members of Falkirk Council endorse the content of the Draft Falkirk Partnership Change Fund submission for 2012/13

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS