

S28. FOLLOWING THE PUBLIC POUND (FPP) – 2012/13 MONITORING REPORT

Council had previously agreed that the scrutiny of those organisations which receive full or part funding by Falkirk Council would be undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee. The committee had agreed a reporting schedule based around the service which provides the financial support.

The committee considered a report by the Director of Social Work Services presenting individual reports on 13 organisations which receive funding from Social Work Services. Each report set out the service provided, the agreed outcomes/objectives, performance information and the financial support from Social Work Services.

In terms of the Following the Public Pound framework a monitoring officer had been appointed by the funding service to each of the external organisations.

The monitoring officers were in attendance and were invited to give an overview of the role of their organisation, its funding arrangements together with performance and risks.

Members of the committee then asked questions of the monitoring officer with regard to the performance of the organisation. Committee was invited, for each organisation to (1) approve the report and acknowledge the progress made by the organisation; (2) request further information on specific aspects of the organisation; or (3) request action with follow up at a future meeting of the Committee.

A summary of the discussion and outcome for each organisation is given below:-

- (1) Barnardo's – Cluaran**
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £464,579
Monitoring Officer – Matthew Davies

The committee approved the report and acknowledged its progress in meeting Council objectives.

- (2) Barnardo's – AXIS services**
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £110,952
Monitoring Officer – Matthew Davies

The committee approved the report and acknowledged its progress in meeting Council objectives.

- (3) Who Cares? Scotland**
Total support offered by Falkirk Council - £27,970
Monitoring Officer – Jenny Kane

- (4) Quarriers**
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £86,200
Monitoring Officer – Jenny Kane

The Committee noted the disparity in information provided by Quarriers compared with Who Cares? The Committee was satisfied with the information provided in relation to Who Cares? And that this was a useful service. Further information was required in relation to Quarriers. A further report should be provided in relation to both services given the potential for linkages between them.

- (5) Signpost**

Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £45,000
Monitoring Officer – Matthew Davies

The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made in meeting Council objectives.

- (6) SACRO
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £81,296
Monitoring Officer – Matthew Davies

The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made in meeting Council objectives.

- (7) CAHMS NHS Forth Valley
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £63,630
Monitoring Officer – Morag O'Dwyer

The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made in meeting Council objectives.

- (8) Independent Living Association
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £29,604
Monitoring Officer – Margaret Petherbridge

The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made in meeting Council objectives.

- (9) Princess Royal Trust for Carers
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £141,898
Monitoring Officer – Suzanne Thomson

The committee approved the report and acknowledged the progress made in meeting Council objectives.

- (10) WRVS
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £10,400
Monitoring Officer – Liz McGhee

The committee approved the report and acknowledged its progress in meeting Council objectives.

- (11) Falkirk and District Association for Mental Health
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £177,777
Monitoring Officer – Carole Jones (presented by Marion Reddie)

The committee approved the report and acknowledged its progress in meeting Council objectives.

- (12) Alzheimer Scotland
Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £63,219
Monitoring Officer – Susan Nixon

The committee approved the report and acknowledged its progress in meeting Council objectives.

In terms of his declaration of interest, Provost Reid vacated the chair and left the meeting at this stage. Baillie Paterson, assumed the chair.

(13) Open Secret

Total support provided by Falkirk Council - £149,442

Monitoring Officer – Carole Jones (presented by Margaret Anderson)

The committee agreed that a further, more detailed report be submitted to future meeting of the Scrutiny committee.