

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

At a Special Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership Board held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 20 December 2017 at 2.03 p.m.

**Present:** Councillor Marie McNair (Chair), Bailie Denis Agnew and Councillor John Mooney, West Dunbartonshire Council; Allan Macleod and Audrey Thompson, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board.

**Non-Voting Members:** Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer; Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer; Kenneth Ferguson, Clinical Director for the Health & Social Care Partnership; Wilma Hepburn, Professional Nurse Advisor; Jackie Irvine, Chief Social Work Officer; Diane McCrone, NHS Staff Side Co-Chair of Joint Staff Forum; Anne MacDougall, Chair of Local Engagement Network – Clydebank; Janice Miller, Lead Allied Health Professional; Selena Ross, Chief Officer of WD CVS and Peter O'Neill, WDC Staff Side Co-Chair of Joint Staff Forum.

**Attending:** Serena Barnett, Head of People and Change; Julie Lusk, Head of Mental Health, Learning Disability & Addictions; Soumen Sengupta, Head of Strategy, Planning and Health Improvement; Nigel Ettles, Principal Solicitor and Nuala Quinn-Ross, Committee Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Barbara Barnes and Rona Sweeney.

### **Councillor Marie McNair in the Chair**

#### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair, Councillor McNair, welcomed Lynne McKnight, Integrated Operations Manager to the meeting, in the interim period, substituting for Chris McNeill's role as Chris had now retired.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

## **2018/19 ANNUAL REVENUE BUDGET SETTING AND CONSULTATION PROCESS**

A report was submitted by the Chief Financial Officer:-

- (1) providing an update on the projected 2017/18 outturn position and the potential impact on the reserve balances;
- (2) advising on progress on the 2018/19 budget setting exercise and the projected budget gap;
- (3) advising on savings options generated by the Senior Management Team to address the gap; and
- (4) advising on proposals on further options available to fully close the projected gap.

The Chief Officer was heard in further explanation of the report. Thereafter the Chief Officer and the Chief Financial Officer were heard in elaboration of the report and in answer to Members' questions.

Councillor McNair moved:-

This Health & Social Care Partnership notes with concern the current projected position on the 2018/19 budget.

It is clear however that we are at a very early stage in the process of setting budget.

The HSCP notes the recommendation from the Chief Financial Officer that it will not be until January when the final funding gap will be known.

In addition the Scottish Government budget is not due to be agreed until 19 February 2018.

This HSCP notes the budget saving options produced by officers, but does not agree to put them out for consultation at this time.

The uncertainty surrounding the final funding gap means that consultation on current figures is pointless.

This HSCP believes that it is our priority to improve people's health, than take action that will detrimentally affect it.

This decision will avoid causing stress and anxiety to our service users by consulting on options, a great many of which are unlikely to be agreed.

The HSCP agrees to receive a further report on the way forward when the budget figures are more certain and reliable.

Following discussion, the Partnership Board agreed the above motion, with an addendum that a letter expressing concern be sent to the Scottish Government at a future point in time deemed to be appropriate by the Chief Officer in consultation with the Chair.

### **CHAIR'S REMARKS**

The Chair, Councillor McNair wished the Partnership Board and officers a healthy and happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

The meeting closed at 2.29 p.m.