

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

At a Hybrid Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board held in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Tuesday, 27 January 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

**Present:** Michelle Wailes, Libby Cairns and Lesley McDonald, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and Councillors Hazel Sorrell (substitute for Councillor Fiona Hennebry), Michelle McGinty and Martin Rooney, West Dunbartonshire Council.

**Non-Voting** Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer; Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer; Helen Little, MSK Manager; Dr Saied Pourghazi, Clinical Director; Selina Ross, Chief Officer – West Dunbartonshire CVS; Barbara Barnes, Stakeholder Member; Val Tierney, Chief Nurse; Carolyn Ralston, Stakeholder Member; Anne MacDougall, Stakeholder Member, John Kerr, Housing Development and Homeless Manager and Andrew McCready, Staff Representative (NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde);

**Also Attending:** Peter Hessett, Chief Executive, Alan Douglas, Chief Officer – Regulatory and Regeneration; Heather McLaughlin, Section Head, Citizen and Regulatory; Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation; Sylvia Chatfield, Head of Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Addiction; Fiona Taylor, Head of Health and Community Care; Karyn Wood, Head of HR; Sharon Laing, Senior Manager – Children and Families and Natalie Roger, Committee Officer.

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer, Councillor Fiona Hennebry and Kim McNab, Service Manager - Carers of West Dunbartonshire.

**Michelle Wailes in the Chair**

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **RECORDING OF VOTES**

The Committee agreed that all votes taken during the meeting be done by a Roll Call vote to ensure an accurate record.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Health and Social Care Partnership Board held on 25 November 2025 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **ROLLING ACTION LIST**

The Rolling Action list for the Health and Social Care Partnership Board was submitted for information and relevant updates were noted.

## **VERBAL UPDATE FROM CHIEF OFFICER**

The Chief Officer provided a verbal update on the recent business of the Health and Social Care Partnership. The Chief Officer referred to the Winter Plan presentation and the impact on the service, along with the Scottish Government budget commenting whilst it is too early to know the full effect of the budget, the Senior Management Team is continuing to develop a range of savings proposals to address the financial gap that will be faced.

The Chief Officer commented on the two Informal Session dates that have been circulated to discuss the Strategic Plan along with the Budget.

The Chief Officer shared the announcement in relation to the development of Primary Care Facilities across Scotland, to which Dumbarton Health Centre was not included. The Chief Officer is hosting a visit from the Cabinet Secretary, Jackie Baillie MSP and the Chief Executive of the Health Board at Dumbarton Health Centre on 28 January 2026 to view the facilities and hear the views from GP's and Practice Managers.

The Chief Officer, the Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer and many from the HSCP team attended a Scotland Roadshow on Self Directed Support which offered further training and encouragement to enable teams to offer this service when out in the Community.

## **WINTER PLAN 2025/26**

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, providing further assurance to the Board in relation to the Winter Plan 2025/26 along with a verbal presentation from Val Tierney, Chief Nurse.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Nurse, Head of Health and Community Care and the Head of HR in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed that the HSCP Board agreed to note the verbal update on the 2025/26 HSCP Winter Plan.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, updating the Board on work related to the review of the strategic plan and seeking approval for the current plan to be extended by one financial year.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Strategy and Transformation in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to extend the lifespan of the current strategic plan for one additional financial year;
- (2) that in the 2026/27 financial year there should be a focus on community conversations with the aim of co-producing a strategic plan for 2027/2032;
- (3) to review the performance framework for 2026/27 as outlined in paragraph 4.13 of the report; and
- (4) that there should be a focus on renewed one year delivery plan for 2026/27.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting for a short time. The meeting reconvened at 3.07 p.m. with all those Members and officers listed in the Sederunt present.

### **2025/26 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AT PERIOD 8 REPORT**

A report was submitted by Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, providing an update on the financial performance as at period 8 to 30 November 2025 and a projected outturn position to 31 March 2026.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Health and Community Care in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the updated position on 2025/26 budget allocations by West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board and approve the direction for 2025/26 back to our partners to deliver services to meet the HSCP Board's strategic priorities;
- (2) to note the reported revenue position for the period to 30 November 2025 is reporting an adverse (overspend) position of £1.463m (1.02%);

- (3) to note the projected outturn position of £2.190m overspend (1.01%) to 31 March 2026, including all planned transfers to/from earmarked reserves;
- (4) to note the update on the monitoring of savings agreed for 2025/26;
- (5) to note the current reserves balances and the impact the projected overspend has on unearmarked balances;
- (6) to approve the proposed and current actions ~~which are~~ being taken to progress financial recovery;
- (7) to note the update on the capital position; and
- (8) to note that the progress to date on the budget planning process for 2026/27 to 2028/29 is detailed in a separate report within the agenda for this HSCP Board meeting.

### **2026/27 ANNUAL BUDGET SETTING UPDATE (REVENUE ESTIMATES)**

A report was submitted by Julie Slavin, Chief Financial Officer, providing an update on the 2026/27 revenue estimates exercise, outlining the main cost pressures, funding assumptions and key financial risks. Options to close the projected funding gap would be presented on 24 March 2026 at the HSCP Board meeting.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Financial Officer and the Head of Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Addiction in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the progress on the 2026/27 budget setting process, planning assumptions, updated gap analysis, and the expected timeline in relation to the partner bodies budget offers;
- (2) to note the analysis of the reserves position and the projected balances as at 31 March 2026; and
- (3) to note that options to close the gap will be presented to the Board on the 24 March 2026.

### **CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT**

A report was submitted by Lesley James, Head of Children's Health, Care and Criminal Justice, and Chief Social Work Officer, providing information on the statutory work undertaken on the Council's behalf, including a summary of governance arrangements, service delivery, resources and workforce.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer and the Senior Manager – Children and Families in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the content of the report.

## **STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER SIX MONTH REVIEW**

A report was submitted by Margaret-Jane Cardno, Head of Strategy and Transformation, presenting the Strategic Risk Register to the Board.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Strategy and Transformation and the Chief Officer - Regulatory and Regeneration in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) with the comments made by the Audit and Performance Committee as outlined in paragraphs 4.7 – 4.12 of the report;
- (2) the Strategic Risk Register at Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (3) that there were no risks at this time, which the HSCP Board would wish to promote to either NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde or West Dunbartonshire Council for inclusion in their respective strategic risk registers.
- (4) that the Head of Strategy and Transformation bring an exception report to the HSCP Board on the 24 March 2026, providing details of the risks pertaining to Dumbarton Health Centre and any mitigating actions, in order that the HSCP Board may take a view in relation to the inclusion of this risk on the Strategic Risk Register.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Members noted that the next meeting of West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board would be held on Tuesday, 24 March 2026 at 2.00 p.m. as a Hybrid Meeting in the Civic Space, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton G82 1QL.

The meeting closed at 4.28 p.m.