

8 September 2020 at 2 pm.

A Remote Meeting of the **ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE COMMITTEE**

PRESENT

Councillor Morgan, Convener; Councillors Baird, Barclay, Burgess, Cameron, Carragher, Di Mascio, Feeney, Fisher, Gourlay, C. Johnston, Magowan, McNally, McPake, McVey, O'Rourke, Pettigrew, Stephen, Alan Valentine, Watson, Weir and Woods.

CHAIR

Councillor Morgan (Convener) presided.

ALSO PRESENT

In accordance with Standing Order 64(A), Councillor Quigley attended as a substitute for Councillor McCulloch.

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Children, Families and Justice Social Work Services; Chief Officer, Health and Social Care; Head of Performance Planning and Quality Assurance; Business Financial Manager (Strategy) and Democratic Services Manager.

APOLOGIES

Councillors Docherty, Fannan and McCulloch

CONVENER'S REMARKS

The Convener, on behalf of the Adult Health and Social Care Committee expressed gratitude to the employees of the Council, particularly those in Adult Health and Social Care, who have worked tirelessly in difficult circumstances throughout the duration of the pandemic to ensure vital services and resources had been delivered.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000

1. There were no declarations of interest.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 ACTIVITY

2. There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer (1) advising of the work undertaken throughout the Health and Social Care Partnership in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; (2) highlighting current developments around Covid-19 including Command Structures, Care Homes, Assessment Centres and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE); (3) advising that the Health and Social Care Partnership is feeding into the recovery process of both the Council and NHS Lanarkshire, with work at an advanced stage.

Decided: that the report be noted.

ADULT SUPPORT AND PROTECTION - SOCIAL WORK ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

3. There was submitted a joint report by the Head of Children, Families and Justice Social Work Services and the Chief Social Work Officer (1) advising of the work carried out by Social Work Services, Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020 in respect of the Council's statutory duties contained within the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007; (2) highlighting the nature and the level of activity alongside the practice and service developments; (3) summarising the nature and number of referrals made to Social Work Services in relation to adult protection and adult concerns, and (4) detailing training and developments within the service.

Decided: that the report be noted.

PROGRESS ON THE HOME SUPPORT REDESIGN

4. With reference to paragraph 3 of the Minute of this Committee held on 18 February 2020 there was submitted a report by the Chief Officer (1) providing an update on the progress of the Home Support Redesign; (2) reporting on the three main elements of the project, mainly the workforce element, dynamic scheduling and the accommodation for the management and administration of the service; (3) highlighting the main elements of Phase 3 of the Redesign, and (4) advising that an update report, detailing the progress of Phase 2 and the plan for Phase 3, be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

Decided:

- (1) that an update report, detailing the progress of Phase 2 and the plan for Phase 3 of the Home Support Redesign be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, and
- (2) that the report be otherwise noted.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHARGE FOR THE COMMUNITY ALARM SERVICE

5. There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer (1) providing an update on the work to implement the charge for the Community Alarm Service (CAS); (2) detailing that letters have been sent to the CAS recipients advising of the introduction of the charge, and (3) informing of arrangements in place to support service users concerned about the introduction of the charge.

Decided:

- (1) that an update report on the impact of the introduction of the charge for the CAS be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee, and
- (2) that the introduction of the charge be noted.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTER 4, 2019/20

6. There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer (1) outlining the performance data for the period 1 January to 31 March 2020 (Quarter 4) and associated trend information, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, and (2) advising of the areas identified for improvement and planned actions, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

SUNDRY DEBT WRITE-OFF 2020

7. There was submitted a report by the Chief Officer (1) summarising the outstanding debtor accounts which were deemed uncollectable, following all attempts at recovery, or were considered uneconomically viable to continue pursuing; (2) advising that the Head of Financial Solutions, in terms of her delegated authority, had written-off debts with a value under £500, amounting to £13,310.87, and (3) seeking approval to write-off debts with a value greater than £500, amounting to £71,865.62.

Decided:

- (1) that the decision of the Head of Financial Solutions, under delegated authority, to write-off debts with a value under £500, totalling £13,310.87, be noted;
- (2) that the write-off of £71,865.62, which included debts with a value greater than £500, be approved, and
- (3) that the report be remitted to the Finance and Resources Committee.

REVENUE AND CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT: H&SCP - NORTH LANARKSHIRE (ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING) PERIOD 4: 01/04/2020 TO 24/07/2020

8. There was submitted a report by the Head of Planning Performance and Quality Assurance (1) providing a summary of the revenue financial performance of the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) – North Lanarkshire (Adult Social Care and Housing) and the Capital Financial Performance of the Social Capital Programme with major outturn variances highlighted and explained in accordance with the Council's approved financial regulations; (2) advising of the projected outturn for the period 1 April 2020 to 24 July 2020, and (3) informing that the overall projected outturn position for the Service includes forecasted net additional costs as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, as detailed within Appendix 5 to the report.

Decided: that the report be noted.

CONTRACTS AWARDED BELOW COMMITTEE APPROVAL THRESHOLD

9. There was submitted a report by the Head of Asset and Procurement Solutions, providing, within the Appendix to the report, details of a contract which had been awarded by him, under delegated authority, for works over £50,000 but less than £500,000 in value during the period 1 April to 30 June 2020.

Decided: that the report be noted.