

MINUTE of MEETING of HEALTH AND CARE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL of WEST LoTHIAN COUNCIL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LIVINGSTON, on TUESDAY 5 AUGUST 2014

Present – Councillors Anne McMillan (Chair), John McGinty, Diane Calder, George Paul and Frank Toner

Apologies – Councillor Janet Campbell and Ian Buchanan (West Lothian Association of Community Council Representative)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Toner declared a non-financial interest arising from his position as Chair of the CHCP and as a Lothian Health Board Member for which a dispensation from the Standards Commission applied.

2. DRAFT REGULATIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014 - SET 2 - CONSULTATION RESPONSE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive, Community Health and Care Partnership advising of a draft response to Set 2 of the draft Regulations related to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014, a copy of which was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

The Panel were advised that the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 received Royal Assent on 1 April 2014 with a requirement for councils and health boards, working together, to submit an integration scheme for Ministerial approval by 31 March 2015. This would then put in place a framework for integrating health and social care in Scotland and provide the legislative framework for NHS Boards and local authority partners to establish Integration Authorities.

The policy intention was to achieve the integration of adult health and social care functions, while providing local flexibility to integrate further for other specified functions of local authorities.

The key features of the legislation were nationally agreed outcomes, Integration Scheme, Strategic Plan, locality planning and integrated budgets. It was intended that budgets and resources would be integrated to focus attention on the outcome for the individual, which would build on the valuable work already in place in West Lothian to continually improve peoples health and care experience across home, community and hospital settings.

The Scottish Government was currently consulting on the secondary legislation that would underpin the Act and public consultation would follow. Consultation on the first set of draft Regulations would run for 12 weeks from 12 May until 1 August 2014; these had been considered by the Panel at its meeting held on 12 June 2014. Consultation on the second set would run for 12 weeks from 27 May to 18 August 2014.

Following the completion of the consultation on both sets of draft Regulations an analysis of written responses would be published.

The final version of each would then be laid before Parliament from late September 2014 before coming into force by the end of 2014.

There were five subjects covered in the second consultation and these were summarised in the report.

The Panel was asked to consider the draft response to Set 2 of the draft Regulations related to the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and recommend its approval by Council Executive for submission to the Scottish Government.

#### Decision

1. Noted the contents of the report and the draft response to Set 2 of the draft Regulations;
2. Agreed that the report be forwarded to the Council Executive meeting on 19 August 2014 with the recommendation that it be approved.