

6. PRIMARY CARE PREMISES REPORT

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Director setting out the Primary Care premises priorities for West Lothian and recommending actions to adjust the existing Infrastructure to support the needs of the steadily growing West Lothian population.

The Board was informed that West Lothian Council was at an advanced stage in replacing the West Lothian Local Plan with a new Local Development Plan (LDP).

The scale of housing development proposed in the LDP was set by the approved South East Scotland Strategic Development Plan and its associated Supplementary Guidance for Housing. The housing land requirement for West Lothian was identified as providing for a minimum of 18,010 houses for the period 2009 to 2024. This was well above the NRS projections and, if completed, would lead to potential population growth by 2024 of 39,081 – equivalent to 7 new GP practices.

It was noted that, to date, Primary Care Infrastructure development had been driven by a response to the poor state of existing premises, the capacity of individual practices to raise awareness of their particular issues and the opportunities created by sites becoming available.

The Scottish Government review of Primary Care Premises was due to report and it was anticipated that this might give a strengthened role in premises provision and management to the NHS/IJBs.

The Board was informed that the former CHCP had agreed a list of priorities and actions. The Primary Care Premises Plan (Appendix 1 to the report) had been refreshed to update progress against these.

The Board was asked to:-

1. Note the contents of the report.
2. Note the progress made in developing new premises and refurbishing existing premises to increase physical capacity for primary care and community service provision.
3. Approve the Primary Care premises priorities for West Lothian and actions required to match Primary Care infrastructure to population growth including:
 - a. Development of new Heath Centre premises in East Calder
 - b. Development of an additional GP practice in new building in Armadale
 - c. Refurbishment of Whitburn Health Centre
 - d. Progress the established development of Blackburn Partnership Centre to implementation in September 2017.

4. Recognise that premises, GMS income and associated funding stream were only part of the community service capacity which needed to be developed. The work needed to come together with the workforce planning for all associated disciplines.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report; and
2. To approve the recommendations by the Director as set out in Section B of the report.