

MINUTE of MEETING of the HEALTH AND CARE POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 2 DECEMBER 2021.

Present – Councillors Harry Cartmill (Chair), Pauline Clark, David Dodds, Damian Doran-Timson, Andrew McGuire

Apologies – Councillor George Paul

Absent – Councillor Bruce Fairbairn

In attendance – Donald Stavert (Joint Forum of West Lothian Community Councils)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. MINUTES

The panel confirmed the Minutes of its meeting held on Thursday 28 October 2021 as a correct record.

3. WEST LOTHIAN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP HOME FIRST PROGRAMME

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive providing an overview of the Home First Programme and updating on progress. The paper was also supported by a presentation on the development of a Single Point of Contact for health and social care services.

It was recommended that the panel note the progress made in relation to the Home First transformation programme across the West Lothian Health and Social Care Partnership.

The panel queried the main findings from the engagement workshop which had taken place with internal and external stakeholders, service users, carers and families. Officers advised participant responses were supportive and undertook to circulate to members the feedback collated after the event.

Discussion followed with a suggestion that communication between the Single Point of Contact and professionals be undertaken via electronic messaging. Officers advised that this method of communication could be considered as part of future discussion on digital strategy.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report and presentation;

2. To circulate to panel members the feedback received following the engagement workshop; and
3. To consider electronic messaging as the communication channel between the Single Point of Contact and professionals.

4. COMPLEX CARE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing an update on the Complex Care Development sited at Cawburn Road, Pumpherston.

It was recommended that the panel note the progress made in taking forward the actions related to the building of the 16 complex care tenancies situated at Cawburn Road, Pumpherston.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

5. INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Deputy Chief Executive providing an update on the quarterly performance based on the latest data available on the Core Suite of Integration Indicators and social care benchmarked data.

It was recommended that the panel note the contents of the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. 2021/22 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - MONTH 6 MONITORING REPORT

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on the financial performance of the Health and Care portfolio.

It was recommended that the panel note:

1. the financial performance of the Health and Care portfolio as at month 6;
2. that the Health and Care portfolio position at month 6 was part of the overall council budget position which was reported to Council Executive on 16 November 2021; and
3. any actions required to be taken by Heads of Service and budget

holders to manage spend within available resources.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

7. WEST LoTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive updating on the business and activities of West Lothian Integration Joint Board.

It was recommended that the panel note the terms of the minutes of West Lothian Integration Joint Board dated 21 September 2021 in the appendix to the report.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

8. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.