

MINUTE of MEETING of the SOCIAL WORK AND HEALTH POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LoTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 3 APRIL 2025.

Present – Councillors Anne McMillan (Chair), Harry Cartmill, Pauline Clark, Tom Conn; and Veronica Smith

In Attendance – Mike Niles (3rd sector representative)

Absent – Councillors Danny Logue and Damian Doran-Timson

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTE

The Panel confirmed the minute of its meeting held on Thursday 6 February 2025 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3. WEST LoTHIAN ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY PLAN 2024-2027

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive which provided information to the panel on the West Lothian Alcohol and Drug Partnership Delivery Plan for 2024 to 2027.

The panel was asked to note the content of the report and of the delivery plan attached as an appendix to the report.

Decision

To note the content of the report and of the delivery plan attached as an appendix to the report.

4. SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES (TRANSITIONS) POLICY

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy presenting a draft policy concerning transition for young people with complex disabilities from children to adult social work and social care services. It was intended that the draft policy would be presented to Council Executive on 29 April 2025 for approval.

It was recommended that the panel: -

1. Notes the content of the report

2. Notes the intention to present the draft policy for approval by Council Executive on 29 April 2025
3. Notes the integration impact assessment completed in relation to the policy

Decision

1. To note the content of the report
2. To agree that the report be presented to Council Executive on 29 April 2025 for approval

5. ADULT DAY SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing an update on the range of work that had been progressed to enhance service users experience when attending adult day support opportunities.

It was recommended that the panel: -

1. Note the content of the report
2. Note the ongoing future plans for modernisation of adult day support services

Decision

To note the content of the report

6. ANALOGUE TO DIGITAL TELECARE TRANSITION UPDATE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy informing the panel of the work ongoing in relation to analogue to digital telecare transition.

It was recommended that the panel notes the work in progress in terms of analogue to digital telecare.

Decision

To note the content of the report

7. FAMILY BASED CARE SERVICE - PILOT AI APPROACH

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy advising of plans to participate in a proof of concept pilot of an Artificial Intelligence solution supporting practice in the Family Based Care Service.

It was recommended that the panel: -

1. Notes the content of the report
2. Notes the intention to provide an update and evaluation of the pilot to the panel at a later date.

Decision

To note the content of the report

8. GENDER BASED VIOLENCE 16 DAYS OF ACTION CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy which provided an update on activities before and during the 2024 16 Days of Action campaign in West Lothian.

The Panel was asked to note the information contained in the report and appendix 1.

Decision

To note the content of the report

9. AUDIT SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE AUDIT: IMPROVING CARE EXPERIENCE - DELIVERING THE PROMISE

The Panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy advising of a national Audit Scotland Performance Audit on Improving Care Experience – Delivering the Promise.

It was recommended that the panel notes the scope of the Audit Scotland Performance Audit on Improving Care Experience – Delivering the Promise

Decision

To note the content of the report

10. WEST LOTHIAN INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD MINUTES

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 26 November 2024 in appendix 1 to the report.

Decision

To note the content of the report and of the Integration Joint Board (IJB) minutes from their meeting held on 26 November 2024.

11. NHS Lothian Board Meeting Minutes

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

It was recommended that the panel note the terms of the minutes of Lothian NHS Board dated 4 December 2024 in appendix 1 to the report.

Decision

To note the content of the report and of the NHS Lothian Board Minutes from their meeting held on 4 December 2024

12. Workplan

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the content of the workplan