

MINUTE of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD of WEST LOTHIAN COUNCIL held within WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, on 16 JANUARY 2012.

Present

Councillor Peter Johnston (Chair)	West Lothian Council
Councillor William Boyle	West Lothian Council
Councillor Ellen Glass	West Lothian Council
Councillor John McGinty	West Lothian Council
Graham Hope, Chief Executive	West Lothian Council
Jim Forrest	West Lothian Council
Jeanette McDiarmid	Lothian & Borders Police
John Dickie	Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue
Malcolm Barron	Skills Development Scotland
Ann Scott	Jobcentre Plus
Allister Short	NHS Lothian
Jim Gallacher	Voluntary Sector Gateway WL
George Hotchkiss	West Lothian College
Nick Davis	WL Association of Community Councils
Dave McDougall	Chamber of Commerce

In Attendance

Jennifer Scott	West Lothian Council
Lorraine Gillies	West Lothian Council
Ian Hepburn	West Lothian Council
Alan Bell	West Lothian Council
Karen Cawte	West Lothian Council
Joanna Anderson	West Lothian Council

Apologies

Mhairi Laughlin	West Lothian College
Alex Clark	Lothian & Borders Fire & Rescue

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming all the partners to the special meeting of the Board and took the opportunity to wish all those in attendance a Happy New Year.

2. CONVERSATION WITH A PURPOSE PROJECT

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Community Planning Manager advising of the "Conversation with a Purpose" Project, which would influence how services could be redesigned to be more preventative.

The report advised that in order to move from universal to a more targeted provision to deliver preventative services and ensure maximum impact from expenditure, robust evidence about efficacy of services to those that needed it most was necessary. Therefore informal, confidential conversations were carried out with around 60 individuals and groups from target populations of each of the five Life Stages. The conversations were led by the Life Stages Programme Manager with support from the

Community Regeneration Team using a Community Development approach.

The Conversation with a Purpose project highlighted the following key themes :-

- The importance of successful key working, co-ordination of support and communication;
- How structures, processes and thresholds sometimes impeded positive outcomes for vulnerable and complex individuals, families and communities; and
- The importance of prevention and early intervention, particularly in breaking cycles of behaviour and tackling intergenerational attitudes and values.

Attached to the report at Appendix 1 was the full “Conversation with a Purpose” report and it was noted that since completion of the report, significant progress had been made on delivering services differently to ensure that the council delivered more focused key working and achieved a more co-ordinated outcome for some of the most at-risk families.

Additionally the information gathered from the Conversations with a Purpose project would inform and influence the current work on a Joint Commissioning Strategy.

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

#### Decision

Noted the terms of the report.

### 3. RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE CHANGE FUND PLAN 2012-2013 -

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) advising of the development of the Reshaping Care for Older People Change Fund Plan 2012-2013 and to seek approval for the submission of the plan to the Scottish Government.

The report advised that in 2011 the Scottish Government had established a Change Fund for older people’s services to enable health, social care, housing, independent and third sector partners to implement local plans for making better use of their combined resources to improve outcomes for older people. All 32 Partnerships agreed local Change Plans and received their allocation of the £70m Change Fund available for 2011/12.

The Scottish Government had confirmed that the Change Fund would continue with total funding of £230m over three years. Partnership Funds would continue to be hosted by NHS Boards, albeit that the resource could not be used without full partnership agreement and sign-off by the Community Planning Partnership.

There were a number of changes to the detail of the funding, the main two being :-

- Local Government would be asked to contribute financially to the Change Funds; and
- The Scottish Government wanted 20% of the Change Fund resource to be spent on supporting carers.

The report continued to advise that in the first year of the Change Plan, it had been agreed to establish a West Lothian Partnership Programme Board to give more detailed leadership and support to the West Lothian Change Plan. The programme board included representatives of all the main partner agencies as well as direct representation from Carers of West Lothian and The Federation of Day-Care providers.

The first year of the Change Fund was inevitably about laying foundations for future years to ensure that service redesign and new initiatives would have a favourable impact on sustainable longer terms outcomes, thus achieving the strategic shift required of the programme. Additionally parts of the programme had entailed major service redesign and the analysis and engagement stages of redesign had taken time.

Appendix 1 attached to the report provided the proposed 2012/2013 plan in the format required by the Scottish Government and had been compiled on the basis of ongoing discussions with partners within the programme board and through wider community based approaches.

The report further advised that the Scottish Government had indicated to Partnerships that the Change Plan should feature in the development of longer term Joint Commissioning Strategies covering the period 2012-2020 as the Scottish Government considered that the preparation of Joint Commissioning Strategies and associated governance arrangements provided an important opportunity for the third and independent sectors and carers to become fully embedded in the planning arrangements established by Partnerships. West Lothian Community Health and Care Partnership had already started the process of developing Joint Commissioning Plans and were well placed to meet the requirement comfortably within the Scottish Governments timescale.

It was recommended that the Board approve the submission of the Reshaping Care for Older People Change Fund Plan 2012-2013 to the Scottish Government and for the report to be amended to reflect the Home Support (Dementia) Project £120k and the Home from Hospital Support Project £120k

### Decision

To approve the terms of the report and agreed to the inclusion of the Home Support (Dementia) Project £120k and the Home from Hospital Support Project £120k.

#### 4. EARLY YEARS AND EARLY INTERVENTION CHANGE FUND

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy advising of the establishment of an Early Years and Early Intervention Change Fund aimed at using evidence-based interventions to give children the best start in life.

The Head of Social Policy advised that the Scottish Government had placed the Early Years and Early Intervention agenda at the heart of its plans for its current administrative term involving a fundamental shift in philosophy and approach. An Early Years Change Fund was therefore to be established to finance a shift towards a preventative spend model of service delivery and to make a direct contribution to key areas of Scottish Government policy, such as parenting, childcare and family centres.

In the recent three-year spending review, the Scottish Government committed £50m to the fund and contributions to the fund would also be sought from Health and Local Government. However whilst COSLA had been engaged in discussions with the Scottish Government about the fund there were a number of unknown factors and issues which still required clarification as detailed in the report.

The report continued to advise that although details of the Early Years Intervention Change Fund had yet to be announced, analysis of the need in West Lothian was already advancing via the Community Planning Partnership's Children and Families Management Group and a number of key themes had emerged as summarised in the report.

In conclusion the Early Years and Early Intervention Change Fund would finance a shift towards a preventative spend model of service delivery and make a direct contribution to key areas of Scottish Policy, such as parenting, childcare and family centres. Additionally the Change Fund would be used to complement existing services including LEADER funding, European Social Fund and the Health Improvement Fund.

It was recommended that the Board :-

- Note the content of the report as an early notification of proposals that members would be asked to approve at a future meeting of the Board; and
- Consider and comment on the themes identified in the report.

#### Decision

1. Noted the terms of the report; and
2. Noted that West Lothian College would welcome involvement in the project as it evolved.

#### 5. REDUCING REOFFENDING CHANGE FUND

The Board considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Social Policy providing an update on the Reducing Reoffending Change Fund.

The Head of Social Policy advised that Reducing Reoffending formed a key part of the Scottish Government's Justice Change portfolio alongside other key areas such as police reform and making justice work through making systems work more effectively and in a more cost effective way.

Therefore the Scottish Government was developing a new Reducing Reoffending programme to be known as RRP2 and was currently consulting on what needed to be included in this, as well as seeking evidence on what the change fund could be focussed on. In terms of the Reducing Reoffending Change Fund, as yet little was known about it other than it would be £7.5m over the years 2012/13 to 2014/15. The Scottish Government were however indicating that it would like to see the fund facilitate a more effective funding system where programmes that successfully reduced reoffending amongst prolific repeat offenders received sustainable funding.

Correspondence from the Scottish Government had indicated that the implementation of the Change Fund would not happen until well into 2012/13 therefore in the meantime a new refocusing on reducing reoffending would be taken forward at a key stakeholder event on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012 and would be driven by the Criminal Justice Social Work Service, Lothian & Borders Police and HMP Addiewell. And that it was hoped that a new partnership would be created from this that would drive a reducing reoffending change programme.

The report concluded that as yet little was known about how the Reducing Reoffending Change Fund would be developed however West Lothian was well placed to take forward any bid for the fund quickly and was strategically placed to deliver a change programme.

It was recommended that the Board notes that further updates would be provided through the Community Safety Board as more information became available.

#### Decision

Noted the terms of the report.