

## ABERDEENSHIRE COUNCIL

### SPECIAL MEETING OF GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE

#### GORDON HOUSE, INVERURIE ON 27 MARCH 2018

**Present:** Councillors F Hood (Chair), N Baillie, L Berry, M Ewenson, M Ford, D Lonchay, R McKail, A McKelvie, G Reid, H Smith and J Whyte.

**Apologies:** Councillors D Aitchison, V Harper, S Leslie and I Walker.

**Officers:** M J Cardno (Garioch Area Manager), A Overton (Senior Solicitor), J Graham (Location Manager, Health & Social Care) and A Cumming (Garioch Area Committee Officer).

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

In accordance with the Scheme of Governance, no interests were declared.

#### 2. RESOLUTION - EQUALITIES

In making decisions on the following item of business, the Committee **agreed**, in terms of Section 149 of the Equality Act, 2010:-

1. to have due regard to the need to:-
  - (a) eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
  - (b) advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it; and
  - (c) foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

#### 3. ABERDEENSHIRE HSCP LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE

A report by the Partnership Manager of Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership was circulated to Members seeking views on the draft Garioch HSCP Locality Plan.

The Locality Manager gave an overview of the plan and the thinking behind the structure and the actions contained within it. Members sought clarification on a number of elements of the Plan.

Thereafter, the Committee **agreed** to:-

1. note the content of the Garioch Locality Plan; and
2. forward the following comments to the Integration Joint Board:-
  - a) Consideration should be given to widening out the alcohol abuse counselling;
  - b) Note that some of the data provided is of a historical nature (e.g. Garioch area census profile 2011), however, it is important that the plan contains up-to-date Garioch-centric information and is flexible enough to meet the changing demands;
  - c) Communication is key and every effort should be made to raise awareness of how to access services;

- d) Page 11 - Request that specific reference be made to “alcohol issues” under the main challenges;
- e) Page 16 - It would be helpful to include the percentage of people who smoke under the Snapshot section;
- f) Page 17 - Request that the names and addresses of the assets be provided in an appendix to the Plan along with details of the pharmacies in Garioch.
- g) Page 18 – Responders for Care at Home – It is not clear how this works, it would be helpful to add a further paragraph about how it works and the teams that are in place to support this;
- h) Page 19 – The numbers provided in relation to carers should be checked and evidence provided to ensure that it is correct. Concerned that the number provided has just been extrapolated from the Shire figure;
- i) Page 21 – Would welcome a paragraph that encouraged the responsible use of resources (e.g. purchase of drugs available over the counter rather than getting these via prescription. The example could show the cost of paracetamol on the NHS as opposed to buying over the counter;
- j) It would be helpful to include a few lines to bring to the attention of the public that some drugs will no longer be prescribed;
- k) Page 22 – Community Justice, can reference be made to the fact that people in the justice system are supported to improve their literacy and numeracy skills;
- l) Page 25 – The budget headers require more explanation;
- m) Important to ensure that performance information directly relates to actions within the Plan in order that they can be monitored and evaluated;
- n) Page 14 – The last sentence in paragraph 3 of section 2.1 needs to be clearer.
- o) Page 19 – Under “Carers” reference is made to Formartine rather than Garioch.

**Councillor Presiding over meeting**

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**Print Name**

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**Signature**

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**Date**