

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Policy & Resources Committee - 14 June 2004
REPORT ON: Extended Local Partnership Agreement 2004-2005
REPORT BY: The Chief Executive and the Director of Social Work
REPORT NO: 462 - 2004

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of the Policy & Resources Committee for the Extended Local Partnership Agreement 2004-2005. This partnership agreement reports on the development of the scope of Joint Future and the requirements of the Joint Performance Information and Assessment Framework (JPIAF). It builds on the progress in joint working that was reported to the Policy & Resources Committee in April 2003. (A copy of the Extended Local Partnership Agreement is available in the members lounge).

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy & Resources Committee:-

- 2.1 Agree the Extended Local Partnership Agreement and authorise the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to sign it on the Council's behalf.
- 2.2 Instructs the Director of Social Work and other Chief Officers of departments affected to make arrangements to implement the Extended Local Partnership Agreement.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The total joint resources covered by the Extended Local Partnership Agreement for 2004/2005 amounts to £48.170m. The split of these resources between Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside is as follows:

	<u>£000</u>
Dundee City Council	26,883
NHS Tayside	<u>21,287</u>
Total Aligned Budgets	<u>48,170</u>

- 3.2 An aligned budget involves the grouping together of separate budgets to improve the joint planning and deployment of resources by local partners. Decisions are taken collectively about the aligned budget but the individual funds are still effectively held within the respective agencies and should any agency wish to add or withdraw from their share of the aligned budget, they would retain the right to do so.

4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The principle behind the Extended Local Partnership Agreement is that improved joint working will bring about improvements to the care of people with community care needs.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

Improved joint working should bring improvements to the provision and delivery of care for people with community care needs.

6.0 MAIN TEXT

6.1 Background

The Scottish Executive issued circular advice in February 2004 (Circular No CCD2 2004), which set out the national partners expectations of Extended Local Partnership Agreements. Local partners were advised in this circular that agreements should reflect the extension of the scope of Joint Future to all community care groups and the extension of the Joint Performance Information Framework.

The context within which the agreements are asked to be developed is the drive to reinvigorate the "Joint Future Agenda" being led by the Depute Minister for Health and Community Care. It highlights the need for jointly focussing on outcomes; progressing together Joint Future and Community Health Partnerships (CHP's); and developing a more joined up approach both locally and nationally to Joint Future; delayed discharges and CHP's.

The local partnership agreement is the vehicle for reporting on joint performance.

6.2 Progress during 2003/2004

On the basis of the first local partnership agreement which was submitted to the Scottish Executive the partnership was judged to be "well progressed".

The following achievements were made during 2003-2004:-

Staff development - a revised staff development framework was agreed and specific actions outlined.

High level joint management - the health and local authority forum and health and local authority management group received regular reports on joint future issues, received regular budgetary reports, received their structures and membership and developed the governance and accountability framework.

Joint management - joint working was audited and joint management extended.

Joint performance - the partnership has made significant progress in meeting delayed discharge targets, it implemented single shared assessment for older people, undertook a system review and put in place proposals for a first contact team; extended staff development training and undertook training sessions for staff on single shared assessment.

Information sharing - the partnership participated in the development of a general information protocol and in the development of a user-friendly version of the protocol. Work began in the social work department on the specification of a revised information technology system.

Joint equipment service - the partnership produced a first specification for a joint equipment store.

Balance of care - a report on making recommendations about the future balance of care for older people was agreed by the health and local authority management group. It set the broad commissioning framework for the future delivery of services. Similar work began for people with learning disabilities.

Delayed discharges - the delayed discharge target that was agreed for Dundee (87 delayed discharges) was exceeded. The final figure for April 2004 was 68.

Intermediate care - the operation and management of community crisis and supported discharge schemes was reviewed with a revised management structure agreed.

Further development is anticipated, targets have been set out in series of work plans included in the 2004-2005 extended local partnership agreement. These explain how the partnership will broaden and deepen its joint working to all community care groups up to the period of the next review of the partnership.

6.3 Timetable For 2004

Local partnerships requested to submit their Extended Local Partnership Agreements by 30 April 2004.

Information will be collated and analysed by a consortium consisting of representatives from Audit Scotland, Social Work Services Inspectorate, the Joint Future Unit and other representatives of the Scottish Executive during May and June 2004.

Annual evaluation statements will be prepared in May and June 2004, submitted for comment by the partnerships in the first 2 weeks of July 2004 with the final annual statements.

7.0 CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), the Depute Chief Executive (Finance) and members of Dundee Health & Local Authority Forum have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any confidential or exempt information), were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report. Scottish Executive Circular CCD2 2004 was relied on in the preparation of this report.

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Date 8 June 2004

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