

## **DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO: SOCIAL WORK COMMITTEE - 20 August 2001**

**REPORT ON: REVIEW OF JOINT COMMUNITY CARE PLAN 2001**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL WORK**

**REPORT NO: 523 - 2001**

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The report informs members about the 2001 review of the 1997-2000 Joint Community Care Plan, updates the plan and makes changes where appropriate.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Social Work Committee:-

- 2.1 Notes and approves the content of this report.
- 2.2 Instructs the Director of Social Work to inform the Community Care Division of the Scottish Executive of the content of the review.
- 2.3 Instructs the Director of Social Work to make the review of the Joint Community Care Plan publicly available.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications contained within the Report are reflected in the current revenue budget 2001/02.

### **4.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

The review of the Joint Community Care Plan is part of the process of involving citizens in the planning and delivery of services. It is based on the provision of services in homely settings.

### **5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 Access to the review of the Joint Community Care Plan is available to all, whether users of services, carers or their representatives. The review can be made available in large type and Braille.

### **6.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 6.1 The local authority has a statutory responsibility for the preparation and review of the Joint Community Care Plan in consultation with others. The Community Care Plan and the review are joint documents between Social Work and Housing Department and Tayside Health Board.
- 6.2 Local authorities, including this council, which produced a three year plan for 1997-2000 were asked to develop and extend that plan by identifying new policy directions or shifts and reflect these in a review. A new three-year statutory plan was to be developed this year for the period 2001 - 2004.

6.3 Within the last year there have been a number of new policy initiatives which have included the Report of the Joint Future Group and the development of a Partnership in Practice Agreement for the delivery of services for people with a learning disability. Given the importance of these national policies, agreement was reached with the Scottish Executive that the full three-year plan be delayed until 2002. This has enabled sufficient time to plan with partner organisations, and develop agreed actions in response to national requirements.

A new three-year plan for 2002-2005 will be produced in June 2002.

6.4 Scottish Executive Circular CCD3/2000 extended the Community Care Planning guidance principally contained within Circular SWSG 14/94 on the content of Community Care issues. The circular identified some additional information which is needed to monitor the implementation of Modernising Community Care: An Action Plan and the Carers Strategy. This information is contained in the report. In addition the action plan relating to the draft Partnership in Practice is included within the section relating to services for people with learning disabilities.

6.5 In Dundee, a new strategic planning process was put in place this year to take forward strategic planning for all community care client groups and develop the three year statutory strategic plan for community care. Each strategic planning group has a multi-agency representation which includes representatives from Health, Housing, voluntary organisations, independent sector, carers, advocates and service users. The number of service users and carers directly involved with the planning for service delivery has greatly increased this year and this has been particularly noticeable in the fields of learning disability and home care.

6.6 Copies of the review are available in the members' lounge. This report highlights just some of the significant achievements contained within the review and which include:

- *The appointment of a respite co-ordinator to develop more creative and flexible short break opportunities for service users and carers.*
- *Piloted a single assessment tool for the assessment of non-complex needs for older people. This was accomplished through the secondment of a district nurse and a senior care manager to work jointly on the project. This will be further developed to take account of complex needs assessments this year.*
- *Created the OPEN project in partnership with Neighbourhood Resources which involves older people in the improvement of services and activities in sheltered housing.*
- *Closed the large residential establishment Dudhope Hostel for people with learning disabilities, with all clients moving to small domestic accommodation with support.*
- *Resettled 7 patients from Strathmartine Hospital into the community.*
- *Developed an 'Enabler' respite service to provide individual, flexible respite to service users and their carers.*
- *Completed an augmented care project in one residential care home for older people. This enables older people to remain in the residential home while having nursing care needs met and avoids a move to another care setting.*
- *Completed the review of HIV treatment and care and social care and support services in partnership with Health colleagues.*
- *Established a Community Mental Health Centre in Dundee which links to the multidisciplinary community psychiatric teams.*
- *Developed and extended a number of home care support schemes to enable early discharge from hospital and to delay or avoid admission to hospital.*

**7.0 CONSULTATION**

7.1 The review of the Community Care Plan has been subject of consultation with the Director of Housing, Tayside Health Board, the NHS Trusts and the involvement of the independent sector, voluntary organisations and service user and carer groups.

**8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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

**9.0 SIGNATURE**

Director of Social Work

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26 July 2001