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REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 4 JUNE 2018
REPORT ON: MACMILLAN ARDLER HUB
REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES
REPORT NO: 151-2018

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out proposals for establishing a Macmillan Ardler Hub, in the café adjoining Ardler Complex, for a period of three years.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- a) note the establishment of the Macmillan Ardler Hub
- b) approve a 3 year lease, on an internal repairing and insuring basis, to the Macmillan Ardler Hub at a rental of £1 per annum, if demanded by the Landlord. Otherwise, the lease will be subject to the Council's normal terms and conditions.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 Funding of £176,938 has been awarded by Macmillan Cancer Support to develop the Macmillan Hub, over a three year period.

3.2 After consultation with the Executive Director of City Development, it is proposed that Dundee City Council will provide in-kind support by way of agreement that there will be a rent free period of 36 months on the café adjoining to Ardler Complex.

3.3 Dundee City Council will provide in-kind support by way of staff support to the Macmillan Ardler Hub in the form of Communities staff. This support will be met through existing resources but the level of support will be subject to ongoing review and subject to agreement between DCC Communities and the Macmillan Ardler Oversight Group.

3.4 The aim is that the Macmillan Ardler Hub will become self-sustaining at the end of the 36 month pilot period becoming a social enterprise. The main income source will be the Macmillan Ardler community café.

4 BACKGROUND

4.1 Evidence of Need

There is an opportunity to fully integrate Macmillan services into the local community with a Macmillan branded facility. This will bring together a number of key objectives as well as Macmillan indirect and direct services in Dundee, whilst offering a fantastic venue to provide community volunteering opportunities.

There are a growing number of people affected by cancer, and this is expected to nearly double by 2030. Easily assessable services are required particularly in more disadvantaged areas to ensure equity of access and improved take-up.

There is also a need for routine use of Holistic Needs assessment to connect people to the right support and services for them. This assessment needs to be able to be accessed within local communities, using the Dundee Macmillan Improving Cancer Journey (ICJ) Team as the vehicle.

There is a need to provide opportunities for people who may want to be involved with fundraising or volunteering for Macmillan Cancer Support and a need to integrate Macmillan service offers – direct and indirect- in local communities

There is currently a large vacant but fully useable café area in Ardler Complex, in the heart of the community, with a library, meeting rooms, gyms and community garden all on site.

Many people living with and beyond cancer have unmet needs including personal, practical, financial and emotional, particularly after treatment has ended.

With medical advances cancer has become one of the many long term conditions (LTCs) that individuals, their families and communities have to manage. The challenge is surviving and living well. Alongside this, many people affected by cancer have one or more other LTCs.

Dundee presents as a city with higher than average incidence of all main cancers (except prostate) and with a much higher than average mortality from cancer, as compared across the UK. In 2010, 5,200 people were estimated to be living with or beyond cancer and this is expected to rise to 8,400 by 2030.

There is a growing and compelling evidence base which indicates that patients' needs are not being adequately addressed nor are they getting the help they need to improve function, confidence and morale.

4.2 Opportunity

Ardler is within a datazone in the highest 10% for multiple deprivation in Scotland. People find it more affordable and have more confidence accessing services in their own communities.

The Hub would create opportunities to volunteer, for example in the café. This could be to increase self-confidence or boost employability by working towards formal accreditation through, for example, food hygiene certificates. The Macmillan Ardler Development Worker would be expected to be making links with local employability services. It is anticipated that some of the paid roles within the hub could be promoted to local people.

The Hub Project will make links with local secondary schools to facilitate opportunities for training and work experience in hospitality environments. This can be linked to accreditation as it is elsewhere in the city.

The Macmillan Ardler café will provide healthy, affordable food for the local community on its regular menu but also through special menus when available from the community garden next door. The community garden is another facility to help people affected by cancer and the Hub could have it's own growing boxes.

There is an opportunity to develop, in conjunction with local people, services for people affected by cancer. These services will be scoped and co-produced with local people and continually improved.

4.3 Macmillan Ardler Oversight group

A Macmillan Ardler Hub Oversight Group will be formed with two representatives from each of Macmillan Cancer Care, Dundee City Council, Ardler Complex Local Management Group and Ardler Village Trust and other co-opted reps as required.

The Group will develop their terms of reference, the Macmillan Ardler Hub Operational Policy and will oversee the operation of the Hub.

5 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This Report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Council Management Team were consulted in the preparation of this report.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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