

## ITEM No ...6.....

**REPORT TO:** POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 16 NOVEMBER 2020

**REPORT ON:** DUNDEE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION SCHEME  
STATUTORY REVIEW

**REPORT BY:** CHIEF EXECUTIVE

**REPORT NO:** 292-2020

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to advise the Policy and Resources Committee that the Chief Executive, on behalf of Dundee City Council and working jointly with NHS Tayside, has completed the statutory review of the Dundee Health and Social Care Integration Scheme and agreed that a revised scheme should now be prepared.

### **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report, including that Chief Executive, on behalf of Dundee City Council and working jointly with NHS Tayside, has completed the statutory review of the Dundee Health and Social Care Integration Scheme and agreed that a revised scheme will now be prepared.
- 2.2 Instruct the Chief Executive to make arrangements for the full participation of Dundee City Council in the preparation of a revised scheme and report progress to the Policy and Resources Committee no later than 31 March 2021.

### **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None

### **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

#### **4.1 Background Information**

- 4.1.1 The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 sets the statutory framework for integrating adult health and social care, to ensure a consistent provision of quality, sustainable care services for the increasing number of people in Scotland who require joined-up support and care, particularly people with multiple, complex long-term conditions.
- 4.1.2 Part 1, sections 1 to 8 of the 2014 Act sets out statutory requirements to prepare an integration scheme. The integration scheme is a legally binding agreement between a local authority and Health Board who are known as 'the parties' to the integration scheme. The scheme describes what the parties, in Dundee that is Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside, will do to enable the Integration Joint Board to meet its responsibilities (or 'delegated functions'). It does not describe what the IJB will do in detail. The scheme contains high level statements of commitment to ensure flexibility and accommodate future changes.
- 4.1.3 The Dundee Health and Social Care Integration Scheme came into force on 22 September 2016, having been approved by the Scottish Parliament on the same date in 2015. Minor amendments to the scheme were approved in February 2018 to allow for the delegation of new legislation. The current scheme can be found at: [https://www.dundeehscp.com/sites/default/files/publications/dundee\\_integration\\_scheme.pdf](https://www.dundeehscp.com/sites/default/files/publications/dundee_integration_scheme.pdf)

#### **4.2 Review of the Dundee Health and Social Care Integration Scheme**

- 4.2.1 Under section 44 of the 2014 Act the parties have a legal duty to formally review the integration scheme five years from its date of approval, in this case by 22 September 2020. The review

must identify whether any changes to the scheme are necessary or desirable. Section 44 (4) directs that the review must take account of any views of relevant persons.

- 4.2.2 The Chief Executive, acting on behalf of the Council under the Scheme of Delegation, has worked with NHS Tayside to formally completed the statutory review of the integration scheme. The Chief Officer of the Dundee Health and Social Care Partnership supported the review process. The review identified a number of areas within the integration scheme that require to be updated. The Chief Executive has agreed jointly with NHS Tayside that the level of amendment identified by the review warrants the development of a revised scheme.

#### **4.3 Preparation of a Revised Integration Scheme**

- 4.3.1 Section 46 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 sets out the requirements where a local authority and Health Board agree that that changes to an integration scheme are necessary or desirable and agree to jointly prepare a revised integration scheme. This includes, at section 46 (4) a statutory requirement to consult relevant persons and to take account of any views expressed in finalising the revised integration scheme (section 46 (5)). Once finalised the revised scheme must be jointly submitted by the parties to Scottish Ministers for approval; until approval the current integration scheme remains in place.

- 4.3.2 It is the intention of Dundee City Council and NHS Tayside to work with Angus Council, Perth and Kinross Council and the three Health and Social Care Partnerships across Tayside to prepare revised schemes for all three local areas. Reviews in each area have identified a large number of similarities in areas requiring amendment, however provisions will be made for local discussion of specific issues where this is required.

- 4.3.3 A short-life working group of officers from each of the bodies named in section 4.3.2 will be established; a senior officer will be nominated to represent Dundee City Council. This group will report to the Tayside joint-Chief Executives Group. The short-life working group will progress the drafting of a revised scheme by the end of March 2021 after which there will be a period of consultation with the prescribed consultees (section 46(4) of the 2014 Act). It is anticipated that a final revised scheme will be produced by July 2021 for submission to Scottish Ministers for approval.

#### **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. There are no major issues.

#### **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council Management Team and the Chief Social Work Officer have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had the opportunity to provide comments.

#### **7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None

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