

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14TH MARCH 2016

REPORT ON: MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the Committee that Macmillan Cancer Support have selected Dundee City for the development of a Macmillan Local Authority Partnership (MLAP) and to seek the agreement of the Committee to confirm the Councils' commitment to the MLAP by entering into a funding agreement with Macmillan Cancer Support.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Policy and Resources Committee:

- 2.1 Note the background to the development of the proposed Macmillan Local Authority Partnership with Dundee.
- 2.2 Gives approval to the Chief Executive to enter into a funding agreement with Macmillan Cancer Support

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Macmillan Cancer Support have set aside up to £1 million to be invested in the development of the Macmillan Local Authority Partnership over a 3 year period. The charity will seek modest resource commitment in return which can be in cash or kind and is likely to be in the order £15k. This will be met from current resources contained within the community care budget.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Background

- 4.1.1 Macmillan has targeted £6 million of its funds to test out the value of collaboration with local government. The funding will be directed towards 6-9 sites across the UK and Dundee City Council has been invited to be one of the first Macmillan Local Authority Partnerships.
- 4.1.2 The charity has committed to developing its partnership with local authorities because despite their continuing support to the NHS in delivering the aspirations of all National Cancer Strategies across the UK it has come to recognise the significance of local authorities in terms 'strategic influence and leadership, partnership commissioning and delivery of services that help people affected by cancer and their families and communities'.
- 4.1.3 The charity recognises that people living with cancer have a range of social care needs – practical, personal and emotional, as well as financial needs. For the majority these are directly related to their condition and the consequences of its treatment. It is also recognised by the charity that many of the experiences of people affected by cancer apply just as well to people with other long term conditions, Macmillan therefore wants to direct

investment towards Council's and their key partnerships to secure integrated models of treatment and care.

4.2 Preparation for the Development of the Dundee MLAP

4.2.1 Macmillan confirmed their wish to establish a formal Local Authority Partnership with Dundee in May 2015. A multidisciplinary co-ordination group was established to take forward its development of proposals for a MLAP for Dundee.

The co-ordination group:

- co-operated to prepare initial needs assessment work to support the required Macmillan partnership Application;
- investigated and visited the Glasgow Macmillan Project to draw learning and understanding from their experience of testing out a social care and support model of response to the needs of people with cancer;
- reviewed tested tools for the development of the programme;
- organised a development event in January 2016 to set outcomes and a proposed programme model for the partnership in Dundee;
- developed proposed governance arrangements for the MLAP.

The work has now progressed to the stage that a Macmillan Partnership Application has been submitted and agreed and a Macmillan Grant Funding Application have been prepared for submission.

4.3 Evidence in Support of the Proposed Partnership

4.3.1 The approach taken by Macmillan to the development of the MLAP has been informed by research they commissioned to understand the social care needs of people with cancer (Hidden at Home: Macmillan Cancer Support, March 2015). The research revealed:

- the social care needs of people with cancer are far more widespread than they had expected
- in many cases levels of support are falling woefully short
- the lack of dignity caused by inadequate support is contributing to the huge emotional toll that cancer can inflict
- only 1 in 5 of all people with cancer receive any kind of formal support
- for half of those with practical or personal needs support from family or friends is the only help they get
- 1 in 5 people with cancer have had to go to hospital for an unplanned or emergency visit because of a lack of support for their practical or personal needs thus increasing demand on the NHS
- the level of need is increasing. Each year more and more people are diagnosed with cancer and survival rates continue to improve

The early evidence from the exploratory needs assessment in Dundee indicates that we have areas of unmet need. Dundee has a higher than average incidence of all the major cancers (except prostate) and a much higher than average mortality from cancer as compared to the UK. Holistic needs assessment is neither routine nor systematic and there is no equity in how people access or are signposted to support.

4.3.2 The Dundee development event was attended by over 60 participants that represented a very broad range of constituent interests including people affected by cancer, Libraries, Welfare Rights, Health and Social Care and housing professionals from the statutory and voluntary sectors elected representatives and Macmillan Cancer Support representatives. There was strong support for the development in Dundee with views put forward about what should inform its focus and shape

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 To conclude this stage of development and progress to the next, Macmillan require the Council to confirm its willingness to enter into partnership.

4.4.2 It is proposed therefore that the Chief Executive formalises the agreement with Macmillan Cancer Support in the form of a Macmillan Funding Agreement. This will allow the proposed development to move into the implementation phase.

5.0 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.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services were consulted in the preparation of this report and representatives from Leisure and Culture Dundee.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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