

**MINUTES of MEETING of HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE held in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH on TUESDAY, 12 MAY 2015**

**Present:** Councillor Gary Mulvaney (Chair)

Councillor George Freeman	Councillor Ellen Morton
Councillor Vivien Dance	Councillor Maurice Corry
Councillor Aileen Morton	Councillor David Kinniburgh
Councillor James Robb	Councillor Richard Trail
Councillor Robert G MacIntyre	

**Attending:** Shona Barton – Area Committee Manager  
Jim Robb – Head of Adult Care  
David Hall – Reviewing Project Officer  
Pamela MacLeod – Project Manager, Self Directed Support

**1. APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**3. CARE AT HOME**

The Committee considered a report Committee on the findings of the continuing quarterly evaluation of the Care at Home provision within the Helensburgh and Lomond area.

Discussion followed and Members questioned the Helensburgh and Lomond Adult Services budget in relation to other areas and questioned if this was having an adverse affect on local services. The Reviewing Project officer highlighted that the demographics of the area was a long standing issue and this was reviewed and developed carefully in regards the care of local clients.

The Head of Adult Care affirmed that the total Adult Care budget was apportioned to each area on an equal basis of service needs. He continued that robust commissioning ensured that there was an efficient care service in place with reduced service costs.

Members queried other issues contained within the report in regards to externalising care homes, direct payments, wage scales for staff employed by contractors and missed visits.

The Head of Adult Care agreed to provide further detailed information on the issues raised by local Members to a future Business Day meeting.

The issue of the proposed budget reductions and the implications on services was also raised and the Head of Adult Care affirmed that this would be addressed as part of the Service Choices process.

Councillor Ellen Morton entered the meeting at 9.20a.m.

## **Decision**

Members agreed:-

1. To note the report: and
2. That an updated report providing the detail of issues raised by local Members would be provided to a future Business Day meeting.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 23 March 2015, submitted).

## **4. THEMATIC REVIEW OF SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT**

The Committee considered a report Committee which provided a review of progress to date in respect of the implementation of The Social Care (Self-directed Support) (Scotland) Act 2013 following its enactment on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014.

Discussion followed and Members questioned the procedure if clients wished to manage their own direct care package. The Project Manager outlined the process for assisting clients which included assistance and advice in regards clients becoming 'an employer'.

## **Decision**

Members agreed to note the report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director – Community Services, dated 16 March 2015, submitted).