

**IMPROVING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE - BUTE**

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**1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members on the issue of improving health and social care provision for older people on the island of Bute, following on from earlier reports of June 2014 and October 2014.
- 1.2 Committee will recall that the central issue of the previous reports was that the present provision neither has the capacity to serve the community of Bute nor does it provide high dependency care required by an increasingly older population with associated higher levels of disability.
- 1.3 Committee will also recall that previous proposals in relation to this matter were presented to the Council's Adult Care Project Board during June 2013 and to a member's seminar during September 2013. The conclusion was the issue should not be progressed until such times the Joint Commissioning Plan for Older People's services was completed. That has now been done and given a potential service provider, ASCOG, awaits the conclusion of the matter it was considered by local members as reasonable to re-visit the issue.
- 1.4 Committee previously approved:
- i) the commencement of the initial options appraisal discussions
  - ii) establishment of a Communications and Engagement Group to take forward engagement and communication on the future form of health and social care services across Bute.
- 1.5 This report updates members on the progress made to date in relation to the options appraisal examination.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Committee is asked to note:
- i) the commencement of, and progress on the initial options appraisal discussions within Improving Care on Bute Group
  - ii) and agree, the future work programme of this Group, as set out in 3.3 and 3.4

### 3. DETAIL

3.1 The Improving Care on Bute Group has met on five occasions since the previous report to Committee. As agreed, the membership, as well as Adult Care Services, Finance, Commissioning, Housing Services and the NHS, has also involved community representation from the Community Council and the Reshaping Care of Older People Locality Group. Further to this we have also extended the membership to allow for broader representation through the involvement of local housing providers. We also recognised that the objectives of the Group would be best met through locating it within the existing adopted Reshaping Care Locality structures already established for Cowal and Bute. We also retitled the Group as **Improving Care on Bute**.

3.2 Progress to date can be summarised as follows:

- Terms of Reference have been drawn up and agreed for the Improving Care on Bute Group and its Communications and Engagement Sub-Group.
- We have received reports from a number of RSLs profiling the scale and form of housing provision across the island in recognition of the vital role that housing must play in contributing to future solutions.
- We have begun to develop a detailed profile of current health provision to add to the earlier social care profile already developed.
- We have met with ASGOG to listen to and understand their proposals to develop a single site development embracing nursing and specialist dementia provision alongside independent living cottages. The nursing home provision (including dementia) is for 30 places over 2 levels. We are mindful that ASGOG have had this proposal for considerable period of time and are looking for a definitive response at the earliest possible date.
- We have been advised that Fyne Homes retain ownership of the Upper Academy site although there is no current proposal for its development.

3.3 Further progress is now required on a number of fronts including:-

- Completion of the housing profiling
- Completion of the profiling of health services

3.4 It is also proposed that in order to proceed in tackling the core issue of the absence of nursing home provision on the island, we should undertake a market testing by inviting expressions of interest from potential providers. In pursuing this, the following steps require to be followed:-

- Assemble a dedicated project group
- Update the previous activity intelligence, on off island placements and delayed returns
- Revisit/appraise options from the previous exercise
- Canvass the state of the existing market, (all sectors) independent, NHS, ABC, RSL's; re. capacity, pressures, proposed developments e.g. expansion, diversity, exit
- Consider consultation/communication issues

- Develop an service specification
- Prior Information Notice on Public Contracts Scotland(PCS)
- Evaluate responses
- Agree commissioning route
- Publish contract opportunity on PCS
- Evaluate responses
- Identify preferred bidder
- Mobilise contract

3.5 In following this route we will be adhering to our procurement rules, provide clarity of our intentions and set out a timeline for the same. This will allow ASGOG and other potential interested parties to set out their proposals in line with the adopted commissioning route and against the developed service specification.

3.6 In setting out a timescale for the above, this piece of work will have to be prioritised against other competing demands in the context of the wider integration activity and the current Joint Inspection preparations. It is proposed that clarity around the timelines to be adopted, alongside further progress achieved be the subject of a further report to Committee in September 2015.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Committee is asked to note:

- iii) the commencement of, and progress on the initial options appraisal discussions within Improving Care on Bute Group
- iv) and agree, the future work programme of this Group, as set out in 3.3 and 3.4

#### **5. APPENDICES**

Nil

#### **6. CONCLUSION**

6.1 This report summarises the progress to date by the Improving Care on Bute Group. The report also intimates the intention to programme a market testing to invite expressions of interest in developing nursing home provision on the island

## 7. IMPLICATIONS

6.1	<b>Policy</b>	Reshaping Care, Scottish Government guidance on Informing, Engaging and Consulting in Developing Health and Community Care services (CEL 4 (2010))
6.2	<b>Financial</b>	None
6.3	<b>Personnel</b>	None
6.4	<b>Equalities Impact</b>	None
6.5	<b>Legal</b>	Commissioning and Procurement requirements

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