

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL (SPECIAL).

Minutes of special meeting in County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr,
on 3rd September 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Helen Moonie (Provost), John Allan, Andy Campbell, Douglas Campbell, Ian Cavana, Alec Clark, Ian Cochrane, Peter Convery, Kirsty Darwent, Allan Dorans, Ian Douglas, Ann Galbraith, Bill Grant, William Grant, John Hampton, Hugh Hunter, Mary Kilpatrick, John McDowall, Brian McGinley, Nan McFarlane, Bill McIntosh, Rita Miller, Alec Oattes, Robin Reid, Philip Saxton, Margaret Toner and Corri Wilson.

Apologies: Councillors Brian Connolly, Hywel Davies and Sandra Goldie.

Attending: H. Garland, Executive Director – Children and Community; E. Howat, Executive Director – Corporate Services; V. Andrews, Head of Legal and Administration; C. Monaghan, Head of Policy, Performance and Communication; K. Leinster, Head of Community Care and Housing; D. Robertson, Public Communications Manager; and D. Knight, Democratic Services Administrator.

1. Provost.

The Provost welcomed Members and Officers to the special meeting of the Council.

2. Declaration of Interest.

Councillor Darwent declared an interest in Item No. 3 on the agenda dealing with the “Scottish Government Consultation on Proposed Integration of Adult Health and Social Care” as she was on the Board of the NHS Ayrshire and Arran and as there might be perceived to be a conflict of interest if she remained in the meeting during discussion of this matter, withdrew from the meeting.

Councillor Hunter advised that he had been appointed to the Board of the NHS Ayrshire and Arran by this Council and sought advice as to whether he should remain in the meeting.

The Head of Legal and Administration advised that since Councillor Hunter had been appointed to the Board of NHS Ayrshire and Arran as a Council appointee, it would be in order for him to remain in the meeting, having declared that interest.

3. Sederunt.

The Executive Director – Children and Community called the Sederunt for the meeting.

4. **Scottish Government Consultation on Proposed Integration of Adult Health and Social Care.**

There was submitted a report (issued) of 20th August 2012 by the Executive Director – Children and Community

- (1) advising that on 8th May 2012, the Scottish Government issued a Consultation Paper containing its proposals for the Integration of Adult Health and Social Care Services in Scotland, inviting responses by 11th September 2012;
- (2) indicating
 - (a) that the Government's proposals which have been issued prior to legislation being developed, would have potentially far reaching consequences for the future organisation, management and delivery of Health and Social Care Services and would be one of the largest and most significant reforms of the public sector in Scotland in recent years, with significant implications for the NHS in Scotland and for all local authorities, including South Ayrshire Council; and
 - (b) that whilst the Council might wish to support the principle of greater integration of Health and Social Care Services and to recognise some of the progress that has been made in a number of relevant areas in recent years, including in delayed discharge from hospital, for example, the reform proposals as currently outlined would have significant implications for Council budgets, employee management, resource management and utilisation, local accountability, Council decision making and on the planning, commissioning and organisation of services at a local level; and
- (3) detailing a draft response to the questions posed by Government through the Consultation Exercise attached as Appendix 1 of the report for consideration and deliberation by Elected Members.

Councillor McIntosh, seconded by Councillor McDowall, moved the recommendations as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report subject to the typing error in Answer 7 (2) being corrected.

By way of Amendment, Councillor Douglas Campbell, seconded by Councillor McFarlane, moved that the answer to Question 16 be amended as follows:-

- in the second sentence within Answer 16, to delete the word **should** and insert **must** in both instances; and
- to add to the section on further comments, the following:-

in order to provide a 24 hour, 7 day a week integrated social health care service it would require a fundamental review of GP provision to ensure effective and efficient outcomes.

Concerns and questions were raised by Members of the Council in relation to integration and community planning arrangements, clarification of the wording within Answer 7 (2), the management of acute services, the creation of barriers between Partnership delivered services and Council Services, accountability of the partnership and the Jointly Accountable Officer and the proposed governance arrangements for the Health and Social Care Partnership and the Executive Director – Children and Community responded accordingly.

On a vote being taken by a show of hands, nine members voted for the Amendment and seventeen for the Motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.

Decided: to approve the draft response to the Consultation Exercise as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report subject to the typing error in Answer 7 (2) being corrected.

The meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.