

Note of Seminar



Seminar – National Care Service Consultation

Date	Time	Venue
Wednesday 29 September 2021	11.00 am	Via Microsoft Teams

Present:

Councillor Muirhead (Depute Leader)	Councillor Alexander
Councillor Hackett	Councillor Imrie
Councillor Johnstone	Councillor McKenzie
Councillor McCall	Councillor Russell
Councillor Winchester	

1 National Care Service Consultation – Seminar with Elected Members

Background Reading:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/national-care-service-scotland-consultation/documents/>

2 Introduction and Apologies

In the absence of Councillor Smaill (Provost) and Councillor Milligan (Leader and Portfolio for Health and Social Care) Mr Anderson asked for nominations for the Chair from the Members present. Councillor Muirhead was appointed to the Chair, nominated by Councillor Imrie and seconded by Councillor Winchester.

Apologies for Absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Smaill, Councillor Milligan, Councillor Curran and Councillor Lay-Douglas

3 Background to Seminar

The Chair by way of background referenced the unanimous decision of the Council, of 24 August 2021 (paragraph 8.1), where it was agreed to hold an Elected Member Seminar to discuss the content of the National Care Service Review in order to help inform the Council's response to the Consultation and following feedback provided at the Seminar instruct officers to present the Consultation response to the meeting of the Council in October for approval prior to submission.

4 Presentation

Thereafter Dr Grace Vickers advised that the date for submission of responses was extended to 2 November 2021 and that this would now allow for individual group meetings as not all Councillors could be present today. Dr Vickers then advised that a presentation would be provided by Officers and that this would be followed by a question session, however if any points required clarification during the presentation this could be provided. She further advised that under Item 6 discussion could take place on the way forward.

The Chair agreed that questions should be kept to the end of the presentation but if clarification was required during the presentation Elected Members should raise their hand.

Dr Vickers advised that the presentation would be led by Joan Tranent and Nick Clater with contributions from Gary Fairley and Alan Turpie as detailed below.

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| • Children's Services and Social Work | Joan Tranent |
| • Healthcare including Nursing and Reformed integration joint boards | Nick Clater |
| • Social Care, Alcohol, Drugs and Mental Health | Nick Clater |
| • Justice Social Work and Prisons | Nick Clater |
| • National Social Work Agency and Workforce | Joan Tranent |

- Financial, Workforce and Property
- Legal Implications and Regulation

Gary Fairley

Alan Turpie

During the presentation Officers responded to various points of clarity raised and it was highlighted that with regards to these no further information could be provided than detailed in the document. During the presentation on Financial, Workforce and Property Mr Fairley responded to a question raised on the number of full time equivalents employed within the care providers advising that the figures detailed in the presentation are only those employed directly by the Council. It was therefore agreed that the figures regarding commissioned services would be circulated to all.

5 Questions

In considering the Document Members discussed the difference in the movement of funding and that previously the funding moved from Scottish Government to the local authority which was then passed to IJB. The new national model proposed is that funding will go from the Scottish Government to National Care Service who will then allocate to the Community Health and Social Care Board who will then provide funding to the Council to deliver the services.

Further discussion took place regarding this and in response to various questions raised it was agreed that the document did not provide clarity and concerns were also raised regarding the consequence of this in addressing local needs.

6 Summary/Conclusion/Future Action

That a report with a note of the Seminar would go before the Council on 5 October 2021 for consideration and formal approval on the way forward as detailed below.

That Officers would provide the presentation to individual group meetings and that following these meetings Officers would provide a report on the questions raised and this would be presented to a Working group comprising of Group Leaders and Portfolio members which would have the delegated authority to approve the response to the Consultation for submission by 2 November 2021.

The Seminar terminated at 12.43 pm