

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL  
AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 November 2014

Report by Director of Community Health and Care Partnership

SOCIAL CARE TRANSPORT

**PURPOSE**

1. This report is an update on potential savings in social care transport and day care.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. It is recommended that Committee:
  - notes contents of the report;
  - notes the potential budget savings proposed as outlined in the Council's budget book, 'Shaping our Future 2015-18'.

**BACKGROUND**

3. Audit Committee received a paper in 2013 in response to the Social Transport and Fleet Management Project paper produced in March 2012 by Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. It was the view of CHCP officers that the issues associated with transport should be addressed within a review of day services. This report updates Committee on the review of day services and savings proposals.

**REPORT**

4. CHCP transport is associated with older peoples day services run from Bonnyton House and the Kirkton Centre, and Learning Disability Day services operating from Thornliebank Resource Centre and Barrhead Centre.
5. Since the last report to audit committee, the CHCP has been preparing for the implementation of the Self-Directed Support Act. This legislation promotes greater choice and control for people over their support and requires more flexible service models. In light of this and savings proposals, the CHCP has undertaken redesign and scoping work.
6. As part of the Budget Savings Proposals 'Shaping our Future 2015-18', the sale of the residential Bonnyton service to a third sector or private provider is proposed. This offers opportunities to remodel the use of the building and remove the combined day service to increase bed capacity and modernise the service, making this a financially viable proposal for another provider. Depending on the number of self-funded places attracted to the new service, the council could expect to generate significant savings. The CHCP would develop alternative day opportunities for day centre users through further Older People Day Care Services redesign.

7. Redesign of day services for older people will be undertaken building on our experience from the Reshaping Care for Older People Programme and by providing flexible services that do not limit older people to traditional, one-size fits all day care. Currently day service investment is made at Bonnyton, Jewish Care, the Kirkton Service and a number of third sector and community providers, including Band F. The saving represents a reshaping of current investment to develop a service that is more responsive to individual needs. The remodelled Kirkton service currently operates a smaller more flexible set of transport arrangements and it is envisaged that other services will adopt a similar model.
8. A review of day services is included as part of a wider review of learning disability services in response to Self-Directed Support. The proposal is to move from two day care centres (Thornliebank Resource Centre and the Barrhead Centre) to a single day centre hub, retaining staff to shift focus to provide care within the community. The CHCP will work with partners in the third sector to develop social enterprises to offer a wider range of training and work opportunities. The provision of flexible, community-based services can greatly improve quality of life for people with less complex care needs. The remaining centre will be able to accommodate those who require more intensive support and significant personal care. It is envisaged that there will be changes to more flexible transport arrangements in line with those achieved at Kirkton. There will be extensive engagement with service users and their families to help redesign the new service and the intention is to delay taking this saving until 2017/18 to ensure the right packages of care are in place.

## **FINANCE AND EFFICIENCY IMPLICATIONS**

9. The Council's budget savings are currently out for consultation. The following savings are proposed:-
  - Bonnyton House – up to £600,000.
  - Older People's Day Services - £92,000.
  - Learning Disability Day Services - £90,000.
10. It is only once the detail of the redesign and review is worked through that we can identify the revenue and capital savings associated with transport separately.

## **CONCLUSION**

11. The CHCP has offered a number of savings associated with Day Services which will have implications for the provision of social care transport.
12. The final decision will be made in February 2015 when Council agrees its budget for the forthcoming three financial years. Elected Members will decide when and how savings will be implemented, having reflected on comments from local people, staff and trade unions.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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