



Note of Meeting of

Health and Social Care Forum

Thursday 10 March 2016

Craig Mitchell House, Flemington Road, Glenrothes, KY7 5QF

Present:

Bert Lumsden	<i>Age Concern Glenrothes</i>
Helen Walkingshaw	<i>Barony Housing Association</i>
Norma Philpot	<i>CARF</i>
Ewan Masson	<i>Dunfermline Advocacy</i>
Gail Carstairs	<i>Enable</i>
Kara Frazer	<i>Enable</i>
Jim Bett	<i>FASS</i>
David Ross	<i>Fife Society for the Blind</i>
Kenny Murphy (Chair)	<i>Fife Voluntary Action</i>
Jo Clark	<i>Fife Voluntary Action</i>
Christine Davison	<i>Fife Voluntary Action</i>
Liz Reid	<i>Homeshare Scotland</i>
Irene Blackburn	<i>Link Living</i>
David Richardson	<i>Royal Voluntary Service</i>

Apologies:

Fiona Smith	<i>Crossroads Fife Central</i>
Charles Lister	<i>Disabilities Fife</i>
Carole Simpson	<i>Frontline Fife</i>
Jane Maciver	<i>LINK Befriending</i>
Eileen Scott	<i>Scottish Autism</i>

Integration Updates

Integration Joint Board (IJB)

The IJB now formally exists in law. The current focus of the IJB is on the sign off of the Strategic Plan, which is imminent.

Oversight of Adult Social Work grants and NHS Funding for third sector organisations will transfer to the IJB. Organisations in receipt of this funding should have received a letter from Fiona MacKay, Head of Strategic Planning, Performance & Commissioning letting them know that 2016/17 will be treated as a 'transition' year, meaning that their grants will remain the same as 2015/16 for this period. (An update on budgets for the next financial year can be found on our website - <http://www.fifevoluntaryaction.org.uk/news.asp?id=6870>).

Of the budget allocated to the IJB, the current years spend is sitting at around £483million. The budget for the year was around £475million. This means that there has been around an £8million overspend. The IJB cannot operate with a deficit now, or in the future. Any overspend must therefore be met by Fife Council and/or NHS Fife.

Future Commissioning process

The budget for 2016/17 will be just under £500million. The future commissioning process underpinned by outcome measurement, aims to change how services are designed and delivered.

This is potentially a great opportunity for the third sector, and the group discussed how we prepare for this:

- We need to get to know, understand and influence the expectations of commissioners;
- How FVA can support the sector to deliver high quality outcomes;
- There is the potential risk that the IJB will only wish to commission one large contract (instead of lots of smaller contracts) and that organisations from out with Fife could win contracts, including out with Scotland & UK;
- The potential to work in more and larger partnerships/consortia.

It is widely recognised that current services are high tariff and do not deliver the best possible outcomes; and that there needs to be a shift towards prevention.

Discussion and Q&A

- Review of third sector services;
- Role of link officers;
- Third Sector Strategy Group and FVA working to with Fife Council to vocalise benefits of Fife's third sector;
- Cuts to third sector services, potentially to the benefit of other services or because the sector is seen as 'easy pickings'; and examples of services that have been 'cut';

- Kenny reminded the Forum that organisations can contact FVA for help and support in these situations.
- Shifting towards a preventative spend and how people are using 'high tariff' services so achieving this shift will be a challenge.

Community Empowerment Bill

The Secondary Legislation for the Community Empowerment Act is still to be produced. Once this is published FVA will disseminate this information through our website and locally held workshops. There is a significant focus in the Act to reduce inequality and disadvantage in Scotland.

Key features of the Act include:

- Strengthening of community planning;
 - Public bodies must resource community plans;
 - Refers to Public Services – Not third sector, public sector, private sector;
- Extended community right to buy (not just property also includes public services);
- The move towards localism;
- All reasonable requests must be considered.

Qu & A and Discussion

- It is not yet clear who will sit on 'outcome groups';
- There is a resource implication for dealing with each application;
- Includes all public bodies – police, Fire and transport services (does not include private transport providers);
- A 90 day consultation period will take place once the Act guidance is published;
- Implications for community planning – [local community plans in Fife](#).

Fairer Fife Commission

The Fairer Fife Commission (FFC) was made up of a prestigious and independent group of people tasked with looking at the scale, scope and nature of poverty in Fife.

The FFC have produced a report called '[Fairness Matters](#)' which has over 40 challenging recommendations for the Fife Partnership. This Commission and report is the first of its kind in Scotland, with the report being written and published by an independent body, with the Fife Partnership Board overseeing the work.

Fairness Matters outlines the following definition of fairness: *A Fair Fife is where all residents have the capability to live good lives, make choices and reach their full potential...and where all children are safe, happy and healthy.*

Key features of the FFC and Fairness Matters include:

- Fife has several, levers to deliver change, including substantial budget and staff resources;
- Targets have been set so that Fife aims to be in the top 5 Local Authorities across a range of indicators;
- Two additional recommendations have been added;
 - 41 - More volunteers;
 - 42 - Ways of working together.

A three year action plan is being developed and each recommendation will have an allocated person.

Discussion

- The third sector may be asked to feed into reporting on progress;
- How we will know if the volunteering target has been met – likely measure will be the household survey;
- Capacity of the sector to take on more volunteers;
- Formal and informal volunteering.

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Budget Cuts

The cuts do not relate to Adult Social Care recurring grants ([FVA Budget Cuts Update](#)).

Organisations with a turnover of less than £10,000 will be exempt from the cuts over the next financial year. It is recognised they are less likely to be able to absorb these cuts.

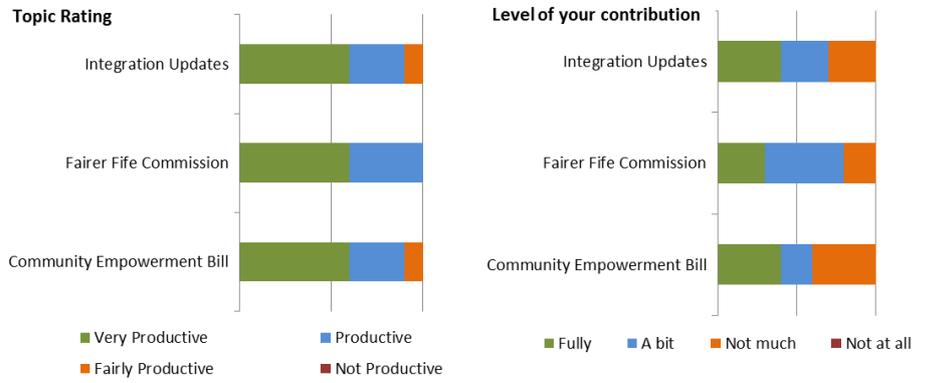
Member Updates

Homeshare Scotland – Have several registered home sharers and house holders but are continuing to work towards a first match. They have had enquiries from across Scotland about the service.

Dunfermline Advocacy – are holding a joint fundraiser with the Pars Foundation which will allow participants to zip-wire across East End Park – [Link](#).

Fife Society for the Blind – are hosting a charity wine tasting event in June at Fife Station Creative in Dunfermline. – [Link](#) to charity golf day.

Feedback



Future Attendance

