

SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

MOTIONS LIST

25 FEBRUARY, 2010

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1.	<p><u>Councillor Kiddie</u></p> <p>“That Aberdeen City Council notes the statutory requirements under the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2003, to provide advocacy services. Council further notes that health authorities have a lead role in exercising responsibility to develop advocacy. Council notes with concern that current proposals contained within the Grampian Advocacy Plan fall short of requirements. Council agrees to refer the matter to the appropriate Committee for detailed consideration.”</p>	5.12.04	<p><u>Community Services Committee</u> <u>1 February 2005</u></p> <p>The Committee agreed to receive a report at its next meeting on the findings of the Mental Health Services Working Group, which would include the issues referred to within the notice of motion.</p>	<p>The Community Services Committee considered an update report on 27 March 2006, providing information on a visit to advocacy services in Edinburgh, advising on progress being made locally, and explaining that work on advocacy services would continue under the guidance of the Mental Health Services Working Group and would form part of a report to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Community Services Committee on 12 September 2006 agreed to receive a further update when the results of the review were known and the updated Grampian Advocacy Plan complete. Following the Commission Review to address the issue of advocacy service, further work is being</p>	To be confirmed	30.01.07	No

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				carried out to address the issue.			
2.	<u>Councillor Kiddie</u> “Aberdeen City Council agrees as a matter of urgency to investigate the circumstances of the withdrawal of advocacy services to people with learning difficulties and if necessary takes steps to ensure that such people receive advocacy services as is their right under the terms of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2003.”	Direct to CSC	<u>Community Services Committee</u> <u>27 March 2007</u> The Committee (1) instructed officers to meet with their counterparts in NHS Grampian and bring back firm proposals, with funding, for the level of advocacy required to the next meeting of the Committee; and (2) instructed officers to investigate the withdrawal of the Cornerstone service and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.	A commissioned review of advocacy services failed to provide the required information on which a decision about the advocacy could be made, further work being undertaken.	To be confirmed	(1) 04.06.07 (2) 04.09.07	No
3.	<u>Motion By Councillor Kiddie</u> “Aberdeen City Council agrees to write to the Scottish Executive and Traffic Commissioners with a view to establishing new legislation and rules to	17.08.05	<u>Environment and Infrastructure 06/09/05</u> That the Corporate Director for Environment and Infrastructure be instructed to consult ATCO and other interested parties, including the Disability Advisory Group, on bus window	A report was submitted to the Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 23 March 2006, by the Head of Planning and Infrastructure. The Committee instructed that the matter be raised with the Disability Rights Commission, and requested	To be confirmed	23.01.07 (will report 30.05.07)	No

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	restrict the way in which advertisements are placed on the windows of local bus service vehicles. The Council agrees that the current practice severely restricts visibility for passengers which can be particularly disconcerting for elderly people, visually impaired people and people with mental health problems”		advertising and submit a further report thereafter to allow the Committee to consider approaching the Scottish Executive and the Traffic Commissioner on the matter.	<p>the Chief Executive to lobby on behalf of the Royal National Institute for the Blind, Grampian Society for the Blind, and the Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland, with a view to seeking legislative change from the Scottish Parliament if there were to be no favourable outcome from the prior approaches.</p> <p>This has been discussed at a number of DAG meetings and our legal team has taken the motion forward to the Disability Rights Commission who have replied saying that they do not consider it a priority and will take no action.</p> <p>However, we do intend to pursue the matter one step further and are writing to the Department for Transport to see if they will take the issue up to a national legislative issue. Failing that, I'll advise Councillor Kiddie that there is nothing more that can be done at</p>			

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				<p>officer level and advise on the political options available through parliament.</p> <p>The response from Department for Transport was received in July 2008 and did not indicate that there was any likelihood of changes coming into effect in the near future. The matter is not being progressed through a petition to the Scottish Parliament through DAG.</p> <p>A report was instructed to the October meeting on 3 September, 2009.</p> <p>The Disability Advisory Group has written to the Department for Transport asking for clarity over the issue and is still awaiting feedback. Also the Group referred the matter to the Scottish Governments Cross Party for Visual Impairments and are still awaiting feedback on the progress they have</p>			

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				<p>undertaken. Finally at its last meeting the Group agreed to write again to First Bus and Stagecoach on this matter to try and progress the issue of introducing audio on buses with all over advertising.</p> <p>At the meeting on 29th October 2009, it was agreed that officers write to Sir Moir Lockheed on the issue.</p> <p>At the meeting on 1st December 2009, the Convener advised that he and David Weymss would be writing to Sir Moir Lockheed on behalf of the Committee and Disability Advisory Group respectively.</p>			
4.	<p><u>Joint Motion by Councillors Kiddie and Leslie</u></p> <p>“Council notes effort to tackle the massive problems of opiate addiction including a heroin programme in</p>	18.11.09	<p><u>Social Care and Wellbeing 01/12/09</u></p> <p>It was agreed that a full background report be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.</p>	The Director in liaison with the Convener agreed that due to the festive holidays, the report would be submitted to the meeting on 25 th February 2010.	To be confirmed	14.01.09 (will report 25.02.10)	No

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	<p>England.</p> <p>To tackle the substantial and increasing problems of substance misuse in Aberdeen, Council agrees to work with and support NHS and other appropriate partners in investigating options for a possible pilot scheme in Aberdeen and to refer the matter ultimately to Government for consideration.</p>						