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WESTERN ISLES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

Barra and Vatersay Community Campus

Report by Chief Officer

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update members with an update on progress associated with the development and delivery of the Barra and Vatersay Community Campus project.

COMPETENCE

2. There are no legal, revenue or HR implications associated with the paper, which is simply for noting.

SUMMARY

3. Following the publication of the Barra and Vatersay Community Campus Feasibility Study Report in October 2019, the Comhairle agreed in November 2019 to pursue an option comprising the integration of health, social care, learning and community facilities in Castlebay within a single community campus.
4. NHS Western Isles followed in December 2019 with a unanimous decision to support this option, specifying the closer adjacency of the Housing with Extra Care unit to the proposed health facilities.
5. The development of the project has, so far, been overseen by the Project Shadow Board and, moving forward in the further development of the project as an integrated community campus, a more comprehensive, detailed and inclusive set of governance and project management arrangements is being established.
6. The IJB's interest in the project is primarily around the service re-design that is facilitated by the new capital asset, providing a much more sympathetic environment for integrated practice to develop. Our aspiration is to see unified locality management arrangements in place and to ensure that we are optimising opportunities for agency-fluid working.
7. Beyond that, much of the original specification that was described in the original St Brendan's redesign programme has been translated to this more ambitious agenda. In broad terms, we are looking at similar healthcare capacity and a like-for-like translation of the extra care housing. It is recognised that a minority of stakeholders continue to question whether extra care housing can support people with dementia. This has already been addressed (they can, since the set-up is able to deliver the same level of care as a residential facility) but we will continue to provide supporting evidence as the work progresses.

RECOMMENDATIONS

8. It is recommended that members of the IJB note the position outlined in this paper.

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