



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR

SOCIAL WORK AND SOCIAL CARE BOARD

Minute of Meeting held in Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Stornoway on Thursday 21
November 2024 at.

PRESENT	Mr John N Macleod (Chair) Mr Iain A MacNeil Mr Iain M Macleod Mr Angus Morrison	Mr Duncan MacInnes MBE Mr Rae Mackenzie Mr George Murray
MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	Mr Paul Steele Mr Gordon Murray	
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE	Mr Malcolm Burr Mr Jack Libby Mrs Emma Macsween Mr Derek Mackay Mrs Marina Macaulay	

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 2 December 2022	1	The Minute of Meeting of 2 December 2022 was approved subject to the deletion of Mr Angus Morrison's and inclusion of Mr Angus McCormack under the list of members in attendance.
Declaration of Interest	2	There were no declarations of interest.

CORPORATE MATTERS

Outcome Delivery Report		The Chief Officer, Partnership Services and Community Care submitted a Report which detailed the half year progress of the 2024/25 Departmental Strategic Priorities for the Health and Social Care Directorate. As well as an update on departmental key areas of strategic risk, progress was also provided on the strategic outcomes and the resources identified to implement the business plan.
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It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.

NATIONAL CARE SERVICE

National Care Service (Scotland) Bill		The Chief Executive submitted a Report which provided an update on the status of the National Care Services (NCS) Bill and associated developments. The Report stated that, on 14 November 2024, the Minister for Social Care, Wellbeing and Sport had announced a pause of the Stage 2 process of the National Care Service Bill and the communication reflecting the decision were detailed at Appendix 1 to the Report. It was indicated that, prior to this announcement, key stakeholders had withdrawn engagement of the NCS Bill and CoLSA had withdrawn shared accountability for the Bill based on its assessment of a lack of progress in addressing the concerns and risk identified by local government. A summary of the CoSLA position was provided at Appendix 2 to the Report.
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It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Chief Social Work
Officer Report
2023/24

The Chief Social Work Officer submitted a Report detailing the Annual Report of the Chief Social Work Officer on the statutory work undertaken during the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, which was appended to the Report and set out the detail of social work and social care activities during the reporting period. It was stated that the Report was a means of reporting on the delivery of social work services for local authority areas, highlighting key activities, developments and challenges.

It was agreed to recommend that the Report be noted.