

HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 2 November 2011 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, B Band, I Campbell, J Flynn, A Gaunt, G Hayton (substituting for D Scott), K Howie, E Maclachlan, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, H Stewart, A Wylie; Mrs E Muir and Mr G Low (substituting for Mrs L Clark) (Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

In attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) L Cameron, C Johnston, S Rankin, K Frew, G Conway, N Robson, C Mailer, C Cairns, J Gilruth, A Taylor, L Brady, and C Crawford (all Housing and Community Care); M Morrison, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Scott and Mrs L Clark (Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 3, 4, 6, and 7, the Vice-Convener for Articles 5, 8, 9 and 10 and confirmed that Item 11 on the original agenda had been withdrawn.

581. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

582. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 31 August 2011 (Arts. 468-474) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

583. PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2016

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/539) seeking approval for Perth and Kinross Local Housing Strategy 2011-16.

Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Local Housing Strategy 2011-16 as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 11/539 and its submission to the Scottish Government be approved.

584. DESIGNATION OF PRESSURED AREA STATUS IN PERTH AND KINROSS (ART. 368/06)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/540) seeking approval to undertake a consultation exercise with key stakeholders with a view to the Council exercising the right to designate all of Perth and Kinross as a 'pressured area' for ten years.

Resolved:

- (i) The 'pressured area' information presented in Appendix 1 to Report 11/540 be noted.
- (ii) A consultation exercise be carried out with key stakeholders regarding the intention to designate the entire area of Perth and Kinross as a pressured area for ten years.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a report to Committee on the outcomes of the consultation exercise by 1 February 2012.

585. AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY WITH KINGDOM HOUSING ASSOCIATION

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/541) seeking approval to provide a rental guarantee to Kingdom Housing Association to enable them to take forward a new development for mid-market rent.

Resolved:

A rental guarantee agreement between the Council and Kingdom Housing Association be approved to enable the delivery of eight homes for mid-market rent on condition that grant funding is made available for the rental guarantee from the Scottish Government.

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***586. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTHLY BMIP PERFORMANCE EXCEPTION REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/559) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011.

Resolved:

- (i) After consideration, the contents of the Housing and Community Care Six Monthly BMIP Performance Exception Report, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 11/559, and pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 11/559 was submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 26 October 2011, and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 30 November 2011 for their interest.

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***587. AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE OF HOUSING AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/542) presenting: (1) the findings of the Audit Scotland audit of Perth and Kinross's housing and council tax benefit risk assessment programme which took place in July 2011; and (2) the performance of the benefit team for the period 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the Audit Scotland's audit of housing benefit and council tax benefit risk assessment report on Perth and Kinross Council Revenues and Benefits Service as set out in Section 3 to Report 11/542 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director, Housing and Community Care, be instructed to report progress on the improvement plan as contained in Appendix 1 to Report 11/542 in six month's time.
- (iii) The Benefits' Team Six Month Performance Report 1 April 2011 to 30 September 2011 as outlined in Appendix 2 to Report 11/542 be noted.
- (iv) It be noted that Report 11/542 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 30 November 2011 for noting and comment as appropriate.

588. REABLEMENT APPROACH TO ADULT CARE SOCIAL WORK CASES (ART. 57)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/543) updating Committee on progress of the implementation of the Reablement Service across Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The Implementation of the Reablement Service was noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Reablement staff were now provided an in reach service within Pitlochry, Blairgowrie and Crieff hospitals.
- (iii) The impact of the Reablement Service on clients, carers and the Council's Care at Home Service, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 11/543, be noted.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to embed Reablement within all Older People's Services and extend the service to other relevant areas in Adult Services.

589. PROMOTING CHOICE AND CONTROL: A MODEL OF SELF DIRECTED SUPPORT FOR THE PEOPLE OF PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/544) outlining progress in developing a self directed support model for engaging with the people of Perth and Kinross to address their social care and support needs. The Committee also heard a presentation by K Frew, Service Manager, Housing and Community Care on Promoting Choice and Control – A Model of Self Directed Support.

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Resolved:

- (i) The proposals for the implementation of a model of Self Directed Support as outlined in Section 4 of Report 11/544 be agreed.
- (ii) The promotion of the relevant cross cutting agenda with other areas of the Council in relation to community capacity building and economic development be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit to Committee an action plan taking account of relevant legislation.

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***590. REPORT ON SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK IMPROVEMENT
SCOTLAND INSPECTIONS (SCSWIS)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/545) advising Committee of the key findings of inspections carried out in Perth and Kinross between August 2010 and July 2011 by Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS).

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 11/545 with regard to SCSWIS inspections be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 11/545 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 30 November 2011 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

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