

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 10 March 2010 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, A Wylie, B Band, B Vaughan (substituting for I Campbell), J Flynn, A Gaunt, K Howie, E Maclachlan, M Roberts, W Robertson, D Scott, C Shiers and H Stewart.

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); H Turley, J Gilruth, B Grigg, P Henderson, K Frew, J Dean, C Crawford, S Rankin and F Low (all Housing and Community Care); A Wilson and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor I Campbell.

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 151, 152 and 155; the Vice-Convener for Articles 153 and 154.

149. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

150. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 3 February 2010 (Arts. 58 - 65) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

151. REPORT ON PROGRESS TOWARDS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEARNING DISABILITY BEST VALUE REVIEW (Art. 617/07)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/142) updating the Committee on the progress of the Implementation Plan, agreed by Committee in October 2007, arising from the Best Value review of Learning Disabilities Services between January 2006 and March 2007.

Members heard a short presentation by Paul Henderson, Service Manager, Learning Disabilities, on the work of the Stepping Stones Theatre Company and the Learning Disability Best Value Review.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress made to date in implementing the recommendations of the Best Value Review, be noted

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- (ii) Proposals for the redesign of Learning Disability Services under the nine key service areas outlined in section 3 of Report 10/142, be agreed.

152. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CHARGING STATEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/143), (1) outlining charging arrangements; and (2) setting out how clients could obtain financial assistance with accommodation-related, care and support charges.

Resolved:

The Charging Statement as outlined in Appendix 1 of Report 10/143, be approved.

153. ADOPTION OF NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA BY HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES, PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/144), (1) providing information on the National Eligibility Criteria; and (2) seeking approval for adoption of the criteria within Housing and Community Care Services.

Resolved:

- (i) The adoption of the National Eligibility Criteria for older people in relation to personal and nursing care, be approved.
- (ii) The adoption of the National Eligibility Criteria across all client group areas within community care services, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to submit a report on the framework to the Scottish Government and CoSLA from 1 April 2010.

154. SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/145), (1) seeking approval for the *Scheme of Assistance* for the repair, improvement and adaptation of private sector properties within Perth and Kinross; and (2) advising that the new provisions, associated with the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, were included in the Local Housing Strategy and required to be implemented by 1 April 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) Perth and Kinross *Scheme of Assistance* attached as an Appendix to report 10/145, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to implement the proposals within the *Scheme of Assistance* from 1 April 2010.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a report on the effectiveness of the assessment and referral process to Committee, in due course.

155. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/146) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director under delegated powers during the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009.

Resolved:

The contents of this report and the contracts awards as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 10/146, be noted.

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