

# HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Buildings, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 19 April 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Hunter, Barrett, Flynn, E Grant, Hayton, Cowan (substituting for Crabbie), Lennie, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson and D Scott and Mrs M Miller and Mrs E Muir.

In Attendance: Councillor MacDonald; D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); D Burke, Depute Director (Community Care); I Gerono, G Fraser, J Dean and G Peters (all Housing and Community Care); A Wilson and V Goldthorp (both Corporate Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Crabbie and Dow.

Councillor Hunter, Convener, Presiding.

## 251. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 252. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 22 February 2006 (Arts. 115-122) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

## 253. IMPLEMENTATION OF SMOKE FREE LEGISLATION (Art. 971/05)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (06/261) providing information on the measures necessary to implement the Smoking, Health and Social Care (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Prohibition of Smoking in Certain Premises (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The anticipated health benefits following the implementation of the legislation be welcomed.
- (ii) The Enforcement Policy Guidance as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/261 be approved, which aimed to share best practice and ensure implementation across Scotland was fair, effective and consistent.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Head of Environmental and Consumer Services to submit a further report to the next meeting of this Committee, in respect of proposals for the hearing of appeals against fixed penalty notices and the administration process for fine payments.

## 254. CHOOSE LIFE FUNDING 2006/2007 (Art. 717/05)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Performance Planning and Management (06/264), providing an update on the implementation of Choose Life Action Plan and the allocation of Choose Life funding for Perth and Kinross initiatives for 2006/2007.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The progress made on the implementation of the Choose Life Local Action Plan and the projects supported for 2006/2007, as detailed in Report 06/264, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that the Health and Wellbeing Partnership had ensured that Partners considered the feasibility of mainstreaming successful activities or securing additional local investment post 2008.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Head of Performance Planning and Management to submit a further report to this Committee in November 2006, outlining further progress on the Local Action Plan, including mainstreaming of projects.

## 255. HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006/2009 (Art. 386/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/271), seeking approval of the Housing and Building Services Business Management and Improvement Plan for the years 2006/2009.

**Resolved:**

The Housing and Building Services Business Management and Improvement Plan for years 2006/09, as appended to Report 06/271, be approved.

**256. SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME: THREE YEAR BUDGET FOR 2005/06, 2006/07 AND 2007/08 (Art. 265/05)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/272), (1) providing an overview of the budget for the Supporting People Programme for 2006/07 and 2007/08; and (2) seeking approval for the broad priorities agreed by the Core Coordination Group for the investment of uncommitted monies.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Supporting People budget for 2006/07 and 2007/08, as detailed in Report 06/272, be approved.
- (ii) The revised grant payments to providers and charges for self-funding tenants as from 1 April 2006 as detailed in Report 06/272, be noted.
- (iii) The broad priorities as detailed in Report 06/272 for utilising surplus recurring monies related to the review of Greyfriars Hostel and the ongoing review of Sheltered Housing, be approved.
- (iv) The broad priorities for utilising non-recurring monies as detailed in Report 06/272 relating to potential investment in assistive technology and time limited housing support services for homeless and community care clients, be approved.
- (v) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to:
  - (a) bring forward specific proposals for spending recurring and non-recurring monies by September 2006; and
  - (b) remit to the Supporting People Core Coordination Group to agree formally specific priorities to be funded.
- (vi) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to:
  - (a) consider the implications of adopting the CoSLA Charging Policy for people in long term housing support services; and
  - (b) submit a further report to this Committee providing recommendations in advance of 1 April 2007.

**257. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN – 2006/2009 (Art. 569/05)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/280), seeking approval of the Business Management and Improvement Plan for Community Care Services 2006 to 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Community Care element of the Business Management and Improvement Plan 2006/09, as appended to Report 06/280, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the Community Safety Committee would be requested to approve the Criminal Justice Service element of the Business Management and Improvement Plan 2006/09, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of Report 06/280.
- (iii) That performance reports during 2006/07 and each subsequent year of the Plan, be presented at the end of each year to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee in the first instance and that the Housing and Health Committee and the Community Safety Committee subsequently receive copies for information.

**258. REVIEW OF STANDARD FEE RATES OF PAYMENT FOR PLACEMENTS IN CARE HOMES FROM 10 APRIL 2006 (Art. 137/05)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/262), recommending the revised standard fee payments for placements in Independent Care Homes from 10 April 2006.

- (i) The Standard Fee Option 2 for the setting of care home fees from 10 April 2006 as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 06/262 be approved, it being in line with the national agreement between CoSLA and Scottish Care and applicable to all clients except people with physical disabilities who would receive a higher fee as detailed in Report 06/262, Proposal 4.2.

- (ii) The cessation of payments of enhancements for small group living and en suite rooms from 10 April 2006, be approved, this being a consequence of the national agreement between CoSLA and Scottish Care on the setting of care home fees as detailed in Report 06/262 proposal 5.2.
- (iii) The authority to agree fee rates in excess of the approved rate continue to be delegated to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) in circumstances where:
  - (a) The placement is in an establishment whose fee levels are set by the host local authority; or
  - (b) The placement is in an establishment whose fee levels are set by the host local authority in terms of the CoSLA agreement; or
  - (c) The levels of disability of the individual concerned are so severe that a specialist establishment is the only appropriate placement possible.

**259. AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPREHENSIVE CHARGING POLICY FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CARE PACKAGES IN PERTH AND KINROSS (Art. 726/04)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/263), (1) recommending amendments to the Non-Residential Charging Policy for Home Care including Home Help Services and Meals on Wheels; and (2) amending charges and implementing CoSLA guidance for Home Care Services with effect from 17 April 2006.

**Resolved:**

- (i) An increase for Home Care Services for financial years 2005/06 and 2006/07 be approved as detailed below:
 

	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
• Home Help -	£8.25 per hour	£8.50 per hour
• Meals on Wheels -	£2.10 per meal	£2.50 per meal*

\*Non-means tested, flat rate charge
- (ii) The introduction of a capital threshold of £20,000 above which clients pay the full cost of service and discontinuation of the maximum charge of £72 per week, as approved in the budget setting process in February 2006, and which would ensure consistency between the residential and non-residential charging policies.
- (iii) The amendments outlined in Report 06/263, proposals 3.4 to 3.7, ensuring continuing compliance with the CoSLA guidance, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) submit a report in August 2006 outlining comprehensive changes to the Non-Residential Charging Policy.