

## 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 1 June 2011 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cameron, C Crawford, J Gilruth, S Rankin, C Cairns, J Beverley, H Thomson and L Ross (all Housing and Community Care); Mr G Low (Tenants' and Residents' Federation); C Flynn and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 276, 277 and 280, the Vice-Convener for Articles 278, 279 and 281.

The Convener paid tribute to the work of the outgoing representatives of the Tenants' and Residents' Federation and welcomed Mrs E Muir, the new Chair of the Federation and Mrs L Clark, the new Vice Chair.

### 274. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 275. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 23 March 2011 (Arts. 157-164) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

### 276. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2011/12 – 2013/14 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/245) seeking approval of the Housing and Community Care Business Management and Improvement Plan for the years 2011/12 – 2013/14 and the Annual Performance Report for 2010/11.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) Following consideration, the contents of the Housing and Community Care Management and Improvement Plan for the years 2011/12 – 2013/14 and the Annual Performance Report for 2010/11 as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 11/245, and pertaining to the Committee's area of responsibility, be approved.

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- (ii) It be noted that Report 11/245 would also be considered by the Community Safety Committee on 8 June 2011, and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 15 June 2011 to scrutinise and comment as appropriate.
- (iii) It be noted that report 11/245 would be published on the Council's website and a summary report be made available for all stakeholders.

**277. CHANGE FUND FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S SERVICES**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/246) outlining the key elements of the joint Change Fund bid submitted by Perth and Kinross Council in conjunction with the local Community Health Partnership, Scottish Care and Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Service.

The Committee heard a presentation by J Gilruth, Housing and Community Care on the Change Fund for Older People's Services.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The purposes of the bid in changing the shape of Health and Social Care Services for older people in Perth and Kinross, be noted.
- (ii) Instruct the Executive Director of Housing and Community Care to submit a further report in 6 months time on the implementation of the Action Plan arising from the successful bid.
- (iii) Instruct the Executive Director, Housing and Community Care, to organise a training session for all Councillors on Timebanking.

**278. JOINT PERTH AND KINROSS STRATEGY FOR ADULT CARERS AND PARENT CARERS 2011-14**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/247) seeking approval for the Joint Perth and Kinross Strategy for Adult Carers and Parent Carers 2011-14.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The Joint Perth and Kinross Strategy for Adult Carers and Parent Carers 2011-14 as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 11/247, be approved.
- (ii) Report 11/247 be referred to the Lifelong Learning Committee for information.
- (iii) Instruct the Executive Director, Housing and Community Care to submit a progress report to Committee based on section 8 of report 11/247 in 12 months time.

**279. PERTH AND KINROSS FUEL POVERTY STATEMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/248) (1) seeking approval for the Perth and Kinross Fuel Poverty Statement; and (2) instructing that a progress report in respect of the Statement be submitted to a future Housing and Health Committee.

**Resolved:**

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- (i) The Perth and Kinross Fuel Poverty Statement as detailed in Appendix 1 to report 11/248, be approved.
- (ii) Instruct the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to submit a progress report on the Statement to a future Committee.

**280. PROPOSED COUNCIL HOUSING NEW BUILD PROGRAMME  
SUBMISSION TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/249) seeking approval for a proposed submission to the Scottish Government's 'Innovation and Investment Fund', for subsidy funding, to support the development of 39 local authority new build affordable units.

**Resolved:**

The proposals to be submitted to the Scottish Government as outlined in Appendix 1 to report 11/249, be approved.

**281. VOID PROPERTY CLEAN AND CLEAR INCENTIVE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/250) outlining (1) proposals to reward tenants for leaving their home in a clean and clear condition; (2) resultant savings on the cost of voids, former tenant arrears and void re-let times; and (3) the Audit Commission's favourable analysis of the benefits of similar schemes in other authorities.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposals outlined in Section 3 of report 11/250, be approved.
- (ii) Instruct the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to submit a progress report in 12 months time.

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