

# 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 17 October 2007 at 3.00pm.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, A Wylie, B Band, M Barnacle, I Campbell, J Coburn, J Flynn, A Gaunt, G Hayton (substituting for Councillor W Robertson), E Maclachlan, M Roberts, H Stewart and B Vaughan (substituting for Councillor Shiers) and Mrs M Miller.

In Attendance: D Roberts (Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)), D Burke (Depute Director Housing and Community Care)), L Cameron, J Dean and P Henderson (all Housing and Community Care); G Taylor and V Jones (both Chief Executive's).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors W Robertson and C Shiers; and Mrs E Muir.

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

## 615. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 616. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 22 August 2007 was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

## 617. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR SERVICE REDESIGN OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICE WITHIN PERTH AND KINROSS (Art. 303/07)

Jim Dean, Head of Community Care, made a presentation to the Committee on the Implementation Plan 2007-2010. He reported that the Best Value review had been carried out between January 2006 to March 2007 and was based on consultation with users and carers; and that needs and priorities had been defined and captured under nine headings reflecting their expectations and aspirations.

Thereafter there was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/665), setting out the details of the Implementation Plan 2007-2010.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Implementation Plan for the service redesign of the Learning Disability Service within Perth and Kinross as detailed in Report 07/665 be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the terms of Report 07/665 had been approved by the Modernising Governance Member Officer Working Group on 16 October 2007 for its interest.

## 618. PROPOSED RENEWAL OF TWO BLOCK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS FOR ADULTS WITH SEVERE LEARNING DISABILITIES (Art. 270/05 )

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/666), recommending (1) the contract between Perth and Kinross Council and Gowrie Care, for the provision of residential and integrated day care for four adults with learning disabilities, be renewed for a period of three years; and (2) the contract between Perth and Kinross Council and Sense Scotland, for the provision of residential and integrated day care for four adults with learning disabilities, be renewed for a period of three years.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contract in place between Perth and Kinross Council and Gowrie Care at Burnside Court, Alyth for the provision of residential and integrated day care for four adults with learning disabilities, be further extended for a period of three years expiring on 12 November 2010.
- (ii) The contract in place between Perth and Kinross Council and Sense Scotland at Muirmont Place, Bridge of Earn for the provision of integrated day care for four adults with learning disabilities, be further extended for a period of three years, expiring on 12 November 2010.

**619. CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION DALWEEM CARE HOME FOR OLDER PEOPLE, ABERFELDY – SUPPORT SERVICE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/667), (1) advising of the key findings of an unannounced inspection by the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (the Care Commission) of the support service managed at Dalweem Care Home for Older People, Aberfeldy; and (2) highlighting the main points for action.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 07/667, be noted.
- (ii) The considerable efforts of staff at the Home be commended.

**620. MEAL VENNEL, PERTH CITY & OLD MILL ROAD, RATTRAY - TEMPORARY REMOVAL OF PROPERTIES FROM HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT PROPERTY LIST (Art. 743/06)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/668), (1) summarising the current situation regarding the condition of properties in Meal Vennel, Perth City and Old Mill Road, Rattray; and (2) seeking approval to remove properties from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) rental accounts.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The proposed programme of work as detailed in Report 07/668 in respect of Meal Vennel, Perth (Even no's evens 4 – 38 inclusive), be approved in principle.
- (ii) The temporary removal of properties at Meal Vennel from the HRA rental account (Even no's 4 - 38) as detailed in report 07/668, be approved.
- (iii) The temporary removal of properties at Old Mill Road, Rattray from the HRA rental account (Even no's 1, 5, 9, 10, 11, 15 and odd no's 21 – 27 inclusive) as detailed in report 07/668, be approved.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to submit progress reports on the developments at Meal Vennel, Perth and Old Mill Road, Rattray to future meetings of the Committee.

**621. IRRECOVERABLE & VOID RENTS FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2006/07**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/669) seeking approval to write-off, in accounting terms, void and irrecoverable rents during the financial year 2006/07 and charge to the cumulative provision for bad debts for the Housing Revenue Account and General Fund respectively.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 07/669, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be authorised to write off the sums detailed in Appendix 1 to report 07/669 and incorporate these sums within the final accounts for 2007/2008.