

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 31 August 2011 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care) L Cameron, L McCurrach, S Rankin, C Mailer, S Cochrane, A Crichton and N Robson (all Housing and Community Care); and A Taylor (Education and Children's Services) M Morrison, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apology for Absence: Councillor D Scott

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

Prior to the commencement of business the Committee viewed a short DVD advertisement for Adult Protection Services.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 468, 469 and 471-473 the Vice-Convener for Articles 470 and 474.

468. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

469. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 1 June 2011 (Arts 274-281) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

470. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE – EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2011-2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/435) seeking approval for the Housing and Community Care Employability Network Development Plan 2011-2014, which aims to provide improved, intensive and individualised employability services to help people with additional challenges into paid work, volunteering positions, further education and vocational skills training.

Resolved:

The Housing and Community Care Employability Network Development Plan 2011-2014, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 11/435, be approved.

471. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2009-2012 PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/436) advising Committee of: (1) progress made towards achieving the objectives of the Perth and Kinross Homelessness Strategy 2009-2012; and (2) the Scottish Government's directive to phase out 'priority need' so that by 2012 all Local Authorities will accept a statutory re-housing duty towards all unintentionally homeless applicants in its area.

Resolved;

The contents of the Homelessness Strategy 2009-2012 Progress Report attached as Appendix 1 to Report 11/436, be noted.

472. IMPROVEMENTS TO HOMELESS SERVICES FOLLOWING RE-INSPECTION BY THE SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULATOR

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/437) advising Committee on progress against the areas identified for improvement by the Scottish Housing Regulator following its inspection of homeless services in June 2010.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 11/437 and the improvements made since the re-inspection of the homeless service in June 2010, be noted.

473. USE OF COUNCIL TAX TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/438) making recommendations on the use of Council Tax Income Second Homes Earmarked to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing.

Resolved:

- (i) The recommendations outlined in Section 5 of Report 11/438 be reflected in the Revenue Budget 2011-12 – Monitoring Report being submitted to the meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 14 September 2011.
- (ii) The update of previous recommendations for use of Second Homes Earmarked Reserve and the current projected balances in the account, be noted.

474. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (11/439) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded by the

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Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) under delegated powers during the period 1 September 2010 to 31 March 2011.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 11/439, and the contracts awarded as detailed in Appendix 1, be noted.

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