

## 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 13 May 2009 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, A Wylie, B Band, I Campbell, J Law (substituting for K Howie), E Maclachlan, M Roberts, W Robertson, D Scott, C Shiers, H Stewart and W Wilson (substituting for Councillor A Gaunt); Mrs P Fyfe and Mrs E Muir (substituting for Mr A Boyd) (both Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

In Attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Dean, H Turley, L Cameron, L Ross, M Dow, S Burt, L Potter, C Worrall and D Mitchell (all Housing and Community Care); A Wilson and S Hendry (both Chief Executive's Service); J Walker (The Environment Service); M Morrison (Corporate Services); Mr A Boyd and Mr M Henry (both Tenants' and Residents' Federation); Councillor A MacLean (Highland Council).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Flynn, A Gaunt and K Howie.

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

### 241. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 242. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 4 March 2009 (Arts. 138-145) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

### 243. REVIEW OF HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/229) asking Members to consider a draft Housing Allocations Policy, based on a banding scheme of priorities in place of a previous points based approach, and including a number of recommendations to change or introduce other policy factors.

Prior to Members' discussion of the report, a presentation was made by M Dow, Housing and Community Care, summarising the proposed changes to the Council's Housing Allocations Policy.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The policy changes proposed within the draft policy, as detailed in Report 09/229 and Appendix 1, be approved to enable the new scheme to be launched in September 2009.

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- (ii) The proposals for a wide ranging consultation exercise on the new proposals, as detailed in Report 09/229 and due to begin in May 2009, be approved.
- (iii) It be noted that the final policy would be submitted to the Housing and Health Committee for approval on 19 August 2009.

**244. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2008/2009**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/230), providing details of performance against Housing and Community Care Business Management and Improvement Plan targets for the year ending 31 March 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) After consideration, the contents of the Annual Performance Report of Housing and Community Care 2008/2009, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 09/230, and pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that the Annual Performance Report would be published on the Council's website, with a summary report made available for all stakeholders.
- (iii) It be noted that the Annual Performance Report would also be submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 27 May 2009 for consideration in relation to matters pertaining to that Committee's areas of responsibilities, and to the Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2009, to scrutinise and comment as appropriate.

**245. COUNCIL HOUSING NEW BUILD PROGRAMME**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/231) outlining the Council's agreed proposals with the Scottish Government for the development of a local authority new-build affordable housing programme.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The outcome of the successful bid, as detailed in Report 09/231, be welcomed.
- (ii) The Council's intention to build twenty-six affordable houses, as detailed within Report 09/231, be confirmed.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to implement the possible adjustments to the funding package as detailed within section 5.1 of Report 09/231.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit regular six-monthly reports to this Committee on the progress of the new-build affordable housing programme.

**246. PERTH AND KINROSS TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' FEDERATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2008/2009 AND BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2009/2010**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/232) requesting approval for financial assistance for the Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation for the year 2009/2010.

**Resolved:**

- (i) Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation's Annual Report for 2008/2009 and Business Plan for 2009/2010, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 09/232, be noted.
- (ii) Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation be awarded a grant of up to £61,875 for financial year 2009/2010, to be paid quarterly in advance, and less the amount of any under-spend for the year 2008/2009.
- (iii) It be noted that funding bids would continue to be submitted in the future prior to each relevant financial year, or as soon as possible thereafter.

**247. REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS WITH PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/233) updating the Committee on changes to the Older People's Partnership between the Community Health Partnership and Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Community Care Services, and outlining a wider strategic partnership which came into place on 1 April 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 09/233 be noted, namely that (1) the current arrangements for jointly managing older people's services between the Community Health Partnership and Perth and Kinross Council Housing and Community Care Services ceased as of 1 April 2009; and (2) a new, wider partnership will be established covering a broad range of services, as detailed in the proposals within Section 3 of Report 09/233.
- (ii) It be noted that this report would also be submitted to the Perth and Kinross Strategic Health Partnership.

**248. PROGRESS REPORT – COMMUNITY WARDENS SERVICES – MUIRTON/NORTH MUIRTON, PERTH AND RATTRAY, BLAIRGOWRIE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (09/234) outlining the progress of the new Community Warden Service from September 2008 to January 2009.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 09/234, and the success to date of the Community Warden Service, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to provide a further progress report to this Committee in six months.

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