

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 3 November 2010 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cameron, C Crawford, L Robinson, L Brady, J Gilruth and S Rankin (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn, S Hendry and S Watson (all Chief Executive's Service); K Price (Education and Children's Services); L McLaughlin (Perth and Kinross Alcohol and Drug Partnership).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors A Wylie, J Flynn, K Howie and D Scott; Mrs E Muir.

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

590. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

591. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 25 August 2010 (Arts. 437-442) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

592. PERTH AND KINROSS ADULT PROTECTION COMMITTEE BI-ENNIAL REPORT 2008-2010

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the agenda.

593. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/545) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2010 to 30 September 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) Following consideration, the contents of the Housing and Community Care Six Monthly Performance Report for the period 1 April 2010 to 30 September

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2010, attached as Appendix 1 to Report 10/545, and pertaining to the Committee's area of responsibility, be accepted.

- (ii) It be noted that Report 10/545 had also been considered by the Community Safety Committee on 27 October 2010, and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 1 December 2010 to scrutinise and comment as appropriate.

594. RECHARGEABLE REPAIRS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/554) outlining and seeking approval for the Rechargeable Repairs Policy and Procedure, to be fully implemented within the Housing Repairs and Improvements Service following a trial period to implement new improved processes.

Resolved:

The implementation of the Rechargeable Repairs Policy and Procedure, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 10/554, be approved.

595. REPORT ON CARE COMMISSION INSPECTIONS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/555) advising the Committee of the key findings of seventeen Care Commission Inspections carried out across fifteen establishments between March 2009 and July 2010.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 10/555 be noted with regards to Care Commission Inspections.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 10/555 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 1 December 2010 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

596. WAR PENSION DISREGARDS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/556) recommending Council approval that "Service Attributable Pensions" were fully disregarded by staff when assessing Housing Benefit and Council Tax claims under the Council's current Local Discretion Scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) It be approved that 'Service Attributable Pensions' be fully disregarded by staff when assessing and calculating Housing Benefit.
- (ii) It be approved that 'Service Attributable Pensions' be fully disregarded by staff when assessing and calculating Council Tax benefit.

597. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/557) 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 January 2010 to 31 August 2010.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 10/557, and the contracts awarded as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

598. PERTH AND KINROSS ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP CONSULTATION DOCUMENT '12 POINT PLEDGE'

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/553) advising the Committee on the Perth and Kinross Alcohol and Drug Partnership's draft consultation, 'The 12 Point Pledge', and seeking endorsement.

Resolved:

- (i) Following consideration, the Perth and Kinross Alcohol and Drug Partnership's draft consultation document, 'The 12 Point Pledge', be endorsed.
- (ii) It noted that the draft consultation document had also been considered by the Community Safety Committee on 27 October 2010.

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