

# 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 21 November 2007 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, A Wylie, B Band, M Barnacle, I Campbell, A Gaunt, E Maclachlan, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers and H Stewart and Mrs M Miller and Mrs P Fyffe (substituting for Mrs E Muir)

In Attendance: Councillor B Vaughan; D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); D Burke, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cameron, H Turley, M Morrison, H Thomson and N Robson (all Housing and Community Care); A Wilson and V Jones (both Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Coburn and J Flynn; and Mrs E Muir.

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

## 707. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

## 708. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 17 October 2007 (Art. 615-621) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

## 709. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN

Norma Robson, Research and Development Manager, Housing and Community Care, made a presentation to the Committee on the Strategic Housing and Investment Plan. She advised on the guidance received from Communities Scotland regarding the new requirement on Local Authorities to produce Strategic Housing Investment Plans which enhanced the strategic enabling role of Local Authorities and explained how the resources available would be utilised to meet the objectives of the Local Housing Strategy.

Thereafter there was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/780) seeking approval: (1) of the Strategic Housing Plan; and (2) for the submission of the Plan to Communities Scotland by the end of November 2007.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The content of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan as detailed in the appendix to Report 07/780, be noted.
- (ii) That a further report detailing the need for affordable housing as assessed through a Local Housing Needs Assessment would be reported to a future Housing and Health Committee at the conclusion of a Needs Assessment.
- (iii) The first Strategic Housing Investment Plan for Perth and Kinross as detailed in the appendix to Report 07/780, be submitted to Communities Scotland by the end of November 2007.

## 710. PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SERVICE CHARGES FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION FOR HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/781) recommending changes to service charges for furniture and support services being delivered in dispersed accommodation for homeless households and individuals.

### **Resolved:**

The implementation of the changes to service charges as detailed in Report 07/781 being levied in respect of temporary accommodation as of 5 November 2007, be approved.

#### **711. CARE COMMISSION INSPECTION – PARKDALE DAY CARE SERVICES**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/782): (1) advising of the key findings of the Care Commission Inspection of the Day Care Service within Parkdale, a Perth and Kinross Council care home for older people in Auchterarder; and (2) highlighting the main points for action.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 07/782 be noted, in particular: (a) the areas of strength; (b) the recommendations made by the Care Commission; and (c) the action undertaken by the Service following the Inspection.
- (ii) The considerable efforts of staff at the home be commended.

#### **712. SERVICE SIX MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (07/783) reviewing the Housing, Community Care and Criminal Justice Services Business Management and Improvement Plan for the period 1 April 2007 to 31 September 2007.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The six monthly performance review for Housing, Community Care and Criminal Justice Services as detailed in the appendix to Report 07/783, be approved.
- (ii) Note that this report be submitted to Standards and Scrutiny on 5 December 2007 for consideration.

**IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973**

#### **713. 0.153 HECTARE OF GROUND AT ANGUS COURT, PERTH – PROPOSED DISPOSAL**

There was submitted a report by the Head of Property (07/784) seeking approval for the disposal of 0.153 Hectares of ground at Angus Court, Perth to Fairfield Housing Co-operative Ltd.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The ground extending to 0.153 hectares at Angus Court, Perth, be declared surplus to requirements.
- (ii) Note that this report be submitted to the Property Sub-Committee for authorisation to dispose of the ground to the named housing association on terms and conditions set out in Report 07/784 and otherwise to the satisfaction of the Head of Property and Head of Legal Services.