

HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Council Chambers, Fourth Floor, Council Building, 2 High Street, Perth on Wednesday 13 April 2005 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Barrett, Crabbie, Doig (substituting for D Scott), Flynn, Hayton, Hunter, Lennie, MacLellan, Mulheron, Robertson, Stewart (substituting for Councillor Dow), Miller (substituting for Councillor Culliven) and Mr D Harding and Mrs M Miller.

In Attendance: V Goldthorp and A Wilson (both Corporate Services), M Underwood (Chief Executive's); G Henderson, I Gerono, K Heller, A McGonigle and C Crawford (all Housing and Community Care).

Apology for absence: Councillors Culliven, Dow and Scott.

Councillor Hunter, Presiding

The Convenor informed the Committee that Dermot Harding was retiring on health grounds and he expressed sincere thanks and gratitude for his valid contributions, which was echoed by members.

263. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

264. MINUTES

The Minutes of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 23 February 2005 (Arts. 131-137) were submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

265. SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME: THREE YEAR BUDGET FOR 2005-06, 2006-07 AND 2007-08

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/212) providing the Committee with an overview of the three year budget for the Supporting People programme from 2005-06 onwards and confirming the actions agreed by the Core Co-ordination Group in relation to the administration of the programme.

Resolved:

- (i) The position in relation to Supporting People funding for the next three years, following the Executive's budget allocation in December 2004 and completion of the Council's Financial Review of provider costs, be noted.
- (ii) The three year budget as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 05/212 be approved.
- (iii) The priorities for Supporting People development as detailed in Paragraph 4.1 of Report 05/212 be approved.
- (iv) The Schedule of provider payments for 2005-06 as detailed in Appendix 2 to Report 05/212 be approved.
- (v) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to monitor and review payments as required, with an overall focus on efficiency and value for money.

266. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION BUDGET 2005-06

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/213) advising the Committee of the monies available from the Scottish Executive for the implementation of the Homelessness Strategy in Perth and Kinross in 2005-06 and seeking approval for the budget.

Resolved:

- (i) The Homelessness Strategy Implementation Budget for 2005-06 be approved.
- (ii) It be remitted to the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to monitor and review the budget in the light of changing requirements during 2005-06.

267. TERM MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICE AND REPAIRS OF DOMESTIC GAS FIRED APPLIANCES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/214) proposing to award a two year extension to the term of the Maintenance Contract for Servicing and Repair of Domestic Gas Fired Appliances.

Resolved:

- (i) A two year extension on the existing Term Maintenance Contract for the Service and Repairs of Domestic Gas Fired Appliances be agreed.

268. COMPOSITE CAPITAL BUDGET BIDS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/215) outlining the spending proposals for Community Care Services as part of the composite Capital Programme for the three years 2005-2006, 2006-2007 and 2007-2008.

Resolved:

- (i) The Community Care Composite Capital Budget Bids be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to implement the necessary procedures and processes to ensure these proposals are progressed, and to bring forward further detailed reports in due course.

269. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT – COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing & Community Care) (05/216) advising the Committee of an improvement agenda for Community Care and the proposed Assessment and Care Management Review to ensure that the improvement agenda can be delivered with high quality staff who can be recruited and retained.

Resolved:

- (i) Approval of the overall framework of activity within Report 05/216 to ensure implementation of the continuous improvement agenda.
- (ii) The proposed Management Review of Assessment and Care Management as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 05/216 for Social Work staff within Community Care Services, be approved.
- (iii) The re-establishment of the title of Social Worker effective from the date of Committee be approved and implemented.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be instructed to consult with staff and Unions on these proposals.

270. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF BLOCK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS AT BRIDGE OF EARN AND ALYTH FOR ADULTS WITH SEVERE LEARNING DISABILITIES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/217) recommending that certain contracts in place, for the provision of residential and integrated day care for adults with severe and/or profound learning disabilities, be extended for a period of two years.

Resolved:

- (i) The contract in place since 11 November 2002 with Sense Scotland for the provision of residential and integrated day care, for four adults at Muirmont Place, Bridge of Earn be extended for a period of two years from 11 November 2005 until the formal end of the contract period.
- (ii) The contract in place since 11 November 2002 with Gowrie Care at Alyth for the provision of residential and integrated day care for four adults be extended for a period of two years from 11 November 2005 until the formal end of the contract period.
- (iii) Funding for these contracts as set out in paragraph 5 of Report 05/217 be approved.

271. REVISED COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/218) describing the requirement for Housing and Community Care to adopt a revised Statutory

Complaints Procedure in terms of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, and the Social Work (Representation Procedure) (Scotland) Order 1996.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised Complaints Procedure for Housing and Community Care be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to implement this procedure with immediate effect.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) submit Report 05/218 to the Standards and Scrutiny Committee for noting on 27 April 2005.