

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 28 September 2005 at 2.00 pm.

Present: Councillors Barrett, Coburn (substituting for Councillor E Grant), Crabbie, Culliven (substituting for Councillor Miller), Dow, Flynn, Hayton, Hunter, Lennie, MacLellan, Mulheron, Robertson and D Scott and Mrs M Miller and Mrs E Muir.

In Attendance: : D Roberts, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); D Burke, Depute Director (Community Care); I Geronzo, G Fraser, C Crawford and M Morrison (all Housing and Community Care); J Dean, M Underwood and F MacKay (all Performance Planning and Management); A Wilson and V Goldthorp (both Corporate Services).

Apologies for absence: Councillors Miller and E Grant.

Councillor Hunter, Presiding.

706. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

707. MINUTES

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 17 August 2005 (Arts. 565-572) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

708. PROPOSED EXTENSION OF BLOCK CONTRACT ARRANGEMENTS (Art. 31(b) /03)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/641) recommending extensions to contracts currently in place between Perth and Kinross Council and voluntary sector providers.

Resolved:

- (i) The contract in place since 1 April 2003 with Gowrie Care at Airlie View, Alyth, for provision of residential and integrated day care for four adults with severe/profound learning disabilities be extended for the possible two year extension period until 31 March 2008.
- (ii) The contract in place since October 2000 with the Scottish Association for Mental Health (SAMH), Glenfarg Terrace, Perth for the provision of residential support and rehabilitation to five adults with severe/enduring mental health problems be extended until 31 March 2008.

709. REVIEW OF COMMUNITY CARE SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS (Art. 364/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Services) (05/642) seeking approval for undertaking a full review of all Community Care Service Level Agreements with voluntary organisations.

Resolved:

The process as detailed in report 05/642, for undertaking a full review of all Community Care Service Level Agreements with voluntary organisations, be approved.

710. PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF DOUBLE DYKES TRAVELLING PERSONS SITE (Art. 571/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/643) seeking approval for a bid to the Scottish Executive, for monies from the new Gypsy/Travellers funding for the replacement of amenity units at the Double Dykes site.

Resolved:

- (i) Submission of a bid to the Scottish Executive for funds to demolish and replace the amenity units at Double Dykes with new 'twin chalets' as detailed in report 05/643 be approved.
- (ii) Seek funding from the Council's Composite Capital Budget for an appropriate contribution to the project as detailed in report 05/643.

711. PROPOSED HRA INVESTMENT PLAN 2005/06 TO 2007/08 (Art. 134/05)

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/644) seeking approval of the revised HRA Investment Programme for 2005/06 to 2007/08. Appendices to the report were tabled at the meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised Housing Investment Programme for 2005/06 to 2007/08 as set out in report 05/644 be approved.
- (ii) The adjustments to the 2005/06 Capital Budget as detailed in report 05/644 be approved.

712. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY MEDIATION SERVICE (Art. 410/03)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/645) (1) providing information on the progress of the Perth and Kinross Community Mediation Service to the end of August 2005 and (2) seeking approval for the continued funding of the service during the financial years 2006-2009. The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) advised members of his revised recommendations and members were furnished with Appendices 1 and 2 of Report 05/645.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress in the development of the Perth and Kinross Community Mediation Service be noted.
- (ii) To refer the budget pressures identified in Report 05/645, for consideration as part of the Council's Budget Review process for 2006/07 and 2007/08.
- (iii) Details of the mediation service and the proposed funding arrangements be reported to the Community Safety Committee on 19 October 2005.

713. STATEMENT OF PROGRESS OF PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL ANTI-SOCIAL INVESTIGATIONS TEAM AND COMMUNITY WARDENS (Art. 35/03)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/646) outlining the services provided by the Perth and Kinross Council Anti-Social Investigations Team including the Community Warden Service from June 2004 until June 2005.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of report 05/646 be noted.
- (ii) The progress of Anti-Social Investigations Team including the Warden Service be reviewed on an annual basis.
- (iii) Report 05/646 be submitted to the Community Safety Committee for its interest on 19 October 2005.

714. FERGUSON PARK, RATTRAY – UPDATE ON AFFORDABLE WARMTH PROPOSALS (Art. 719/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/647) regarding the Affordable Warmth Scheme in Ferguson Park, Rattray, (1) advising that the scheme detailed in Report 04/546 and approved by the Housing and Health Committee on 13 October 2004, had been found to be financially non-viable; and (2) proposing that it be deferred until financial year 2006/07, pending further investigation of financially viable alternatives.

Resolved:

- (i) The present proposal for 'Delivering Affordable Warmth to Ferguson Park, Rattray' be deferred until financial year 2006/07 or later.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) investigate financially viable alternatives and submit a further report to the Housing and Health Committee.

715. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2004/2005 HOUSING AND BUILDING SERVICES (Art. 641/05)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/648) providing details of performance for the year ending 31 March 2005 as it related to the Housing and Building Services Division of Housing and Community Care.

Resolved:

- (i) The Annual Performance Report 05/648 of the Housing and Building Services Division of Housing and Community Care be approved.
- (ii) The actual performance compared to the detailed performance indicators and targets outlined in the Action Plan Objectives, included in the Annual Performance Report 05/648, be noted.
- (iii) The Annual Performance Report 05/648 be published on the Council's website and a summary report be made publicly available.

716. ROOF RENEWAL, EXTERNAL INSULATION AND REPAIRS TO 49 BLACKBURN AND CRUDEN HOUSES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNCIL AREA (Art. 728/04)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (05/649) detailing the tenders received for roof renewals, external insulation and repairs to a total of 49 Blackburn and Cruden Houses, which, for various reasons, had been reduced to 18 Cruden Style Houses throughout Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The amended tender amounting to £222,626.28 for the re-roofing of 18, and the insulation of three, Cruden type houses, negotiated with Messrs Clachan Construction Ltd, who submitted the lowest tender for the joint Blackburn/Cruden house type roof renewals and insulation project, be approved.
- (ii) The project affecting the Blackburn house types be entirely reviewed and retendered on a basis to provide for the decanting of tenants during the period to include removal and replacement of the existing roofs.

717. CHOOSE LIFE: A NATIONAL STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN TO PREVENT SUICIDE IN SCOTLAND (Art. 257/04)

There was submitted a report by the Head of Performance Planning and Management (05/650) providing an update on the implementation of the Choose Life Action Plan and on the development of local initiatives seeking to prevent suicide in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress on the implementation of the Choose Life Local Action Plan and the projects supported for 2005/2006 be noted.
- (ii) The Head of Performance Planning and Management submit a further report in August 2006 outlining further Local Implementation Action Plan project developments.