

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 25 August 2010 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, H Turley, L Cameron C Crawford, S Rankin, J Walker (all Housing and Community Care); A Wilson and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 439 and 441; the Vice-Convener for Articles 440 and 442.

437. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct, Councillor A Gaunt declared a non-financial interest in Article 442.

438. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 19 May 2010 (Arts. 283-291) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

439. COUNCIL HOUSING NEW BUILD PROGRAMME – UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/416) outlining the Council's proposals, agreed by the Scottish Government, for the development of a local authority new build affordable housing programme.

Resolved:

- (i) Approval by Scottish Government for a possible adjustment to Phase 3 of the Council's Housing New Build Programme as detailed in Paragraph 3.5 of report 10/416 be noted.
- (ii) Perth and Kinross Council's intention to build eighty-one affordable houses, as detailed in report 10/416 be confirmed.

440. LOCAL HOUSING COLLABORATIVE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/417) detailing (1) the potential benefits of synergies in the local social housing sector through collaborative working; (2) the potential benefits, for

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service users and residents, of common standards for housing management and repairs; efficiencies gained through shared services; and (3) the delivery of more affordable housing in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The principles of collaborative working be approved.
- (ii) Collaborative work with Registered Social Landlord partners to identify common agreed goals and outcomes for customers be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) is instructed to submit further reports on progress at an appropriate date.

441. PERTH AND KINROSS TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' FEDERATION INTERIM BUSINESS PLAN 2010/11

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/418), seeking approval for the Council to conduct a Best Value Review of the Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation ('The Federation') during which time funding would temporarily cease for the year 2010-11.

Resolved:

- (i) Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation be subject to an independent Best Value Review be approved.
- (ii) It be approved that the Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation retain its current balance of funds of £41,921. However, a freeze on spending, other than essential day to day expenses, will be implemented and any expenses will be subject to approval by nominated Council staff until the Best Value Review is completed.
- (iii) The Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation should not recruit an additional administration worker until the Best Value Review has been undertaken be approved.
- (iv) The Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation to return £7,000 from their current reserves, which has been identified as surplus to their projected budget, to Perth and Kinross Council be approved.

442. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CHARGING STATEMENT AMENDMENT – SHELTERED HOUSING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (10/420), seeking approval for an amendment to sheltered housing support services charging as incorporated in the Housing and Community Care Services Charging Statement.

Resolved:

An amendment to the Charging Statement, as set out in section 3 and appendix 1 of report 10/420, be approved.

The Convener congratulated John Gilruth on his appointment to the post of Head of Community Care for a period of six months

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