

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 22 November 2006 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors Hunter, Barrett, Crabbie, E Grant, Hayton, Lennie, MacLellan, Miller, Mulheron, Robertson and Scott; Mrs Miller and Mrs Muir.

In Attendance: D Roberts (Executive Director (Housing and Community Care)); Ian Gerono, B Grigg, L Cameron (all Housing and Community Care); K Wilson, J Cockburn (both Property Services); F Mackay (Chief Executive's); A Wilson and V Goldthorp (both Corporate Services).

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Dow and Flynn; and D Burke.

Councillor Hunter, Convener, Presiding.

739. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

740. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

(i) Minute of Meeting of 27 September 2006

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 27 September 2006 (Arts. 612-619) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

(ii) Minute of Special Meeting of 18 October 2006

The Minute of the Special Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 18 October 2006 (Arts. 651-652) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

741. MULTI-AGENCY INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN TAYSIDE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/809) advising of the Multi-Agency Inspection of Services for Older People in Tayside being undertaken by the Social Work Inspection Agency, Quality Improvement Scotland and the Care Commission.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 06/809 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to report back to Committee when the final Inspection Report had been published.

742. SERVICE PROPERTY ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN - COMMUNITY CARE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/810) providing details of the Service Property Asset Management Plan for Community Care.

Resolved:

- (i) The Service Property Asset Management Plan for Community Care, as detailed in Appendix A to Report 06/810, be approved.
- (ii) In conjunction with the Corporate Asset Management Team, an Action Plan be developed, taking forward the proposals detailed in the Service Property Asset Management Plan for Community Care, and progress be reported regularly to this Committee.

743. OPTIONS FOR FUTURE OF EXISTING COUNCIL HOUSING AT OLD MILL ROAD, RATTRAY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/811) (1) providing a summary of an Option Appraisal which considered alternatives for the future of existing houses at Old Mill Road, Rattray; (2) recommending that a local lettings initiative be undertaken to establish the optimum number of properties to be retained and improved; and (3) making proposals for surplus properties and land.

Resolved:

- (i) The outcome of the Option Appraisal, as detailed in Report 06/811, regarding the future of Old Mill Road, Rattray be noted and approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to undertake a local lettings initiative to establish the level of any sustainable demand for improved properties let by the Council at Old Mill Road, Rattray.
- (iii) It be agreed in principle to dispose of any surplus properties and land identified in this exercise to private developers, which might include Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) or a consortium including RSLs.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to procure proposals for the improvement of surplus properties, the redevelopment of land and improvements to the general environment of Old Mill Road, Rattray, and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

744. PERTH AND KINROSS JOINT HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006-2009

There was submitted a report by the Head of Business Change and Improvement (06/819) introducing the implementation of the Perth and Kinross Joint Health Improvement Plan 2006-2009, as appended to the report.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Joint Health Improvement Plan for 2006-2009, be approved, as the key strategic driver for health improvement activity in all Council Services.
- (ii) That Council Services address inequalities in health through service planning and delivery.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to provide the Housing and Health Committee with regular updates on progress in implementing the Joint Health Improvement Plan.

745. REVISED HRA INVESTMENT PLAN 2006/07 - 2008/09 (Art. 119)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/812) seeking approval of the revised HRA Investment Plan.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised Housing Investment Programme for 2006/07 to 2008/09, as detailed in Appendix A to Report 06/812, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be authorised to adjust the 2006/07 Capital Budget, as detailed in Report 06/812.
- (iii) The procurement of the phased demolition of Muirton, prior to resale to developers at cleared site value, be approved.

746. REVIEW OF SHELTERED HOUSING: POLICY STATEMENT ON HOUSING AND HOUSING SUPPORT OPTIONS FOR OLDER PEOPLE IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/820) seeking approval of the Policy Statement which followed an extensive review of sheltered housing in Perth and Kinross, undertaken in conjunction within the Supporting People Framework.

Resolved:

- (i) The Policy Statement on Housing and Housing Support Options for Older People in Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 to Report 06/820, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that the Sheltered Housing Review and the individual Supporting People Reviews were near completion and had been approved by the Supporting People Core Coordination Group at its meeting in September 2006.

- (iii) It be noted that the implementation of the Policy would be progressed over the next 18 months through (1) the Improvement Plan for the Perth and Kinross Sheltered Housing Service; and (2) the Telecare Programme targeted at 1200 users.
- (iv) Consultation on the longer term aspects of the Policy be progressed through (1) new Community Care Planning arrangements; (2) the Local Housing Strategy; and (3) Supporting People Framework.

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

747. TENDER REPORT - CONVERSION OF OFFICES TO 2 ONE BEDROOMED FLATS AND REFURBISHMENT OF 1 TWO BEDROOMED EXISTING FLAT AT 25 SCOTT STREET, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (06/813) providing detailed tender submissions for converting office accommodation into 2 one bedroomed flats and internal refurbishment to 1 existing two bedroomed flat at 25 Scott Street, Perth.

Resolved:

The lowest tender submitted, by Messrs Meldrum Construction (Perth) Ltd, as detailed in Report 06/813, be approved.