

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 15 August 2012 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors D Doogan, K Howie, H Anderson, P Barrett, I Campbell, D Cuthbert, J Flynn, T Gray (substituting for E Maclachlan), D Melloy, W Robertson, H Stewart, G Walker and M Williamson.

In attendance: Councillor M Roberts; D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cameron, G Conway, N Copland, J Cruickshank, J Gilruth, P Henderson, J Mayglotling, L McCurrach, S Rankin, N Robson and A Taylor (all Housing and Community Care); B Nicoll and I Smillie (both Perth and Kinross Alcohol and Drug Partnership); K Sanger (Parent Representative); S Rattray, S Watson, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Apologies: Councillor E Maclachlan; Mrs L Clark and Mrs E Muir (Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 361, 362, 365, 366 and 367, the Vice-Convener for Articles 363 and 364.

359. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

360. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 6 June 2012 (Arts. 231-238) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

361. JOINT STRATEGY FOR LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICES 2012-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/334) seeking approval for the Joint Strategy for Learning Disability Services 2012-2015 outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 12/334.

The Committee heard a presentation by Paul Henderson, Service Manager, Perth and Kinross Council and K Sanger, Parent Representative on the Joint Learning Disability and Autism Strategy 2012-2015.

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Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Strategy for Learning Disability Services 2012-2015 as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 12/334 be approved.
- (ii) The adoption of a local co-production model of joint leadership as outlined in Section 3 of Report 12/334 be endorsed.
- (iii) The adoption of an Integrated Resource Framework approach as outlined in Section 3 of Report 12/334 be approved.

362. ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP (ADP) STRATEGY 2012-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/335) presenting the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Strategy for 2012-2015, which outlined the priorities and actions needed to address the current and anticipated challenges of alcohol and drug misuse in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The Action Plan as outlined in the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy for 2012-2015 be endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director, Housing and Community Care be instructed to submit regular progress reports on the Action Plan to future Committees.

363. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE (COMPLAINTS REPORT) CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/336) outlining: (1) complaints received between April 2011 and March 2012 across Housing and Community Care; (2) the number of informal complaints received; (3) examples of feedback from customer satisfaction surveys; and (4) actions required to improve services.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 12/336 and the impact that feedback from complaints on improving services be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 12/336 would be submitted to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 19 September 2012 to scrutinise and comment as appropriate.

364. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN AND STRATEGIC LOCAL PROGRAMME 2012-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/337) (1) seeking approval for the Perth and Kinross Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan and Strategic Local Programme 2012-15; (2) setting out affordable housing investment priorities 2012-15; and (3) detailing specific projects which it is proposed will be developed during 2012-15.

Resolved:

The Strategic Housing Investment Plan and Strategic Local Programme as detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 respectively to Report 12/337 be approved.

365. USE OF COUNCIL TAX TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/338) making recommendations on the use of Council Tax Reserves to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing.

Resolved:

The recommendations outlined in Section 3 of Report 12/338 be reflected in the Revenue Budget 2012-13 – Monitoring Report being submitted to the next meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 19 September 2012.

366. THE FUTURE OF RIGHT TO BUY IN SCOTLAND

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/339) seeking approval for a proposed response on the Scottish Government's Right to Buy consultation as set out in Appendix 1.

Resolved:

The response to the Scottish Government's Right to Buy consultation as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 12/339 be approved.

367. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/340) detailing the tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director, Housing and Community Care under delegated powers since the last report to Committee and up to 30 June 2012.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 12/340 and the contracts awarded as detailed in Appendix 1 be noted.

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