

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 13 March 2013 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); C Barnett, S Burt, L Cameron, L Cooper, K Frew, J Gilruth, F Low, C Mailer, S Rankin, L Ross, H Thomson, and A Taylor (all Housing and Community Care); K McNamara (Environment Service); S Rattray, S Watson, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Arts. 148-152, 157 and 158, the Vice-Convener for Arts. 153-156.

146. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

147. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 6 February 2013 (Arts. 69-77/13) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

148. VALEDICTORY

The Convener referred to the retiral of K Frew, Service Manager after 31 years of local government service and paid tribute to the dedicated service Kathleen had given to local government and wished her well for a long and happy retirement.

149. PROMOTING CHOICE AND CONTROL: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL CARE (SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT) (SCOTLAND) ACT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/112) (1) summarising preparation for the implementation of the first phase of Self-Directed Support; and (2) the change required to the initially proposed model to better manage financial viability.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/112 be noted.

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- (ii) The establishment of a culture of choice and control for people using Social Care services in Perth and Kinross, as outlined in Report 13/112, be noted and supported.
- (iii) The commencement of the first phase of Self-Directed Support in December 2012 as outlined in Report 13/112 be noted.
- (iv) The change to a model which does not use a Resource Allocation System be noted.
- (v) The use of funding allocated by the Scottish Government, as outlined in Report 13/112, be approved.

K FREW LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

150. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/113) setting out: (1) a proposed Contributions Policy; and (2) changes to the charging regime required to meet the income target of £300,000, in a full year from 2014/15, approved by Council on 14 February 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) Implementation of the Contributions Policy for Non-Residential Care Services from 1 June 2013, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 13/113 be approved.
- (ii) Introduction of annual billing, wherever possible, with the preferred payment option being 4 weekly instalments payable by Direct Debit unless alternative payment arrangements are agreed in advance, be approved.
- (iii) Transitional arrangements as set out in section 3.11 of Report 13/113 be approved.

151. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CHARGING STATEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/114) outlining: (1) the annual revision of the Housing and Community Care Services Charging Statement; (2) the charging arrangements; and (3) how clients can obtain financial assistance with accommodation-related care and support charges.

Resolved:

- (i) The Charging Statement, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/114, be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that the Charging Statement will form part of a suite of guidance following the introduction of a Contributions Policy for non residential care services in June 2013, which will supersede sections 4.3 and 13 of Appendix 1, once implemented.

152. CONSULTATION DRAFT JOINT COMMISSIONING STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/115) seeking approval for a draft Perth and Kinross Joint Commissioning Strategy 2013/14 – 2015/16 prior to consultation.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft Perth and Kinross Joint Commissioning Strategy 2013/14 – 2015/16 as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/115, be approved.
- (ii) Instruct the Executive Director, Housing and Community Care to submit the final Perth and Kinross Joint Commissioning Strategy to a future Housing and Health Committee for consideration.

153. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES STRATEGY 2012-13

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/116) (1) reviewing progress of the Neighbourhood Services Strategy; and (2) identifying areas for continued work.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress in implementing the Neighbourhood Services Strategy be noted.
- (ii) Remits the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to continue to develop the strategy actions during 2013-14, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/116.

154. PROGRESS REPORT ON PERTH AND KINROSS TENANT PARTICIPATION STRATEGY 2010-13

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/117) providing an update on progress with the Perth and Kinross Tenant Participation Strategy.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress in implementing the action plan of the Perth and Kinross Tenant Participation Strategy be noted.
- (ii) Positive feedback received from the Scottish Housing Regulator, during their inquiry visit in December 2012, be noted.
- (iii) Actions to review the Tenant Participation Strategy for 2014 -17, as outlined in Report 13/117, be approved.

155. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/118) providing an update on implementation of the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

Resolved:

- (i) The range of indicators set by the Scottish Housing Regulator to help them monitor landlords' achievement of the Charter outcomes and standards be noted.
- (ii) Activities to support implementation of the Scottish Social Housing Charter and the activities of the short life Steering Group to develop the Council's scrutiny approach be noted.
- (iii) The Scrutiny Framework proposal, as outlined in Appendix 1 to report 13/118, be approved in principle.

156. PERTH AND KINROSS HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2013-2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/119) (1) providing an update on progress in the delivery of the Homeless Strategy 2009–2012; and (2) seeking approval for the Perth and Kinross Homelessness Strategy 2013-14.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Homelessness Strategy 2013-14, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/119 be approved.
- (ii) Progress and achievements made in relation to the delivery of homeless services throughout the previous strategy 2009 – 2012 be noted.

157. SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/120) (1) setting out the findings of the Sheltered Housing Review; and (2) recommending proposals for the re-design of sheltered housing across Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the Sheltered Housing Review be noted.
- (ii) The recommendations of the Sheltered Housing Review, as set out in Sections 4 and 6 of Report 13/120, be approved.
- (iii) The qualifying criteria for Perth and Kinross Council sheltered, retirement and amenity housing be approved.

158. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and the Executive Director (Environment) (13/122) seeking approval to establish a Social Enterprise at Westbank Depot, Perth with a formal commencement date of 1 June 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed to establish a social enterprise, operated by the Shaw Trust, at Westbank Depot, Perth.
- (ii) The social enterprise to be operated, for an initial two year period, by a service level agreement between the Shaw Trust and Perth and Kinross Council be agreed.
- (iii) Arrangements for site leasing, staffing, service level agreements and operational arrangements as detailed in Report 13/122 be agreed.
- (iv) It be agreed that the Social Enterprise Management Board monitor the activity, service delivery and employability outcomes for the enterprise and report monthly to the Executive Director of Housing and Community Care and the Executive Director, the Environment Service.
- (v) The submission of a report to the Property Sub Committee seeking formal approval for the lease of the site to the Shaw Trust be agreed.

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