

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 14 August 2013 at 2.00pm.

Present: Councillors D Doogan, K Howie, H Anderson, P Barrett, I Campbell, D Cuthbert, J Flynn, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, W Robertson, M Roberts (substituting for 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); J Beverley, S Burt, L Cameron, L Cooper, M Dow, J Gilruth, S Rankin, R Sharp and A Taylor (all Housing and Community Care); S Rattray, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also in attendance: G Gilling, (NHS Tayside).

Apology for Absence: Councillor H Stewart.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 471, 472, 473, 474 and 475; the Vice-Convener for Articles 467, 468, 469 and 470.

465. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

466. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 29 May 2013 (Arts. 308-315) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

467. HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION UPDATE

There was submitted report by the Executive Director, Housing and Community Care (13/374) providing an update on: (1) progress in relation to Health and Social Care Integration; and (2) preparations for the implementation of the provisions contained within the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress made to date in terms of Health and Social Care Integration be noted.
- (ii) Instruct the Executive Director, Housing and Community Care to submit further reports to Housing and Health Committee in terms of planning for the implementation of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill .

468. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY – REVIEW OF PROGRESS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/375) providing an update on work to cost and implement the Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2015.

Members also heard a presentation on the Action Plan by John Gilruth, Head of Community Care, Perth and Kinross Council and Grace Gilling, Strategic Planning and Development Manager, NHS Tayside.

Resolved:

- (i) The detailed Action Plan appended as Appendix 1 to Report 13/375 be agreed.
- (ii) Progress to date as outlined in Report 13/375 be noted.
- (iii) Budgetary proposals included in Report 13/375 be noted.

G GILLING LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

469. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN AND STRATEGIC LOCAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – 2017/18

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/376) seeking approval for the Perth and Kinross Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) and Strategic Local Programme (SLP) 2013/14 - 2017/18.

Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2013/14 - 2017/18, as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/376, and the Strategic Local Programme 2013/14 - 2017/18, as outlined in Appendix 2 to Report 13/376 be approved.

470. USE OF COUNCIL TAX RESERVE TO DELIVER AFFORDABLE HOUSING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/377) outlining recommendations on the use of Council Tax Reserves to facilitate the delivery of affordable housing.

Resolved:

- (i) The contribution to be made from Council Tax Reserves to the development of additional affordable housing by Caledonia Housing Association and the Council be noted.
- (ii) It be recommend that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the use of Council Tax Reserves as set out in Table 1 of Report 13/377.
- (iii) It be recommended that the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee approve the proposed use of Council Tax Income on Second Homes to provide additional affordable housing, within the funding framework available from the Scottish Government, as set out in Table 1 of Report 13/377.

471. ESTABLISHING A FOODBANK IN PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/378) advising Committee of the development of a Foodbank within Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

Instruct the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to investigate alternative options for a permanent location for the Foodbank and submit recommendations, detailing associated costs, to a future Housing and Health Committee.

472. LOCAL LETTINGS PLAN (LLP): OLD MILL ROAD, RATTRAY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/379) seeking approval of the proposed Local Lettings Plan (LLP) for Old Mill Road, Rattray.

Resolved:

The Local Lettings Plan, which aims to ensure the future sustainability of Old Mill Road and the local community as outlined in Report 13/379, be approved.

473. GARAGE SITES AND LOCK UPS INTERIM REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/380) (1) providing an update on the Review of Lock-Ups and Garage Sites; and (2) seeking approval for consultation, and implementation of outcomes, with local tenants, residents and elected members.

Resolved:

- (i) The current position on the Review of Lock-Ups and Garage Sites as outlined in Report 13/380 be noted.
- (ii) Consultation with relevant stakeholders and implementation of outcomes as outlined in Report 13/380 be approved.
- (ii) Request the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to submit a report on progress to a future Housing and Health Committee.

474. HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKS – NORTH MUIRTON, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/381) providing an update on: (1) progress on the Council's plans to deliver home energy efficiency improvements; and (2) plans to carry out insulation works to houses in the North Muirton area of Perth.

Resolved:

- (i) Actions to secure Energy Company Obligation (ECO) funding subsidies from SSE plc and the acceptance of their offer to carry out insulation works to 389 timber framed Council houses in North Muirton, Perth as outlined in Report 13/381 be noted.

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- (ii) Funding of £1,216,881 received from the Scottish Government's new Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland – Area Based Schemes, which will also be used to assist private owners and private landlords to participate in local energy efficiency programmes, be noted.
- (iii) Instruct the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to report progress with Green Deal Programmes to future meetings of the Housing and Health Committee.

475. TENDERS ACCEPTED AND WORKS AWARDED UNDER DELEGATED POWERS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/382) detailing tenders accepted and works awarded by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) under delegated powers during the period 1 January 2013 – 30 June 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 13/382 and the contracts awarded as detailed in Appendix 1 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that in future, the reporting of tenders awarded will be undertaken by the Corporate Procurement Manager in a single consolidated report for all Council Services (including Housing and Community Care) to the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, as recommended by the Head of Legal Services.

476. NEW APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the Housing and Health Committee, the Convener congratulated John Walker on his recent appointment as the new Executive Director of Housing and Community Care.

477. VALEDICTORY

The Convener reported that Stephen Rankin, Planning and Commissioning Manager would be leaving the Council to take up a new post and paid tribute to the substantial contribution Stephen had made to services across the Council and the positive impact his work had made in Housing and Community Care. The Committee wished him well in his new career.

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