

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 6 November 2013 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: Councillor B Vaughan, J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cameron, J Gilruth, S Hynd, C Mailer, J Mayglothling, G Peters, S Rankin, N Robson, K Sharp, A Taylor, H Thomson and M Weir (all Housing and Community Care); J Frawley, S Rattray, S Watson, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service); E Muir and M Grant (Tenant's and Resident's Representatives).

Apologies: Councillors E Maclachlan and M Williamson.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Arts. 632, 633, 634 and 635 and the Vice-Convener for Arts. 627, 628, 629, 630 and 631.

624. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting and apologies/substitutes were noted as above.

625. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

626. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 9 August 2013 (Arts. 465-477) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

627. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION PATHFINDER BOARD

(i) Minute of Meeting

The minute of meeting of the Perth And Kinross Community Planning Partnership – Health And Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board of 9 August 2013 was submitted and noted.

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(ii) Verbal Update by Executive Lead Officer

J Walker, Executive Director, Housing and Community Care provided a verbal update on the work of the Pathfinder Board to date, including the proposed draft joint commissioning plan to address demographic changes.

Resolved:

The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to organise a presentation on current issues relating to demographic change, including delayed discharge, to a future meeting of the Housing and Health Committee.

628. REPORT ON SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK IMPROVEMENT SCOTLAND INSPECTIONS (SCSWIS)

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/511) outlining the key findings of the seventeen inspections carried out in Perth and Kinross between February 2012 and August 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of Report 13/511 be noted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/511 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

629. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/512) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Community Care BMIP, 1 April 2013 to 30 September 2013, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 13/512, and pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/512 would be submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 4 December 2013, and to the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 27 November 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

630. PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2011-2016 PROGRESS REPORT 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/513) providing information on the progress of the Perth and Kinross Local Housing Strategy 2011-2016.

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Resolved:

- (i) The content of Report 13/513 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit progress reports on Local Housing Strategy to future meetings of the Housing and Health Committee.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit an update on initiatives to address under-occupancy to the next meeting of the Housing and Health Committee.

631. PERTH AND KINROSS FUEL POVERTY STATEMENT 2011-2016 – PROGRESS REPORT 2013

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/514) highlighting progress in implementing the Perth and Kinross Fuel Poverty Statement 2011-2016.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Fuel Poverty Statement 2011-2016 and Progress Report 2013 as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/514 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit progress reports on the Fuel Poverty Statement to future meetings of the Housing and Health Committee.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to organise an awareness session for all elected members on fuel poverty initiatives.

632. POLICY FOR CURRENT RENT ARREARS AND FORMER TENANT RENT ARREARS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/515) seeking approval for a revised policy on the management of rent arrears.

Resolved:

The revised Current Rent Arrears and Former Tenant Policy as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/515 be approved.

633. PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF KNOWEHEAD HOUSE, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/516) seeking approval: (1) to declare surplus to requirements the Council (Housing Revenue Account) owned property at Knowehead House, Dundee Road, Perth; and (2) to remit the task of disposing of the property to the Head of Planning and Regeneration.

Resolved:

- (i) It be agreed to declare Knowehead House surplus to requirements upon the last tenant vacating the property.

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- (ii) The requirement to apply for Ministerial consent for the disposal of the property be noted and that a tenant consultation, as part of the process, be approved.
- (iii) It be remitted to the Head of Planning and Regeneration to dispose of Knowehead House as outlined in Report 13/516.

634. REVIEW AND UPDATE OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SOCIAL WORK COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/517) presenting an updated Social Work Complaints Procedure, which takes into account the principles introduced in the model Complaints Handling Procedure by the Scottish Public Service Ombudsman (SPSO) in April 2013.

Resolved:

- (i) The updated Social Works Complaints Procedure as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 13/517 be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 13/517 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 27 November 2013 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

635. SOCIAL CARE COMMISSIONED SERVICES – CONTRACT VALUES AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (13/518) (1) outlining the contract values and monitoring arrangements for social care services commissioned by Housing and Community Care for 2013 -14; and (2) noting the importance of joint strategic commissioning as a means of determining future priorities for purchasing care and support services.

Resolved:

- (i) The Housing and Community Care commissioning activities and expenditure as outlined in Appendices 1-3 of Report 13/518 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a report on contacts for 2014/15 to the meeting of the Housing and Health Committee in June 2014.

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