

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL
HOUSING & HEALTH COMMITTEE
9 MARCH 2016

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Minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Assembly Hall, North Inch Community Campus, Gowans Terrace, Perth on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 10.05am.

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

In attendance: J Walker, Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate & Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer; J Gilruth, Director (Housing and Community Care); B Atkinson, Director (Social Work); S Burt, L Cameron, S Coyle, P Henderson (up to and including Art. 215), L Millard (up to and including Art. 215), N Robson and K Sharp (all Housing and Community Care); J Carney (The Environment Service); C Flynn and H Rheinallt (both Corporate and Democratic Services); R Jamieson, Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services (up to and including Art. 215).

Also in attendance: B Middleton and D Wilkie, Tenants Representatives.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors K Howie and D Melloy.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

211. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

212. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

213. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 27 January 2016 (Arts. 43-54) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

214. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

There was submitted and noted a briefing note by the Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate and Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer (16/116), providing the Committee with a brief overview of the business conducted at the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board meeting held on 15 January 2016.

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215. PERTH AND KINROSS JOINT STRATEGY FOR ADULT CARERS 2015 - 2018

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (16/117), (1) reporting on the progress of actions contained within the Joint Strategy for Adult Carers (2015-2018), and (2) updating the Committee on the recent amendments to carer legislation including the Carer (Scotland) Bill and its potential impact on future support provided to carers. Members heard a presentation by P Henderson and L Millard, Perth and Kinross Council, and R Jamieson, Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services.

Resolved:

- (i) The delivery of actions from the Joint Strategy for Adult Carers (2015-2018), as detailed in Report 16/117, be noted.
- (ii) The development of the action plan and the progress made towards improving the lives of carers in Perth and Kinross, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/117, be noted.
- (iii) The Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring a further progress report on the action plan to the Housing and Health Committee in twelve months' time, including an update on any changes and implementation of carer legislation.

P HENDERSON, L MILLARD AND R JAMIESON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

216. SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL CARE (SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2013

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (16/118), updating the Committee on the work currently being undertaken in relation to the three identified outcomes for the implementation of self-directed support.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 16/118 be noted.
- (ii) The continued implementation of the plan to support the integrated delivery of personalisation and self-directed support in Perth and Kinross, as part of the Scottish Government and COSLA's 10-year strategy for self-directed support and wider health and social care integration agenda, be agreed.
- (iii) The Director (Housing and Community Care) be requested to submit an annual report updating the Housing and Health Committee on progress with the implementation of self-directed support.

217. INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MODEL FOR DALWEEM CARE HOME, ABERFELDY

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (16/119), advising the Committee of progress towards development of an Integrated Health and Social Care facility within the current Dalweem Care Home in Aberfeldy.

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Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 16/119 be noted.
- (ii) The Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate and Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer be instructed to provide a further report on progress to the Housing and Health Committee in November 2016.

218. RESTRUCTURING OF COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (16/120), updating the Committee on progress with the Council's Rent Restructuring Project, and seeking approval for a new modernised rent charging structure for Perth and Kinross Council's 7,415 properties. Members heard a presentation by C Mailer and M Dow, Perth and Kinross Council.

Resolved:

- (i) The new rent structure Model 2, as outlined in Section 3 of Report 16/120, be approved.
- (ii) The Director (Housing and Community Care) be requested to provide a further report to the Housing and Health Committee in August 2016 seeking approval for the best way of moving from the current to the new rent structure model.

219. TRANSFER OF LAND AT THE FORMER GLEBE SITE AND BIRCHWOOD HOUSE SCONE FOR NEW BUILD HOUSING

There was submitted a joint report by the Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate and Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer and the Director (Environment) (16/106) seeking authority for the transfer of two sites to the Housing Revenue Account to enable new build housing in the future.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that Report 16/106 had been approved by the Property Sub-Committee of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 2 March 2016.
- (ii) The transfer of the site of the former Glebe School to the Housing Revenue Account at the market value of £1m be approved.
- (iii) It be approved that any uplift in the receipt from the transfer of the site of the former Glebe School, due to an increase in value arising from changes in housing tenure at the site, accrue to the Investment in Learning programme.
- (iv) The transfer of the site of the former Birchwood House to the Housing Revenue Account at the net market value of £130,000, be approved.

220. PERTH AND KINROSS TENANT PARTICIPATION STRATEGY 2014-17 PROGRESS REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (16/121) (1) updating the Committee on implementation of the Tenant Participation Strategy and achievement of the Scottish Social Housing Charter Participation Outcome 3, and (2) asking the Committee to approve the prioritisation of tenant participation activities and resources to continue supporting the Rent Restructure Review, and take forward new engagement activities with tenants to support digital inclusion and tenant sustainability.

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Resolved:

- (i) The very good progress in achieving the Tenant Participation Strategy aims, and the Scottish Social Housing Charter Participation Outcome 3, be noted.
- (ii) The prioritisation of tenant participation activities and resources to continue supporting the Rent Restructure Review and Estate Based Initiatives in 2016/17, and the progression of new engagement activities to support Digital Inclusion and tenancy sustainment, be approved.

221. VALEDICTORY

The Convener reported that John Gilruth, Director (Housing and Community Care) was attending his last meeting of the Committee and was shortly to retire from the Council. He paid tribute to John's long and distinguished career in local government over the past 36 years. In particular with regard to the Housing and Health Committee he paid tribute to John's leading role on key adult care initiatives, mental health, health and social care integration and relationships with Perth and Kinross Association of Voluntary Services and other local groups. On behalf of the Committee he wished John well in his retirement. John Gilruth replied in appropriate terms.

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