

HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 4 November 2015 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: J Walker, Depute Chief Executive (Corporate & Community Development Services and Chief Operating Officer); J Gilruth, Director (Housing and Community Care); A Taylor, L Cameron, N Robson, C Hendry, S Rankin, F Lambie, J Beverley, C Mailer and L Cameron (all Housing and Community Care); L Gowans, C Flynn and Y Oliver (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in attendance: C Stewart and D Wilkie, Tenants Representatives.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors J Flynn, E Maclachlan and D Melloy.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussions for Arts. 695-699 and 703-706 and the Vice Convener for Arts. 700-702.

695. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

Prior to the commencement of business:

Syrian Refugee Crisis

Following a request from the Convener of the Housing and Health Committee for an update regarding the support and commitment being offered by Perth and Kinross Council in the aftermath of the Syrian Refugee Crisis, the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) advised the Committee that, in accordance with the UK's Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme, Perth and Kinross would be welcoming a total of 5 families to the area.

He further advised that, with the help of a Multi-Agency Working Group, including Housing Support Officers and MEAD (Minority Ethnic Access Development Project) 3 families (14 people including 9 children) have already settled in to the area with 2 more families (11 people including 5 children) arriving before Christmas. MEAD has appointed a part-time worker to help the families integrate into the community and have issued a list of items required.

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Members noted that information was available on the Council's website advising how communities could get involved.

696. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

697. MINUTE

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 26 August 2015 (Arts. 518-528) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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

**(i) Minute of meeting of the Health and Social Care Integration
Pathfinder Board of 3 July 2015**

The minute of the meeting of 3 July 2015 was submitted and noted.

**(ii) Update on the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder
Board**

There was submitted and noted a briefing note by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (15/517) providing a brief overview of the content and progress associated with the updated Health and Social Care Integration (H&SCI) Action Plan presented to the final meeting of the H&SCI Pathfinder Board on 18 September 2015 and incorporating further progress made in recent weeks.

It was noted that the first meeting of the formally constituted Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board will take place on 6 November 2015.

**699. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE
SUMMARY 2015**

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (15/447) reviewing the performance of Housing and Community Care against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015.

Resolved

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Community Care BMIP, 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/447, pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be noted.

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- (ii) It be noted that report 15/447 was submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 28 October 2015, and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- (iii) The Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) be instructed to bring forward a report on SDS (self-directed support) to the meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 9 March 2016.

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

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/518) advising the Committee of the key findings of inspections carried out by the Care Inspectorate in Perth and Kinross between September 2014 and August 2015.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/518 with regard to Care Inspectorate Inspections, be noted;
- (ii) It be noted that Report 15/518 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

**701. SOCIAL ENTERPRISE WESTBANK – FIRST YEAR REVIEW AND
COMMENTARY UPON EMPLOYABILITY FUNCTION**

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Director (Environment) and the Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/519) (1) providing details of the progress made in establishing a Social Enterprise at the Westbank Site, Perth, as a partnership exercise between Perth and Kinross Council and the Shaw Trust; (2) reviewing the achievements made in the first year of the Enterprise's operation; and (3) outlining future plans for activities at the site.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made in year 1, both in the establishment and subsequent delivery of the Westbank Enterprises' social enterprise, be noted;
- (ii) The future actions proposed in Section 3 of Report 15/519, be approved.
- (iii) The Director (Environment) and the Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit further reports to the relevant Committee(s) with recommendations arising from the workshop which took place on 17 February 2015.

702. PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE – COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Members heard a presentation by J Gilruth, Director (Housing and Community Care), who, following the presentation, answered Members' questions.

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (15/520) (1) providing details of progress on the proposed developments and priorities for Community Care Services for the next three years; and (2) outlining the vision, key considerations and activities to ensure

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that Community Care Services are in a position to adapt to the challenges of public sector reform, new legislation and ongoing financial and demand-led pressures.

Resolved:

- (i) The future strategy for Community Care Services for 2015-2018, be endorsed;
- (ii) The mutual dependency between Health and Social Care Services at locality level, be noted;
- (iii) The Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report in six months' time to the Housing and Health Committee.

703. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE COMPLAINS AND CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/521) (1) summarising the housing and community care complaints received between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2015, detailing which of these were dealt with at Stage 1 and Stage 2; and (2) providing examples of feedback from customer satisfaction surveys and actions taken to improve services as a result of customer feedback.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/521, be noted;
- (ii) It be noted that Report 15/521 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 2 December 2015 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

704. STRATEGIC LOCAL PROGRAMME 2015/16 – 2019/20

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (15/522) (1) outlining modifications to the Perth and Kinross Strategic Local Programme (SLP) 2015/16 - 2019/20; and (2) seeking the Committee's approval of the revised Strategic Local Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/522.

Resolved:

- (i) The adjustments to the Strategic Local Programme made during the year, as outlined in Report 15/522, be noted;
- (ii) The revised Strategic Local Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 15/522, be approved.

705. UPDATED COMMON REPAIRS POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/523) seeking approval for amendments to the Council's Common Repairs Policy, as detailed in Report 15/523.

Resolved:

The amendments to the Council's Common Repairs Policy, as outlined in Section 2 of Report 15/523, be approved:

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706. REFURBISHMENT OF SHOPS AT 99-119 DUNKELD ROAD, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/524) providing an update on the progress made in refurbishing the shops at 99-119 Dunkeld Road, Perth as part of the wider regeneration of Muirton.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 15/524 and the significant planning progress achieved to date, be noted;
- (ii) The Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a report to a future meeting of the Housing and Health Committee, on completion of the project.

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