

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 June 2012 at 11.00am.

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, M Williamson; Mrs L Clark and Mrs E Muir (Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

In attendance: Councillors B Band, M Roberts, A Stewart and B Vaughan (up to and including); D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cooper, S Coyle, J Cruickshank, A Ferguson, K Frew, C Mailer, S Rankin, L Ross, and A Taylor (all Housing and Community Care); J Jarvie, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 4, 7, and 8, the Vice-Convener for Articles 5, and 6.

231. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

232. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 14 March 2012 (Arts. 120-129) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

233. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE EXECUTIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

The Convener reported on the need to appoint five members of the Committee to the Executive Sub Committee.

Resolved:

Councillors D Doogan, K Howie, I Campbell, J Flynn and P Barrett be appointed to the Executive Sub Committee.

***234. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2012/12 – 2014/15 AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011/12**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care (12/222) seeking approval of the Housing and Community Care Business Management and Improvement Plan for the years 2012/13 – 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report for 2011/12.

COUNCILLOR B BAND LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Motion (Councillors D Doogan and E MacLachlan)

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2012-2015 and Annual Performance Report 2011-2012 for Housing and Community Care pertaining to the Housing and Health Committee's area of responsibility, as appended to Report 12/222, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 12/222 would be considered by the Community Safety Committee on 13 June 2012 and also the Scrutiny Committee on 20 June 2012 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 12/222 would be published on the Council's website and a summary report would be made available for all stakeholders.

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and W Wilson)

The recommendations in Report 12/222 be approved, subject to the addition of sickness absence and a sickness action plan as a standing item on the Housing and Health Agenda.

Amendment – 3 votes

Motion – 10 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

235. SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care (12/223) informing the Committee of: (1) the Scottish Social Housing Charter; and (2) the activities planned in preparation for the Charter's implementation in 2013/14.

A TAYLOR LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

The Committee heard a presentation by L Cooper, Housing and Community Care on the Scottish Social Housing Charter.

Resolved:

- (i) Preparations being made for the implementation of the Scottish Social Housing Charter in 2013/14 as outlined in Section 5 of Report 12/233 be noted.
- (ii) The Scottish Social Housing Charter Implementation Plan as outlined in Section 5 of Report 12/233 be approved.
- (iii) The continuing leadership role for elected members in supporting tenants and residents to be part of the agreement and scrutiny of local performance measures and participating in new self evaluation processes be noted.

COUNCILLORS B VAUGHAN AND A STEWART LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

236. UNIVERSAL HOME INSULATION SCHEME – PROGRESS UPDATE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/224) (1) detailing the progress achieved in the delivery of the Scottish Government's Universal Home Insulation Scheme within Perth and Kinross; and (2) highlighting information about the next phase of the scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) The progress achieved in delivering the Universal Home Insulation Scheme be noted.
- (ii) The award of £675,000 in grant funding from the Scottish Government to continue the scheme during 2012/13 be noted.
- (iii) Members in the Strathtay, Strathearn and Kinross areas be encouraged to participate in the promotion of the scheme in their wards.

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

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/225) outlining (i) the progress made in preparation for the personalisation of Community Care services in Perth and Kinross; (ii) the use of transition funding in developing the necessary infrastructure to support the change; and (iii) the model of delivery and indicative timescales for implementation and evaluation.

COUNCILLOR W ROBERTSON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

Resolved:

- (i) The content of Report 12/225 be noted.
- (ii) The four options for Self-Directed Support outlined in Section 2.4 of Report 12/225 be supported.
- (iii) The Executive Director, Housing and Community Care be instructed to submit an Implementation Plan, including agreed actions on the use of funding, in conjunction with Education and Children's Services (ECS) to a future Committee.
- (iv) The Executive Director, Housing and Community Care be instructed to progress the required activity, committing resources to recruitment as necessary.

238. DISPOSAL OF LAND TO ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY GARDENS AND ALLOTMENTS ON SITES IDENTIFIED IN KINGSWELL TERRACE, LETHAM AND THE SITE OF THE FORMER TULLOCH BOWLING GREEN

There was submitted a joint report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) and the Executive Director (Environment) (12/226) seeking approval for the disposal of surplus land by lease to local community groups, to enable the development of community gardens and allotments at sites identified in Kingswell Terrace, Letham and Tulloch Bowling Green.

Resolved:

- (i) The disposal of surplus land at Kingswell Terrace, Letham, by lease to Letham Climate Challenge, subject to Ministerial consent being obtained, be agreed.
- (ii) The disposal of surplus land at Tulloch Bowling Green by lease to the North Perth Allotment Association, subject to Ministerial consent being obtained, be agreed.
- (iii) The benefits to the local community of the development of community gardens and allotments and the contribution this makes to encouraging local leadership to take responsibility for the local environment be noted.
- (iv) It be noted that, subject to Ministerial consent being obtained, the disposals by lease will be dealt with by the Executive Director (Environment) under delegated authority.