

# **HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE**

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on 25 January 2023 at 2.00pm.

Present: Bailies C Ahern (up to and including Item 7), R Brock and C McLaren; Councillors P Barrett, B Brawn, S Donaldson, I James, N Khogali, B Leishman, I Massie (substituting for Councillor S McCole), I MacPherson, T McEwan, F Smith, G Stewart (substituting for Councillor M Frampton) and J Welch.

In Attendance: T Glen (Chief Executive), B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Maller, E Ritchie, M Dow, J McColl, N Lennon, S Coyle, J McColl, M Smith, S Watson, M Butterworth, K Steven, R Ross, D Stokoe (up to and including Item 5) and L Haxton (up to and including Item 5) (all Communities); H Robertson (Education and Children's Services); A Taylor and A Brown (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent P Davison and Chief Inspector T Leonard (up to and including Item 4) (both Police Scotland); Local Senior Officer J Sharp and Group Commander S Kabamba (up to and including Item 4) (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and E Mackie Tayside MAPPA Coordinator.

Apologies: Councillors S McCole and M Frampton

Councillor T McEwan, Convener, Presiding.

## **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Councillor T McEwan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence and substitutions were noted as above.

## **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct Bailie C Ahern declared a non-financial interest Item 8.

## **3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 2 November 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## **4. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT**

### **(i) FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – 1 JULY 2022 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

There was submitted a report by Area Manager J Sharp, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (23/6) containing performance information relating to the second quarter, (1 July - 30 September 2022) of 2022/23 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Area Manager Sharp and Group Commander Kebamba answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following [link](#).

**Resolved:**

The update on operational and community safety engagement activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 July to 30 September 2022, be noted.

**(ii) PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA QUARTERLY POLICE REPORT - 1 JULY 2022 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2022**

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent P Davison, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (23/7) on the performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area as set out in the Local Policing Plan for the second quarter, 1 July to 30 September 2022.

Chief Superintendent Davison and Chief Inspector Leonard answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following [link](#).

**Resolved:**

The update on performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 July to 30 September 2022, be noted.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT P DAVISON, CHIEF INSPECTOR T LEONARD, AREA MANAGER J SHARP AND GROUP COMMANDER S KEBAMBA ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

THERE FOLLOWED A 10-MINUTE RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 3.44PM.

**5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

There was submitted a report by Head of Cultural and Community Services (23/8) providing update on the work of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) since the previous report on 2 November 2022.

**Resolved:**

The contents of Report 23/8, be noted.

D STOKOE AND L HAXTON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

**6. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN INCORPORATING THE 5 YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AND RENT STRATEGY TO 2027/28, RESERVES STRATEGY AND OTHER HOUSING CHARGES FOR 2023/24**

There was submitted a Joint Report by the Executive Director (Communities) and Head of Finance (23/9) (1) setting out the proposed Housing Revenue Account

(HRA) Budget for five years from 2023/24 to 2027/28; (2) recommending increases to rents for houses and other HRA property service charges, and an appropriate level of reserves; and (3) detailing the proposed budget for the next five years of the Capital Investment Programme totalling £89 million from 2023/24 to 2027/28.

**Motion (Councillors T McEwan and J Welch)**

- (i) approve the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2023/24 and provisional budgets for financial years 2024/25 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix 1.**
- (ii) approve the proposed Housing Revenue Account Capital Investment Programme for 2023/24 to 2027/28 as set out in Appendix 4.**
- (iii) approve the Rent Strategy for 2023/24 and a provisional Rent Strategy for the following 4 years to 2027/28 as stated in Section 6.**
- (iv) approve the rent increase of 2.2% in line with option 1, for the year commencing 3 April 2023 for all Council houses. This would mean an average weekly rent increase of £1.62 per week, giving an average weekly rent of £75.23 per week based on 52 weeks.**
- (v) approve the rent increase of 2.2% for the year commencing 3 April 2023 for:**
  - all lock-ups**
  - all garage sites**
  - dispersed tenancies owned by the HRA**
  - Greyfriars Hostel.**
- (vi) approve the Housing Revenue Account Reserves Strategy proposed in Section 10.**
- (vii) approve that the final movement in the Housing Revenue Account in 2023/24 is transferred to a Covid-19 earmarked Reserve (HRA) as proposed in Section 10.12.**
- (viii) approve the proposal to set Housing service charges from 3 April 2023 as stated in Section 13.**
- (ix) endorses and approves, where necessary, the revised level of all housing related charges as detailed in Appendix 6.**
- (x) endorses the progress made to date in delivering and maintaining the SHQS for improving and managing the housing stock as set out in Section 7 and the related Business Cases.**

**Amendment (Councillor P Barrett and Bailie C McLaren)**

In accordance with the Motion but with sections (iv) and (v) replaced with the following: -

- (iv) approve the rent increase of 2.9% in line with option 2, for the year commencing 3 April 2023 for all Council houses. This would mean an average weekly rent increase of £2.14 per week, giving an average weekly rent of £75.75 per week based on 52 weeks,**
- (v) approve the rent increase of 2.9% for the year commencing 3 April 2023 for:**
  - all lock-ups**
  - all garage sites**
  - dispersed tenancies owned by the HRA**
  - Greyfriars Hostel**

FOLLOWING A SHORT ADJOURNMENT, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 4.40PM

In terms of Standing Order 21, a roll call vote was taken:

13 Members voted for the Motion, as follows:

Bailies C Ahern and R Brock, Councillors B Brawn, S Donaldson, I James, N Khogali, B Leishman, I MacPherson, I Massie, T McEwan, F Smith, G Stewart, J Welch.

2 Members voted for the Amendment, as follows:

Councillor P Barrett and Bailie C McLaren.

**Resolved:**

In accordance with the Motion.

**7. UPDATE ON PARTICIPATION IN THE GYPSY/TRAVELLER NEGOTIATED STOPPING PROJECT AND APPROVAL FOR A TRANSIENT SITE FOR VISITING GYPSY TRAVELLERS**

There was submitted a report by Head of Environmental and Consumer Services (23/10) (1) providing an update to members of the Committee on Perth and Kinross Council's participation with the Gypsy/Travellers Negotiated Stopping Pilot and (2) seeking approval for a transient site at North Muirton, Perth.

Motion (Councillors T McEwan and J Welch)

The Committee:

- (i) agrees continued participation in the Scottish Governments/COSLA's Negotiated Stopping Places Pilot until full evaluation is concluded in September 2023.
- (ii) approves the development of a transient site within the boundary of the Food and Drink Park, Arran Road, Perth.

Amendment (Councillor P Barrett and Bailie C Ahern)

In accordance with the Motion but to agree Option 1 as detailed in Report 23/10 as the Council's preferred option for the transient site within the boundary of the Food and Drink Park at Arran Road, Perth.

Note - The mover and seconder of the Motion agreed to incorporate the Amendment in the Revised Motion.

**Resolved:**

- (i) **The continued participation in the Scottish Governments/COSLA's Negotiated Stopping Places Pilot until full evaluation is concluded in September 2023, be approved.**
- (ii) **Option 1 as detailed in Report 23/10 be approved as the Council's preferred option for the development of a transient site within the boundary of the Food and Drink Park at Arran Road, Perth.**

HAVING DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THE NEXT ITEM, BAILIE C AHERN LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

## **8. JUSTICE UPDATE REPORT 2021-22**

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/11) providing an update on (1) the work of council services and partners to meet local and national outcomes for Community Justice for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, and (2) the effectiveness of the arrangements for the supervision of serious offenders and approaches being used to help people make positive changes in their lives and tackling the underlying causes.

### **Resolved:**

The approach being undertaken by Perth and Kinross Council teams in respect of the Perth and Kinross Community Justice Partnership, and the content of the 2021-22 Perth and Kinross Community Justice and Safety Partnership Annual Outcome Activity Return submitted to Community Justice Scotland, be noted.

## **9. TAYSIDE MAPPA ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22**

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (23/12) introducing the Tayside Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report for 2021-22.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of the Tayside MAPPA Annual Report 2020-21 be endorsed and noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to bring forward future annual reports to this Committee.