

# HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee held in the Chambers on 7 September 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors K Allen (substituting for Councillor F Smith), P Barrett, B Brawn, R Brock, S Donaldson, J Duff (substituting for Councillor A Chan), A Forbes (substituting for Councillor C Ahern), M Frampton, I James, B Leishman, I MacPherson, S McCole, T McEwan, C McLaren and J Welch.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, E Ritchie, L Brady (up to and including Item 6), N Sutherland (up to and including Item 6), M Dow, J McColl, P Smith (up to and including Item 6), M Lynch (up to and including Item 6), N Lennon, C Hendry, M Smith, A Clegg, D Stokoe (up to and including Item 7) and L Haxton (up to and including Item 7) (all Communities); A Taylor, A Brown, M Pasternak and (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent P Davison and Chief Inspector T Leonard (up to and including Item 5) (both Police Scotland) and; Area Manager S Gibson and Station Commander M Rungay (up to and including Item 5) (both Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Apologies: Councillors C Ahern, A Chan and F Smith

Councillor T McEwan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-6 and 8-9, with Vice-Convener McCole on Item 7 and Vice-Convener Welch on Item 8.

## 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

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

## 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 15 June 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

## 4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENTS (OBS)

### Resolved:

The Outstanding Business Statement be noted.

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

The Convener made reference to the recent retiral of Group Commander Ewan Baird from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service after nearly twenty eight years' service. He paid tribute to the role and substantial contribution Ewan had made to the work of the Committee over the years and wished him all the very best for the future and an enjoyable retirement. Councillors Brawn and P Barrett also paid tribute to Ewan and wished him well in his retirement.

### **(i) SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REPORT – 1 APRIL 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2022**

There was submitted a report by Area Manager S Gibson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (22/199) containing performance information relating to the first quarter, (1 April - 30 June 2022) of 2022/23 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Area Manager Gibson and Station Commander Rungay 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 April to 30 June 2022, be noted.

### **(ii) PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA QUARTER 4 POLICE REPORT – 1 APRIL 2022 TO 30 JUNE 2022**

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent P Davison, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (22/200) 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 first quarter, 1 April to 30 April 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 April to 30 June 2022, be noted.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT P DAVISON, CHIEF INSPECTOR T LEONARD, AREA MANAGER S GIBSON AND STATION COMMANDER M RUMGAY ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

## **6. PRESENTATION – COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

C Mailer, Executive Lead – Strategic Planning and Transformation provided a [slide-based presentation](#) on the current cost of living crisis and its effects on the people of Perth and Kinross.

C Mailer answered members' questions thereon.

L BRADY, N SUTHERLAND, P SMITH AND M LYNCH ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

### **VICE-CONVENER McCOLE TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

## **7. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

There was submitted and noted a report by the Head of Culture and Community Services (22/201) providing an update on progress with Community Planning priorities since 15 June 2022.

### **Resolved:**

The contents of Report 22/201, be noted.

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

### **VICE-CONVENER WELCH TOOK THE CHAIR FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEM**

## **8. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2021/22 – SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULATOR**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (22/202) providing a brief overview of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework and appending the Annual Assurance Statement 2021/22 for approval.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The requirement to submit an Annual Assurance Statement, be noted.
- (ii) The Annual Assurance Statement as detailed in Appendix 2 of Report 22/202, be approved.

### **CONVENER RE-TOOK THE CHAIR AT THIS POINT**

## **9. LEASE OF NEW-BUILD HOUSING TO KINGDOM HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (22/203) (1) providing an overview of a new-build housing development of 18 flats on a Perth and Kinross Council owned site in Perth previously occupied by the Fairfield Community Centre; and (2) outlining the background to the development and the options that have been considered to transfer the completed units to Kingdom Housing Association.

**Resolved:**

- (i) The background to this development and the context which resulted in the development being progressed by Perth and Kinross Council rather than Kingdom Housing Association, be noted.
- (ii) The proposal to lease the 18 flats to Kingdom Housing Association, subject to the terms outlined in Report 22/203, be approved.

**10. BOBBIN MILL GYPSY / TRAVELLER SITE TRANSFER**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (22/204) (1) providing an update on the agreed further consultation and engagement with residents of Bobbin Mill Gypsy / Traveller site; (2) outlining the long-term benefits for residents from transferring the site from the Council's General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account; and (3) seeking approval for this transfer.

**Resolved:**

The transfer of Bobbin Mill Gypsy / Traveller site from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account, be approved.

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