

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 12 March 2014 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, C Barnett, J Beverley, L Cameron, N Duncan, D Finnie, P Henderson, F Low, L McCurrach, K Ogilvy, N Robson, A Taylor, and S Young (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in attendance: Mrs M Moore, Tenant Representative.

Apology for Absence: Councillor D Melloy.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 169-174, and the Vice-Convener for Arts. 165-168.

161. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apology for absence was noted as above.

162. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

163. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 29 January 2014 (Arts. 29-39) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

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

(i) Minute of Meeting of 25 October 2013

The minute of the meeting of 25 October 2013 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Verbal Update by Executive Lead Officer

J Walker, Executive Director, Housing and Community Care provided a verbal update on the meeting of the Pathfinder Board on 31 January 2014 advising Committee that assent had now been given to the relevant legislation and formal partnerships would be in place by April 2015. The Executive Director highlighted the following reports which had been submitted to the Pathfinder Board on 31 January 2014: the First Joint Inspection of Older Peoples Services; Integrated Locality Working and Planning; and General Practice Engagement in Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Partnership

165. RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE/ACCOUNTS COMMISSION SCOTLAND REPORT – FEBRUARY 2014

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/108) describing the key findings of the recent Accounts Commission Scotland report into Reshaping Care for Older People three years into the 10 year programme, specifically in relation to the progress made in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The findings of the Accounts Commission Scotland report as outlined in section 1.1 of report 14/108 be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit further reports on progress towards Reshaping Care for Older People.
- (iii) It be noted that the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) will submit a further report on the Self Evaluation of Older Peoples Services with particular reference to successful initiatives and measures to ensure their sustainability.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community) Care be instructed to submit Report 14/108 to the next meeting of the Pathfinder Board for noting.

166. UPDATE ON JOINT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY 2012-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/109) (1) providing an update on the progress of the Joint Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2012-2015; and (2) highlighting the significant culture change which has taken place in relation to mental health in both the Council and NHS which will further strengthen partnership and promote the concept of wellbeing.

Resolved:

- (i) Progress to date, as outlined in Report 14/109 be noted.
- (ii) The proposals, as outlined in Report 14/109 be agreed, and the continuing implementation of the strategy be supported.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a further report in 12 months' time.

- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to distribute copies of a supporting presentation on the Strategy to all Committee members.

167. DISABLEDGO ACCESS GUIDE FOR PERTH AND KINROSS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/110) outlining proposals to launch local detailed online information about accessibility to hotels, restaurants, tourist attractions, libraries and leisure centres, amongst others, in conjunction with DisabledGo.

Resolved:

- (i) The work done to date with DisabledGo and the Centre for Inclusive Living, Perth and Kinross be endorsed.
- (ii) The proposal to make accessibility information available online from March 2014, be approved.

168. JOINT STRATEGY FOR LEARNING DISABILITY AND AUTISM SERVICES 2012-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/111) outlining: (1) the progress of the Joint Strategy for Learning Disability and Autism Services 2012-2015; (2) the positive impact on the lives of young people and adults with a learning disability; (3) the priorities of the joint strategy; and (4) information on new national policy and other significant influences that are shaping local policy and plans.

Resolved:

- (i) The positive developments to date as outlined in Report 14/111 be acknowledged.
- (ii) The continuing implementation of the actions and priorities for joint service development through the remaining term of the joint strategy be endorsed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a final report on the outcomes of the joint strategy in eighteen months' time.

169. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE CHARGING ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/112) providing details of the different charging regimes in place within Housing and Community Care.

Resolved:

- (i) The charges previously approved, as per Appendix 1, Table A of Report 14/112, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed charges detailed in Section 2 of Report 14/112 and summarised in Appendix 1 Table B of the report, be approved.

170. PERTH AND KINROSS TENANT PARTICIPATION STRATEGY 2014-2017

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/113) presenting: (1) the outcome of the review of tenant participation structures and activities; and (2) the Perth and Kinross Tenant Participation Strategy 2014-17.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Tenant Participation Strategy 2014-17, as outlined in Appendix 2 of Report 14/113, be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit annual progress reports on the implementation of the Strategy.

171. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE PROVISION OF A FACTORING SERVICE - PROPERTY FACTORS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2011

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/114) seeking committee approval of the proposed Terms and Conditions for the provision of a Factoring Service under the Property Factors (Scotland) Act 2011.

Resolved:

- (i) The Terms and Conditions of the Factoring Service as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 14/114, be approved
- (ii) The Annual Factoring Service Fee and charges as outlined in Appendix 2 to Report 14/114, be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report in April 2015 on the factoring service.

172. STRATEGIC LOCAL PROGRAMME 2013-2015

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/115) seeking approval for revisions to the first two years of the Strategic Local Programme.

Resolved:

The revisions made to the first two years of the Strategic Local Programme, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/115, be approved.

173. DISPOSAL OF LAND AT MUIRTON FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF 25 HOUSES FOR FAIRFIELD HOUSING COOPERATIVE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/116) seeking approval: (1) for a modification to the proposal on how the redevelopment of Muirton was being taken forward (Report No.13/59) previously agreed by Housing Committee in February 2013; and (2) that an area of land to accommodate Phase 5 of the development be disposed of ahead of the remaining area of the Masterplan area thus enabling Fairfield Housing Cooperative to take forward the development of 25 houses for social rent included in the Strategic Development Plan.

Resolved:

It be approved that land at Muirton be disposed of as soon as possible to enable the development of 25 houses for Social Rent by Fairfield Housing Cooperative, as outlined in Report 14/116.

174. POSITION STATEMENT ON SUPPORTING SYRIAN REFUGEES

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/117) informing the committee of the Council's commitment to offer accommodation and support to refugees from Syria.

Resolved:

It be agreed, in principle, to support the Vulnerable Persons Notification Scheme and notify the UK Government accordingly, subject to the Committee receiving further details of the scheme.

175. PERTH AND KINROSS FOODBANK UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/118) advising Committee on the progress of the Perth and Kinross Foodbank.

Resolved:

- (i) The Perth and Kinross Foodbank's decision to relocate to premises in Bridgend, Perth be noted.
- (ii) The Council's professional links to the Perth and Kinross Foodbank in terms of those teams/staff making referrals for those in need of assistance be noted.

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