

## 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 14 March 2012 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors P Barrett, B Band, I Campbell, J Flynn, A Gaunt, K Howie, E Maclachlan, M Roberts, W Robertson, C Shiers, H Stewart and A Wylie; and Mrs M Nicoll (substituting for Mrs E Muir) (Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

In attendance: D Burke, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Walker, Depute Director (Housing and Community Care); J Beverley, S Burt, L Cameron, L Cooper, C Crawford, M Dow, J Gilruth, K Heller, C Mailer, E Ritchie, S Rankin and A Taylor (all Housing and Community Care); A Warrington (Education and Children's Services) S Rattray, M Kay and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also Attending: G McShea (Physical Activity Officer, Live Active Leisure); J Dernie (Head of AHP, Perth and Kinross Community Health Partnership).

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Scott and Mrs L Clark, Mrs E Muir and Mr G Low (Tenants' and Residents' Federation).

Councillor P Barrett, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led discussion for Articles 122, 123, 126 and 128, the Vice-Convener for Articles 124, 125, and 127.

### 120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 121. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 2 February 2012 (Arts. 49-57) was submitted, approved as a correct record, and authorised for signature.

### 122. CARE INSPECTORATE REPORT ON THE HOMELESS HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/116) outlining key findings and suggested areas for improvement following an unannounced inspection of the Homeless Support Service by the Care Inspectorate on 15 November 2011.

#### **Resolved:**

- (i) The contents of Report 12/116 and the grades awarded by the Care Inspectorate be noted.

- (ii) The action plan detailed in Appendix A to Report 12/116 be approved.
- (iii) It be noted that Report 12/116 would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 28 March 2012 for scrutiny and comment.

#### **123. COMMON HOUSING REGISTER ALLOCATIONS POLICY OUTCOMES REPORT 2010-2011 (Art. 416/09)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/117) (1) providing an update on the impact and outcomes of the first year of operation of the new Perth and Kinross Common Housing Register Allocations Policy for 2010-2011; and (2) suggesting proposals for change.

##### **Resolved:**

- (i) The content of Report 12/117 be noted.
- (ii) The proposals contained in Section 6 of Report 12/117 be agreed.

#### **124. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES STRATEGY (Art. 55/11)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/118) presenting a strategy for housing neighbourhood services for the period 1 April 2012 – 31 March 2013.

##### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Neighbourhood Services Strategy as outlined in Appendix 1 of Report 12/118 be approved.
- (ii) The key actions outlined in Appendix 1 of Report 12/118 be agreed.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report to Committee at the conclusion of the Strategy in 2013.

#### **125. PROGRESS REPORT ON PERTH AND KINROSS TENANT PARTICIPATION STRATEGY 2010-13 (Art. 60/10)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/119) providing: (1) an update on progress with the Perth and Kinross Tenant Participation Strategy agreed on 3 February 2010; and (2) an update from the Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation on progress against the Best Value Review recommendations, which had been included in the Tenant Participation Strategy Action Plan in 2011.

The Committee heard a presentation from L Cooper and S Burt, Housing and Community Care, providing more detailed information on tenant participation activity.

##### **Resolved:**

- (i) Progress on implementing the action plan of the Perth and Kinross Tenant Participation Strategy be noted.
- (ii) The award of £10,000 in grant funding for 2012-2013 to the Perth and Kinross Tenants' and Residents' Federation, to enable them to progress the recommendations of the Best Value Review of 2010-2011 to be paid in quarterly instalments from the existing budget, be noted.

## **126. REVISED RECHARGEABLE REPAIRS POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/120) seeking approval for the revised Rechargeable Repairs Policy and Procedure including the introduction of advance payments by tenants for rechargeable repairs.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) The Revised Rechargeable Repairs Policy and Procedure as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 12/120 be approved.
- (ii) The introduction of Paye.net to provide an alternative advance payment method for rechargeable repairs be approved.

## **127. JOINT PHYSICAL DISABILITY STRATEGY PROGRESS REPORT (Art. 286/10)**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/121) outlining progress on the Perth and Kinross Joint Physical Disability Strategy 2010/2011 – 2012/13.

### **Resolved:**

Progress achieved through the Perth and Kinross Joint Physical Disability Strategy as outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 12/121 be noted.

## **128. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES CHARGING STATEMENT**

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (12/122) seeking approval for the Housing and Community Care Services Charging Statement

### **Resolved:**

The Charging Statement outlined in Appendix 1 to Report 12/122 be approved.

## **129. VALEDICTORY**

This being the last meeting of the Committee before the Local Government Elections on 3 May 2012, the Convener thanked all members of the Committee for their contribution over the last five years and also expressed his appreciation to Housing and Community Care staff. Councillor Roberts responded in similar terms and Councillor Howie noted the contribution of Councillor Wylie as Vice-Convener who was not standing for re-election.