

HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewars Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 26 August 2015 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: Councillor M Roberts (up to and including Art. 526); J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); B Atkinson, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); J Beverly, L Cameron, M Dow, B Kinnear, C Mailer, K Ogilvy, R Pollok, I Smillie, A Taylor and R Williams (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service)

Also in attendance: L Dewar and D Wilkie, Tenants Representatives.

Apology for Absence: Councillor D Cuthbert.

The Convener led discussions for Arts. 518-522 and 526-528 and the Vice Convener for Arts. 523-525.

518. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. Apologies and substitutes were noted as above

519. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

520. MINUTE

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 27 May 2015 (Arts. 337 - 347) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

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

(i) Minute of meeting of the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board of 10 April 2015

The minute of the meeting of 10 April 2015 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Minute of meeting of the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board of 10 April 2015

The minute of meeting of 22 May 2015 was submitted and noted.

(iii) Update on the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board

There was submitted and noted a briefing note by the Executive Lead Officer (15/338) providing a brief overview of the content and progress associated with the updated Health and Social Care Integration (H&SCI) Action Plan presented to the meeting of the (H&SCI) Pathfinder Board on 3 July 2015 and incorporating further progress made in recent weeks.

522. INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MODEL FOR DALWEEN CARE HOME, ABERFELDY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/339) outlining the proposal to develop an Integrated Health and Social Care facility within the current Dalweem Care Home, in Aberfeldy.

Resolved

- (i) The proposal to develop an Integrated Health and Social Care residential and hospital function within Dalweem Care Home, Aberfeldy be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring forward a further progress report in six months' time.

523. ALCOHOL DRUG PARTNERSHIP (ADP) STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PLAN 2015 – 2020 TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services/ADP Chair) (15/340) informing the Housing and Health Committee of the draft ADP Strategy and Delivery Plan 2015–2020.

Motion (Councillors P Barrett and W Robertson)

Defer until after a workshop lead by the ADP Chair takes place with a further report being presented to committee on a revised strategy.

Amendment (Councillors D Doogan and K Howie)

Agree the recommendation as outlined in Report 15/340 and an additional recommendation as follows:

- (i) **The themes and aims outlined in the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy and Delivery Plan 2015 – 2020, be noted and supported.**
- (ii) **A development workshop on the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy and Delivery Plan 2015 – 2020 be arranged for Councillors.**

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.
11 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors D Doogan, K Howie, H Anderson, I Campbell, M Barnacle, J Flynn, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, H Stewart, G Walker and M Williamson.

2 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors P Barrett and W Robertson.

Amendment – 11 votes

Motion – 2 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

524. PERTH AND KINROSS JOINT STRATEGY TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ADULTS WITH A PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND/OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENT 2014 – 2017 AND ASSOCIATED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL SEE HEAR SENSORY IMPAIRMENT FRAMEWORK 2015 – 2018

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/341) (1) reporting on the progress of actions contained within the Joint Strategy to Support Independent Living and Quality of Life for Adults with a Physical Disability and/or Sensory Impairment; and (2) updating the Housing and Health Committee on the ongoing development of a local 'See Hear' framework which will outline improvement actions for support for people with a sensory impairment living in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The delivery of actions contained within the Perth and Kinross Joint Strategy to Support Independent Living and Quality of Life, be noted.
- (ii) Development of an action plan to locally implement the recommendations contained within See Hear, a national framework for sensory impairment be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report on the actions within the Perth and Kinross Joint Strategy to support Independent Living, to include an update on the local implementation of 'See Hear', in twelve months time.

525. HOUSING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS SERVICE AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/342) providing an overview of the housing repairs team and developments and improvements underway following feedback from tenants and comparisons with other social landlords.

Resolved

- (i) The key areas for development and improvement as outlined in Report 15/342 be noted and endorsed.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring forward a further report to Committee in 12 months' time.

526. RENT ARREARS UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/343) providing Housing and Health Committee with an overview of the issues around rent arrears and summarises some key actions in place to manage and reduce the level of arrears.

Resolved

- (i) The content of Report 15/343, including the analysis of rent arrears and the benchmarking performance, be noted.
- (ii) The key actions to improve on the Council's rent arrears performance be endorsed.
- (iii) Recommendations contained in paragraph 3.6, of Report 15/343, to strengthen the application of 'technical evictions' which would involve tenants being moved into an alternative property, be approved.

Councillor P Barrett moved an Amendment not to approve recommendation (iii) as outlined in Report 15/343. On failing to secure a Secunder the Amendment accordingly fell.

527. SCOTTISH HOUSING QUALITY STANDARD

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/344) (1) detailing the determined work by Perth and Kinross Council in achieving 92.3% compliance with the Scottish Housing Quality Standard by March 2015; and (2) outlining proposals for the continuing maintenance and improvement of the Council's housing stock.

Resolved

- (i) The content of Report 15/344 and the Council's very positive achievement in meeting the Scottish Housing Quality Standard, be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to bring forward future reports on planned investment and monitoring of future Housing Quality Standards once clarification of the new standards is available.

528. EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2015 – 2018

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (15/345) providing Housing and Health Committee with: (1) an update on the progress achieved during the Employability Network's third year of operation and now in its second phase of development; and (2) highlights some of the key developments within the past twelve months and provides illustrative examples of work undertaken by partner organisations.

Resolved

- (i) Progress made by the Employability Network over the past year be welcomed and the key priority actions within the updated Network Development Plan be noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a further report on the work of the Employability Network during 2016.

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