

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 27 August 2014 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: Councillor J Kellas; J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); L Cameron, L Cooper, C Crawford, J Gilruth, C Johnston, C Mailer, K Ogilvy, R Pollock, E Ritchie, N Robson, N Rogerson, and L Ross (all Housing and Community Care); N Duncan, C Flynn and P Frazer (all Chief Executive's Service).

Also in attendance: G Sutherland, VisionPK; and Mr D Wilkie, Tenant Representative.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors W Robertson and H Stewart.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 559-560, and the Vice-Convener for Arts. 561-564.

555. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

556. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

557. MINUTES

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 28 May 2014 (Arts. 366-375) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.
- (ii) The minute of meeting of the Executive Sub-Committee of Housing and Health Committee of 16 June 2014 was submitted and noted.
(Appendix I)

558. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

(i) Minute of Meeting of the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board 28 March 2014

The minute of the meeting of 28 March 2014 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Minute of meeting of the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board 23 May 2014

The minute of the meeting of 23 May 2014 was submitted and noted

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

There was submitted a Briefing Note by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/352) providing a brief overview of the content and progress associated with the Action Plan presented to the meeting of the Health and Social Care Integration Pathfinder Board on 8 August 2014.

559. PERTH AND KINROSS JOINT STRATEGY TO SUPPORT INDEPENDENT LIVING AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ADULTS WITH A PHYSICAL AND/OR SENSORY IMPAIRMENT 2014-2017

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/353) (1) presenting the new Joint Strategy to Support Independent Living and Quality of Life for Adults with a Physical Disability and/or Sensory Impairment 2014-2017 with associated Implementation Plan; and (2) alerting the Housing and Health Committee to the recent publication of a National Sensory Impairment Strategic Framework "See Hear" which will require implementation in the form of service redesign, co-ordinated by a local partnership.

Resolved

- (i) Publication of the Perth and Kinross Joint Strategy to Support Independent Living and Quality of Life with associated Implementation Plan, be noted.
- (ii) National publication of "See Hear" and the subsequent requirement for local implementation, be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report on the actions of the Implementation Plan within the next 12 months.
- (iv) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report on the implementation of "See Hear" within the next 12 months.

560. SUPPORT SERVICES FOR WOMEN AT RISK OF OFFENDING IN PERTH CITY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/354) advising the Committee of the work being undertaken in the implementation of the One-stop (previously known as Offending) Women's Learning Service and mentoring service for female offenders in the criminal justice system in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved

The content of Report 14/354, the achievements to date and the positive impact on women's lives be noted.

561. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES AND HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/355) seeking approval for an integrated Neighbourhood Services and Homelessness Strategy.

Resolved

- (i) Progress made by the Housing Service over the last year be noted.
- (ii) The Neighbourhood Services and Homelessness Strategy be approved.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a progress report on implementation in 12 months' time.

562. RENT RESTRUCTURING

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/356) (1) providing the background to the current rental charging structure; and (2) seeking approval to commission a review in order to introduce a new modernised rent charging structure.

Motion (Councillors Doogan and Howie)

- (i) The request to commission a review of the existing rent structure by appointing external consultants be approved.**
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to provide the Committee with details of the final costings and the outcome of the review with proposals for the new system.**

Amendment (Councillors Barrett and Wilson)

- (i) The request to commission a review of the existing rent structure by appointing external consultants be approved.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to provide the Committee with details of the final costings and the outcome of the review with proposals for the new system.
- (iii) With effect from September 2014, implement a 10 point deduction to the rent-pointing scores of all bedsits in recognition of the current anomaly between two-apartment double-bedroom properties and bedsits: currently only 10 points. This deduction to reflect the absence of a separate or partitioned dining area (5 points) and the absence of a separate double-bedroom (15 points) in accordance with the present rent pointing system.

In terms of Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

Ten members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors Doogan, Howie, Anderson, Campbell, Flynn, Maclachlan, Melloy, Roberts, Walker and Williamson.

Three members voted for the amendment as follows:
Councillors Barrett, Cuthbert, and Wilson.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

563. MUIRTON REGENERATION UPDATE

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/357) providing: (1) an update on progress of the regeneration of the Muirton area; (2) revisions made to the Masterplan; and (3) recommendations for the future of the shops on Dunkeld Road, Perth.

Resolved

- (i) The progress on the regeneration of Muirton as detailed in Report 14/357 be noted.
- (ii) It be agreed that the shops along Dunkeld Road be separated from the revised Masterplan.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be instructed to submit a further report in six-months' time updating Committee on the costs of redeveloping the shops and flats above.

J KELLAS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973.

564. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SHELTERED HOUSING REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT OF HOUSING WITH ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/358) (1) updating the Committee on the implementation of the sheltered housing review and (2) proposing the development of housing with additional support.

Resolved

- (i) The implementation of the Council's sheltered housing review with the introduction, from April 2014, of sheltered, retirement and amenity housing and the de-linking of a number of units which have now become mainstream housing be noted.
- (ii) The proposed development of housing with additional support in some units be noted.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to submit a progress report in Spring 2015 on housing with additional support.
- (iv) The partnership agreement with Cairn Housing Association, as a necessary part of the Reshaping Older People's Care agenda, be approved.
- (v) The transfer of staff from Cairn Housing Association to the Council to provide this service be approved.