

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 28 May 2014 at 10.00am.

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

In attendance: J Walker, Executive Director (Housing and Community Care); J Gilruth, J Beverley, L Brady, S Burt, L Cameron, J Cruikshank, D Fraser, C Hendry, C Mailer, K Ogilvy, Z Robertson, A Taylor and S Watt (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn and P Frazer (both Chief Executive's Service).

Also in attendance: R Chandler and D McEvoy (both SSE); A McManus, NHS Tayside; and Mrs M Nicol, Tenant Representative.

Apology for Absence: Councillor W Robertson.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 373-375, and the Vice-Convener for Arts. 370-372.

366. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

367. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

368. MINUTES

- (i) The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 12 March 2014 (Arts. 29-39) 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 April 2014 was submitted and noted.

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

(i) Minute of Meeting of 31 January 2014

The minute of the meeting of 31 January 2014 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 23 May 2014 and the implementation of Health and Social Care Integration in 2015. Perth and Kinross was recognised for its good work on Older Peoples Services and the Pathfinder Board continued to provide leadership to expand social care integration to the general adult population. Staff were currently working on developing local profiles, identifying gaps and undertaking needs analysis. In addition, a Strategic Plan was being developed with partners including the Third Sector, NHS and Perth and Kinross Council. As part of a forthcoming Communications Strategy member development sessions would take place and a programme of regular updates for staff across the partnership was planned.

370. HOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY WORKS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/225) (1) summarising progress in providing energy efficiency measures to households in Perth and Kinross during 2013/14; (2) outlining proposals for continuing with further energy saving initiatives in 2014/15; and (3) seeking homologation of actions taken to help secure funding for these schemes.

The Committee also heard a presentation by D McEvoy, UK Development Manager, and R Chandler, Head of Energy Services, SSE.

Resolved:

- (i) Actions taken to secure ECO funding from SSE for the insulation of 50 houses in Invergowrie, 10 houses in Comrie and 176 houses at Friarton and Craigie in Perth be homologated.
- (ii) Actions already taken to submit funding applications for the Scottish Government's Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland – Area Based Schemes for 2014/15 be homologated.
- (iii) The Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) be remitted to report on progress with the implementation of the 2014/15 programme to a meeting of the Housing and Health Committee later in the year.

D MCEVOY AND R CHANDLER LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

371. SOCIAL CARE COMMISSIONED SERVICES – CONTRACT VALUES AND MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/226) (1) advising Committee of the funding awards for service level agreements with voluntary sector providers in 2014-15; (2) the contract values for contracted services purchased by Housing and Community Care for 2014-15 and (3) details of how health and social care integration and self-directed support will re-shape purchasing priorities in the near future.

Resolved:

Housing and Community Care commissioning activities and expenditure for 2014-15, as outlined in Report 14/226 be noted.

372. AUTISM ACTION PLAN AND STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (14/220) seeking approval of (1) an action plan for Perth and Kinross setting the strategic direction for improving outcomes for people with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and their families/carers across their lifespan; and (2) the continuation of the ongoing part-time post of ASD lead/coordinator for Perth and Kinross Council to implement local strategy and support a multi-agency 'All Age Autism Strategic Group'.

Resolved:

- (i) The draft action plan as outlined in Report 14/220, be approved.
- (ii) The continuation of the post of Local Autism coordinator for a fixed period from July 2015, subject to the continuation of Scottish Government funding, be approved.
- (ii) A multi-agency 'All Age Autism Strategic Group', as outlined in Report 14/220 be endorsed.
- (iv) It be noted that Report 14/220 would also be considered by the Lifelong Learning Committee on 28 May 2014.

Z ROBERTSON AND A MCMANUS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

373. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE JOINT BUSINESS MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/229) presenting the Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for Housing and Community Care. It is a slightly amended and updated version from the one considered by the Community Safety Committee.

Resolved:

- (i) The Joint Business Management and Improvement Plan 2014/15 and the Annual Performance Report 2013/14 for Housing and Community Care, pertaining to the Housing and Health Committee's area of responsibility, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 14/229, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 14/229 had also been considered by the Community Safety Committee on 21 May 2014 and would be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee on 11 June 2014 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

374. GARAGE SITES AND LOCK UPS REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/227) updating Committee on the progress of the Garage Sites and Lock Ups Review and seeking approval on the proposal to harmonise garage site rents and to bring back Rannoch Road, Letham and Provost Road, Blairgowrie into the Phase 1 programme of work.

Motion (Councillors Doogan and Howie)

- (i) The current position on the Review of Garage Sites and Lock ups as outlined in Report 14/227 be noted.
- (ii) The outcome of the Phase 1 Option Appraisal process as outlined in Report 14/227 be noted.
- (iii) The acceleration of Rannoch Road, Perth and Provost Road, Blairgowrie into Phase 1 be approved.
- (iv) The proposed harmonisation of garage site rent structure and Option 3, setting the annual rent level at £84.00 from 6 April 2015 be approved.
- (v) Request the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to submit a further report to a future Housing and Health Committee on progress.
- (vi) Instruct the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to provide detailed information on the cost of demolition and maintenance to members of the Committee.

Amendment (Councillors Campbell and Stewart)

- (i) The current position on the Review of Garage Sites and Lock ups as outlined in Report 14/227 be noted.**
- (ii) The outcome of the Phase 1 Option Appraisal process as outlined in Report 14/227 be noted.**
- (iii) The acceleration of Rannoch Road, Perth and Provost Road, Blairgowrie into Phase 1 be approved.**
- (iv) The proposed harmonisation of garage site rent structure and Option 4, setting the annual rent level at £96.00 from 6 April 2015 be approved.**
- (v) Request the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to submit a further report to a future Housing and Health Committee on progress.**
- (vi) Instruct the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) to provide detailed information on the cost of demolition and maintenance to members of the Committee.**

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

Five members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors Doogan, Howie, Flynn, Maclachlan and Williamson.

Eight members voted for the amendment as follows:

Councillors Anderson, Barrett, Campbell, Cuthbert, Melloy, Gaunt, Stewart and Walker.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Amendment.

375. RECHARGEABLE REPAIRS POLICY – PAYE.NET REVIEW AND EXEMPTIONS TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR PRE-PAYMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Housing and Community Care) (14/228) seeking approval for enhancements to the Rechargeable Repairs Policy and providing Committee with an update on the income achieved through the introduction of Paye.Net.

Resolved:

- (i) The positive impact of the introduction of Paye.net to receive payment in advance of repairs being carried out, be noted.
- (ii) The proposal to exempt some repairs from payment in advance, mainly for health and safety reasons, but also where there is a need to avoid further damage or costs, be agreed.

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