

HOUSING AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee held in the Gannochy Suite, Dewar's Centre, Glover Street, Perth on Wednesday 24 August at 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Walker, Depute Chief Executive HCC (Corporate & Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer, B Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work); L Cameron, S Coyle, M Dow, G Edwards (up to and including Art. 578), C Mailer, K Ogilvy, B Kinnear (up to and including Art. 577), K Sharp, C Johnston, S Burt, E Ritchie, R Pollok (up to and including Art. 578), S Watson and A White (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn, L Gowans and A Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: L Dewar and B Middleton (Tenants' Representatives) and R Doig (PK Employability Network Service User) (up to and including Art. 575).

Apology for Absence: Councillors K Howie, J Flynn and G Walker.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

571. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

572. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

573. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 25 May 2016 (Arts. 211-221) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

574. PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – PERTH AND KINROSS INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

(i) Minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board of 13 May 2016

The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board of 13 May 2016 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Briefing Paper by Executive Lead Officer

There was submitted and noted a briefing paper by the Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate and Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer (16/352), providing an update on the recent business and decisions of the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) following their meeting on 1 July 2016.

575. EMPLOYABILITY NETWORK 2015-2018

Members heard a presentation by K Sharp (Service Manager), B Kinnear (Community Support Manager / PK Employability Network Depute Chair) and R Doig (PK Employability Network Service User), who, following the presentation, answered Members' questions.

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/353); (1) providing an update on the progress achieved during the Employability Network's fourth year of operation which is now into its second phase of development, and (2) highlighting some of the key developments and positive progressions made within the past twelve months and providing illustrative examples of work undertaken by partner organisations.

Resolved:

The progress made by the Employability Network over the past year as detailed in Report 16/353, be noted.

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

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/354), (1) detailing 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) providing an update on local implementation of the national 'See Hear' Sensory Impairment Framework.

Resolved:

- (i) The delivery of actions as contained within the Perth and Kinross Joint Strategy to Support Independent Living and Quality of Life be noted.

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- (ii) The delivery of actions to address the recommendations within See Hear: a national framework for sensory impairment be noted.
- (iii) Instruct the Director (Housing and Social Work) to provide a final report on the actions within the Perth and Kinross Joint strategy to support Independent Living to this Committee in August 2017.

577. REVISED SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE FOR PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/355) seeking approval for a revised Scheme of Assistance, which supports people in the private sector and is a requirement for the Council under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006.

Resolved:

- (i) The revised Scheme of Assistance as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 16/355, be approved.
- (ii) The Director (Housing and Social Work) be authorised to amend the Scheme of Assistance to reflect any changes to the Care and Repair Service following the tendering exercise which is currently being carried out and is expected to be concluded around Autumn 2016.

578. HOUSING ESTATE-BASED INITIATIVES

Members heard a presentation by S Burt, Team Leader – Housing and Community Care Customer and Community Engagement Team.

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/356) providing an update on the development of estates based initiatives which have engaged and empowered local tenants to make improvements to their local neighbourhoods and also on the extension of the scheme including the plans for the current year.

Resolved:

- (i) The excellent progress to date in delivering estate based initiatives and the positive impact these developments have on local communities be noted.
- (ii) The plans to continue developing estate based initiatives in 2016/17 to further support community engagement, empowerment and improvements be welcomed and noted.
- (iii) The wider educational and employment opportunities delivered through initiatives such as Community Payback Team and Stepping Stones be noted.

579. IMPLEMENTING THE RESTRUCTURE OF COUNCIL HOUSE RENTS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/357) seeking approval for a proposed method of moving from the current system to a new system of calculating tenants' rents from April 2017 and also for agreement to an annual payment of rents to be paid by tenants over 52 rather than 48 weeks.

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Motion (Councillors D Doogan and H Anderson)

- (i) **Option 1 as outlined in Section 2 of Report (16/357) be approved as the approach to rent harmonisation.**
- (ii) **The charging of annual rent over a 52 week period be approved.**

Amendment (Councillors P Barrett and W Robertson)

- (i) Option 2 as outlined in Section 2 of Report (16/357) be approved as the approach to rent harmonisation.
- (ii) The charging of annual rent over a 52 week period be approved.

In accordance with Standing Order 44, a roll call vote was taken.

3 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors P Barrett, D Cuthbert and W Robertson.

10 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, I Campbell, D Doogan, C Gillies, T Gray, E Maclachlan, D Melloy, A Parrott, H Stewart and M Williamson.

Amendment – 3 votes

Motion – 10 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

580. NATIONAL REPORT ON SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER AND PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL SCRUTINY PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/358), (1) describing the process of regulation of housing services by the Scottish Housing Regulator (SHR) and the requirement to submit a range of performance data as part of the Annual Review of the Housing Charter; and (2) summarising the issues raised by the Housing Regulator as part of the wider Local Scrutiny Plan produced by Audit Scotland each year.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 16/358 and the work undertaken to monitor, scrutinise and continuously improve housing services, be noted.

581. HOME FIRST – RIO AND TAYVIEW HOUSE REVIEW

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/359), seeking approval to deliver a more customer-focused, affordable way of meeting the accommodation and housing support needs of people facing homelessness through the development of Home First and the discontinuation of temporary accommodation services in Rio House and Tayview House in Perth.

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Resolved:

- (i) Option 1 as detailed in Section 2.7 of Report (16/359) be approved.
- (ii) The next stage which is formal consultation with Trade Unions and staff be approved.

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