

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Monday 31 May 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors B Brawn, C Ahern, A Bailey, L Barrett, P Barrett, D Illingworth, I Massie, S McCole, T McEwen, C Shiers, C Stewart and R Watters.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities), E Ritchie and N Lennon (both Communities); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); N Rogerson and R Ross (for Item 5 only) (both Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, A Taylor, L Haxton (up to and including Item 6), D Stokoe (for Item 6 only) (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent A Todd (up to Item 5), Superintendent S Mertes (up to Item 4(iii)), Chief Inspector G Binnie (up to Item 5) and Sergeant G Templar (up to Item 5) (all Police Scotland); Area Manager S Wood and Group Commander E Baird (both up to Item 5) (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Apologies: Councillor A Jarvis.

Councillor Brawn, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-4(iii) and 6-8, and the Vice-Convener on Items 4(i) and 4(ii).

Prior to the commencement of business:

(i) Local Senior Officer Stephen Wood

The Convener welcomed Local Senior Officer Stephen Wood to his first meeting of the Committee. He also paid tribute to the role and contribution that Local Senior Officer Gordon Pryde had made to the work of the Committee over the last few years and wished him well in his post.

(ii) Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd

The Convener paid tribute to the role and contribution made by Chief Superintendent Andrew Todd to the work of the Committee over the last 3 years and wished him well in his retirement.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

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

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made in terms of the Councillors Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE OF 3 FEBRUARY 2021 FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 3 February 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 34 THE COMMITTEE AGREED TO VARY THE ORDER OF BUSINESS TO CONSIDER ITEM 4(iii) AT THIS POINT.

4(iii) POLICE SCOTLAND'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE REMODELLING PROGRAMME

The Committee heard and noted a verbal update by Chief Superintendent Todd and Superintendent Mertes on the recent consultation exercise carried out on the custody facility within Perth and the potential reclassification of this facility to a new status.

Chief Superintendent Todd and Superintendent Mertes also answered Members' questions thereon.

SUPERINTENDENT S MERTES LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

4(i) FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2021

There was submitted a report by Area Manager S Wood, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (21/65) on the performance of the SFRS against the priorities, performance indicators and targets detailed within the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Perth and Kinross 2017-20, for the fourth quarter, 1 January to 31 March 2021.

Area Manager Wood and Group Commander Baird answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following [link](#).

Resolved:

The update on operational and community safety engagement activities of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2021, be noted.

4(ii) PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA POLICE REPORT – 1 JANUARY 2021 TO 31 MARCH 2021

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent A Todd, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (21/66) on the performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area as set out in the Local Policing Plan for the fourth quarter, 1 January to 31 March 2021.

Chief Superintendent Todd and Chief Inspector Binnie answered members' questions thereon. The question and answer session can be viewed via the following [link](#).

Resolved:

The update on performance of Police Scotland against the local policing priorities for the Perth and Kinross area during the period 1 January to 31 March 2021, be noted.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT A TODD, CHIEF INSPECTOR G BINNIE, INSPECTOR G TEMPLAR, AREA MANAGER S WOOD AND GROUP COMMANDER E BAIRD ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

N ROGERSON AND R ROSS JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

5. COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Education and Children's Services) and Chief Social Work Officer (21/67) providing an update for the period 2019-20 on the operation of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) The work undertaken by the Public Protection and Unpaid Work Teams in respect of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross for the year 2019-2020, be noted.
- (ii) The Chief Social Work Officer bring forward a report regarding the activity and performance of Community Payback Orders for 2020/21 setting out the impact of Covid-19 restrictions.

J PEPPER, N ROGERSON AND R ROSS LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

D STOKOE JOINED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

6. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Director (Communities) (21/68) providing an update on progress with Community Planning priorities since the last update on 3 February 2021.

D STOKOE AND L HAXTON LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

THERE FOLLOWED A TEN-MINUTE RECESS, THE COMMITTEE RECONVENED AT 11.30AM.

7. HOUSING CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Communities) (21/69) providing an update on (1) the contribution housing is making to delivering

the Health and Social Care priorities within the Strategic Commissioning Plan; and (2) the achievements delivered, their impact on people's outcomes and an overview of some of the challenges and next steps.

Resolved:

- (i) The contribution the Housing Service has made to the implementation of the Perth and Kinross Health and Social Care Strategic Commissioning Plan 2020-2025, be noted.
- (ii) The proposal to integrate the contribution housing makes toward the delivery of the strategic aims within the revised Health and Social Care Partnership Strategic Commissioning Plan be approved.

B RENTON LEFT THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE ITEM.

8. MISSING SHARES SCHEME

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Communities) (21/70) seeking approval to assist communal building repair works through a 'Missing Shares' scheme.

Resolved:

- (i) The implementation of a 'Missing Shares' Scheme to be operated by Regulatory Services, for a trial period, initially for two years, be approved.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 21/70 will be submitted to the next meeting of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on 2 June 2021 for further consideration.

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