

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 8 September 2021 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors B Brawn, C Ahern, A Bailey, L Barrett, P Barrett, A Jarvis, I Massie, T McEwan, F Sarwar (substituting for Councillor McCole), C Shiers, F Smith, C Stewart and R Watters.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities); C Mailer, Depute Director (Communities); S Coyle, M Dow, L Haxton (up to and including Item 5) E Ritchie, N Robson and D Stokoe (up to and including Item 5) (Communities); and C Flynn, K Molley, M Pasternak, L McGuigan and B Parker (Corporate and Democratic Services)

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent P Davison (up to and including Item 4(ii)) and Chief Inspector G Binnie (Item 4(ii) only) (Police Scotland) and; Area Manager S Wood and Group Commander E Baird (both up to and including Item 4(ii)) (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

Apology: Councillor S McCole

Councillor Brawn, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-3 and 5-7, and the Vice-Convener on Items 4(i) and 4(ii).

Prior to the commencement of business:

(i) Councillor Frank Smith

The Convener welcomed Councillor Smith to his first meeting of the Committee. He also paid tribute to the contribution that Councillor Illingworth had made throughout his time on the Committee.

(ii) Chief Superintendent Phil Davison

The Convener welcomed Chief Superintendent Phil Davison to his first meeting of the Committee.

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 31 MAY 2021 FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 31 May 2021 was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

4(i) FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE REPORT – 1 APRIL 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2021

There was submitted a report by Area Manager S Wood, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (21/152) containing performance information relating to the first quarter, (1 April - 30 June) of 2021/22 on the performance of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

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 April to 30 June 2021, be noted.

4(ii) PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL POLICING AREA POLICE REPORT – 1 APRIL 2021 TO 30 JUNE 2021

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent P Davison, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (21/153) 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 first quarter, 1 April to 30 June 2021.

CHIEF INSPECTOR G BINNIE ENTERED THE MEETING DURING THIS ITEM.

Chief Superintendent Davison 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 April to 30 June 2021, be noted.

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

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted a report by Head of Culture and Community Services (21/154) (1) providing an update on Community Planning activity since the previous report in May 2021; and (2) seeking approval of the Community Empowerment Annual Report for 2020/21, which reports on Community Asset Transfers and Participation Requests in the past 12 months.

Resolved:

- (i) Community Planning activity since May 2021, be noted.
- (ii) The Annual Report on community asset transfers and Participation Requests provided in Appendix 1 to report 21/154, be approved.

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

THERE WAS A RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.10AM.

6. ANNUAL UPDATE ON PERTH AND KINROSS LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2016-2021

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Communities) (21/155) (1) asking Committee to note progress in 2020/21 in implementing the Local Housing Strategy for Perth and Kinross, previously approved at Housing and Health Committee on 25 May 2016; and (2) seeking approval for the proposed structure and content of the revised Strategy 2022-27.

A short video-clip on the Local Housing Strategy 2016-2021 Update was played to Committee: [Local Housing Strategy 2016-2021 Update](#)

Resolved:

- (i) The progress made during 2020/21 towards achieving the outcomes set out within the Local Housing Strategy outlined in Appendix 1 to report 21/155, be noted.
- (ii) The proposed structure for the revised Local Housing Strategy to be submitted to the Scottish Government in 2022, be approved.

7. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT 2021/29 – SCOTTISH HOUSING REGULAR

There was submitted a report by the Depute Director (Communities) (21/156) providing a brief overview of the Scottish Housing Regulator's Regulatory Framework and appending the Annual Assurance Statement 2020/21 for approval.

Resolved:

- (i) The requirement to submit an Annual Assurance Statement, be noted.
- (ii) The Annual Assurance Statement as detailed in Appendix 2 of report 21/156, be approved.