

HOUSING AND SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Minute of hybrid meeting of the Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee held in the Council Chambers, 2 High Street, Perth on 24 January 2024 at 9.30am.

Present: Bailies R Brock and C McLaren; Councillors L Barrett (substituting for Councillor P Barrett), B Brawn, S Donaldson, J Duff (substituting for Bailie C Ahern), A Forbes, M Frampton, K Harvey (substituting for Councillor S McCole), D Illingworth (substituting for Councillor I James), B Leishman, I MacPherson, T McEwan, F Smith and J Welch.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Communities), E Ritchie (up to and including Item 6), S Coyle, N Lennon, J McColl (up to and including Item 6), M Smith (up to and including Item 6) and M Dow (up to and including Item 6) (all Communities); H Robertson, E Lindsay and N Rogerson (all Education and Children's Services), S Hendry, A Taylor, R Ramsay, and M Pasternak (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Inspector T Leonard, Chief Inspector G Burns and Constable P Morgan (all Police Scotland) (up to and including Item 5); E Mackie, Tayside MAPPA Co-ordinator (from Item 7 onwards) and L Palmer (Tenant Representative) (for Item 6 only).

Apologies for Absence: Bailie C Ahern, Councillors P Barrett, I James and S McCole.

Councillor T McEwan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-6 and Vice-Convener J Welch on Items 7 and 8.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor T McEwan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence and substitutions were noted as above.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interests in terms of the Councillors' Code of Conduct

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 29 November 2023 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. OUTSTANDING BUSINESS STATEMENT

The Outstanding Business Statement was noted.

5. PRESENTATION ON MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAM

Constable Paul Morgan, Leader of Police Scotland Mountain Rescue Team provided a [slide-based presentation](#) covering all aspects of the work of the Mountain Rescue Team in Tayside.

Constable Morgan answered Members' questions thereon.

The Convener thanked Constable Morgan for his very informative presentation and thanked them for his attendance.

AT THIS POINT CHIEF INSPECTOR T LEONARD, CHIEF INSPECTOR G BURNS AND CONSTABLE P MORGAN ALL HAVE LEFT THE MEETING

6. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN INCORPORATING THE 5 YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME AND RENT STRATEGY TO 2028/29, RESERVES STRATEGY AND OTHER HOUSING CHARGES FOR 2024/25

There was submitted a joint report by Executive Director (Communities) and Strategic Lead – Finance and Business Support (24/24) (1) seeking approval of the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for five years from 2024/25 to 2028/29, (2) outlining recommended increases to rents for houses and other HRA property service charges, and an appropriate level of reserves, and (3) seeking approval of the proposed budget for the next five years of the Capital Investment Programme, totalling £97.5 million from 2024/25 to 2028/29.

Resolved:

- (i) It be noted that the HRA 30-year Business Plan has been updated to reflect and confirm the affordability of the proposals.
- (ii) The Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2024/25 and provisional budgets for financial years 2025/26 to 2028/29 as set out in Appendix 1 of Report 24/24, be approved.
- (iii) The proposed Housing Revenue Account Capital Investment Programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29 as set out in Appendix 4 of Report 24/24, be approved.
- (iv) The Rent Strategy for 2024/25 and a provisional Rent Strategy for the following 4 years to 2028/29 as stated in Section 9 of Report 24/24, be approved.
- (v) The rent increase of 6.0% in line with option 1, for the year commencing 1 April 2024 for all Council houses. Meaning an average weekly rent increase of £4.51 per week, giving an average weekly rent of £79.74 per week based on 52 weeks, be approved.
- (vi) The rent increase of 6.0% for the year commencing 1 April 2024, be approved for:
 - all lock-ups
 - all garage sites
 - dispersed tenancies owned by the HRA
 - Greyfriars Hostel.
- (vii) The Housing Revenue Account Reserves Strategy proposed in Section 10 of Report 24/24, be approved.

- (viii) The final movement in the Housing Revenue Account in 2023/24 is transferred to a Covid-19 earmarked Reserve (HRA) as proposed in Section 10.10 of Report 24/24, be approved.
- (ix) The proposal to set Housing service charges from 1 April 2024 as stated in Section 13 of Report 24/24, be approved.
- (x) It be endorsed and approved, where necessary, the revised level of all housing related charges as detailed in Appendix 6 of Report 24/24.
- (xi) The progress made to date in delivering and maintaining the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) for improving and managing the housing stock as set out in Section 7 of Report 24/24 and the related Business Cases, be endorsed.

THERE FOLLOWED A SHORT RECESS AND THE MEETING RECONVENED AT 11.25AM.

7. COMMUNITY JUSTICE UPDATE REPORT 2022-23

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (24/25) providing an update on (1) the work of council services and partners to meet local and national outcomes for Community Justice for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023, and (2) the effectiveness of the arrangements for the supervision of serious offenders and the approaches being used to help people make positive changes in their lives and tackling the underlying causes.

Resolved:

The approach undertaken by Perth and Kinross Council (PKC) teams in respect of the Perth and Kinross Community Justice and Safety Partnership (PKCJ&SP), and the content of the 2022-23 Perth and Kinross Annual Outcome Activity Return, as detailed in Appendix 1 of Report 24/25, submitted to Community Justice Scotland (CJS), be noted.

8. TAYSIDE MAPPA ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

There was submitted a report by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (24/26) introducing the Tayside Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report for 2022-23.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of the Tayside MAPPA Annual Report 2022-23, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 24/26, be endorsed and noted.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to bring forward future annual reports to this Committee.

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