

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 25 January 2017 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: B Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work); C Barnett, J Beverley, L Brady, S Burt, L Cameron, S Coyle, M Dow, P Henderson, C Johnston, F Low, C Mailer, J Mayglotling, S Rankin and A Taylor (all Housing and Community Care); C Flynn, L Potter and A Taylor (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: L Dewar and C Stewart (Tenants' Representatives).

Apology for Absence: Councillor H Stewart.

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 49-52 and 56-57 and the Vice-Convener for Arts. 53-55.

49. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

51. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 2 November 2016 (Arts. 736-747) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

52. 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 26 August 2016

The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board of 26 August 2016 was submitted and noted.

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(ii) Briefing Paper by Executive Lead Officer

There was submitted and noted a briefing paper by the Chief Officer Health and Social Care Partnership (17/30), providing an update on the recent business and decisions of the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) following their meeting on 4 November 2016.

B Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work) was present to answers members' questions.

53. ANNUAL SCHEME OF CHARGES FOR COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (17/31) noting the different ways in which community care services are charged for within Housing and Community Care and seeking approval of the proposed changes to charges as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Motion (Councillors K Howie and D Doogan)

The proposed changes to charges, as detailed in section 2 and within the summary at Appendix 1 of Report 17/31, be approved.

Amendment (Councillors I Campbell and M Roberts)

The proposed changes to charges, as detailed in Section 2 and within the summary at Appendix 1 of Report 17/31 be approved, however, the proposed increase to charges in respect of Local Authority Residential Care be restricted to 2% plus inflation.

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

4 members voted for the Amendment as follows:

Councillors I Campbell, D Cuthbert, D Melloy and M Roberts.

9 members voted for the Motion as follows:

Councillors H Anderson, P Barrett, D Doogan, J Flynn, K Howie, E Maclachlan, W Robertson, G Walker and M Williamson.

Amendment – 4 votes

Motion – 9 votes

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

**54. REPORT ON SOCIAL CARE AND SOCIAL WORK IMPROVEMENT
SCOTLAND INSPECTIONS (SCSWIS)**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (17/32) (1) advising of the key findings of 11 inspections carried out in Perth and Kinross by the Care Inspectorate in the past year which focused on the four quality themes: Quality of Care and Support, Environment, Staffing and Management and Leadership; and (2) highlighting the excellent performance and grades awarded by the Inspectorate across the majority of services, as well as some areas for improvement.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 17/32 with regard to Care Inspectorate inspections, be noted.

**55. REVIEW OF CLEAN AND CLEAR INCENTIVE SCHEME – INTRODUCTION
OF NEW CLEAN AND GREEN (RECYCLE AND REUSE SCHEME)**

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (17/33) proposing to replace the housing service's existing Clean and Clear Incentive with a scheme which promotes the reuse and recycling of items as people leave and move into council housing, bringing the Housing Service more in line with the Scottish Government's targets for recycling and reducing waste and supporting the Council's aims of reducing land infill and recycling by 2020.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 17/33 be noted.
- (ii) The new policy to focus on re-use and recycle as people leave or move into Council homes, replacing the Clean and Clear initiative, as detailed in Report 17/33 be approved.

**56. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT (HRA) STRATEGIC FINANCIAL PLAN
INCORPORATING THE 5 YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME
AND RENT STRATEGY TO 2021/22, RESERVES STRATEGY AND OTHER
HOUSING CHARGES FOR 2017/18**

There was submitted a joint report by Depute Chief Executive, H&CC (Corporate and Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer and the Head of Finance (17/34) (1) setting out the proposed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget for five years from 2017/18 to 2021/22; (2) recommending increases to rents for houses and other HRA property, service charges and also recommending an appropriate level of reserves; and (3) presenting the proposed budget for the next five years of the Capital Investment Programme of £77 million from 2017/18 to 2021/22.

Resolved:

- (i) The Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2017/18 and provisional budgets for financial years 2018/19 to 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to Report 17/34, be approved.

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- (ii) The proposed Housing Revenue Account Capital Investment Programme for 2017/18 to 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 4 to Report 17/34, be approved.
- (iii) The Rent Strategy for 2017/18 and a provisional Rent Strategy for the following 4 years to 2021/22 as detailed in Section 6 of Report 17/34, be approved.
- (iv) The nil rent increase for the year commencing 3 April 2017 for all Council houses be approved, meaning the average weekly rent would remain at £66.00 per week based on 52 weeks
- (v) The nil rent increase for the year commencing 3 April 2017 be approved for the following:
 - All lock-ups
 - All garage sites
 - Chalets and stances for travelling people at Double Dykes and Bobbin Mill
 - Temporary accommodation units at Greyfriars Hostel and dispersed tenancies owned by the HRA
- (vi) The Housing Revenue Account Reserves Strategy to maintain the current level of reserves at £800,000, as proposed in Section 7 of Report 17/34, be approved.
- (vii) The proposal to set Housing service charges from 3 April 2017 as stated in Section 10 of Report 17/34, be approved.
- (viii) Notes and approves where necessary the revised level of all housing related charges as detailed in Appendix 6.
- (ix) The progress made to date in delivering and maintaining the Scottish Housing Quality Standard for improving and managing the housing stock, as set out in Section 4 of Report 17/34 and the related Business Cases, be noted.

57. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE COMPLAINTS AND CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) summarising the complaints received between 1 April 2015 and 30 September 2016 (18 months) relating to housing services and community care services, including examples of actions taken to improve services as a result of complaints and information on other feedback received through customer satisfaction surveys.

Resolved:

The contents of Report 17/35 be noted.

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