

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Minute of meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee held virtually via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 2 September 2020 at 9.30am.

Present: Councillors B Brawn, C Ahern, H Anderson (substituting for Councillor McCole), A Bailey, P Barrett, E Drysdale, T Gray, D Illingworth, A Jarvis, T McEwen, B Pover, C Shiers and R Watters.

In Attendance: B Renton, Executive Director (Housing and Environment); C Mailer, S Coyle, J McColl, N Robson, R Ross and C Cranmer (all Housing and Environment); J Pepper, Depute Director (Education and Children's Services); C Flynn, A Taylor, D Stokoe and L Haxton (all Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: Chief Superintendent A Todd and Chief Inspector G Binnie (Police Scotland) (up to and including Item 5); Area Manager G Pryde (up to and including Item 5) and Group Commander B McLintock (for Item 5 only) (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and E Osborne (MAPPA) (for Item 9 only).

Apologies: Councillor S McCole.

Councillor Brawn, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion on Items 1-4 and 6-10, and the Vice-Convener on Item 5.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Convener welcomed all those present to the meeting. An apology for absence and substitute 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 THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE OF 29 JANUARY 2020 FOR APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee of 29 January 2020 (Arts. 41-54) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

4. VALEDICTORIES

Group Commander B McLintock, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Chief Inspector I Scott, Police Scotland

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The Convener made reference to the upcoming retiral of Group Commander Billy McLintock from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the recent retiral of Chief Inspector Ian Scott from Police Scotland. He paid tribute to the role and substantial contribution both had made to the work of the Committee over the years and wished them both all the very best for the future and an enjoyable retirement.

5. POLICE AND FIRE REFORM: LOCAL SCRUTINY AND ENGAGEMENT

(i) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Quarter 1 Performance Report – 1 April – 30 June 2020

There was submitted a report by Area Manager G Pryde, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (20/149) 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 first quarter, 1 April to 30 June 2020.

Area Manager Pryde and Group Commander McLintock 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 2020, be noted.

B MCLINTOCK JOINED THE MEETING DURING THE ABOVE ITEM.

(ii) Perth and Kinross Local Policing Area – Interim Activity Report

There was submitted a report by Chief Superintendent A Todd, Police Scotland 'D' Division (Tayside) (20/150) 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 2020.

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 April to 30 June 2020, be noted.

CHIEF SUPERINTENDENT A TODD, CHIEF INSPECTOR G BINNIE, AREA MANAGER G PRYDE AND GROUP COMMANDER B MCLINTOCK ALL LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

6. UPDATE ON ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN UNDER COVID-19 ARRANGEMENTS

C Mailer, Head of Housing gave a verbal update on the various activities undertaken throughout the Covid-19 pandemic by the Housing and Environment Service. She provided details on how business continuity arrangements were put in place at the start of the pandemic to enable the prioritisation and continuation of three essential services within Housing, being homelessness/temporary accommodation and allocations work, emergency repairs and sheltered housing.

B Renton and C Mailer answered members' questions.

7. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

There was submitted and noted a report by the Depute Chief Operating Officer (20/151) providing an update on progress with Community Planning priorities since the last update on 29 January 2019.

8. HOUSING TO 2040 – RESPONSE ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT'S CONSULTATION ON HOUSING TO 2040

There was submitted a report by the Head of Housing (20/152) providing details of the Council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on Housing to 2040.

Resolved:

- (i) The response made to the Scottish Government on Housing to 2040 as detailed in Report 20/152, be noted.
- (ii) The response from Perth and Kinross Council to the Scottish Government as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 20/152, submitted by the deadline of 28 February 2020, be homologated.

E OSBORNE JOINED THE MEETING VIA TELEPHONE AT THIS POINT.

9. TAYSIDE MAPPA ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/153) (1) providing data in relation to the performance of the Tayside Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) for 2018-19; and (2) providing the context for managing these arrangements in Perth and Kinross.

E Osborne, MAPPA Co-ordinator, answered members' questions.

Resolved:

The contents of the Tayside MAPPA Annual Report 2018-19 and the increase in the number of people managed through MAPPA in Perth and Kinross, be noted.

E OSBORNE LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT.

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10. COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDERS ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

There was submitted a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) (20/154) providing an update for the period 2018-19 on the operation of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

- (i) Approve the work being undertaken by the Public Protection and Unpaid Work Teams in respect of Community Payback Orders in Perth and Kinross.
- (ii) The Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) be requested to bring forward a report regarding the activity and performance of Community Payback Orders for the period 2019/20 in six months.

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