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 2 November 2016 10.00am.

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

In Attendance: J Walker, Depute Chief Executive HCC (Corporate & Community Development Services) and Chief Operating Officer, B Atkinson, Director (Housing and Social Work); L Cameron, M Dow, C Hendry, C Johnston (up to and including Art. 747), P Kippen (up to and including Art. 742), C Mailer, K Ogilvy (up to and including Art. 742), E Ritchie, N Robson, P Smith (up to and including Art. 742) (all Housing and Community Care); R Packham, Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board (up to and including Art. 742); C Flynn and A Taylor (both Corporate and Democratic Services).

Also in Attendance: C Stewart and D Wilkie (Tenants' Representatives).

Apology for Absence: Councillor E Maclachlan

Councillor D Doogan, Convener, Presiding.

The Convener led the discussion for Arts. 736-740 and the Vice-Convener for Arts. 741-747.

736. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

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

737. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

738. MINUTE

The minute of meeting of the Housing and Health Committee of 24 August 2016 (Arts. 571-581) was submitted, approved as a correct record and authorised for signature.

739. 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 1 July 2016

The minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board of 1 July 2016 was submitted and noted.

(ii) Briefing Paper by Executive Lead Officer

There was submitted and noted a briefing paper by the Chief Officer Health and Social Care Partnership (16/469), providing an update on the recent business and decisions of the Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) following their meeting on 26 August 2016.

R Packham, Chief Officer, Perth and Kinross Integration Joint Board was present to answers members' questions.

740. HOUSING AND COMMUNITY CARE SIX MONTH PERFORMANCE SUMMARY 2016

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive (Corporate and Community Development Services) (16/470) reviewing the performance of Housing and Social Work against its Business Management and Improvement Plan (BMIP) for the period 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016.

Resolved

- (i) The contents of the Housing and Social Work Six Month Performance Summary, 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2016, as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/470, pertaining to this Committee's areas of responsibility, be accepted.
- (ii) It be noted that Report 16/470 would also be submitted to the Community Safety Committee on 23 November 2016, and to the Scrutiny Committee on 30 November 2016 for scrutiny and comment as appropriate.

741. PERTH AND KINROSS TECHNOLOGY ENABLED CARE (TEC) STRATEGY (2016 – 2019)

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/471) seeking endorsement for the Perth and Kinross Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Strategy and Action Plan (2016-2019) prior to submission to the Integrated Joint Board for approval. The report and action plan outlined how the Partnership will improve and enhance the use of TEC across Perth and Kinross to support people to remain living independently and improve outcomes for individuals and carers.

Resolved:

The Perth and Kinross Technology Enabled Care Strategy and Action Plan (2016-2019) as set out in Appendix 1 to Report (16/471) be endorsed prior to submission to the Integrated Joint Board for approval.

742. INTEGRATED HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MODEL FOR DALWEEM CARE HOME, ABERFELDY

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/472) advising on progress towards the development of an Integrated Health and Social Care facility within the current Dalweem Care Home in Aberfeldy.

Resolved:

- (i) The contents of Report 16/472 be noted.
- (ii) The Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate and Community Development Services) be instructed to provide a further report to this Committee in April 2017.

743. PROGRESS REPORT – REVISED COMMON ALLOCATIONS POLICY

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/473) providing an update on the implementation of the revised Common Allocation Policy, demonstrating its effectiveness and positive impact on addressing housing need across Perth and Kinross.

Resolved:

The very positive impact the revised allocations policy has had after six months implementation as detailed in Report 16/473 be noted.

744. REVISED POLICY FOR CURRENT AND FORMER TENANT RENT ARREARS

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/474) seeking approval for revisions to the Policy for Current and Former Tenant Rent Arrears and providing an update on rent arrears performance.

Resolved:

- (i) The current activity and performance in relation to rent arrears as detailed in Report 16/474 be noted.
- (ii) The revised Policy for Current and Former Tenant Rent Arrears to support the recommendations outlined in Section 4.5 of Report 16/474 which will further strengthen the Council's approach to rent collection, be approved.

745. COMPLETION OF REFURBISHMENT OF SHOPS AT 99 – 119 DUNKELD ROAD, PERTH

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/475) providing a final update on the refurbishment of the shops at 99-119 Dunkeld Road, Perth as part of the wider regeneration of Muirton.

Resolved:

The content of Report 16/475 and the excellent work in renovating and regenerating the local area of Muirton, at reduced costs to the original estimates, be noted.

746. STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN

There was submitted a report by the Director (Housing and Social Work) (16/476) identifying housing needs across Perth and Kinross and seeking approval for the Perth and Kinross Council Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) to address these needs and future demand for housing across the area.

Resolved:

- (i) The Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2017-2022 as detailed in Appendix 1 to Report 16/476, be approved.
- (ii) The Director (Housing and Social Work) be authorised to ensure that where projects fall out of the plan, he can assign agreed SHIP projects in their place.

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS SHOULD BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN ORDER TO AVOID THE DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION WHICH IS EXEMPT IN TERMS OF SCHEDULE 7A TO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1973

747. INVESTIGATION OF POTENTIAL GYPSY/TRAVELLER STOPOVER SITE

There was submitted a report by the Depute Chief Executive, HCC (Corporate and Community Development Services) (16/477) (1) highlighting the extensive work taken to identify a potential permanent Gypsy/Traveller stopover site, and (2) requesting that the Committee consider whether either of the two possible options be further progressed.

Motion (Councillors D Doogan and D Cuthbert)

- (i) Note the identification/selection process that has been undertaken to identify a preferred stopover site option.
- (ii) Consider that the options at Muirton and Friarton should not be investigated further.
- (iii) Remit to the Director (Housing and Social Work) to redeploy the use of the capital budget allocation to provide support to existing site provision for travelling people and to a refresh of the Council's approach to the engagement process when Gypsy Traveller encampments emerge.

Amendment (Councillor P Barrett)
Consider further investigation and consultation of both the Muirton and Friarton options.

Having failed to secure a Seconder, the Amendment accordingly fell.

Resolved:

In accordance with the Motion.

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