



**MINUTES OF MEETING of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 31 MARCH 2016 at 10.00 am.**

**PRESENT**

- Councillor Les Sharp, Convenor (In the Chair)
- Provost Tina Murphy, Vice Convenor
- Councillor Donald Balsillie (S)
- Councillor Archie Drummond
- Councillor Ellen Forson
- Councillor Kathleen Martin
- Councillor Bobby McGill (S)
- Councillor Derek Stewart

**IN ATTENDANCE**

- Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety
- Philip Gillespie, Assistant Head of Social Services
- Liam Purdie, Assistant Head of Social Services
- Murray Sharp, Service Manager (Strategy and Revenues)
- Yvonne Sharp, Senior Advisor Money Advice and Benefits
- Louise Beattie, Business Manager (Item 6)
- Alison Campbell, Planning Commission Officer (Item 8)

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Before the start of business, the Convenor advised Committee that the Social Services, Learning and Development Team had won a National Award. They would also be receiving another award through COSLA this Autumn.

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**HHC.176      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE and Councillor Graham Watt. Councillor Donald Balsillie attended as substitute for Councillor McAdam and Councillor Bobby McGill attended as substitute for Councillor Watt.

**HHC.177      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**HHC.178      MINUTES OF MEETING: HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 28 JANUARY 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 28 January 2016 were submitted for approval.

## **Decision**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 28 January 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

### **HHC.179 STRATEGY AND REGENERATION UPDATE**

A report which provided an update on the affordable housing programme was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

#### **Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to:

- (1) Note the progress of the affordable housing programme.
- (2) Note the Scottish Governments' statement on the increase in the affordable housing budget, and the rise in subsidy levels.
- (3) Note the remainder of the information set out in the report.

### **HHC.180 WELFARE REFORM UPDATE**

A report which updated the Committee on the local experiences and impacts of changes to welfare benefits resulting from the introduction of the Welfare Reform Act 2012 and other provisions was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

#### **Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the Welfare Reform Update report, the Committee agreed to note the content of the report.

### **HHC.181 SOCIAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT**

A report was submitted by the Head of Social Services, which presented information to Committee on the performance indicators, and on progress in implementing the strategic priorities and projects, for Social Services' performance Quarter 3, 2015/2016 (October - December 2015).

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

## **Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the Social Services Performance report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

### **HHC.182 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT: SOCIAL SERVICES**

A report which updated Committee on the Social Services financial information up to and including January 2016 was submitted by the Head of Social Services.

## **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

## **Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to:

- (1) Note the information set out in the report.
- (2) Consider the management actions taken.
- (3) Consider the continuing demand on services and the impact on the budget to fulfil our statutory responsibilities.

## **Action**

Head of Social Services

### **HHC.183 IMPLEMENTATION OF PAYMENT OF THE SCOTTISH LIVING WAGE IN THE SOCIAL CARE SECTOR**

A report was submitted by the Head of Social Services, which provided information to Committee about the implementation of payment of the Living Wage in the Social Care Sector. The report covered the use of investment targeted to secure improvements in terms and conditions including wage levels across care services in the independent and third sectors. The report also provided information to Committee about progress in delivering the objectives of Unison's Ethical Care Charter.

## **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed to note:

- (1) The funding allocated by the Scottish Government to support improvement in the terms and conditions including rates of pay in the Social Care Sector.
- (2) Progress made in meeting the objectives of the Ethical Care Charter.
- (3) The potential financial implications for the Council associated with the implementation of the Scottish Living Wage across all care services in the independent and third

sectors and the implications of progressing the objectives contained in Unison's Ethical Care Charter.

- (4) That an update on the approach to securing improved terms and conditions across care services in the independent and third sectors through the use of the additional funding will be provided to Council through the Budget Strategy Report in May 2016, and that a report providing an update on progress will be provided to the Housing, Health and Care Committee in September 2016. An update will also be provided to the Integration Joint Board.

#### **Action**

Head of Social Services

#### **HHC.184 REALIGNING CHILDREN'S SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT**

A report which updated the Committee on the progress of the Realigning Children's Services Programme in Clackmannanshire was submitted by the Head of Social Services.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

#### **Decision**

Having commented on and challenged the Realigning Children's Service Progress report, the Committee agreed to note the information set out in the report.

#### **HHC.185 CARERS (SCOTLAND) ACT 2016**

A report which updated the Committee on the Carers (Scotland) Act and its implications for Clackmannanshire Council was submitted by the Head of Social Services.

#### **Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to:

- (1) Note the passing of the Carers (Scotland) Act on 4 February 2016.
- (2) Note the financial implications of the Carers (Scotland) Act.

#### **HHC.186 FORTH VALLEY MULTI AGENCY PUBLIC PROTECTION ARRANGEMENTS (MAPPA) ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15**

A report which updated Committee on the Forth Valley Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report 2014-15 was submitted by the Head of Social Services. The 2014-15 annual report was published on 30 October 2015.

**Motion**

That the Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) Note the content of the Forth Valley Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Annual Report 2014-15.
- (2) Note the requirement on Local Authority services and statutory partners to accommodate the extension of MAPPA to violent and otherwise dangerous offenders from 31 March 2016.
- (3) Note the Commitment in Forth Valley to delivering MAPPA within a framework of integrated public protection processes and partnerships.

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*The Committee wished both Phillip Gillespie and Liam Purdie all the best in their new jobs. This would be their last Housing, Health and Care Committee.*

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Ends 1220 hrs

