



**MINUTE OF MEETING of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 23 AUGUST 2012 at 10 am.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Les Sharp, Convenor (In the Chair)  
Provost Tina Murphy, Vice Convenor  
Councillor Gary Womersley, Ex Officio  
Councillor Archie Drummond  
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE  
Councillor Derek Stewart  
Councillor Janet Cadenhead  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Kathleen Martin

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Garry Dallas, Director of Services to Communities  
Deirdre Cilliers, Head of Social Services  
Stephen Crawford, Head of Facilities Management  
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services  
Val De Souza, Assistant Head of Operations and CSWO  
John Gillespie, Head of Community and Regulatory Services  
Kenny Hutton, Service Manager, Regeneration Services  
Stuart McQueen, Solicitor (Clerk to the Committee)  
Jane Menzies, Assistant Head of Social Services  
Jennifer Queripel, Service Manager, Housing Operations  
Liz Shaw, Team Leader, Accountancy  
Murray Sharp, Team Leader, Housing

**HHC.001      APOLOGIES**

None

**HHC.002      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**HHC.003      HOUSING PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The report updated the Committee on performance for Housing and Community Safety Services during the 1st Quarter 2012/13. The report also highlighted the key service activity since April and the achievements, opportunities and challenges facing the service.

### **Motion**

That the Committee notes the report, commenting and challenging where appropriate.

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

### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report and commented and challenged where appropriate.

### **HHC.004 HOUSING QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The report provided the financial performance position to date on the delivery of the approved budget for Housing during the first quarter of this financial year.

### **Motion**

That the Committee notes the report, commenting and challenging on the current financial position as appropriate.

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

### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report and commented and challenged on the current financial position as appropriate.

The Convenor advised that 2.1 of the undernoted report should read "Committee" not Council. This also applied to the recommendations set out in items 12 and 13.

### **HHCA005 STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN (SHIP) AND STRATEGIC LOCAL PROGRAMME (SLP)**

The report sought to finalise the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) which was submitted in draft (following Council approval) to the Scottish Government on 31 March 2012. The report also sought approval of the Strategic Local Programme which requires to be formally submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 August 2012.

### **Motion**

That the Committee approves Option 2 (paragraph 3.10.2 of the report) as the basis of its Strategic Local Programme Submission to the Scottish Government and revises its Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-15 accordingly.

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

### **Voting**

In terms of Standing Order 14.8, Councillor Tina Murphy and Councillor Walter McAdam MBE, asked for a roll call vote. The Council agreed that a vote be taken by calling the roll and at this stage there were 8 members present who were eligible to vote. On the roll being called, the members present voted as follows:

**For the Motion (5)**

Provost Tina Murphy  
Councillor Ellen Forson  
Councillor Les Sharp  
Councillor Walter McAdam MBE  
Councillor Archie Drummond

**Against the Motion (0)****Abstain (Not Voting) (3)**

Councillor Janet Cadenhead  
Councillor Kathleen Martin  
Councillor Derek Stewart

**Decision**

On a division of 5 votes to 0 with 3 abstentions, the Committee agreed to approve Option 2 (paragraph 3.10.2 of the report) as the basis of its Strategic Local Programme Submission to the Scottish Government and revises its Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2012-15 accordingly.

**Action**

Head of Community and Regulatory Services

**HHC.006 THE SCOTTISH SOCIAL HOUSING CHARTER**

The report updated the Committee on the introduction of the Scottish Social Housing Charter which came into effect on 1 April 2012. The Housing (Scotland) Act 2010 sets out the Scottish Government's Plans for modernising and streamlining the regulation of Social Housing. The Act includes the requirement for Scottish Ministers to publish a Charter which sets the standards and outcomes that tenants and others who use their services can expect from Social Landlords.

**Motion**

That the Committee notes the content of this report and agrees that, following discussions with tenants, customers and partner Landlords, a further report on our approach for meeting the reporting requirements of the Scottish Housing Regulator from April 2013, is presented to Committee.

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

**Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the content of this report and agreed that, following discussions with tenants, customers and partner Landlords, a further report on our approach for meeting the reporting requirements of the Scottish Housing Regulator from April 2013, is presented to Committee.

**Action**

Head of Community and Regulatory Services

## **HHC007 ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES**

The report updated the Committee on the uptake of opportunities that have arisen to upgrade housing stock with grants available for utilities providers. The grants have been available only in geographical areas identified as CESP areas (Community Energy Saving Programme) of Clackmannanshire CESP areas are identified as those with low average incomes.

### **Motion**

That the Committee;

- a) Note the progress of a programme that will significantly add to the energy efficiency of the housing stock in 2012; and
- b) Agree that a further report be submitted to Council to draw forward up to £200k from the 2013/14 energy efficiency funding allocated in the HRA Capital Plan to make best use of the available grant funding in 2012/13.

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

### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed:

- a) To note the progress of a programme that will significantly add to the energy efficiency of the housing stock in 2012; and
- b) That a further report be submitted to Council to draw forward up to £200k from the 2013/14 energy efficiency funding allocated in the HRA Capital Plan to make best use of the available grant funding in 2012/13.

### **Action**

Head of Facilities Management

## **HHC.008 SOCIAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The report updated Committee on key areas of Social Services during 2011/12 and Quarter 1 of 2012/13. The report also highlighted service activity since April 2012, detailing achievements, opportunities and challenges facing the service.

### **Motion**

The Committee notes the report and provide comments and challenges as appropriate.

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

### **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report, and provided comments and challenged as appropriate.

**HHC.009            SOCIAL SERVICES QUARTER 1 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The report provided the financial performance position to date on the delivery of the approved budget for Social Policy during the first quarter of this financial year.

**Motion**

That the Committee notes the report, and provides comment and challenges as appropriate.

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

**Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the report, and commented and challenged as appropriate.

**HHC.010            LONG TERM CHILDCARE TEAM, ACTIONPLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT**

Following an independent review of Clackmannanshire Council's Long Term Childcare Team, completed in April 2012, the independent report was presented at a Special Council Meeting on 14 June 2012 where a comprehensive draft action plan was tabled. This report provides the finalised action plan, an update on progress and a summary of the improvement requirements.

**Motion**

That the Committee notes the progress achieved by the service to date. An improvement action plan has been developed and the High Level Plan will be submitted to the Committee for review. The Care inspectorate will review progress and monitor outcome in respect of the detailed operational plan.

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

**Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to note the progress achieved by the service to date and to note that an improvement action plan has been developed and the High Level Plan will be submitted to the Committee for review. The Care inspectorate will review progress and monitor outcome in respect of the detailed operational plan.

**Action**

Head of Social Services

**HHC.011            CHIEF SOCIAL WORK OFFICER ANNUAL REPORT**

A report was presented by the Head of Social Services which provides a summary statement of social services activities and progress in 2011-12.

**Motion**

The Committee notes the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Janet Cadenhead.

## **Decision**

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the report.

### **HHC.012 CLACKMANNANSHIRE FAMILY FIRM PROGRAMME**

The report updated the Committee on the Local Employability Partnership strategic project relating to Looked After Children as considered by Council on 30 June 2012.

## **Motion**

That the Committee agrees to build on the established pilot exercise by implementing the phased Clackmannanshire Family Firm Programme model outlined in Section 3 of the report.

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

## **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to build on the established pilot exercise by implementing the phased Clackmannan Family Firm Programme model outlined in Section 3 of the report.

### **HHC.013 CONSULTATION ON ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION**

The report presented Clackmannanshire Council's response on the integration of Adult Health and Social Care Services.

## **Motion**

That the Committee:

1. Note the content of this report;
2. Agrees the response to the Scottish Government's consultation; and
3. Endorses the general principle of integration as outlined in the Scottish Government's consultation.

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

## **Decision**

The Committee unanimously agreed to:

1. Note the content of this report;
2. The response to the Scottish Government's consultation; and
3. Endorses the general principle of integration as outlined in the Scottish Government's consultation.

## **Action**

Head of Social Services