



MINUTE OF MEETING of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 25 OCTOBER 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
John Gillespie, Head of Community and Regulatory Services
Stuart Landels, Service Manager
Sharon Evenden, Manager Early Years
Sandy Sneddon, Service Manger Child Care
Stuart McQueen, Solicitor (Clerk to the Committee)
Jane Menzies, Assistant Head of Social Services

HHC.014 APOLOGIES

None

HHC.015 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

HHC.016 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 AUGUST 2012

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 23 August 2012 were submitted for approval.

Item HHC.010 - Long Term Childcare Team, Action Plan and Progress Report

Councillor Janet Cadenhead commented that she had asked for her request on the reason behind the recent childcare issues to be minuted. The Clerk indicated that this had been referred to the Governance Manager and Chief Executive for clarification given previous Council decisions. The convenor agreed to take this forward.

Actions from Meetings

Councillor Janet Cadenhead asked where the action plan from the previous meeting sits formally in the meeting and how the actions will be monitored. The Convenor undertook to feedback to the Committee.

Decision

Subject to the above amendment, the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 23 August 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

HHC.017 SOCIAL SERVICES FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AT AUGUST 2012

A report which provided information on the financial performance of Social Services in respect of both revenue and capital spend for the financial year, 2012/13, based on activity to date up to the end of August 2012 was submitted by the Assistant Head of Social Services. Projected outturns up to March 2012 are also set out in the report.

Motion

That the Committee notes the report and comments and challenges on the current financial position.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

HHCA018 COMMUNITY PAYBACK ORDER (CPO) - FIRST YEAR IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

A report which updated the Committee on the implementation of Community Payback Orders (CPO) that became effective from 01.02.11 and to advise that Criminal Justice Services have met statutory legislative requirements in relation to this Act was submitted by the Service Manager, Criminal Justice Service.

Committee was invited to note the progress made by the Criminal Justice Service in Clackmannanshire since the implementation of the Community Payback Order in February 2011. The Community Payback Order in effect replaces the Probation, Community Service and Supervised Attendance Orders that previously existed as Community Disposals.

Motion

That the Committee notes the information set out in the report at paragraph 2.1 (a), (b) and (c).

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

HHC.019 EARLY YEARS FRAMEWORK/MODEL FOR EARLY CO-ORDINATED INTERVENTION FOR VULNERABLE FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 0 - 5 YEARS - 'CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ASSESSMENT & SUPPORT SERVICE'

A report which updated the Committee on progress with the Early Years Framework and Model for Early Co-ordinated Intervention Families with Children 0-5 years was submitted by the Acting Head of Social Services/Chief Social Work Officer.

In December 2011 the Council approved the development of a new model of service delivery of Early Co-ordinated Intervention of working with Vulnerable Families with Children aged 0-5 year.

Motion

That the Committee .:

- a) Notes the work and progress achieved by the service to date.
- b) That the Framework and model have been discussed with the Care Inspectorate in a recent unannounced inspection. The movement to the new model of working has been seen by the Care Inspectorate a very positive step forward in the delivery of preventative and targeted services for our families with young children aged 0-5 years.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

HHC020 LONG TERM CHILDCARE TEAM, ACTION PLAN AND PROGRESS REPORT QTR 2

A report which outlined progress made by the childcare long term team in relation to its improvement action plan during quarter two, 2012/2013 was submitted by the Acting Head of Social Services/Chief Social Work Officer.

Motion

That the Committee;

- a) Notes the progress made in taking forward the initial action plan arising from the independent review;
- b) Notes that a fuller action plan will be developed to take account of recent factors including increased staffing and support from external organisations.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to:

- a) Note the progress made in taking forward the initial action plan arising from the independent review;
- b) Note that a fuller plan will be developed to take account of recent factor including increased staffing and support from external organisations.

HHC.021 JOINT STAFF SURVEY 2012 (SOCIAL SERVICES)

A report which provided the Committee with a brief outline and overview of the findings from the first joint staff survey for Social Services which took place across Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils as part of the development of Shared Services which was issued in April 2012, was submitted by Acting Head of Social Services/Chief Social Work Officer.

Motion

The Committee notes :

- a) the results of the survey
- b) that a staff engagement plan will be developed across the shared service
- c) that the survey will be conducted again in spring 2013 and annually thereafter

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

Decision

The Committee unanimously to note the recommendations set out in the report.

HHC.022 STATUTORY COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT - SOCIAL SERVICES 2011-2012

A report which presented the complaints activity within Social Services and outlines the number and nature of the complaints received and responded to by the Statutory Complaints Officer, was submitted by Acting Head of Social Services/Chief Social Work Officer. This information is reported as a matter of requirement to Committee on an annual basis.

Motion

That the Committee notes the position and trend over recent years.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the information set out in the report.

HHC.023 CLACKMANNANSHIRE HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-2017

A report which sought approval of the Clackmannanshire Housing Strategy (CHS) 2012-2017 which has undergone widespread consultation following approval of the draft Strategy by Council on 8 March 2012, submitted by Head of Community & Regulatory Services. An update was included on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Financial Business Plan Review.

Motion

That the Committee notes and agrees the Clackmannanshire Housing Strategy 2012-17 for submission and subsequent approval by the Council.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to note the Clackmannanshire Housing Strategy 2012-17.

Action

Head of Community & Regulatory Services

**HHC.024 NOTICE OF MOTION IN TERMS OF STANDING ORDER 16 -
MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS - CHILDCARE**

A notice of motion in terms of Standing Order 16 was submitted by Councillor Janet Cadenhead.

Motion

"That this Committee agree to discuss and extend the monitoring arrangements currently in place for Child Care Services."

Moved by Councillor Janet Cadenhead. Seconded by Councillor Kathleen Martin.

Voting

For the Motion - 3 votes

Against the Motion - 5 votes

Abstain (Not Voting) - none

As an ex-officio member of the Committee, Councillor Gary Womersley was not eligible to vote.

Decision

On a division of 5 votes to 3 with 0 abstentions, the motion was defeated.

Ends 1:20 pm

