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MINUTES OF MEETING of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2014 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Les Sharp, Convenor (In the Chair)
Provost Tina Murphy, Vice Convenor
Councillor Archie Drummond
Councillor Kenneth Earle (S*)
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Gary Womersley (S*)

IN ATTENDANCE

Garry Dallas, Director of Services to Communities
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety
Jane Menzies, Assistant Head of Joint Social Services
Stuart McQueen, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)
Liam Purdie, Assistant Head of Service - Child Care
Kenny Hutton, Service Manager Regeneration Services
Philip Gillespie, Assistant Head of Social Service (Adult Care)
Michael Grassom, Service Manager (Childcare Stirling)

HHC.102 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE and Councillor Janet Cadenhead.

Councillor Womersley was present at today's meeting as a substitute member for Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE, and was not present in his capacity as a non-voting ex-officio member. As a substitute member, Councillor Womersley was eligible to take part in the vote.

Councillor Earle was present at today's meeting as a substitute member for Councillor Cadenhead and was eligible to take part in the vote.

HHC.103 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

HHC.104 MINUTES OF MEETING: HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 MAY 2014

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 22 May 2014 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 22 May 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

HHC.105 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FINANCE REPORT 2014/15 QUARTER 1

A report which updated the Committee on the financial performance for Housing and Community Safety up to the first Quarter of 2014/15 was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety. The report also related to both Housing and Community Safety General Fund and Housing Account Revenue and Capital expenditure.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the allocation of up to £30k for structural engineers reports from the energy efficiency capital budget to support a Council bid for up to £250k from the Scottish Government's Green Homes Cashback Scheme.

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

HHC.106 HOUSING NEED AND DEMAND ASSESSMENT - UPDATE

A report which sought to inform the Committee of the purpose and process of producing an updated Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA) was submitted by the Housing and Community Safety. It outlined the key evidence identified so far in the HNDA update and the governance and consultation process needed to achieve 'robust and credible' status from the Scottish Government.

The Convenor thanked Kenny Hutton for his years of service to Housing and wished well for the future.

Motion

That the Committee notes the report and the consultation process outlined.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the report and the consultation process.

HHC.107 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE SCHEME

A report which presented the Committee with an update position on the Private Sector Housing Assistance Scheme, including details of how the Council's SHQS obligations towards door entry system installations may be met was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety.

Motion

That the Committee agree and note the recommendations set out in the report.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to :-

- 1) the realignment of the 'supported owners service' budget,
- 2) note the remainder of the report, and in particular the funding arrangements for the town centre initiative.

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

HHC.108 STRATEGY AND RENERGATION UPDATE

The Housing Strategy and Regeneration Report of 20 March 2014 provided the Committee with an update on the housing supply programme which was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety. The report also informed the Committee of the process for agreeing the Strategic Housing Investment Plan 2015/20 for Clackmannanshire.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed unanimously to approve :

1. the sale of the garage site at Redwell Place, Alloa to Kingdom HA at a value agreed on consultation with the District Valuers Service.
2. the demolition (and associated) costs of 21-39 The Orchard, in preparation for replacement housing of up to 12 new cottage-type units.
3. working with the developer of the Sauchie West site to provide around 60 affordable housing units to facilitate the wider development of this site in accordance with the with the section 75 agreement.

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

Garry Dallas withdrew from the meeting prior to the next item of business and the Head of Community Safety acted as deputy for the Executive Director.

HHC.109 SOCIAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report which updated the Committee on Social Services' performance for Quarter 1 of 2014-2015 was submitted by the Assistant Head of Service, Strategy and Performance.

Motion

That the Committee notes 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 note the Social Services Performance Report. The Committee also agreed to note the financial projections and the actions being taken and are proposed to address the financial challenges.

HHC.110 SINGLE CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

A report which provided the Committee with an update of the progress made to date in the development and implementation of the Single Childrens Case Management System (CCM) across Stirling and Clackmannanshire was submitted by the Assistant Head of Social Services, Childcare.

Motion

That the Committee notes the progress of this work and that Elected Members will be updated as the work moves to implementation.

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the progress of the Single Case Management System in the report.

Action

Assistant Head of Social Services, Childcare

HHC.111 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIAL CARE (SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT) (SCOTLAND) BILL

A report which updated the Committee about progress with the implementation of the Social Care (Self-directed Support) (SDS) (Scotland) Act 2013 (the Act) 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 progress on implementation of the Act.

- 2) Recommend to Council to approve the revised eligibility framework, including the introduction of financial thresholds and appeals process, for operational implementation. The framework will apply to all adult to all adult care groups and carers, utilising any of the four SDS options.
- 3) Note that the service will continue to monitor and review the implementation of SDS.

Action

Head of Social Services

Ends 12.15 pm

