



MINUTES OF MEETING of the HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Patons Building, Kilncraigs, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2014 at 12.00 noon.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety
Val De Souza, Head of Social Services
Jane Menzies, Assistant Head of Joint Social Services
Janice McCrum, Solicitor, Legal Services (Clerk to the Committee)
Liam Purdie, Assistant Head of Service - Child Care
Philip Gillespie, Assistant Head of Social Services (Adult Care)

The Convenor advised that a report had been submitted on the Proposed Town Centre Regeneration Project and he has agreed to add this to the agenda as item 11.

The Convenor advised the would take Fostering and Kinship Rates as the next item as there were a number of members of the public in attendance for this item.

As Stirling Council's Social Care and Health Committee meeting will be taking place this afternoon the Convenor advised he would re-order the agenda to take the Social Services items first.

HHC.102 APOLOGIES

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

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.

HHC.112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

**HHC.113 MINUTES OF MEETING: HOUSING, HEALTH AND CARE COMMITTEE
HELD ON 21 AUGUST 2014**

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 21 August 2014 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Housing, Health and Care Committee held on Thursday 21 August 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

HHC.114 FOSTERING AND KINSHIP RATES

A report which advised the committee of the impact of a pending legal challenge relating to the disparity in the payment of allowances to Foster Carers and Kinship Carers and to highlight the financial impact of increasing Kinship allowances to bring them into line with Fostering allowances 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

The Committee agreed to :

1. Recommend to Council that the Kinship Care Allowances are increased to reflect an equivalency level with foster care payments.
2. Note the in year budget implications which were factored in as a demand pressure for social work budget 2014/15.
3. Note the review of the Kinship Care criteria set out in paragraph 4.4.

Action

Head of Social Services

HHC.115 AGE LONG DISABILITY PATHWAY

A report which considered the Council's legal requirements, the views of staff and partners and families and proposes the creation of an Age Long Disability pathway was submitted by the Head of Social Services.

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 :

- a) agrees to the establishment of an Age Long Disability Pathway and Service and
- b) notes that a future report will be presented by Officers outlining:
 - How legal duties will be safeguarded and discharged
 - Financial modelling and cost implications of the proposal
 - Service Delivery arrangements

Action

Head of Social Services

HHC.116 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE SOCIAL SERVICES

A report which updated the Committee on the projected budget for Social Services based on expenditure to the end of August 2014 was submitted by the Head of Social Services.

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) note the contents of the report
- 2) note the management action plan outlined in Appendix 1
- 3) note that the Head of Service will update Committee on the actions set out in the action plan
- 4) note that a further update will be brought to Resources and Audit Committee in December to fulfil the amendment to Council Financial Performance Report.

Action

Head of Social Services

HHC.117 INTEGRATED CHILDREN'S SERVICES ACTION PLAN

A report which updated the Committee in relation to the findings of the Care Inspectorate joint inspection of children services across Clackmannanshire Community Planning Partnership was submitted by the Head of Social Services. The report refers to the previous reported presented to Housing, Health and Care Committee in June 2014 and the Resource and Audit Committee September 2014.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the Joint and Single Agency Plans and the actions to make improvements identified as a result of the inspection.

HHC.118 HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014/15 QUARTER 1

A report which updated the Committee on finance and service performance for Housing and Community Safety up to the first Quarter of 2014/15 was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety.

Motion

That the Committee notes the recommendation 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 Housing and Community Safety Report Finance and Performance Report 2014/15 Quarter 1.

HHC.119 STRATEGIC HOUSING INVESTMENT PLAN 2014-2019

A report which sought approval of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) which was submitted by the Head of Housing and Community Safety.

Motion

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

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

Decision

The Committee agreed to recommend to Council approval of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP), including the 5 year programme of housing sites that will provide the basis of the Strategic Local Program (SLP).

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

HHC.120 HOUSING LOCKUPS AND GARAGE SITES

A report which updated the Committee on the operation of the lock-up estate and to make recommendations on the strategy to maximise its value to the HRA 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

The Committee agreed to :-

- 1) remit to the Head of Service all investment decisions on lockups within the identified budget.
- 2) note that recommendations will be made as required to the Council for the disposal of lockup and garage sites to maximise capital receipts, reduce costs and help meet with affordable housing or other corporate objectives.
- 3) note the financial plan approved for the lockups as part of the annual budget process and the management proposals set out in this report.

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

HHC.120 PROPOSED TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PROJECT

A report which sought a recommendation from Council, seeking the transfer of the town centre grant funding, bringing forward Council funding to support the regeneration of the former Tillicoultry Community Centre site 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 Gary Womersley. Seconded by Provost Tina Murphy.

Decision

That the Committee agreed to recommend to Council :-

1. the transfer of the Tillicoultry Community Centre land from the General Fund to the Housing Revenue Account at a value agreed in conjunction with the District Valuer Services.
2. to approve the funding arrangements for the Council to support the housing development at the Tillicoultry Community Centre by bringing the approved capital spend forward from 2016/17 to 2015/16.
3. to agree Tillicoultry for the next phase of the Village and Small Town Centre initiative in order to support a wider regeneration of Tillicoultry town centre.

Action

Head of Housing and Community Safety

Ends 14.30 pm

