

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING of the CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL held within
the Council Chamber, Greenfield, Alloa, FK10 2AD, on THURSDAY 14 JUNE 2012 at
10.00 am.**

PRESENT

Provost Tina Murphy (In the Chair)
Councillor Donald Balsillie
Councillor Janet Cadenhead
Councillor Alastair Campbell
Councillor Archie Drummond
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor Irene Hamilton
Councillor Craig Holden
Councillor Kathleen Martin
Councillor George Matchett, QPM
Councillor Walter McAdam, MBE
Councillor Bobby McGill
Councillor Les Sharp
Councillor Jim Stalker
Councillor Derek Stewart
Councillor Graham Watt
Councillor Gary Womersley

IN ATTENDANCE

Elaine McPherson, Chief Executive
Deirdre Cilliers, Head of Joint Social Services, Clackmannanshire and Stirling
Jane Menzies, Assistant Head of Joint Social Services (Strategy, Performance and
Partnership)
Val De Souza, Assistant Head of Operations and Depute Chief Social Work Officer
David Thomson, Solicitor, Clerk to the Council

CC.18/08 APOLOGIES

None

CC.19 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

**CC.20 INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF CHILD CARE, LOOKED AFTER AND
ACCOMMODATED CHILDREN**

A report submitted by the Chief Executive informed the Council of the findings and recommendations of an independent review into aspects of the childcare service, in particular, practice in the long term team, and preliminary actions taken by the Chief Executive in response to the findings of the independent review.

The response of the social services senior management team to the review's findings was appended to the report as Appendices 2 and 3).

In December 2011, the Council considered and noted a report by the Chief Executive which advised of issues of procedure and practice which had been raised in respect of looked after and accommodated children and the management actions which were being taken to address these issues. One of the management actions was the commissioning by the Chief Executive of an independent review.

Motion

That Council notes the recommendations set out in the report and that the findings and recommendations of the independent review be published on the Council's website.

Moved by Councillor Gary Womersley. Seconded by Councillor Les Sharp

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously to :

- (a) Note the summary of findings of the independent review commissioned by the Chief Executive.
- (b) Note the preliminary actions taken by the Chief Executive in response to these findings.
- (c) Note the management response and action plan prepared by the social services senior management team.
- (d) Note that reports monitoring the progress in implementing actions will be submitted to the Housing, Health and Care Committee on a quarterly basis for consideration by elected members.
- (e) Publish the report of the independent review on the Council's website.

ENDS 11.48 am