

Minute of Meeting Housing & Community Safety Policy Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 26 January 2016	13:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

PRESENT

Councillors B Brown, E Devine, M Devine, Grady, Henry, Lawson, M MacLaren, McCartin, McEwan, McGurk, Murrin, Noon, and Williams.

CHAIR

Councillor Williams, Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

S MacDougall, Director of Community Resources; M Crearie, Director of Development & Housing Services; O Reid, Head of Public Protection, D Farrell, Financial & Resource Services Manager and D Kerr, Service Co-ordination Manager (all Community Resources); F Carlin, Head of Planning & Housing Services and V Howie, Finance Business Partner (both Development & Housing Services); and J Lynch, Head of Property, D Forbes, Finance Manager and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer (all Finance & Resources).

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Chief Superintendent J Downie (Police Scotland) and P Nelis, Group Manager (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service).

APOLOGY

Councillor J Sharkey.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Directors of Finance & Resources and Development & Housing Services for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015.

DECIDED:

(a) That the budget position be noted: and

(b) That it be noted that since the last report there had been net budget realignments of £1,175,000 relative to discretionary housing payments received.

2 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Director of Finance & Resources in respect of the Housing Division of Development & Housing Services for the period 1 April to 13 November 2015.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3 SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - SCRUTINY REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) relative to service performance and activities in the Renfrewshire area for the period August to October 2015.

The report highlighted improvements across a range of performance indicators and identified areas where further interventions were required. Over the period there had been a reduction in the number of all non-fatal fire casualties; there had been a significant decrease in the number of incidences of deliberate fire-raising; the number of accidental primary fires and accidental dwelling fires had reduced; there was a slight increase in the number of non-domestic fires; the number of false alarms had decreased; and the number of road traffic collisions had decreased from 13 to 11. The appendix to the report provided an analysis of performance and activities on a ward basis.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4 POLICE SCOTLAND - SCRUTINY REPORT

There was submitted a report by the Chief Superintendent, K Division Police Scotland, relative to service performance in the Renfrewshire area during the period 1 April to 30 November 2015. The report provided an analysis of key performance indicators for both recorded and detected crime and covered all local police plan priority areas as detailed in the local police plan.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5 DRAFT ANNUAL POLICE PLAN 2016/17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the Police Scotland review of their Annual Plan 2016/17, a copy of the draft plan was appended to the report.

The report intimated that Police Scotland were seeking views of key stakeholders on the proposed plan which had been developed with a focus on the themes of localism, prevention, collaboration and equality and participation. Comments on the plan were being sought by 5 February 2016 with the aim to develop and publish a final version of the plan by April 2016. Section 3 of the report set out a proposed response which suggested a number of points which could be considered as Police Scotland finalised the plan.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the Draft Annual Police Plan attached as an appendix to the report be noted; and
- (b) That the draft response set out in section 3 of the report be approved.

6 HM INSPECTORATE OF CONSTABULARY, SCOTLAND – SCRUTINY PLAN 2016-17

There was submitted a report by the Director of Community Resources relative to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary, Scotland (HMICS) review of their annual Scrutiny Plan to develop a planned inspection programme for 2016/17.

The report intimated that an amended version of the HMICS Scrutiny Plan 2015/16, a copy of which was appended to the report, was being used as the basis for the review. Forensic Services, Cyber Crime, National Crime Recording, together with follow up work on both Stop & Search and Call Handling form a number of the planning inspections within the current proposed programme which ran from 2014/17. HMICS were seeking views of key stakeholders on the proposed inspections and any topical, high risk or emerging areas in policing that could be included within the 2016/17 annual inspection programme.

DECIDED: That the HMICS Scrutiny Plan for 2016/17, as detailed in the appendix to the report, be noted.

7 RENFREWSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP OPERATIONAL UPDATE

There was submitted an amended update report by the Director of Community Resources relative to the recent activities of the Renfrewshire Community Safety Partnership. The report included information about environmental enforcement and improvement activities; protecting vulnerable residents; building safer communities; diversionary activities; and the development of the integrated control room and CCTV.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

8 LAND ADJACENT TO 58 MEADSIDE ROAD, KILBARCHAN

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources seeking approval to declare the area of land adjacent to 58 Meadside Road, Kilbarchan surplus to requirements, as outlined on plan E2422, a copy of which was appended to the report.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the land adjacent to 58 Meadside Road, Kilbarchan which equated to 118 square metres of thereby as indicated on plan E2422 be declared surplus to requirements;
- (b) That it be noted that the sale of the land to the proprietors of 58 Meadside Road should be on such terms and conditions as may be negotiated by the Head of Property utilising delegated powers;
- (c) That the Head of Corporate Governance be authorised to conclude the sale of the land which would include any such terms and conditions that may be deemed necessary to protect the Council's interests;
- (d) That the Head of Planning & Housing Services be authorised to place an advert in the local press in terms of the Town & Council Planning (Scotland) Act 1959 for the proposed sale of an area of open space; and
- (e) That it be noted that the Director of Finance & Resources would seek Scottish Ministers consent in terms of Section 12(7) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 1987 for the disposal of land from the Housing Revenue Account.

9 DRAFT LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY 2016 - 2021

There was submitted a report by the Director of Development & Housing Services relative to the draft Local Housing Strategy (LHS) 2016/21 which was attached as an appendix to the report.

The report intimated that the draft LHS had been developed in line with the Scottish Government guidance issued in 2014 which set out a number of issues for consideration in relation to housing and housing related topics. The draft LHS proposed seven key outcomes that the Council and its partners sought to achieve over the period of the LHS. Following a period of public consultation the final version of the LHS would be submitted for approval to a future meeting of this Policy Board.

DECIDED: That the summary version of the draft LHS 2016/21 which was currently being consulted on, and the options available for providing feedback on this draft strategy during the consultation phase be noted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public were present, there could be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part I of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

10 BUILDING SERVICES TRADING ACCOUNT

This item is exempt,