

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Communities Committee

Tuesday, 25 September 2018

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Ms Anna Bamforth, Ms Jane Bartecki, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor Gordon Cowie, Councillor Paula Coy, Councillor Lorna Creswell, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor Louise Laing, Mrs May McGarrie, Councillor Aaron McLean, Councillor Ron Shepherd, Councillor Sonya Warren

APOLOGIES

Councillor Ryan Edwards, Councillor Maria McLean, Councillor Ray McLean, Councillor Derek Ross

IN ATTENDANCE

The Head of Housing and Property; the Head of Development Services; the Housing Strategy and Development Manager; the Building Services Manager; the Asset Manager; the Housing Needs Manager; Ms Suzanne Wilson, Research and Information Officer; and Mrs Caroline Howie, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the Meeting.

1 Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests *

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, there were no declarations from Group Leaders or Spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda or any declarations of Member's interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

2 Resolution

The Chair advised the Resolution in the agenda requested that items 13 and 14 should be heard in confidence; this should have stated items 14 and 15. Thereafter the resolution was agreed.

3 Minute of Meeting dated 26 June 2018

The minute of the meeting of the Communities Committee dated 26 June 2018 was submitted and approved.

4 Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

5 Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan

Under reference to paragraph 12 of the draft Minute of the meeting dated 26 June 2018 a report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) informed the Committee of the requirement to develop and publish a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP), and the publication of related Scottish Government guidance.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the:

- i. Scottish Government's requirement that local authorities produce a RRTP; and
- ii. Council's draft RRTP will be presented in November to this Committee for approval prior to its submission to the Scottish Government by 31 December 2018.

6 Housing and Property Services Budget Monitoring - 30 June 2018

Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting of Moray Council dated 14 February 2018 a report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) presented the budget monitoring for the Housing Revenue Account and General Services Other Housing Budget for the period to 30 June 2018.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the budget monitoring report for the period to 30 June 2018.

7 Housing and Property Services - Service Improvement Plan 2018-19

A report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) advised the Committee about the Housing and Property Service Improvement Plan for 2018/19.

Following consideration the Committee agreed the Housing and Property Service Improvement Plan for 2018/19, as set out in appendix I of the report.

8 Housing Investment 2018-19

A report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) informed the Committee of the position to 30 June 2018 for the Housing Investment Programme for 2018/19.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the position as at 30 June 2018 with regards to the Housing Investment Programme for 2018/19.

9 Moray Home Energy Efficiency Programme

A report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and

Infrastructure) informed the Committee of progress on the Moray Home Energy Efficiency Programme.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i. note the progress made on the delivery of the Moray Home Energy Efficiency Programme; and
- ii. further reports on progress being presented to the Committee.

10 Council New Build Housing Progress

Under reference to paragraph 5 of the Minute of the meeting dated 17 October 2017 a report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) informed the Committee of progress on the Council's new build housing programme and also the Bilbohall masterplan.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i. note the details of the Council's Programme Agreement for 2018-19;
- ii. note the progress on the Council's new build housing programme;
- iii. note progress on the Bilbohall masterplan; and
- iv. further reports on programme progress being presented to the Committee.

11 Community Safety and Antisocial Behaviour Performance 2017-18

Under reference to paragraph 13 of the Minute of the meeting dated 23 April 2013 a report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) informed the Committee of Community Safety & Antisocial Behaviour performance in 2017/18 and provided an update on work undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership. An overview of results for the Community Safety Customer Satisfaction Survey 2017/18 was also presented.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i. welcome performance against the outcomes performing well; and
- ii. note the measures and activity being undertaken in relation to those requiring action.

12 Question Time ***

Councillor Creswell stated she had attended the initial meeting of the Violence Against Women Partnership and sought clarification on progress.

In response the Chair advised this would be on the agenda for the next Police and Fire and Rescue Services Committee on 22 November 2018.

13 Building Services Trading Operation Budget 2018-19 - Budget Monitoring [Para 9]

Under reference to paragraph 19 of the draft Minute of the meeting dated 26 June 2018 a report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) presented the budget monitoring information for the period to 30 June 2018 for the Building Services Trading Operation.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to note the:

- i. financial information for the period to 30 June 2018, as detailed in appendix I of the report; and
- ii. Building Services operating performance and the Business Plan 2017 - 2020 update as set out in sections 6 and 7 of the report.

14 Council New Build Phase 7 - Report on Tender [Paras 6 & 9]

Under reference to paragraphs 15 and 17 of the draft Minute of the meeting dated 26 June 2018 a report by the Corporate Director (Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure) informed the Committee of the evaluation of the tender received for the Council House New Build Programme Phase 7 project at the Barhill Road in Buckie. The report made recommendations in respect of tender acceptance.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i. accept the tender received for Barhill Road, Buckie; and
- ii. note that progress on the Council's new build programme is reported to this Committee.