

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Housing and Community Safety Committee

Tuesday, 09 May 2023

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

PRESENT

Ms Jane Bartecki, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Amber Dunbar, Councillor Jérémie Fernandes, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor David Gordon, Councillor Sandy Keith, Councillor Scott Lawrence, Councillor Marc Macrae, Councillor Paul McBain, Councillor Shona Morrison, Councillor Derek Ross, Councillor John Stuart, Councillor Draeyk Van Der Horn

APOLOGIES

Ms Anna Bamforth, Mr Ronald Tolmie

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance), Head of Housing and Property Services, Property Asset Manager, Building Services Manager, Georgina Anderson, Senior Solicitor and Lindsey Robinson, Committee Services Officer as Clerk to the meeting.

1. Chair

Councillor Amber Dunbar, as Chair of the Housing and Community Safety Committee, chaired the meeting.

2. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests *

In terms of Standing Order 21 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.

3. Resolution

The Committee resolved that under Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for Item 9 of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Paragraph Number of Minute	Paragraph Number of Schedule 7a and Reason
9	9 - Information on terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the Authority.

4. Minute of the meeting of the Housing and Community Safety Committee of 14 February 2023

The minute of the meeting of the Housing and Community Safety Committee dated 14 February 2023 was submitted and approved.

5. Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

6. Housing and Property Services Service Plan 2023-24

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) invited the Committee to consider the Housing and Property Services Service Plan for 2023-24.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to approve the Service Plan for Housing and Property Services at Appendix I.

7. Housing Investment 2023-24

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) informed the Committee of the planned investment work included within the Housing Investment Plan for 2023/24 that was approved at Council on 1 March 2023 (paragraph 7 of the minute refers)

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the planned works which will improve the Council's Housing stock.

8. Question Time ***

Under reference to paragraph 7 of the minute of this Committee dated 14 February 2023, Councillor Gatt sought clarification on the action response he had received. He was of the opinion that it should contain information on who had asked for the information.

In response the Clerk advised that she would check to see if any changes could be made to the form used.

Under reference to paragraph 7 of the minute of this Committee dated 14 February 2023, Councillor Keith sought an update on the extended programme of moss removal.

In response the Property Asset Manager advised that he would email Councillor Keith an up to date list of the properties.

Councillor Fernandes sought clarification on whether the Council's Domestic Abuse policy met the updated standards.

In response, the Head of Housing and Property Services advised that the policy meets all standards set by the CIHA and their "Make A Stand" campaign was seen as best practice across the sector. The policy will be reviewed periodically and any changes needed will be considered.

9. Building Services Trading Operation Budget 2023-24 - Annual Budget [Para 9]

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Economy, Environment and Finance) presented the Building Services Trading Operation Budget for 2023/24.

Following consideration the Committee agreed to:

- i. approve the proposed Building Services Trading Operation Budget for 2023/24, as detailed in section 5 and Appendix I of the report;
- ii. approve the service development proposals at a cost of £165k as detailed in section 6 of the report;
- iii. note the 2023/24 Building Services business priorities highlighted in section 7 of the report; and
- iv. note Building Services anticipated key performance outputs for 2023/24, as set out in section 8 of this report.