

Health, Social Care and Housing Committee

10:00 am Tuesday 21 June 2016

Present

Councillors Ricky Henderson (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Aitken, Booth, Bridgman, Burgess, Doran, Gardner, Griffiths, Howat, Key Rust, Shields and Work.

1. Minutes

Decision

- 3.1 To approve the minute of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee of 19 April 2016 as a correct record.

2. Rolling Actions Log

The Health, Social Care and Housing Committee Rolling Actions Log updated to 21 June 2016 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the Rolling Action Log.
- 2) To note that items 2 and 3 were discharged.
- 3) To include the decision of minute item 1 "To agree to receive an urgent action plan for completing the insulation of all multi-storeys in the City, including the two deck access blocks" in the action log.

(References – Act of Council No. 12 of 24 October 2013; Rolling Actions Log 21 June 2016, submitted.)

3. Business Bulletin

The Health, Social Care and Housing Business Bulletin for 21 June 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

4. New Psychoactive Substances

During 2014/15, Edinburgh faced significant challenges regarding the use of New Psychoactive Substances. This appeared to be predominantly amongst a small group of injecting drugs users living or staying in the city centre.

The impact was significant on the health and wellbeing of these individuals, and could result in antisocial and violent behaviour.

A multi-faceted response was developed across partners, which led to a temporary banning order for a particular substance (ethalphenedrate) as well as a Forfeiture Order and a ban on the sale of these substances across Edinburgh. Alongside this, responses were developed for people experiencing problems with the use of these drugs, mainly from within treatment, mental health and homelessness settings.

Decision

- 1) To note the challenge posed in 2014/15 by the use of New Psychoactive Substances in Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the work done to date address these challenges.
- 3) To commend the partnership working between City of Edinburgh Council, NHS Lothian, Police Scotland and the Third Sector to provide an effective response to NPS, thereby reducing risk and harm from their use.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted).

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Henderson declared a financial interest in the above item, as a non-Executive Director of NHS Lothian.

5. Carers' Champion Progress Update

An update was provided on the progress made by the Carers' Champion, Councillor Work, over the last year. The development of a Carers' Champion was one of the 53 Capital Coalition pledges made by the Council in August 2012.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress taken by the Carers' Champion in this role.
- 2) To note the progress with the implementation of the adult carers' action plan and The young carers' action plan.
- 3) To refer a copy of this report to the Education, Children and Families Committee for information.
- 4) To thank the staff who supported the Carers Champion.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted).

6. Be Able Programme in Day Services for Older People

It was reported that the Be Able programme had been developed within Council day services for older people over the last two years. This was driven by feedback from formal consultation with older people and policy; Market Shaping Strategy, Reshaping Care for Older People and the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes.

Day services had traditionally provided a daytime support to people over 65 years, providing social contact and a range of activities. Council day services continued to provide this service, fewer days per week and to people with the highest and most complex levels of need and where this could not be provided by other services.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made in the successful implementation of 'Be Able' within Council Day Services for older people.
- 2) To request the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to provide a report to a future meeting of the Integration Joint Board on future budgetary considerations of the Be Able Programme.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted).

7. Antisocial Behaviour Review Group - Update

A further update was provided on the work of the Antisocial Behaviour Review Group, established in June 2013 to fulfil Coalition Pledge 34: 'Work with police on an antisocial behaviour unit to target persistent offenders'.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report.
- 2) To discharge the remit from the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee of 16 June 2015 to report back on progress.
- 3) To request a further update on the progress of the Antisocial Behaviour Review Group in 12 months.

(References – Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 16 June 2015 (item 15); report by the Head of the Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

8. Housing Improvement Programme: Delivering the Budget Strategy in 2016/17

Details were provided of progress on the delivery of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Strategy which was approved at Council on 21 January 2016. The strategy, developed in consultation with tenants, aimed to significantly increase the number of affordable homes in the city from 3,000 to 8,000 over the next ten years and invest in services that would reduce tenants' cost of living.

The report by the Executive Director of Place set out progress on the delivery of the strategy, as well as investment in improving the security and modern facilities of homes and neighbourhoods. This investment would be delivered by a transformed Housing Service that had been designed to bring integrated services direct to customers, where tenants would know their Housing Officer and Housing Officers would know their tenants.

This report set out the £44.334 million revised HRA Capital Programme for investment in the Council's housing stock in 2016/17.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress in developing and implementing a new, locally delivered, integrated housing service.
- 2) To approve the revised 2016/17 HRA Capital Programme for the Council's housing stock of £44.334 million, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, for which the budget was approved by Council on 21 January 2016.
- 3) To approve the proposed Capital Resources of £44.334 million required to support the Capital Programme, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To agree to the inclusion of the Craigmillar town centre site in the 21st Century Homes programme; subject to the Council agreeing Heads of Terms with Parc.
- 5) To approve the acceleration of the heating and insulation programmes in 2016/17 in line with tenants' priorities.
- 6) To agree to accelerate the installation of door entry systems in majority owned blocks in 2017/18, noting that options for dealing with the remaining minority owned blocks would be set out in the draft 2017/18 budget report.
- 7) To note that the Council was on target to deliver its commitment of no home having a kitchen or bathroom over 25 years old by the end of 2016/17.

(References – Act of Council No. 2 of 21 January 2016; Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 19 April 2016 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Appointments to Sub-Committees and Working Groups – 2016-17

The Health, Social Care and Housing Committee was required to annually re-appoint the membership of its Sub-Committees and Working Groups. The current membership was detailed in the appendix to the report by the Chief Executive.

Decision

- 1) To appoint the membership of the Sub-Committees and Working Groups for 2016/17 as detailed in the appendix to this minute.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Ricky Henderson as the Convener of the Special Sub-Committee on Adult Social Care.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

10. Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 22 April 2016

- (a) The recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee held on 22 April 2016 on a complaint against the Health and Social Care Directorate were provided.
- (b) Details were given of the actions taken by the Head of a Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer in response to the decision taken by the Review Committee.

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 22 April 2016 and to note the actions taken by the Head of a Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer in response to the Review Committee's conclusions.

(References – reports by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee and the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

11. Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 18 May 2016

- (a) The recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee held on 18 May 2016 on a complaint against the Health and Social Care Directorate were provided.
- (b) Details were given of the actions taken by the Head of a Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer in response to the decision taken by the Review Committee.

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 18 May 2016 and to note the actions taken by the Head of a Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer in response to the Review Committee's conclusions.

(References – reports by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee and the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

12. Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 26 May 2016

- (a) The recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee held on 26 May 2016 on a complaint against the Health and Social Care Directorate were provided.
- (b) Details were given of the actions taken by the Head of a Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer in response to the decision taken by the Review Committee.

Decision

To approve the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 26 May 2016 and to note the actions taken by the Head of a Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer in response to the Review Committee's conclusions.

(References – reports by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee and the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities and Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

Special Sub-Committee on Adult Social Care (Current Membership)

5 Members – 1 Labour, 1 SNP, 1 Conservative, 1 Green and 1 Independent	
Councillors Ricky Henderson (Convener), Councillor Work Councillor Aitken,	Councillor Booth Councillor Shields

Working Groups etc (Current Membership)

Edinburgh Homelessness Forum – 6 members - 1 Labour, 1 SNP, 1 Conservative, 2 Green and 1 Independent	
Councillor Day Councillor Work Councillor Balfour	Councillor Booth Councillor Burgess Councillor Shields
Edinburgh Affordable Housing – 10 Members – 3 Labour, 3 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 Independent	
Councillor Day Councillor Ricky Henderson Councillor Gardner Councillor Howat Councillor Work	Councillor Aitken Councillor Rust Councillor Burgess Councillor Shields Councillor Key
Housing Pledges – 10 Members – 3 Labour, 3 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 Independent	
Councillor Day Councillor Doran Councillor Child Councillor Bridgman Councillor McVey	Councillor Work Councillor Aitken Councillor Rust Councillor Burgess Councillor Shields