

HOUSING CASES REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE

ABERDEEN, 2 November, 2009. - minute of meeting of the HOUSING CASES REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE. Present:- Councillor Malone, Chairperson (from article 2); and Councillors Cooney, Donnelly, Hunter, Kiddie and McDonald (from article 2).

In the Chairperson's absence, Councillor Kiddie took the Chair.

MINUTE OF MEETING OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The Sub Committee had before it the minute of its previous meeting of 15 September, 2009.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve the minute as an accurate record.

TIED TENANCY POLICY

2. The Sub Committee had before it a copy of the tied tenancy policy for information, and also to act as appendix A in relation to housing cases 7665, 7666, 7667, 7668 and 7669.

Councillor Hunter enquired as to when this policy had been amended, as he had thought that Janitors and Wardens were entitled to a priority move to a cottage on their retirement. Jan Gordon (Improvements Assistant (Policy), Asset Policy Housing) advised (1) that the policy had been amended in March 1995 when Grampian Regional Council and Aberdeen District Council merged; and (2) that only employees with over ten years' service and with the necessary medical recommendation would be entitled to a cottage.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to note the information provided.

At this point the Chairperson and Councillor McDonald joined the meeting.

EXEMPT INFORMATION

Before proceeding, the Sub Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 2 and 6 of Schedule 7(A) to the Act.

HOUSING CASE 7665

3. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which contained particulars of an application for Council housing which fell outwith the terms of the tied tenancy policy.

Councillor Cooney enquired as to whether the date of transfer for employment referred to within the report had been approved. Jan Gordon (Improvements Assistant – Asset Policy) advised that this would be considered at a future meeting of the Housing and Environment Committee, and that the date referred to in the report was provisional.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve option 1 as contained within the report; to allow the tenant to remain in the current property and convert the tenancy from non secure to secure from the date of transfer of employment.

HOUSING CASE 7666

4. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which contained particulars of an application for Council housing which fell outwith the terms of the tied tenancy policy.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve option 1 as contained within the report; to allow the tenant to remain in the current property and convert the tenancy from non secure to secure from the date of transfer of employment.

HOUSING CASE 7667

5. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which contained particulars of an application for Council housing which fell outwith the terms of the tied tenancy policy.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve option 1 as contained within the report; to allow the tenant to remain in the current property and convert the tenancy from non secure to secure from the date of transfer of employment.

HOUSING CASE 7668

6. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which contained particulars of an application for Council housing which fell outwith the terms of the tied tenancy policy.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve option 1 as contained within the report; to allow the tenant to remain in the current property and convert the tenancy from non secure to secure from the date of transfer of employment.

HOUSING CASE 7669

7. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which contained particulars of an application for Council housing which fell outwith the terms of the tied tenancy policy.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve option 1 as contained within the report; to allow the tenant to remain in the current property and convert the tenancy from non secure to secure from the date of transfer of employment.

HOUSING CASE 7670

8. With reference to article 9 of the minute of meeting of the Housing and Social Work Cases Review Panel of 6 October, 2008, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which provided an update on the status of this case, and suggested two possible ways forward.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to approve option 1 as contained within the report; to allow the tenant one final offer of suitable accommodation in line with the decision made by the Housing Cases Review Panel of 6 October, 2008 – a two bedroom, ground floor property in the Peterculter area; and for it to be made clear to the tenant that the Council would seek recovery of possession should she not accept this final offer.

HOUSING CASE 7671

9. The Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment which contained particulars of an application for Council housing which fell outwith the Scheme of Allocation.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

- (i) to approve option 1 as contained within the recommendations; to decline the tenant's request that he be offered priority rehousing to a two bedroom cottage style property within an area of his choice;
- (ii) to request that officers advise the tenant of the above decision, and to further make clear that the Council would take appropriate action should the rent arrears not be addressed; and
- (iii) to request an update at the next meeting.

HOUSING CASE 7649 - UPDATE

11. With reference to article 7 of the minute of meeting of the Housing and Social Work Cases Review Panel of 2 March, 2009, the Sub Committee had before it an update on this particular case by the Director of Housing and Environment.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to request a further update at the next meeting.

FEEDBACK ON PREVIOUS CASES

12. With reference to article 8 of the minute of its previous meeting, the Sub Committee had before it a report by the Director of Housing and Environment, which updated the Sub Committee on housing cases that had been considered in the previous six months.

The Sub Committee resolved:-

to note the information contained within the report.

- AILEEN MALONE, Chairperson.