

# COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 24 MARCH 2009

## BUSINESS

1. [Sederunt](#)
2. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests\*
3. Resolution

Consider, and if so decide, adopt the following resolution:-

"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 Items 19, 20, 21 and 22 of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act", as shown against each Item.

## **4. WRITTEN QUESTIONS\*\*\***

Consider any written questions on matters relating to Housing/HMOs, Housing Regeneration, Homelessness, Social Inclusion, Equalities, Community Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Liaison

## **STRATEGY/POLICY MATTERS**

5. [Private Sector Housing Grants Budget 2009 / 2010](#). See [Appendix I](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
6. [Investing in Affordable Housing](#). See [Appendix I](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
7. [Draft Temporary Accommodation Strategy](#). See [Appendix I](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
8. [Rural Housing Enabler Project](#). See [Appendix I](#) – Report by Director of Community Services.
9. [Pressured Area Status for Forres](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
10. [Fuel Poverty Strategy 2004 - 2009 Review](#). See [Appendix I](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
11. [Unauthorised Encampments Protocols](#). See [Appendix I](#). [Appendix II](#). [Appendix III](#). [Appendix IV](#). [Appendix V](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
12. [Affordable Housing Investment Programme 2009 / 10](#) - Report by Director of Community Services

## PERFORMANCE

13. [Housing Revenue Account and Other Housing Budget Monitoring 2008 / 09. Appendix I. Appendix II](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
14. [Housing Investment 2008/09. Appendix I. Appendix II. Appendix III. Appendix IV. Appendix V. Appendix VI. Appendix VII](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
15. [Housing Quarterly Performance Report – 3rd Quarter 2008 / 09](#). See [Appendix I. Appendix II](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
16. [Scottish Housing Regulator - Improvement Plan. See Appendix I](#) - Report by Director of Community Services
17. [Service Improvement Priorities - Housing - 2009 / 10. See Appendix I](#) - Report by Director of Community Services

## 18. QUESTION TIME\*\*\*\*

Consider any oral questions on matters relating to Housing/HMOs, Housing Regeneration, Homelessness, Social Inclusion, Equalities, Community Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Liaison

**Items the Committee may wish to discuss with the press and public excluded**

## PERFORMANCE

19. [Building Services Trading Operation Budget 2008/09 - Budget Monitoring](#) - Report by Director of Community Services (Para 8)

## OTHER MATTERS

20. [Building Services Trading Operation Budget 2009 / 10](#) - Report by Director of Community Services (Para 8)
21. [Site at Land Street, Rothes](#) - Report by Head of Estates (Para 8 9)
22. [Graffiti - Request for Additional Information](#) - Report by Chief Executive (Para 6)

NB	Para 6	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person(s)
NB	Para 8	Information on the amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Authority
NB	Para 8 & 9	Information on proposed terms and / or expenditure to be incurred by the Authority

### **Summary of Committee Functions**

To deal with matters relating to Housing/HMOs, Housing Regeneration, Homelessness, Social Inclusion, Equalities, Community Safety, Anti-Social Behaviour and Community Liaison.

A full description of the delegated functions of the Communities Committee can be found in The Moray Council Administration Scheme.

<b>GUIDANCE NOTES</b>
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**\* Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests** - The Chair of the meeting shall seek declarations from any individual or political group at the beginning of a meeting whether any prior decision has been reached on how the individual or members of the group will vote on any item(s) of business on the Agenda, and if so on which item(s). A prior decision shall be one that the individual or the group deems to be mandatory on the individual or the group members such that the individual or the group members will be subject to sanctions should they not vote in accordance with the prior decision. Any such prior decisions will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

**\*\* Written Questions** - Any Member can put one written question about any relevant and competent business within the specified remits not already on the agenda, to the Chair provided it is received by the Proper Officer or Committee Services by 12 noon two working days prior to the day of the meeting. A copy of any written answer provided by the Chair will be tabled at the start of the relevant section of the meeting. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

No supplementary question can be put or answered more than 10 minutes after the Council has started on the relevant item of business, except with the consent of the Chair. If a Member does not have the opportunity to put a supplementary question because no time remains, then he or she can submit it in writing to the Proper Officer who will arrange for a written answer to be provided within 7 working days.

**\*\*\* Question Time** - At each ordinary meeting of the Committee ten minutes will be allowed for Members questions in each section of the Agenda when any Member of the Committee can put a question to the Chair on any business within the remit of that Section of the Committee. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

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