

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - ECONOMY TOURISM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND  
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE - REMOTE MEETING**

17 March, 2022

10.00 am – 12.25 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Altany Craik (Convener), John Beare, Ian Cameron, Bill Connor, Jean Hall-Muir, Jane Ann Liston, Mino Manekshaw, Ross Paterson, David J Ross, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner and Jan Wincott

**ATTENDING:** Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment, John Mitchell, Senior Manager - Roads and Transportation, Martin Kingham, Service Manager - Roads Network Management, Jane Findlay, Lead Consultant – Roads and Transportation, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business & Employability, Pam Ewen, Head of Planning, Alastair Hamilton, Service Manager - Development Management, Bill Lindsay, Service Manager – Policy and Place, Craig Walker, Lead Officer – Policy and Place, Economy Planning and Employability Services; Jackie Johnstone, Accountant and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Finance and Corporate Services

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Dave Coleman and Colin Davidson

**197. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

**198. MINUTE**

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of the meeting of Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee of 25 November 2021.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee approved the minute.

*Councillors Hall-Muir and Suttie joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**199. SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS**

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Business and Employability and the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment presenting recommendations for the level of support to voluntary organisations within the Enterprise and Environment Directorate, for the period 2020-2022.

**Decision/**

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The Sub-Committee:

- (1) approved the level of funding to voluntary organisations by the Assets, Transportation & Environment Service as detailed in appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) approved the allocations given through Service Level Agreements from the Business and Employability Service, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report;
- (3) noted the allocation given through the Opportunities Fife Partnership for supporting third sector organisations; and
- (4) noted a correction to Appendix 1 in the published report where the Requested Grant 22/23 for RVS East Fife should be detailed as £45,250 and not £5,250.

**200. FIFE COUNCIL PUBLIC ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING NETWORK**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating Members on the emerging guidance from the Scottish Government on a future Electric Vehicle Strategy and, considering that, the development opportunities for the Electric Vehicle (EV) network in Fife.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee agreed to:

- (1) note the Scottish Government's focus on exploring the provision of future EV infrastructure through commercial enterprise in partnership with public ownership;
- (2) the development of an EV Strategy for Fife considering the draft EV Vision from Scottish Government, in line with the timescales detailed within the draft Vision documentation; and
- (3) Officers exploring opportunities to partner with national, regional and commercial organisations with a view to developing a mixed economy EV charging network in Fife.

**201. TRANSPORT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2019 - UPDATE ON PROPOSED PAVEMENT PARKING BAN**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating Members on the pavement parking provisions in the Transport Act 2019 and the impacts on lining policy that this may bring, as agreed in response to Motion 1 approved by the Fife Council on 2 December 2021 (2021 FC 297 para 266 refers).

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee:

- (1) noted the content of the update report and considered the potential implications and impacts of this legislative proposal for Fife;
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- (2) agreed to limit the use of 'H Bar' markings to the circumstances described in para.2.10 to maximise their effectiveness; and
- (3) noted a correction to the published report at Recommendation No. 2 and Para. 2.11 of the report and that those should reference Para 2.10 and not Para 2.12.

**202. SCOTLAND'S FOURTH NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK:  
CONSULTATIVE DRAFT**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning providing Members with information on *Our Fourth National Planning Framework* (NPF4) draft and its implications for Fife's development plan. The framework recommends responses to the associated consultation before it's approved by the Scottish Parliament.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee:

- (1) considered the Scottish Government consultation on the draft regulations on *Our Fourth National Planning Framework* (NPF4) and agreed Fife Council's response to the consultation as contained in Appendix 1;
- (2) agreed additional comments/amendments for inclusion in the consultation response; and
- (3) delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, to submit the finalised Fife Council response to the consultation by the deadline of 31st March 2022.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m. and reconvened at 11.40 a.m.*

*Councillor Verner left the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**203. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLANNING - DRAFT REGULATIONS AND  
GUIDANCE CONSULTATION**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning enabling Members to consider the Scottish Government's Local Development Planning Draft Regulations and Guidance and Fife Council's response to the related consultation. The report comments on the draft regulations and guidance, and where the Council can agree with the content or would like to promote change.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee:

- (1) considered the Scottish Government consultation on the Local Development Planning Draft Regulations and Guidance and agreed Fife Council's response to the consultation outlined in Appendix 1; and
- (2) delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener, to submit the finalised Fife Council response to the consultation by the Scottish Government deadline of 31st March 2022.

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**204. ENFORCEMENT CHARTER**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning seeking approval of the updated Enforcement Charter that confirmed the approach to planning enforcement to be adopted by Fife Council Planning Service for the next 2 years.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee:

- (1) approved the Proposed Enforcement Charter 2022; and
- (2) delegated to the Head of Planning to finalise and publish the Charter.

**205. PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 10 (2020-2021): MINISTER'S FEEDBACK**

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning informing Members on the performance of the Planning Authority, as set out in Planning Performance Framework (PPF 10) over the period 2020-2021 and the feedback received from the Scottish Government, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee scrutinised the performance of the Planning Authority, as set out within the Planning Performance Framework (PPF 10) report and provided feedback.

**206. 2021-22 REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN**

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director - Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment providing Members with an update on the projected outturn financial position for the 2021/22 financial year for the areas in scope of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning & Transportation Sub-Committee.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee considered and noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

**207. 2021-22 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN - ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE**

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director - Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected outturn for the 2021/22 financial year for areas in scope of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

**Decision**

The Sub-Committee considered and noted the current performance and activity across the 2021/22 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

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**208. ECONOMY TOURISM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION  
SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Sub-Committee noted the content of the Forward Work Programme of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

**CONVENER'S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS**

As this was the last meeting of the Committee prior to the local government elections in May 2022, the Convener expressed his appreciation of the contributions and efforts by all Members and Officers in supporting the work of the Committee over the past five years, particularly in what could be a difficult and complicated area.

Special thanks were also expressed to Keith Winter, Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment, who was due to leave Fife Council at the end of April 2022.

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