

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE –
REMOTE MEETING**

2 September 2021

10.00 a.m. – 12.40 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ross Vettraiño (Convener), David Barratt, Rod Cavanagh, Dave Dempsey, Gavin Ellis, David Graham, Sharon Green-Wilson, Jean Hall-Muir, Judy Hamilton, Andy Heer, Gordon Langlands, Alice McGarry, Derek Noble, Jonny Tepp and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services; Kenny Bisset, Lead Officer (Land & Air Quality), Economy, Planning & Employability Services; John Rodigan, Senior Manager, Environment & Building Services; David Goodenough, Service Manager (Corporate Operations & Projects), Fife Resource Solutions; Rick Haynes, Lead Consultant, Flooding, Shoreline and Harbours, Roads & Transportation Services; Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland; Mark Bryce, Local Senior Officer, Iain Brocklebank, Group Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Barry Collie, Accountant, Finance and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**ALSO
ATTENDING:** Dr Paul Dale, SEPA and Stephen Ritchie, Defence Infrastructure Organisation (for Para. 200).

197. CHANGE TO MEMBERSHIP

The Committee noted that Councillor Dave Dempsey had replaced Councillor Dominic Nolan as a member on the Environment & Protective Services Sub-Committee and thanked Councillor Nolan for his work during his time as a member of the Sub-Committee.

198. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors David Barratt and Jan Wincott declared an interest in paragraph 202 - Policy Update - Household Waste Recycling Centres Booking System Review, as they were on the Board of Fife Resource Solutions, however, they considered that this was covered by a Specific Exclusion so they would remain and participate.

199. MINUTE

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Environment & Protective Services Sub-Committee of 24 June 2021.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed to approve the minute.

Councillor Tepp joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

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200. RADIATION AT DALGETY BAY

Dr Paul Dale, SEPA and Mr Stephen Ritchie, Defence Infrastructure Organisation, gave a verbal report providing details of the works currently underway to remediate the radioactive contamination at Dalgety Bay. The works would take place between 1st April and 30th September each year to protect overwintering birds and the target date for completion was 30th September 2022. Following the completion of the works, monitoring of the site would be carried out to ensure the remediation remained successful.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted:-

- (1) the information given; and
- (2) that the local community would be notified in advance of any changes to working patterns.

201. FIFE'S AIR QUALITY STRATEGY 2021-25 & AMENDMENTS TO AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREAS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services advising of the Fife Air Quality Strategy for 2021-2025 and the amendments made to the Bonnygate, Cupar and Appin Crescent, Dunfermline Air Quality Management Area Orders and associated Air Quality Action Plans.

Decision

The Sub-Committee approved:-

- (1) Fife's Air Quality Strategy for 2021-2025; and
- (2) the amendments made to the Air Quality Management Area Orders and Air Quality Action Plans.

202. POLICY UPDATE - HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES SAFETY MEASURES REVIEW

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing an update on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre safety control measures in preparation for a return to open access for the deposit of non-commercial waste, with appropriate mitigation to address health and safety issues.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the booking system be removed in respect of the deposit of non-commercial waste by car at all of the recycling centres except that at Ladybank;
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- (2) that the booking system remain in place for the deposit of non-commercial waste by vehicles which were classed by the DVLA as commercial vehicles and trailers;
- (3) that the booking system remain in place at Ladybank for all vehicles until a separate access to the recycling centre is formed;
- (4) that the cost of providing pedestrian access and access by bicycle at the recycling centres at Cupar, Dalgety Bay, Kirkcaldy, Lochgelly, Methil and St Andrews be determined and reported to the Sub-Committee;
- (5) to ask the Fife Resource Solutions Board to action the above at the earliest opportunity;
- (6) that an update report be submitted to the Sub-Committee at its next meeting; and
- (7) that the Council website contain either a link to the DVLA or other information to allow users to determine whether their vehicle was classed as commercial.

203. SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, providing incident information for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 to enable the Sub-Committee to scrutinise the Fife Local Senior Officer Area activity against its key performance indicators (KPI's).

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the progress across a range of KPI's as contained within the report.

204. SCOTTISH FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE - LOCAL FIRE AND RESCUE PLAN FOR FIFE 2021

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, presenting the Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2021 which focused on priorities in the national Strategic Plan for 2019–2022 and those more acute priorities that impacted on the safety and wellbeing of communities within the Fife area.

Decision

The Sub-Committee approved the Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Fife 2021.

205. CONSULTATION ON OPTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO AUTOMATIC FIRE ALARMS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), advising of the SFRS 'Time for Change' - Reducing Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) - Consultation on Options for Responding to Automatic Fire Alarms' and setting out the reasons for the need for change, the potential options, the process to be followed and how stakeholders and members of the public could get involved in shaping this decision.

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The Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that members could complete the survey on the consultation if they wished to participate; and
- (2) that details of the consultation be circulated to all members of the Council to also allow them the opportunity to participate.

206. POLICE SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE REPORT - QUARTER 1 2021/2022

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, presenting the Fife Division Performance Report for Quarter 1, 2021/2022.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

- (1) noted the performance information contained in the report; and
- (2) agreed that the Chief Superintendent arrange a briefing for members on Operation Pinnacle and related activities.

The meeting adjourned at 11.44 a.m. and reconvened at 11.55 a.m.

207. SEVERE FLOODING - AUGUST 2020 - UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing an update on progress of investigation and mitigation works relating to the August 2020 flood events across Fife and advising of the proposed initial list of projects identified for progression in the capital works programme in 2021-23.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that work continued with the investigation and development of mitigations where appropriate on the collated Priority Flooding List;
- (2) that the projects identified in paras 3.2 and 3.4 of the report be progressed within the flooding capital programme in 2021-23;
- (3) to note that, as projects developed, they would be added to the Area Roads Programme which was available to view on the Council website, and updated accordingly; and
- (4) that a further update report be submitted to the next meeting of this Sub-Committee.

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208. 2020/21 REVENUE MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN

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 provisional outturn financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for the areas in scope of the Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee.

Decision

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

209. 2020/21 CAPITAL MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN

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 provisional financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for areas in scope of the Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

210. 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 an update on the projected outturn financial position for the 2021/22 financial year as at June, for the areas in scope of the Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee.

Decision

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

211. 2021/22 CAPITAL 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 an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2021/22 financial year as at June 2021, for areas in scope of the Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee.

Decision

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

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212. ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE - SECTION/SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, presenting the performance scorecard for Protective Services, Grounds Maintenance and Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Service for 2020/21 and providing information on environmental service requests/complaints and workforce profiles.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed to note:

- (1) the Protective Services, Grounds Maintenance and Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Service performance information presented in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- (2) the detailed Environmental service requests and complaints information in Appendix 3 to the report;
- (3) the arrangements set out to fulfil the Council's obligation to comply with Audit Scotland's 2018 SPI Direction; and
- (4) the information regarding the workforce profile in Appendix 4 to the report.

213. NOTICE OF MOTION

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion had been submitted:-

Councillor Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Heer, moved as follows:-

"The Sub-Committee asks officers to issue an invitation to the Procurator Fiscal service to attend a meeting of the Sub-Committee, preferably its next, to explain the approach and procedures around prosecuting alleged fly-tippers."

The Convener advised that, prior to the motion being submitted, he had contacted the Procurator Fiscal's office regarding this matter and that arrangements had been made for the Procurator Fiscal Depute to attend the next meeting of this Sub-Committee to discuss this issue.

Decision

In light of the information provided by the Convener, the motion was withdrawn.

214. ENVIRONMENT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee noted the current Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee Forward Work Programme, which would be updated as appropriate.
