

## 2022 GAC 115

### THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

2nd February, 2022

9.30 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Fiona Grant (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Mick Green, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Jan Wincott.

**ATTENDING:** Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management; Neil Watson, Lead Consultant (Roads & Lighting Asset Management); Dhusjan Sivaratnam, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Assets, Transportation & Environment; Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy; Alison Laughlin, Economy Adviser; Andrew Walker, Economic Adviser - Town Centre Development Unit, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Sarah Else, Education Manager; Victoria Cobbett, Headteacher, Southwood Primary School; Pam Davie, Headteacher, Auchmuty High School; Natalie Falconer, Headteacher, South Parks Primary School, Education & Children's Services; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

#### 253. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Craik declared an interest in Para. 258. - 'Local Area Economic Profiles (December 2021)' - as a Fife Council appointee of Business Gateway Fife, however, he considered being a member of an outside body was exempt under Section 5.4 (c) of the Code of Conduct for Councillors and would remain and participate in the meeting.

#### 254. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 1st December, 2021.

Arising from the minute, with reference to Para. 245. (2) - 'Objections to 30 mph Speed Limit on B9130 Markinch' - relating to arrangements for a design charette to explore options for alternative design and use of the section of road (from the Tullis Russell Roundabout to the entrance to John Dixon Park), that arrangements had not yet been made. However, scheduled works had commenced to upgrade the existing footpath to enable the programmed road resurfacing works to be carried out, after which a design charette would be established.

#### Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the update as outlined above; and
- (2)/

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- (2) agreed to otherwise approve the minute.

### 255. SCHOOL DRIVE, GLENROTHES – 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval of a proposal to introduce a 20 mph speed limit on School Drive, Glenrothes by the inclusion of new residential roads within an existing 20 mph Traffic Regulation Order.

#### **Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road management and safety, agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to include the proposed streets within the existing 20 mph TRO, shown in drawing TRO21/39/1 appended to the report.

### 256. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2022-23

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment identifying the projects which were proposed for inclusion in the 2022-23 Area Roads Programme for the Glenrothes committee area.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to approve the projects detailed in Appendices 1 to 3 of the report – Carriageways, Footways and Road Safety and Traffic Management, respectively;
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects within available resources as the programme developed, in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 of the report – Street Lighting and Structures, respectively.

### 257. PUPIL EQUITY FUND

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services outlining the progress of the Pupil Equity Fund by way of an update on the work of schools in their practice to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap. The report presented an overview of the rationale, implementation and impact to date of the Pupil Equity Fund within schools across the Glenrothes Committee area.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report and the presentation of some of the school specific initiatives continuing in Auchmuty High School and South Parks and Southwood Primary Schools;
- (2) noted the aim of the interventions outlined in the report;
- (3)/

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- (3) noted the work of schools in developing their practice to address the challenge of Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap; and
- (4) agreed to link directly with individual schools for further information as they required.

### 258. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES (DECEMBER 2021)

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability providing an annual overview of the local economic profile for each of the seven local committee areas using the latest available data. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to Council activity within each locality to help inform Area Committee discussion and decision-making.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data;
- (2) acknowledged the ongoing economic impact and uncertainty resulting from the global Covid-19 pandemic and recent UK exit from the European Union; and
- (3) agreed to delegate to the relevant Service/Officer of the Council, to provide the Committee with a detailed update report on the vacant/derelict land fund relevant to the Glenrothes Committee area.

### 259. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2022.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2022;
  - (2) agreed to add the report detailed at Para. 258. (3) above - update on the vacant/derelict land fund relevant to the Glenrothes Committee area;
  - (3) agreed to delegate to the relevant Service/Officer of the Council to provide a report summarising available, unspent development contributions in the Glenrothes Committee area; and
  - (4) agreed to feed back to the Community Manager (Glenrothes) and the Convener any other suggestions for further reports to be included, within the context of the remit of the Committee.
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