

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ken Caldwell (Convener), Colin Davidson, David Graham, John O'Brien, David Alexander, Graham Ritchie, Ryan Smart and Alistair Suttie.

**ATTENDING:** Alexander Anderson, Service Manager - Waste Operations, Scott Clelland, Service Manager, Assets, Transportation and Environment, Environment and Building Services; David Paterson, Community Manager, Levenmouth, Communities and Neighbourhoods; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, SPSO Liaison Officer, Customer and Online Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**279. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**280. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 11th August, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**281. COMPLAINTS UPDATE**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided an overview of complaints received relating to the Levenmouth Area for the period 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

*Councillor Smart joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**282. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2021**

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, Environment and Building services advising members of the performance of grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2021. The report also provided information on the management changes within these Services and identified how community-led decision making would shape operational delivery in the future.

**Decision./**

**Decision**

The Committee noted:

- (1) the extraordinary challenges faced in the delivery of grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2021;
- (2) the structural and organisational measures which had been taken to improve service delivery; and
- (3) the new decentralised way of working which would deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

*Councillor Davidson left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**283. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – CAPITAL WORKS PROPOSALS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided members with an update on the residual capital balances, which included the additional capital allocation agreed by Fife Council in 2021. The report asked members to allocate the remaining expenditure to future capital projects and provided an update on previously completed capital projects.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed: -

- (1) the outline proposals for the capital projects for the next two years of the current funding allocation;
- (2) to provide further guidance to the Community Manager on the projects to be prioritised given the limited budget availability;
- (3) the promotion and exploration of other options to fund future projects; and
- (4) the current projects which were already covered by the retained capital budgets from previous capital work allocations.

*Councillor Graham temporarily left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**284. SETTLEMENT TRUST - ANNUAL UPDATE ON EXPENDITURE AND FUNDS HELD – 2020/21**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided a position statement on the expenditure relating to the Settlement Trust covering Levenmouth and a Fife-wide statement of funds held in both capital and revenue as at April, 2021.

**Decision./**

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) note the expenditure statement for the financial year 2020/21 contained in Appendix 1;
- (2) note the funds available at the year-end relating to amounts held as interest in revenue and capital accounts;
- (3) approve the projects supported by the disbursement of these funds as detailed in Section 2.0 of the report; and
- (4) note the acceptable uses for the funding as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

**285. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – BUCKHAVEN FIRE WORKS DISPLAY**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which asked members to consider one-year recovery funding of up to £5,000, from the Ward 22 budget, which would allow the set-up of the fireworks display and bonfire within the Buckhaven area.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed the request for funding up to a maximum of £5,000 to be taken from the Ward 22, Local Community Planning Budget if required for the firework and bonfire display, proposed to take place within Buckhaven in November, 2021;
- (2) noted that Fife Council would act as a guarantor for the funding up to the maximum amount of £5,000, to allow arrangements for the fireworks display to go ahead should the local community be unable to fund the event from local sources; and
- (3) noted that members of the organisation group are volunteers from the Buckhaven and Denbeath Community Council.

**286. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN - PROMENADE CAR PARK SURFACING WORK**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which sought agreement for funding to be allocated from the Ward 21, Local Community Planning Budget for the resurfacing work on the Common Good car park at the Promenade, Leven.

**Decision./**

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed to a contribution of up to £6,000 to be drawn from the Ward 21, Local Community Planning Budget, and used towards the total cost of £17,000 to carry out the resurfacing works on the promenade, Leven;
- (2) noted that a contribution of around £9,000 would be drawn from the private roads budget held for the Levenmouth Area; and
- (3) noted that £2,000 would be requested from the Common Good fund for the Levenmouth Area.

**287. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CONCERNS MULBERRY CRESCENT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which sought agreement from members for the installation of a barrier to prevent motorcycle and other vehicle incursions onto the grassed area within Mulberry Crescent.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) the alternative engineering solution proposed by colleagues within ground maintenance service; and
- (2) fund £10,000 from the Ward 22 budget to cover the installation costs which had increased from the requested funds of £7,660 previously submitted to members following the site visit at Mulberry Crescent.

*Councillor Graham rejoined the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

**288. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the Levenmouth Area forward work programme.