

**FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – REMOTE MEETING**

**17<sup>th</sup> November, 2020**

**10.03 a.m. – 11.34 a.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Ross (Chair), David Alexander and Dave Dempsey; Steve Grimmond, Chief Executive, Fife Council; Tricia Marwick, Chair of NHS Fife Board; Dona Milne, Director of Public Health, NHS Fife; Fiona McKay, Head of Strategic Planning Performance and Commissioning, Health and Social Care Partnership (substitute for Nicky Connor); Mark Duffy, Group Commander, Fire Scotland (substitute for Mark Bryce); Prof Brad MacKay, Vice-Principal, St Andrews University; Lynne Cooper, Regional Engagement Partner, Scottish Enterprise, (substitute for Elaine Morrison); Anna Herriman, Senior Partnership Manager, SESTRAN (substitute for Jim Grieve) and Kenny Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Voluntary Action.

**ATTENDING:** Michael Enston, Executive Director – Communities; Tim Kendrick, Community Manager (Development); Samantha Pairman, Policy Officer Communities and Neighbourhoods; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Economy, Planning and Employability Services; and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Carol Potter, Chief Executive, NHS Fife; Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland; David Crawford, Senior Operations Leader, Department of Work and Pensions and Sue Reekie, Chief Operating Officer, Fife College.

**90. MINUTE OF FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING OF 18TH AUGUST, 2020**

The Board considered the minute of meeting of the Fife Partnership Board of 18th August, 2020.

**Decision**

The Board approved the minute.

**91. COVID-19 VERBAL UPDATE**

The Board considered COVID-19 verbal updates from Fife Partnership organisations detailing the four harms approach and current progress on mitigating harm.

Partners were reminded to continue with physical distancing measures and encouraged to remind the general public to maintain the recommended 2 -metre social distancing.

Partners noted that it is important to continue to provide key messages to the public and acknowledged there would be added pressures over the winter period and months ahead.

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The chair and partners extended their gratitude to all services for the hard work achieved during the pandemic and thanked services for following public health advice and guidance.

The Chair on behalf of the Lord Provost of Fife acknowledged the contribution and effort people had made to support their communities through Covid-19. It was recommended that the Fife Partnership Board arrange a special, one off, Fife Community Spirit Awards for 2020.

The awards would recognise the extraordinary contribution of individuals and organisations supporting the people of Fife through Covid-19 in 2020. Everyone in Fife would be able to nominate a member of the public or worker should they wish. Those who submit a nomination would be asked to include a short paragraph detailing why they think this person should be recognised. Everyone who was nominated and verified would receive a certificate from the Lord Lieutenant or the Provost. The window for nominations would open before Christmas and close in January, 2021. All nominations would then be assessed against a set of agreed criteria by multi-agency panel and the awards announced in February/March 2021.

## **92. LEADING ECONOMIC RECOVERY**

The Board considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability, Fife Council outlining current progress of the Leading Economic Recovery reform workstreams associated with member working groups.

### **Decision**

The Board:-

- (1) noted current progress in addressing economic recovery; and
- (2) considered areas where partners could contribute towards further partnership engagement set out within section 3 of the report.

## **93. TACKLING POVERTY AND CRISIS PREVENTION**

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director of Communities, Fife Council, outlining current progress on Tackling Poverty and Crisis Prevention as part of the reform workstream.

### **Decision**

The Board:-

- (1) considered and commented on the current work that had been carried out as part of the reform workstream in regard to the two main areas of focus; and
- (2) outlined areas that required further partnership engagement.

**94. REFORM AND RECOVERY UPDATE**

The Board considered a report by the Community Manager (Development), Fife Council, providing partners with an update on Fife Partnership's agreed reform and recovery priorities.

**Decision**

The Board:-

- (1) considered and commented on current work that had been carried out in order to take forward the outlined reform areas; and
- (2) noted the opportunity for further partnership engagement.

**95. PLAN FOR FIFE: PARTNERSHIP GROUPS REVIEW**

The Board considered a report by the Community Manager (Development), Fife Council presenting partners with a summary of the responses from Fife Partnership Groups in regard to the current working arrangements towards the three-year review of the Plan for Fife, and the work carried out around reform and recovery. The responses would contribute to a wider review of the partnership arrangements, to consider whether the current arrangements for delivery leads, partnership groups and thematic reporting had worked effectively in advance of the Plan for Fife ambitions.

**Decision**

The Board: -

- (1) considered the various responses provided as part of the wider considerations and the effectiveness of the current partnership delivery and reporting arrangements in order to achieve the Plan for Fife ambitions over the past three years.;
- (2) agreed that further assessment work was required to be undertaken in order to identify:-
  - if the current approach of the delivery leads, thematic reporting and partnership groups was fit for purpose in delivering the next three-year revision of the Plan for Fife;
  - any gaps or overlaps in the current partnership arrangements; and
  - any changes required to be made to the current partnership delivery structure by ensuring that the Plan for Fife ambitions are achieved
- (3) agreed that all partnership groups would feed into the work on the five reform and recovery priorities and assist in the development of the revised Plan for Fife in April 2021.

**96. PLAN FOR FIFE: PROPOSALS FOR THE THREE-YEAR PLAN FOR FIFE REVIEW**

The Board considered a report by the Community Manager (Development), Fife Council outlining the proposal for the three-year review of the Plan for Fife; aimed at building on the reform and recovery planning work across the partnership regarding the Covid-19 pandemic.

**Decision**

The Board considered and commented on the proposed approach to the three-year Plan for Fife Review as detailed in the report.

**97. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Decision**

The next Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday 23rd February, 2021 at 10.00 am shall be held remotely, as necessary, subject to Scottish Government advice on Covid-19.