

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

27th April, 2021

2.00 p.m. – 4.40 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Neil Crooks (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, Zoe Hisbent, Gordon Langlands, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay and David Ross.

ATTENDING: John Rodigan, Senior Manager - Environment & Building Services, Scott Clelland, Service Manager (Acting), Stephen Duffy, Team Manager - Kirkcaldy & Glenrothes Area, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Jackie Funnell, Education Manager, Derek Allan, Rector – Kirkcaldy High School, Patrick Callaghan, Headteacher – Balwearie High School, Neil McNeil, Rector – St Andrews High School, Lisa Moore, Head Teacher - Viewforth High School, Jillian Mellis, Headteacher - Pathhead Primary School, Drew Murray, Headteacher – St Patrick’s RC Primary School, Carol Wyse, Headteacher – Kinghorn Primary School, Education and Children’s Services; Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer (Committee Services), Legal & Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Ian Cameron and Richard Watt.

260. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

261. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 2nd March, 2021.

Decision

The Committee approved the minute.

Councillor Judy Hamilton joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.

262. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment detailing the proposed changes to the management of grassland in the Kirkcaldy area and the outcome of the community consultation and engagement exercise.

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The Committee, following analysis of the results of a public consultation and engagement exercise on proposed changes to the management of grassland in the area agreed:

- (1) to accept alternative grassland proposals for Ward 9 - Burntisland, Kinghorn and Western Kirkcaldy;
- (2) to partially accept alternative grassland proposals for Ward 10 - Kirkcaldy North, with areas proposed at Duddingston Drive, Kirkcaldy reverting back to amenity grassland maintenance regime;
- (3) to accept alternative grassland proposals for Ward 11 - Kirkcaldy Central and noted that further engagement would take place on the area of Rabbit Braes, with the Rabbit Braes Development Group, prior to implementing any changes to grassland management in that area; and
- (4) to accept alternative grassland proposals for Ward 12 - Kirkcaldy East.

Councillors Kathleen Leslie and David Ross left the meeting during consideration of the following item.

263. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT 2019-2020

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services providing a summary report on 2019-2020 School Attainment for young people who left school in 2019-20, across the secondary schools serving the area. Details of how to access School Standards and Quality Reports and Recovery / Improvement Plans were also provided for primary and secondary schools across the area in the appendices to the report.

The meeting adjourned at 3.45 p.m. and re-convened at 3.55 p.m..

Decision

The Committee:

- (1) were encouraged to engage directly with local schools to find out more about School Attainment and Achievement;
- (2) noted the details contained within the report in relation to the nature of the report for 2019-20 due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic;
- (3) noted the information provided in the secondary schools' reports, attached as appendices to the report; and
- (4) were encouraged to engage with secondary Headteachers to discuss arrangements for this year's Alternative Certification Model for SQA Qualifications and how this would progress in schools.

264. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising on action taken using the list of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

265. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee forward work programme.