

# FIFE COUNCIL OF 17<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2021

## MINUTE VOLUME

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**FIFE COUNCIL**

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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - CENTRAL AND WEST PLANNING COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

12th May, 2021

2.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Alice McGarry (Convener), David Alexander, Alistair Bain, John Beare, Bobby Clelland, Dave Coleman, Derek Glen, Mick Green, Zoe Hisbent, Gordon Langlands, Helen Law, Mino Manekshaw, Derek Noble, Ross Paterson and Andrew Verrecchia.

**ATTENDING:** Alistair Hamilton, Service Manager - Development Management, Katherine Pollock, Planner - Major Business and Customer Service, William Shand, Lead Professional, Chris Smith, Lead Officer - Major Business and Customer Service and Mark Barrett, Lead Officer Transportation Development Management (South Fife), Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Mary McLean, Legal Team Manager (Planning, Property & Contracts) and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Helen Law and Bobby Clelland each declared an interest item 126 – '20/02645/FULL – 3 Havens Edge, Limekilns' – as they were now known to some of the objectors.

Councillor Andrew Verrecchia declared an interest in item 126 - '20/02645/FULL - 3 Havens Edge, Limekilns' - as he was known to one of the objectors.

**125. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the Central and West Planning Committee of 14th April, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillors Law, Clelland and Verrecchia left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

**126. 20/02645/FULL - 3 HAVENS EDGE LIMEKILNS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to an application for an extension to the front and rear of a dwellinghouse and formation of balcony.

A site visit had taken place at the request of the Committee.

**Decision**

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The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to the two conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

*Councillors Law, Clelland and Verrecchia rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

**127. 20/02413/FULL - LAND TO SOUTH OF A955 AND WEST OF RANDOLPH STREET EAST WEMYSS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to an application for the erection of 86 dwellinghouses, new vehicular accesses, SUDS feature, open space, landscaping, roundabout and other associated infrastructure.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to defer decision on the application to enable officers to clarify the position in relation to reports of handling and requirement for developer contributions, specifically in relation to affordable housing and play park provision.

*The meeting adjourned at 3.45 p.m. and reconvened at 3.55 p.m.*

**128. 20/03250/PPP - FREESCALE SITE DUNLIN DRIVE DUNFERMLINE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to planning permission in principle for a mixed use development including residential units and assisted living apartments (Class 9); college, two high schools and nursery (Class 10); care home (Class 8); pub/restaurant (Class 3); coffee drive thru and a petrol filling station (Sui Generis).

Officers advised that the wording of Condition 20 had been amended to read as follows:-

20. Prior to occupation of the first residential unit, a southern access road shall be completed and in operation. The southern access road shall have a carriageway width of 5.5 metres with 2 metre wide grass verges on both sides of the carriageway; a 3 metre wide footway/cycleway on the north side of the carriageway and traffic calming measures to encourage vehicle speeds of <20mph.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the application be approved subject to the twenty-six conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report, following the conclusion of an agreement to secure the necessary planning obligations, namely:-

- (i)/

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- (i) a commuted sum equating to £99,000 per hectare of employment land lost to non-employment use(s).
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, to negotiate and conclude the legal agreement necessary to secure the planning obligations; and
- (3) that should no agreement be reached in relation to the planning obligations within 6 months of the Committee's decision, authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, to refuse the application.

### 129. 20/02623/ARC - LAND TO SOUTH OF MAIN STREET, ABERDOUR, FIFE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to an application for the approval of matters specific by Condition 1 (A-E) of planning permission 17/02487/PPP for a residential development of 84 units, associated SUDS, drainage infrastructure, access arrangements, roads, footpaths, open space and landscaping.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) that the application be approved subject to the seventeen conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report, following the conclusion of an agreement to secure the necessary planning obligations, namely:-
  - (i) a financial contribution towards the installation/upgrade of play equipment provision within existing facilities in the local area of £56,700 derived from the methodology set out in Fife Council's Planning Obligations Supplementary Guidance (figure based on £900 per residential unit (i.e. 63 units; based on proposed 84 total units less the 21 excluded affordable units)) and that the said contribution towards play facilities would be achieved via a financial contribution under an amendment to the current Section 75 legal agreement.
- (2) that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, to negotiate and conclude the legal agreement necessary to secure the planning obligations; and
- (3) that should no agreement be reached in relation to the planning obligations within 6 months of the Committee's decision, authority be delegated to the Head of Planning, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services, to refuse the application.

*Councillor Coleman left the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

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*The meeting adjourned at 5.20 p.m. and reconvened at 5.25 p.m.*

**130. 20/02349/FULL - BALGUTHRIE 102 MAIN STREET LOWER LARGO**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to an application for the removal of external staircase to dwellinghouse, installation of rooflights, installation of CCTV system and refurbishment of outbuilding (retrospective).

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the application subject to the two conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

**131. 20/02988/FULL - KINNINY HOUSE ORDNANCE ROAD CROMBIE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to an application for the erection of 19 affordable residential dwellings, including associated accesses, parking, SUDs scheme and landscaping.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed that the application be approved subject to the twenty-two conditions and for the reasons detailed in the report.

**132. 21/00501/FULL - EARL DAVID HOTEL MAIN STREET COALTOWN OF WEMYSS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning relating to an application for the installation of replacement windows (in retrospect).

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) refused the application for the reason detailed in the report; and
- (2) agreed that enforcement action should be progressed.

**133. 21/00271/LBC - EARL DAVID HOTEL MAIN STREET COALTOWN OF WEMYSS**

The Committee considered an application by the Head of Planning relating to an application for listed building consent for installation of replacement windows.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) refused the application for the reason detailed in the report; and
- (2) agreed that enforcement action should be progressed.

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**134. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSIONS, BUILDING WARRANTS AND AMENDED BUILDING WARRANTS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the lists of applications dealt with under delegated powers for the period 22<sup>nd</sup> March to 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - REGULATION AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - GLENROTHES**

10th November, 2020

9.30 a.m. – 2.45 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ryan Smart (Convener), Bill Connor, John Docherty, Mick Green, Garry Haldane, Zoe Hisbent, Lea McLelland, David MacDiarmid, Dominic Nolan and Graham Ritchie.

**ATTENDING:** Kimberley Langley, Solicitor, Gillian Love, Committee Administrator and Craig Ritchie, Licensing Enforcement Officer all in Finance and Corporate Services; and Sergeant Gordon Hood, Police Scotland (Fife Division).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Alistair Cameron, David Graham, Gordon Langlands, Carol Lindsay and Jane Ann Liston.

356. **MINUTE**

The Committee considered the Minute of Meeting of the Regulation and Licensing Committee of 15th September, 2020

**Decision**

The Committee approved the Minute.

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357. **APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE**

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) or the Council's Committee Administrator as well as the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity &amp; Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(a) Mr. Aaron Anderson, 155 Blackcraigs, Kirkcaldy.	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

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## 2020.R.L.340

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity &amp; Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(b) Mr. Sean Canning, 388 Megginch Place, Glenrothes.	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to afford the applicant an opportunity to withdraw his application for a taxi driver's licence.

(c) Mrs. Monica Connor, 35 Torbeith Gardens, Hill of Beath.	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(d) Mr. Tapan Das, 55 Gilfillan Road, Dunfermline.	Taxi Driver (renewal) 3 year
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### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning and requested that the applicant re-attend the first available taxi drivers' training course at Fife House, Glenrothes.

(e) Mr. Shaun Duncan, 10 Daisy Grove, Methilhill.	Taxi Driver (temp. application) 6 weeks
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### **Decision**

The Committee noted that the above application had now been withdrawn.

(f) Mr. Bakhteyar Fatah, 8 Lorimer Street, Dundee.	Taxi Driver (renewal) 3 year
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### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

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## 2020.R.L.341

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity &amp; Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(g)	Dr. Saleh Gadalla, G/1 102 Dunholm Road, Dundee.	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year

### Motion

Councillor David MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Mick Green, moved that the licence be granted with a warning subject to the applicant attending a driving assessment prior to the licence being granted.

### Amendment

Councillor Lea McLelland, seconded by Councillor Dominic Nolan, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be granted with a warning.

### Vote

Amendment - 8  
Motion - 2

### Decision

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(h)	Mr. Robert McKay, 1 Dyke Neuk, Leven.	Taxi Driver (renewal) 1 year
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### Motion

Councillor Mick Green, seconded by Councillor Graham Ritchie, moved that the licence be granted and requested that the applicant attend the first available taxi drivers' training course at Fife House, Glenrothes.

### Amendment

Councillor Garry Haldane, seconded by Councillor Lea McLelland, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be granted with a warning and requested that the applicant attend the first available taxi drivers' training course at Fife House, Glenrothes.

### Vote/

Vote

Amendment - 7  
Motion - 3

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning and requested that the applicant attend the first available taxi drivers' training course at Fife House, Glenrothes.

- (i) Mr. Sirdar Mohammed, Taxi Driver  
67 Braemar Gardens, (renewal)  
Glenrothes. 3 year

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning and requested that the applicant re-attend the first available taxi drivers' training course at Fife House, Glenrothes.

- (j) Mr. Craig Nicoll, Taxi Driver  
7 Anderson Drive, (renewal)  
Balmullo. 3 year

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

- (k) Mr. Tony Pirouet, Taxi Driver  
29 Robertson Road, (new application)  
Dunfermline. 1 year

Motion

Councillor Lea McLelland, seconded by Councillor Garry Haldane, moved that the licence be granted with a warning.

Amendment

Councillor David MacDiarmid, seconded by Councillor Mick Green, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be granted.

Vote

Amendment - 5  
Motion - 5

The Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the Amendment.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

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| (l) | Mr. Alexander Rattray,<br>3 Mid Road,<br>Kinghorn. | Taxi Driver<br>(new application)<br>1 year |
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**Decision**

The Committee noted that the above application had now been withdrawn.

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| (m) | Mr. Hameed Uddin,<br>106 Middlebank Street,<br>Rosyth. | Taxi Driver<br>(new application)<br>1 year |
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**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

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| (n) | Mr. Kevin White,<br>12 Ashgrove Terrace,<br>Kinglassie. | Taxi Driver<br>(new application)<br>1 year |
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**Decision**

The Committee agreed to continue consideration of the above application to its next meeting to afford the applicant a further opportunity to appear.

The applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting and with the exception of the applicants at (b), (e), (l) and (n) above were all present and heard.

The warning given to the applicants at (a), (d), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) was that any future misdemeanours brought to the attention of the Committee could result in suspension of the licence.

*(Prior to consideration of the application at (c) above, Councillor Lea McLelland declared an interest in this item, as she was known to the applicant, and left the meeting for this item only).*

358. **OPPOSED APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted in respect of which police objections had been intimated and dealt with the applications as shown:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(a) Mr. Nazim Ali, Marve Cottage, Jordan Lane, Kennoway.	Second Hand Dealer selling used vehicles from Arc car wash, Glenlyon Road/Hawkslaw Road, Leven Monday – Saturday 9.00 am – 6.00 pm (new application) 3 year

Motion

Councillor Garry Haldane, seconded by Councillor John Docherty, moved that the licence be granted with a warning.

Amendment

Councillor Graham Ritchie, seconded by Councillor David MacDiarmid, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be refused.

Vote

Amendment - 2  
Motion - 8

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence with a warning.

(b) Mrs. Jacqueline Farrell, 97 Cairns Street East, Kirkcaldy.	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year
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Motion

Councillor Graham Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Dominic Nolan, moved, that the licence be refused.

Amendment

Councillor Lea McLelland, seconded by Councillor Bill Connor, moved, as an amendment, that the licence be granted with a warning.

Vote/

Vote

Amendment - 5  
Motion - 5

The Convener exercised his casting vote in favour of the Motion.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to refuse the licence.

The applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting and both were present and heard.

The warning given to the applicant at (a) above was that any future misdemeanours brought to the attention of the Committee could result in suspension of the licence.

The reason for refusal of the application at (b) above was that the applicant was not considered to be a fit and proper person to hold the licence applied for in view of the nature and extent of previous convictions recorded against her.

359. **CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE SUSPENSION OF LICENCE**

The Committee considered exercising its power of suspension under paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to the above Act in respect of the undernoted licence and, having heard the Council's Civic Government Licensing Enforcement Officer and the licenceholder's representative thereon, dealt with the licence as shown:

<u>Licenceholder</u>	<u>Type, No. of Licence &amp; Expiry Date</u>
Mr. Scott Buchan, 101 Parkside Street, Rosyth.	Taxi Driver 2460/0041105 Expiry Date: 20 December, 2022

**Decision**

The Committee agreed not to suspend the licence.

The licenceholder had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting. He was present and represented by his Solicitor, Jonny Nisbet, Edinburgh.

William Myron, Jason Griffin and Joanne Ross, all taxi drivers, were present and heard in support of their statements given to the Enforcement Officer which was part of his report.

360. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Committee resolved, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public and press from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Act.

361. **APPLICATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH POLICE COMMENTS HAD BEEN MADE**

The Committee considered applications for licences by the undernoted and, having heard the representative for Police Scotland (Fife Division) and the applicants thereon, dealt with the applications as shown:-

	<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and Period of Licence Applied For</u>
(a)	Mr. Allan Cunningham, 2A Smallholding, Standing Stane Road, Kirkcaldy.	Street Trader selling fast food from North Lodge Caravan Park, Kirkcaldy 7 days from 8.00 am – 2.00 pm (renewal) 3 year

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

(b)	Mr. William Lawson, 63 Eagle Road, Buckhaven.	Taxi Driver (renewal) 3 year
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**Decision**

The Committee noted that the above licence was granted under delegated powers as the Police representation had been withdrawn.

(c)	Mr Scott Connelly, 66 Balgowan Avenue, Dundee.	Window Cleaner (renewal) 3 year
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**Decision**

The Committee agreed to grant the licence.

The applicants had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting and with the exception of the applicant at (b) above were all present and heard.

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362. **OPPOSED APPLICATION**

The Committee considered application for licence by the undernoted in respect of which a police objection had been intimated and dealt with the application as shown:-

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Activity and Period of Licence Applied For</u>
Mr. Alexander Forootan, 32E Constitution Street, Dundee.	Taxi Driver (new application) 1 year

**Decision**

The Committee noted that the above application had now been withdrawn.

The applicant had been invited to attend and be represented at the meeting but was not in attendance.

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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE PLANNING REVIEW BODY – REMOTE MEETING**

10th May, 2021.

2.00 p.m. – 3.15 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Ian Ferguson, Mino Manekshaw, Ross Paterson and Graham Ritchie.

**ATTENDING:** William Shand, Strategic Development Manager, Economy, Planning and Employability Services; and June Barrie, Manager (Legal Services), Legal and Democratic Services.

**104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**105. MINUTE**

The minute of the Fife Planning Review Body of 18th January, 2021 was submitted.

**Decision**

The Review Body approved the minute.

**106. APPLICATION FOR REVIEW - VACANT LAND EAST OF BRAEHEAD COTTAGE, PEAT INN, FIFE (APPLICATION NO. 20/00952/PPP)**

The Review Body considered the Application for Review submitted by D7 Architecture Limited, on behalf of Mr. Tim Esparon, in respect of the decision to refuse planning permission in principle for the erection of five dwellinghouses with associated access and parking (Application No. 20/00952/PPP).

**Decision**

The Review Body agreed:-

- (1) sufficient information was before them to proceed to decide the matter; and
- (2) the application be refused (varying the appointed officer's determination) and that the content of the Decision Notice be delegated to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Convener.

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - POLICY AND CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

13th May, 2021.

10.00 a.m. – 12.20 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Ross (Convener), David Alexander, David Barratt, John Beare, Tim Brett, Altany Craik, Dave Dempsey, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Judy Hamilton, Andy Heer, Linda Holt, Helen Law, Carol Lindsay, Donald Lothian, Mino Manekshaw, Tony Miklinski, Fay Sinclair, Ross Vettraino and Craig Walker.

**ATTENDING:** Steve Grimmond, Chief Executive; Eileen Rowand, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services), Morag Ferguson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Helena Couperwhite, Manager (Committee Services) and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services; Keith Winter, Executive Director (Enterprise and Environment); Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, Derek Crowe, Senior Manager (Roads and Transportation Services), John Mitchell, Service Manager (Sustainable Transport and Parking), Michael Drever, Programme Manager (Levenmouth Reconnected Blueprint), Craig Walker, Lead Officer, Assets Transportation and Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability Services; Pam Ewen, Head of Planning; Maria Lloyd, Head of Service (Education and Children's Services) and Stuart Booker, Improvement Officer (Strategy and Knowledge Management), Education and Children's Services.

**290. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

**291. MINUTES**

(i) **Policy and Co-ordination Committee of 1st April, 2021.**

**Decision**

The Committee approved the minute.

(ii) The following minutes were submitted for noting:-

- Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee of 25th March, 2021
- Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation of 8th April, 2021
- Assets and Corporate Services of 22nd April, 2021

**Decision**

The minutes were noted.

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**292. FIFE COUNCIL REFORM AND RECOVERY PROGRAMME: WORKSTREAM UPDATE - EMPLOYABILITY AND POSITIVE DESTINATIONS FOR ALL OUR SCHOOL LEAVERS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Service, Education and Children's Services providing members with an update on progress on the Employability and Positive Destinations for all Our School Leavers Workstream which was part of the Education recovery and fed directly into one of the five cross-cutting themes within the Council's wider Reform and Recovery Programme, specifically the Leading Economic Recovery established in response to the ongoing impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic. The report outlined the key challenges facing young people in terms of employment and positive destinations in Fife and how this reform area, through a comprehensive Employability Recovery for Young People Plan, had been set out to try to address these in the challenging context of Covid-19.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) reviewed and commented on progress and the next steps of the Workstream; and
- (2) considered the progress of the Workstream alongside reports previously submitted to Committee on progress and outputs from the other cross-cutting Workstreams within the Reform and Recovery Programme.

**293. PASSENGER TRANSPORT REFORM AND RECOVERY PLANNING: FIFE BUS RECOVERY SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Environment) and Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) outlining the timeline and Implementation Plan to deliver the expanded Fife Bus Recovery Service as agreed at the Policy and Co-ordination Committee on 1st April, 2021 and set out the related funding proposals.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed the Implementation Plan and timescales for the expanded Fife Bus Recovery Service as detailed in section 2.0 of the report; and
- (2) agreed that the revenue and capital costs associated with this proposal be met corporately from funding as identified in para. 2.8 of the report.

**294. EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST OF SCOTLAND CITY REGION DEAL AND REGIONAL GROWTH FRAMEWORK**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Enterprise and Environment) advising members on changes to the Governance for the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal, updating members on its progress and on the Regional Growth Framework.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the updated Terms of Reference for the Members' Oversight Committee outlined in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.4 of the report;
- (2) approved the vision and themes of the Regional Growth Framework (RGF), noted the progress made on the development of the RGF and the milestones for reporting and consultation to complete it;
- (3) noted the update on the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal; and
- (4) noted the intention for a further report back to Committee on the Regional Growth Framework in Autumn, 2021.

**295. EDINBURGH AND SOUTH EAST SCOTLAND CITY REGION DEAL:  
DUNFERMLINE STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION INTERVENTION  
MEASURES (STIM) BUSINESS CASE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services seeking approval for the Business Case for the Dunfermline Strategic Transportation Intervention Measures (STIMs) Programme, as part of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland (ESES) Region City Deal, for submission to the Scottish Government. The Business Case would support Scottish Government grant applications to part fund the delivery of the STIMs. Delivery of the infrastructure was essential to facilitate the unlocking and delivery of the Council's approved Local Development Plan sites as part of the strategic growth of Dunfermline and to assist in achieving Plan4Fife outcomes.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the Strategic Business Case and authorised submission of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee and Government partners for final approval;
- (2) authorised officers to submit a Housing Infrastructure Fund grant application to Government partners for phase 1 of the STIM programme;
- (3) delegated any non-substantial changes to the Business Case to the Executive Director (Enterprise and Environment); and
- (4) noted that further reports would be submitted to this Committee as phases and related strategic interventions were advanced for approval and implementation.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.50 a.m. and reconvened at 12.00 p.m.*

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**296. LEVENMOUTH RECONNECTED PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising members of the governance process proposed to manage the £10m Levenmouth Reconnected Programme Fund (formerly known as Levenmouth Blueprint).

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed the process proposed to approve grant awards from the £10m Levenmouth Reconnected Programme Fund (Blueprint) as follows:-
  - (a) grant awards of up to £5,000 to be approved through the Levenmouth Local Community and Neighbourhoods Panel;
  - (b) grant awards over £5,000 and up to a maximum of £5m to be approved through the Levenmouth Area Committee;
  - (c) for project measures occurring throughout the programme (up to £25,000) that required to be advanced quickly and outwith Committee timescales, an Accelerated Project Approval process would be adopted with delegated authority to the Executive Director (Enterprise and Environment) in consultation with the Convener of the Levenmouth Area Committee up to a cumulative maximum of £100,000 in any financial year;
- (2) noted that a report summarising all grant awards issued under all the processes applied would be presented to the Committee annually; and
- (3) noted that a report updating on progress of the programme and linkages with other initiatives would be presented to the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee annually.

**297. SCOTLAND EXCEL JOINT COMMITTEE - SUBSTITUTE MEMBER**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking the appointment of a substitute member to the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee.

**Decision**

**Motion**

Councillor John Beare, seconded by Councillor David Alexander, moved that Councillor Vettraino be appointed as the substitute member to sit on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee.

**Amendment**

Councillor Altany Craik, seconded by Councillor Linda Erskine, moved that Councillor Ian Cameron be appointed as the substitute member.

**Roll/**

Roll Call

**For the Motion - 8 votes**

Councillors David Alexander, David Barratt, John Beare, Tim Brett, Carol Lindsay, Fay Sinclair, Ross Vettraino and Craig Walker.

**For the Amendment - 10 votes**

Councillors Altany Craik, Dave Dempsey, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Judy Hamilton, Andy Heer, Helen Law, Mino Manekshaw, Tony Miklinski and David Ross.

**Abstention**

Councillor Donald Lothian.

**Decision**

The Amendment was accordingly carried and the Committee agreed that Councillor Ian Cameron be appointed as the substitute member to sit on the Scotland Excel Executive Sub-Committee.

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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

25th May, 2021

10.00 a.m. – 12.55 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Tony Miklinski (Convener), Ian Cameron, Bill Connor, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Andy Heer, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Lea McLelland, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Ann Verner and William Imlay, Religious representative.

**ATTENDING:** Maria Lloyd, Head of Education and Children's Services (Secondary Schools and Specialist Support), Kathy Henwood, Head of Education and Children's Services (Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services); Christine Moir, Senior Manager (Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services); Nicky Connor, Director of Health and Social Care, Fiona McKay, Divisional General Manager (Interim), Health and Social Care; Helena Couperwhite, Manager - Committee Services and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**ALSO** Fiona McKay, Age Concern Scotland.

**ATTENDING:**

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** George Haggarty, Religious representative.

#### 45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 46. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Education and Children's Services, Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee of 30th March, 2021.

##### Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### 47. UPDATE REPORT ON THE BELONG TO FIFE STRATEGY

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, Education and Children's Services providing an update on the development of the Belonging to Fife Strategy and the impact of the Strategy during 2020-21, highlighting a significant reduction in High Cost Residential Placements and providing a summary of Social Work activity in support of the Strategy.

##### Decision/

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) considered the content of the report and congratulated the Social Work Service for the excellent progress achieved in the implementation of the Strategy;
- (2) acknowledged that savings from a significant reduction in the use of High Cost Residential Placements, had achieved a greater outcome in reconnecting children with family and community and the provision of support for those families from renewed working with partners; and
- (3) agreed that further areas for scrutiny highlighted by the Committee, including: the disparity in payments for Carers across the public and private sectors; recruiting Foster Carers; and training and financial support for Carers, etc, would be considered in a future report to this Committee on Social Work Workforce issues.

**48. IMPACT ON SOCIAL CARE FOR ADULTS AND OLDER PEOPLE - APPLICATION OF THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA IN FIFE**

The Committee considered a report by the Divisional General Manager (Interim), Health and Social Care detailing the current position in respect of the volume of assessments against the Eligibility Criteria assessed as substantial or lower as detailed within the Health and Social Care Partnership's eligibility criteria.

The Committee welcomed Fiona MacKay, Age Concern Scotland, Glenrothes branch, to the meeting. Fiona presented the Committee with an overview of the work undertaken and services provided by Age Concern, including the eligibility criteria they are required to work within.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) thanked Fiona MacKay, Age Concern Scotland for her informative presentation and acknowledged the valuable Service provided by the organisation;
- (2) recognised the high demand for Social Services for Adults and Older People in Fife and noted that Service provision was largely restricted to those assessed as having critical needs and that resources were inadequate to allow full support to those assessed as having substantial/moderate/low needs;
- (3) noted an increase in the requirement for support from Third Sector Services and Partnership Organisations to provide critical care services and the challenges that the Services faced due to increased demand during the pandemic;
- (4)/



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- (4) noted additional support was available from Services such as Occupational Therapy, Age Concern Scotland, Help Stay at Home Service, Dementia Home Support, etc, for clients assessed as moderate or low need; and
- (5) requested an estimated cost for the provision of an average weekly care package for a service user assessed as moderate need, in comparison with a critical care package.

*Councillors Leslie and Ross left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

The meeting adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

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The meeting reconvened at 12.10 p.m.

### **49. FACTUAL BRIEFING ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE**

The Committee considered a presentation by Nicky Connor, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership, outlining the improvement journey to 2024 for the Fife Health and Social Care Partnership. The presentation focused on delivering the outcomes and principles of integration and priorities in the strategic plan to improve the user's experience of care services; a clear management structure to strengthen leadership and key service functions; aiming to be amongst the highest performing Health and Social Care Partnerships and Integration Joint Boards by 2024.

#### **Decision**

The Committee welcomed the informative presentation detailing the Health and Social Care Partnership's improvement journey to 2024.

### **50. EDUCATION AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee

- (1) noted the Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme;
  - (2) agreed to include an item on the 'Feeley Report', the impact for Fife on the Forward Work Programme for further scrutiny at a future meeting – date to be advised; and
  - (3) requested members contact the Manager, Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services with any other suggested reports for inclusion on the Forward Work Programme.
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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

19th May, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.05 a.m.

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

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes); JP Easton, Team Manager (Community Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Dhusjan Sivaratnam, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Assets, Transportation & Environment; Rona Weir, Education Manager; Pamela Davie, Acting Headteacher, Education & Children's Services; and Diane Barnett, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Professor Karen McArdle (Emerita) FRSA, University of Aberdeen (for Para. 222.).

**220. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**221. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 24th March, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**222. TACKLING POVERTY IN GLENROTHES AREA**

Professor Karen McArdle (Emerita) FRSA, University of Aberdeen, presented the findings of research carried out during the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic detailing its impact on individuals and communities in the Glenrothes area, referring to the report titled 'Work Together for a Common End'. There then followed a question and answer session.

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking the Committee's support on the proposals to tackle poverty in the Glenrothes area, based on the recommendations of the 'Work Together for a Common End' report.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) welcomed the report - 'Work Together for a Common End' - and its findings and recommendations and thanked Professor Karen McArdle for her presentation;
- (2) /

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- (3) acknowledged and congratulated the Communities Team for their input to the survey; and
- (4) agreed to approve the proposed work areas in the Glenrothes area - as detailed in the Appendix to the report: 'Tackling Poverty Together 2021-22'.

### **223. PROPOSED REMOVAL OF 20MPH ZONE AND INTRODUCTION OF 30MPH SPEED LIMIT, B9130 MARKINCH**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking approval of the proposal to:-

- (1) remove the 20 mph zone on the B9130, Markinch from its limit with the 40 mph west of Bowen Place to a point east of its junction with the access road to Balbirnie Estate; and
- (2) replace the current 20 mph with a 30 mph speed limit.

#### **Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of accessibility and road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to remove and introduce the new restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/20/19 with all ancillary procedures;
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections; and
- (3) agreed to an additional recommendation that any infrastructure associated with the replacement of the 20 mph speed limit be agreed with Ward 14 Councillors. If Ward Councillors were unable to reach agreement, then the approval of any associated infrastructure proposed by Roads and Transportation Services be remitted to the Glenrothes Area Committee for decision.

### **224. PROPOSED 40MPH SPEED LIMIT, U039 FROM ST DORSTAN'S CEMETERY TO MARKINCH**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment seeking the Committee's agreement to the proposal to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on the U039, Markinch, from a point near St Drostan's Cemetery to the 20 mph limit at Markinch.

#### **Decision**

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a TRO to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO/21/29 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm the TRO within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

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**225. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORTS**

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 Glenrothes 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 as outlined in the Appendices to the report.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) welcomed the presentation by Rona Weir, Education Manager and Pamela Davie, Acting Headteacher, Glenrothes High School relating to the different approach to reporting on school attainment and achievement from previous years due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (2) agreed to engage directly with local schools to find out more about school attainment and achievement;
- (3) noted the details contained in the report in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic;
- (4) noted the information provided in the secondary schools' reports appended to the report;
- (5) agreed to engage with secondary school headteachers to discuss arrangements for this year's Alternative Certification Model for SQA Qualification and how this was progressing in their school;
- (6) acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Alan Pithie, Rector of Auchmuty High School, wishing him a long, happy and healthy retirement and acknowledging his service to the school and to education in Fife; and
- (7) congratulated Pamela Davie, recently appointed replacement Rector of Auchmuty High School.

**226. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

**Decision**

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

**227./**

**227. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

The Committee considered the Glenrothes Area Committee draft Forward Work Programme 2020/21.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2020/21; and
  - (2) agreed to feed back to the Community Manager (Glenrothes) or the Convener any suggestions for further reports to be included, within the context of the remit of this Committee.
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**THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

19<sup>th</sup> May, 2021

9.30 a.m. – 11.45 a.m.

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

**ATTENDING:** John Rodigan, Senior Manager - Environment and Building Services, Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer - Traffic Management (North Fife), Roads and Transportation Services, Assets Transportation and Environment; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Iain Wilson, Parks Development Officer (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Sarah Else, Education Manager, Ronnie Ross, Headteacher, Education Service and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**249. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**250. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 24th March, 2021.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**251. GRASSLAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Grounds Maintenance Service, which detailed the proposed changes to the management of grassland in the area and the outcome of the community consultation and engagement exercise.

**Motion**

Councillor Graham seconded by Councillor Smart moved that the recommendations in the report be rejected and the areas proposed within the report would revert back to amenity grassland management maintenance regimes.

**Amendment**

Councillor Caldwell seconded by Councillor Alexander moved that members accept the recommendations detailed in the report.

**Roll Call/**

**Roll Call**

**For the Motion – 3 votes**

Councillors Davidson, Graham and Smart.

**For the Amendment – 4 votes**

Councillors Alexander, Caldwell, O'Brien and Suttie.

Having received a majority of votes, the amendment was accordingly carried.

**Decision**

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

- (1) Ward 21 Leven, Kennoway and Largo – alternative grassland proposals approved; and
- (2) Ward 22 Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages – alternative grassland proposals approved.

**252. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN - AREA CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – ARDEN HOUSE – ADDITIONAL WORKS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which sought agreement from members to allocate additional funding for the capital works to Arden House, Leven.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to allocate £5,250 from the area capital budget towards the additional costs incurred in upgrading and installing window fittings at Arden House, Leven.

**253. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN – PLAY PARK UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided members with an update on the work carried out since the original agreement to embark on the play park modernisation programme.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the current progress on the projects already agreed;
- (2) noted the potential next steps in terms of projects to be taken forward;
- (3)/

- (3) acknowledged the aims of the draft play strategy which went out for consultation at the end of 2019, and
- (4) supported and agreed on the next steps to achieve the aims within the draft play spaces strategy report.

**254. CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS - PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER, LEVEN TOWN CENTRE**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment which asked members to consider an objection to the proposal for the amendment of various waiting restrictions (limited waiting, prohibition of waiting and taxi ranks) in Leven Town Centre.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed that in the interests of accessibility and road safety, to set aside an outstanding objection to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and allow the promotion to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing nos. TRO/20/03/PROP-PART1 and TRO/20/03/PROP-PART2.

**255. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services which provided members with a summary on 2019-20 school attainment for young people who left school in 2019-20 across the secondary schools serving the Levenmouth 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 as outlined in the Appendices to the report.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) welcomed the presentation by Ronnie Ross, Headteacher, Levenmouth Academy relating to the different approach to reporting on school attainment and achievement from previous years due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (2) agreed to engage directly with local schools to find out more about school attainment and achievement;
- (3) noted the details contained in the report in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- (4) noted the information provided on the secondary schools, and
- (5) agreed to engage with secondary Headteachers to discuss arrangements for this year's Alternative Certification Model for SQA Qualifications and how this was progressing in their school.

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**256. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the report.

**257. LEVENMOUTH AREA FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Forward Work Programme.