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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

22nd March, 2022

9.30 a.m. – 11.25 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Helen Law (Convener), James Calder, Gavin Ellis, Ian Ferguson, Derek Glen, Garry Haldane, Jean Hall-Muir, Jim Leishman, Ross Paterson, David J Ross and Fay Sinclair.

ATTENDING: Neil Watson, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management, Assets, Transportation and Environment Services; Karen Lees, Education Manager, Iain Yuile, Headteacher, Dunfermline High School, Ruth McFarlane, Headteacher, Queen Anne High School, Jacqueline Sullivan, Depute Headteacher, Woodmill High School, Education and Children's Services; Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager (Dunfermline), Andy MacLellan, Community Projects Team Manager, Kevin O'Kane, Greenspace Partnership Officer, Shirley Melville, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhood Services; Lisa Hemphill, Local Development Officer, Housing Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

298. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

299. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 25th January, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

300. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2021/22

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

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1 - 3;
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Area Convener and Vice-Convener; and
- (3)/

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- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5.

301. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND PERFORMANCE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Education and Children's Services) providing members with a summary report on 2020-2021 School Attainment across the secondary and primary schools serving the City of Dunfermline Area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the details contained within the report, and background papers, in relation to the nature of this year's report due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- (2) noted the information provided in the secondary schools' reports.

302. ABBEYVIEW COMMUNITY HUB FACILITY UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided members with an update on progress to develop a new Integrated Community Hub facility located in Abbeyview, Dunfermline.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report and the associated appendices as agreed and approved at the Council's Policy and Co-ordination Committee on 3rd March, 2022.

303. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA BUDGET REQUEST - DULOCH WOODS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for Duloch Park tree planting.

Decision

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £11,700 for Duloch Park tree planting from the local anti-poverty budget.

304. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA BUDGET REQUEST - TOUCH COMMUNITY-LED REGENERATION PROJECT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget for the Place-based Community-led Regeneration Project in Touch, Dunfermline.

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The Committee agreed to a contribution of £10,000 for the Place-based Community-lead Regeneration Project in Touch from the local anti-poverty budget.

Councillor Calder left the meeting following the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 11.05 a.m. and reconvened at 11.10 a.m.

305. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING AREA BUDGET REQUEST - TACKLING POVERTY AND PREVENTING CRISIS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget to support the recruitment of a temporary Welfare Support Assistant focusing on tackling poverty and preventing crisis.

Decision

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £33,000 to support the recruitment of a temporary Welfare Support Assistant from the local anti-poverty budget.

306. PLAN 4 DUNFERMLINE: THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods which provided an update on the review of the Plan 4 Dunfermline which is the Local Community Plan for the City of Dunfermline Area Committee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:-

- (1) support the proposal to engage and consult with the community on the existing plan at the Dunfermline Local Community Planning Partnership; and
- (2) receive a report to a future meeting of the area committee outlining the findings of that process and presenting the updated Plan 4 Dunfermline.

307. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

Valedictory

The Convener expressed her thanks and gratitude to all elected members and officers she had/

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had worked with over the years and noted a number of successful projects in the Dunfermline area which had been delivered that she was immensely proud of. The Convener passed on her best wishes to all those standing in the Local Government Election in May.