

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

8th June, 2021

2.00 pm – 4.50 pm

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

ATTENDING: John Mills, Head of Housing Services, Joan Lamie, Housing Manager - Kirkcaldy, Patricia Spacey, Team Manager - Safer Communities, Paul Coleman, Lead Officer (Safer Communities), Sara Gray, Lead Officer (Safer Communities), Housing Services; Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Sergeant Kevin Davidson, Police Scotland (Fife Division) and Graham Hogg Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

266. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted in terms of Standing Order 7.1.

267. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 27th April, 2021.

Decision

The Committee approved the minute.

268. PEOPLE LEADERSHIP - TEST OF CHANGE FOR GREATER COLLABORATION OF LOCAL SERVICES TO FOCUS ON POVERTY

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Housing Services, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods and the Head of Education and Children's Services setting out the proposed Test of Change, within the context of the development of the People and Place Leadership Groups in the Kirkcaldy Area.

The proposed Test of Change promoted soft integration of three key local services: Housing Services, Community and Neighbourhood Services and Community-based Social Work Services. The intention of the Test of Change was to offer a one-council service offering to work with people affected by poverty and disadvantage and to improve their overall wellbeing in the post-pandemic period.

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The Committee:

- (1) considered and discussed the Test of Change proposal, as outlined in the report;
- (2) agreed that the Test of Change would run from July 2021 to June 2022; and
- (3) agreed that an interim evaluation of the approach would be reported back to Kirkcaldy Area Committee by March 2022.

269. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on progress in delivering service priorities and performance information for financial year 2020-21 on the previously approved Kirkcaldy Area Housing Services Plan 2017-19 (*Previous Minute Reference Para. 38 – Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 30 January 2018 - refers*), where figures were available at an Area level.

A revised Plan for 2021-23 would be presented to Kirkcaldy Area Committee once there had been the opportunity to consult on future priorities for the Kirkcaldy Area.

Decision

The Committee:

- (1) commented on the work progressed through the Area Housing Plan for the financial year 2020-21; and
- (2) noted the expenditure for the Housing Revenue Account Locality Managed Budget for 2020-21, as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report.

270. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN KIRKCALDY AREA

The Committee considered a report by the Community Inspector, Kirkcaldy and Burntisland Ward Areas, Police Scotland providing information on matters impacting on, or involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to community safety in the Kirkcaldy and Burntisland ward policing area.

The meeting adjourned at 3.35pm and reconvened at 3.45pm.

Decision

The Committee considered and commented on the update provided.

271. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - KIRKCALDY AREA ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Kirkcaldy Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing incident information for the period 1st April, 2020 - 31st March, 2021. The incident information enabled the Committee to scrutinise the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Kirkcaldy Area against its key performance indicators.

Decision

The Committee considered and commented on the progress across a range of key performance indicators detailed in the report.

272. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing Members with an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team, within the Kirkcaldy Committee Area, during the 12 month period 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021.

Decision

The Committee noted and commented on the activity to date.

273. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

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