

**FIFE COUNCIL**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

**ITEM 7 QUESTION TIME**

**QUESTION 1 FROM COUNCILLOR JONNY TEPP**

How many new bus shelters have been requested, and where, since the budget for new shelters was discontinued, and how much would it cost to provide each of these new bus shelters?

How many locations, and where, are currently awaiting a replacement bus shelter? Are there any budget difficulties in providing replacement shelters at the moment?

**QUESTION 2 FROM COUNCILLOR AUDE BOUBAKER-CALDER**

What is the average wait for blue badge applications including renewal ones?

**QUESTION 3 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY**

What action is being taken to identify the additional funding needed to replace the footbridge on the Coastal Path at Aberdour, which was washed away over two years ago, without having to add the further delay of waiting for the full budget process to play out in the new year?

As a means to help timely progress, RTS will look to issue the contract documents for the project early in 2023 with a view to formally awarding the contract once the budget is confirmed. This is with a view of achieving a Spring start date. "

**QUESTION 4 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVE DEMPSEY**

Given that flooding occurs when water arrives at a location faster than it can leave, what additional measures can be taken to improve drainage in flood-prone locations, including lobbying for the easing of any regulations that hinder the flow of water away from such locations?

**QUESTION 5 FROM COUNCILLOR KATHLEEN LESLIE**

How many job vacancies is Fife Council looking to fill as of the last week of November 2022?

### **QUESTION 6 FROM COUNCILLOR BAILEY-LEE ROBB**

To ask the Leader of the Council if he can outline what work is actively underway across Fife Council to ensure children and young people can have their voices heard on issues that concern them under Article 12 of the UNCRC, embedded in law under the Children and Young People's (Scotland) (Act) 2014?

### **QUESTION 7 FROM COUNCILLOR NICOLA PATRICK**

How many third-party claims have been made for damages to vehicles as a result of damage by potholes on adopted roads in fife in each of the 12 months to 08.12.22?

### **QUESTION 8 FROM COUNCILLOR NICOLA PATRICK**

How many pay outs have been made in respect of third-party claims for damages to vehicles as a result of damage by potholes on adopted roads in fife in each of the 12 months to 08.12.22.

### **QUESTION 9 FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN LAWSON**

The National Grid has intimated that there is a possibility of electricity rationing leading to blackouts during periods of calm cold weather when wind power is much reduced. What contingency plans does Fife Council have in place to cover such emergencies, and in particular how will elderly people living alone or in care homes be looked after.

### **QUESTION 10 FROM COUNCILLOR ROBIN LAWSON**

St Andrews has been allocated funds for additional public Electric Vehicle Charge Points which cannot be installed due to the lack of capacity in the Electricity Grid. The University cannot deliver to the grid solar power which it generates in Guardbridge, nor can it build much needed student accommodation until 2026 owing to "grid constraints". What steps can Fife Council take to put pressure on Scottish Power to accelerate the delivery of the planned upgrade of the grid connection from Cupar to St Andrews which is not expected until 2025?

### **QUESTION 11 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRATT**

The Environment and Protective Services Sub Committee agreed on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 that work be undertaken to provide pedestrian/cyclist access at Dalgety

Bay, Lochgelly and Kirkcaldy Recycling Centres, subject to identifying funding, with the works estimated to cost £32k. What progress has been made since May 2022?

### **QUESTION 12 FROM COUNCILLOR BRIAN GOODALL**

On Friday 18th of November 2022 the Brankholm Burn at Park Road in Rosyth, once again burst its banks, flooding homes, garages, gardens and the playground of Park Road Primary School and Nursery. Roads were closed and emergency supplies of sandbags were provided to vulnerable properties. At it's meeting on the 23rd of Nov 2022, South & West Fife Area Committee called for increased urgency from Scottish Water, SEPA and Fife Council on the delivery of flood prevention measures.

How will Fife Council respond to this latest flooding in Rosyth and the local calls for urgent action?

How will the £250K in the 2023/24 Capital Budget for Park Road Flood prevention be used to help prevent further flooding incidents in Rosyth?

### **QUESTION 13 FROM COUNCILLOR BRIAN GOODALL**

What is Fife Council doing to support, and bring forward, access to upgraded internet services for the communities of Crombie, Charlestown and Limekilns?

### **QUESTION 14 FROM COUNCILLOR DAVID BARRATT**

The Westminster Government announced the Energy Bills Support Scheme (EBSS) in April of this year, with support starting for most in October. It was announced in November that the Alternative Fund (EBSS-AF) would provide £400 to the approximately 900,000 households without a direct relationship with energy providers so far missed by the scheme. The Government have stated applications will open in January with local authorities being responsible for processing and verifying applications. What steps are the council taking to prepare for the launch of this scheme?

### **QUESTION 15 FROM COUNCILLOR ANN VERNER**

What progress has been made since May to provide equitable opening hours for the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust venues in NEF compared to their other venues across Fife?