

THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE COUNCIL – BLENDED MEETING

Council Chamber, 6th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

16th March, 2023

10.00 a.m. – 3.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Jim Leishman (Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Ken Caldwell, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Rod Cavanagh, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Dave Dempsey, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Jean Hall-Muir, Judy Hamilton, Alycia Hayes, Cara Hilton, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Gary Holt, Andy Jackson, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, Jane Ann Liston, Mary Lockhart, Donald Lothian, David MacDiarmid, Julie MacDougall, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, Derek Noble, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Gordon Pryde, Bailey-Lee Robb, David Ross, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Jonny Tepp, Ann Verner, Andrew Verrecchia, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker, Daniel Wilson, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Darren Watt.

53. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Robb declared an interest in Para. 60 – Notice of Motions (Motion 5) – as he was a member of the Commission for Inquiry (Adverse Childhood Experiences).

Councillors Campbell and Graham both declared an interest in Para. 60 - Notice of Motions (Motion 6) - as they were both shop owners.

54. CIVIC BUSINESS BULLETIN

Decision

The Council noted the Civic Business Bulletin.

55. MINUTE

The Provost, seconded by Councillor Erskine, moved that the minutes of the meetings of 8th December, 2022 and 23rd February, 2023 be approved.

Decision

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The Council approved the minutes.

56. MINUTES OF COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

Minutes of the undernoted Committees and Sub-Committees, as contained in the volume of minutes were submitted for accuracy:-

- (1) West & Central Planning Committee of 14th December, 2022 and 18th January, 2023.
- (2) North East Planning Committee of 7th December, 2022, 11th January and 8th February, 2023.
- (3) Fife Planning Review Body of 12th December, 2022 and 13th February, 2023.
- (4) Regulation and Licensing Committee of 1st November and 6th December, 2022.
- (5) Cabinet Committee of 15th December, 2022, 12th January and 9th February 2023.
- (6) Standards, Audit & Risk Committee of 28th November, 2022.
- (7) Pensions Committee of 1st and 13th December, 2022.
- (8) Glenrothes Area Committee of 25th January, 2023.
- (9) Levenmouth Area Committee of 8th February, 2023.
- (10) South & West Fife Area Committee of 23rd November, 2022 and 25th January, 2023.
- (11) Cowdenbeath Area Committee of 7th December, 2022 and 1st February, 2023.
- (12) North East Fife Area Committee of 15th February, 2023.
- (13) City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 22nd November, 2022 and 7th February, 2023
- (14) Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 22nd November, 2022 and 7th February, 2023.
- (15) Environment, Transportation & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 21st June, 27th September, 29th November, 2022 and 31st January, 2023.
- (16) Education Scrutiny Committee of 21st June, 28th September, 15th November, 2022 and 24th January, 2023.
- (17) Finance, Economy & Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee of 15th June, 8th September, 3rd November, 2022 and 26th January, 2023.
- (18) People & Communities Scrutiny Committee of 15th June, 16th August, 27th September, 27th October, 2022 and 19th January, 2023.
- (19) Fife Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board of 25th November, 2022.

Decision

The Council noted the minutes.

57. LEADER'S REPORT

The Council considered a report by the Leader of the Council on a number of strategic issues. The Leader provided updates on a number of issues in response to questions from members.

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The Council noted the report.

58. QUESTION TIME

In terms of Standing Order 1.7, the questions put by members to the meeting, the written answers and supplementary questions are contained in Appendix 1 to the minute.

Councillor Ross, Leader of the Administration answered Question 1.

Councillor Wincott, Spokesperson for Environment and Climate Change answered Questions 2, 3, 4 and 16.

Councillor Craik , Spokesperson for Finance, Economy and Strategic Planning answered Questions 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15 and 17.

Councillor Hilton, Spokesperson for Education answered Question 6.

Councillor Hamilton, Spokesperson for Housing and Building Services answered Question 10.

Councillor Adams, Convener of the Fife Licensing Board answered Question 12.

59. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - STANDING ORDERS

The Provost advised that in terms of Standing Order 5.2 he had deferred consideration of the report to a future meeting of the Council to allow for further consultation with political groups.

The meeting adjourned at 11.25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

Councillor Dempsey left the meeting during the recess.

60. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

The Council considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services which required the Council to consider motions submitted in terms of Standing Order 8.1.

Motion 1

Councillor Calder, seconded by Councillor Al Clark, moved as follows:-

Tackling Marine Pollution

“Council notes the devastating impact of marine pollution, such as micro plastics. This is an increasingly serious problem for our environment.

Council also notes the work of Kimo UK, whose mission is to unite local governments, prevent pollution and protect, preserve and enhance the seas and coastal waters of the North-East Atlantic and Baltic regions. Currently 8 local authorities in Scotland are members of Kimo UK.

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Council calls for a paper to be brought to Cabinet Committee inviting councillors to consider membership of Kimo UK including budgetary implications as well as further details on the benefits of membership. This paper will include all necessary information allowing the Cabinet Committee to make an informed decision.”

Decision

The Council agreed the motion unanimously.

Councillor Neal left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

Motion 2

Councillor Calder, seconded by Councillor Kennedy, moved as follows:-

Crisis in Scottish Dentistry

“Fife Council notes that access to NHS Dentistry in the area has become significantly harder in recent years for residents of Fife.

Council further notes that the number of NHS dental claims in NHS Fife area has reduced from 381,169 in 2019 to 211,287 between January and November 2022.

Council understands that many dentists are not accepting new NHS patients and that polling has shown that many of those registered have been unable to get appointments, leaving people in pain and causing wider mouth health issues to be missed.

Council believes that access to NHS dentistry is essential for residents of Fife and that the SNP/Green Scottish Government is failing to reform the funding structures so that dentists can return to taking on NHS activity and enable more patients to be seen.

Council further requests the Council leader writes to the Scottish Health Secretary to request urgent action to tackle the lack of access to NHS dentists.”

Amendment

Councillor Liewald, seconded by Councillor Steele, moved as follows:-

Crisis in Scottish Dentistry –

“Fife Council notes that access to NHS Dentistry in the area has become significantly harder in recent years for residents of Fife due to the impact of Brexit and covid.

However, it is noted that per 10,000 people, Scotland has the highest number of dentists in any of the other countries in the UK.

Scotland - 6.2 dentists per 10,000 people
Northern Ireland 6.0 “
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Wales 4.8 “
England 4.4 “

It is also noted that in 2021 there were 3,703 dentists working for the NHS in Scotland. An increase of 29 from 2019.

In Fife the number of Dentists in 2019 were 258, in 2020 260, and in 2021 256.

There are 70 registered NHS practices in Fife.

There are also Thirteen Public Dental Service locations in Fife. Five of these offer a short course of treatment after the initial visit. These are services that anyone can access in an emergency regardless of whether or not you are registered with a dentist and will be seen within 24 hours.

It is therefore untrue that Fifiers will be left in pain causing further oral and dental health issues.

Data from NHS England and NHS Wales shows more than 2,500 dentists (up to 8% of the workforce stopped treating NHS patients last year). Council requests the Council leader writes to the Scottish Health Secretary to seek assurance that dentistry in Fife and Scotland will not only remain the best resourced in the UK but will endeavour to increase performance and funding and overtake the issues created by Brexit and Covid.”

Roll Call

For the Motion – 39 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Bain-Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Sean Dillon, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Margaret Kennedy, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For the Amendment – 31 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, John O'Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettrano, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed in terms of the motion.

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The meeting adjourned at 12.50 p.m. and reconvened at 1.35 p.m.

Councillors Hamilton and Kennedy left the meeting during the recess.

Motion 3

Councillor Boubaker-Calder, seconded by Councillor Al Clark, moved as follows:-

Including swimming lessons as integrated part of Physical Education courses in Primary Schools

“The Council notes that

- Swimming is a life (saving) skill for everybody;
- Schools in England have swimming integrated in their PE curriculum in primary schools; (1)
- Pupils in some countries in Europe are required to be able to swim 25 metres by the end of primary school;
- Swimming is a complete sport which is known to be good for both for physical and mental health.

The Council also notes that:

- Local authorities have seen their budget cut significantly the last 10 years preventing them from including a number of items in their curriculum such as swimming;
- In 2015, the Scottish Government had pulled funding from its £1.72m programme to support school swimming lessons;
- Part of the curriculum of excellence has the duty to *ensure that children and young people develop the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future.* (2)

The Council is calling for:

- The Administration, in alliance with other authorities, to press the Scottish Government, the Scottish Minister for Education and Skills as well as the Scottish Minister for Health to prioritise funding to school swimming classes as an integrate part of Physical Education;
- A report of the feasibility of including school swimming lessons at primary school level in Fife including costs and practicalities to be brought to the Cabinet Committee.”

(1) <https://www.gov.uk/national-curriculum/key-stage-1-and-2>

(2) <https://education.gov.scot/education-scotland/scottish-education-system/policy-for-scottish-education/policy-drivers/cfe-building-from-the-statement-appendix-incl-btc1-5/curriculum-areas/health-and-wellbeing/>

Amendment 1

Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Hilton, moved as follows:-

“Replace the final the section from “The council is calling for.... “ including the 2 bullet points and replace with the following:

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The Council calls for a report on the current position and future options for supporting swimming for children and young people, including school swimming lessons and consideration of Scottish Government funding, to be submitted to the Education Scrutiny Committee for consideration and recommendations.”

Amendment 2

Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Barrera, moved as follows:-

“After "The council also notes that"
Delete the first two bullet points

And after "The council is calling for"
Delete first bullet point”

The meeting adjourned at 2.00 p.m. and reconvened at 2.10 p.m.

With the agreement of the Provost, the movers of both the motion and the amendments agreed to conjoin. The amended conjoined motion read as follows:-

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The Council also notes that:

- Part of the curriculum of excellence has the duty to *ensure that children and young people develop the knowledge and understanding, skills, capabilities and attributes which they need for mental, emotional, social and physical wellbeing now and in the future.* (2)

The Council calls for a report on the current position and future options for supporting swimming for children and young people, including school swimming lessons and consideration of Scottish Government funding, to be submitted to the Education Scrutiny Committee for consideration and recommendations.”

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Decision

The Council agreed the amended conjoined motion unanimously.

Councillor Glen left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

Motion 4

Councillor Barratt, seconded by Councillor Barrera, moved as follows:-

Councillor Parking

“Council notes the current practice at Fife House of reserving 6 car parking spaces for Councillors on a daily basis up until 10:30am and 30 spaces on days when the full Council meets.

Council notes that the matter was last discussed in 2016 and referred to the then Cross-Party Leaders’ Group, but that no changes were subsequently made.

Council agrees that the practice of reserving specific car parking spaces for elected members is no longer necessary and unnecessarily prioritises Councillors over council officers and visitors.

Council therefore agrees that the practice of designating specific car parking spaces exclusively for the use of Councillors, with the exception of the Council car used to support the civic business of the Provost, should end at Fife House and at any other Council Office where spaces are ‘reserved’ for elected members.”

Amendment 1

Councillor Holt, seconded by Councillor Boubaker-Calder, moved as follows:-

Councillor Parking

“Council calls for a report to be brought to Full Council, with an aim of offering key recommendations to help elected members to reduce their carbon footprint. Council calls for council officers to look specifically at the best incentives to help encourage the use of alternative means of transport for commuting to all council buildings in Fife (Carpool, Public Transport, Active Travel). Council also calls for the practice of reserving specific car parking spaces for elected members to be scrapped as it is no longer necessary and encourages car use when we should be fighting the climate emergency with the exception of the Provost’s car which is used to support civic business.”

Amendment 2

Councillor Craik, seconded by Councillor Graham, moved as follows:-

Councillor Car Parking

Delete all and replace:

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“Council notes that parking arrangements to allow Elected Members access to council buildings vary in different council locations across Fife.

Council further notes that daily spaces for councillors visiting Fife House are not currently in place and have not been for the past 2-3 years.

Council agrees to request the Cross Party Leaders’ Group to review the current situation and agree future arrangements with the Chief Executive.”

With the agreement of the Provost, the mover of Amendment 1 withdrew his amendment.

Roll Call

For the Motion – 30 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Bain, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, John O’Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

For Amendment 2 – 36 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Bain-Lockhart, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Patrick Browne, John Caffrey, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Alex Campbell, Al Clark, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, David Graham, Peter Gulline, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

Decision

The Council agreed in terms of Amendment 2.

Councillor Dillon left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

Councillor Robb left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item having earlier declared an interest.

Motion 5

Councillor MacDougall, seconded by Councillor Erskine, moved as follows:-

“Council supports the Wave Trust's 70/30 campaign to reduce child abuse, neglect and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by at least 70% by the year 2030. Council asks officers to bring a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet/

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Cabinet Committee on how the ambitions of this campaign can best be achieved in Fife.”

Amendment

Councillor Kathleen Leslie, seconded by Councillor Ellis, moved as follows:-

(Keep text and add to it the below)

Council is reminded of conjoined Motion 6 (March 2019) that:

- Notes the campaign to make Scotland the first Adverse Child Experiences (ACE) aware Nation, and the work done by the Fife ACEs group to gain over 1100 active members in less than six months; and the creation in Fife of the “Be that Person” DVD;
- Considers that increased awareness of the impact of ACEs is key to driving investment in initiatives that promote safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments which can have a positive impact on a broad range of challenges and on the development of skills that will help children and young people reach their full potential;
- Urges all concerned to use ACE awareness to have a positive impact on both individuals and society as a whole;
- Supports all teaching staff, pupils support assistants and early years practitioners to be encouraged to take up opportunities for continued professional learning sessions on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).

Today:

- Council acknowledges that Adverse Childhood Experiences can and do impact on learning, attainment and future prospects for children and young people;
- Council recognises that a multi-agency Trauma Informed Steering Group is in place in Fife;
- Council recognises that Trauma Informed learning is taking place across our early years and school settings to support and train staff working with children and young people.

Council requests that a report to Cabinet Committee should also include:

- An update on the work of the Trauma Informed Steering Group;
- Feedback produced following opportunities for continued professional learning (including online learning) undertaken by teaching staff, PSAs and early years practitioners to become Trauma Informed;
- Consideration as to how to make the workforce of Fife, including elected representatives, more aware of Adverse Childhood Experiences and how to become Trauma Informed”.

With the agreement of the Provost, the mover of the motion agreed to accept the amendment. The conjoined motion read as follows:-

“Council supports the Wave Trust's 70/30 campaign to reduce child abuse, neglect and other adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) by at least 70% by the year/

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year 2030. Council asks officers to bring a report to a future meeting of the Cabinet Committee on how the ambitions of this campaign can best be achieved in Fife.

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- Consideration as to how to make the workforce of Fife, including elected representatives, more aware of Adverse Childhood Experiences and how to become Trauma Informed”.

Decision

The Council agreed the conjoined motion unanimously.

Councillor Robb rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

Councillors Backhouse and Ballantyne-Wardlaw left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

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Councillors Campbell and Graham left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item having earlier declared an interest.

Motion 6

Councillor Wincott, seconded by Councillor Craik, moved as follows:-

“This Council asks that the Leader writes to the [Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity](#), to ask her to pause the Deposit Return Scheme whilst the concerns raised by Fife’s businesses, establishments and residents are addressed with a view to making this important environmental step sustainable, viable and equitable for producers and consumers alike.”

Amendment

Councillor Vettraino, seconded by Councillor Beare, moved as follows:-

“The Council welcomes the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme as a key point in raising recycling rates in Fife and Scotland.

The Council recognises that some concerns have been expressed, in particular by small businesses which may be a barrier to participating in the Deposit Return Scheme, which is due to be implemented in August this year.

Council encourages the relevant spokespersons engage positively with the Scottish Government and relevant Fife businesses to ensure that the scheme has a successful introduction.”

Roll Call

For the Motion – 31 votes

Councillors Tom Adams, Mary Bain-Lockhart, Patrick Browne, James Calder, Alistair Cameron, Ian Cameron, Eugene Clarke, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Colin Davidson, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, Linda Erskine, Peter Gulline, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Allan Knox, Robin Lawson, Jim Leishman, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Jane Ann Liston, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Derek Noble, Gordon Pryde, David Ross, Jonny Tepp, Andrew Verrecchia, Jan Wincott and Conner Young.

For Amendment 2 – 29 votes

Councillors David Alexander, Blair Allan, Naz Anis-Miah, Alistair Bain, David Barratt, Auxi Barrera, John Beare, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Ken Caldwell, Rod Cavanagh, Brian Goodall, Jean Hall Muir, Alycia Hayes, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, David MacDiarmid, Lea McLelland, Lynn Mowatt, Sarah Neal, John O’Brien, Nicola Patrick, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Alistair Suttie, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker and Daniel Wilson.

Decision

The Council agreed in terms of the motion.

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Councillors Caffrey, Al Clark and Verner left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

Councillors Campbell and Graham rejoined the meeting following consideration of the above item.

Councillor Neal rejoined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

In terms of Standing Order 8.1(2) the Provost agreed to accept an urgent motion in relation to Kincardine GP Surgery in that the timing of the announcement of the capital spending occurred just before the motion deadline allowing insufficient time for the impact of the funding to be considered and for a motion to be drafted to be issued with the Council agenda.

Urgent Motion

Councillor Downie, seconded by Councillor Verrecchia, moved as follows:-

"This Council is aware that in 2016 the community in Kincardine were told their GP Surgery building was unfit for purpose and a new building promised by NHS Fife and Scottish Government; notes that, as a result of changes to Scottish Government capital spending, on 7 March it was announced funds for a new GP surgery in Kincardine are *"...unlikely to be released...within the initially anticipated timescales... As a result resources will likely be provided in the second half of the decade."*; understands this will mean Kincardine is unlikely to have a new GP surgery completed until more than 15 years after the current building was found to be unsuitable; believes this decision will make it harder for NHS Fife to provide effective health care to the people of Kincardine; RESOLVES that the Leader of the Council will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing outlining the urgency of the construction of a new GP surgery in Kincardine and asking him to provide funding so that the people of Kincardine can have the new GP surgery building they were promised in 2016."

Amendment

Councillor Erskine, seconded by Councillor Bain-Lockhart, moved as follows:-

"This Council is aware that in 2016 the communities of Kincardine and Lochgelly were told their GP Surgery buildings were unfit for purpose and new buildings were promised by NHS Fife and Scottish Government; notes that, as a result of changes to Scottish Government capital spending, on 7 March it was announced funds for a new GP surgeries in Kincardine and Lochgelly are *"...unlikely to be released...within the initially anticipated timescales... As a result resources will likely be provided in the second half of the decade."*; understands this will mean Kincardine and Lochgelly are unlikely to have a new GP surgery completed until more than 15 years after the current buildings were found to be unsuitable; believes this decision will make it harder for NHS Fife to provide effective health care to the people of Kincardine and Lochgelly.

RESOLVES that the Leader of the Council will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Health & Wellbeing outlining the urgency of the construction of new GP surgeries in Kincardine and Lochgelly asking him to provide funding so that the people of Kincardine and Lochgelly can have the new GP surgery building they were promised in 2016."

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With the agreement of the Provost, the mover of the motion accepted the amendment.

Decision

The Council agreed unanimously in terms of the amendment.

Councillor Graham left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

61. BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE PROVOST AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

In terms of Standing Order 8.1(2) the Provost agreed to accept an urgent motion as detailed at Para. 60 above.