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THE FIFE COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE- REMOTE MEETING

25 March, 2021

10.00 a.m. – 11.55 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ross Vettraino (Convener), David Barratt, Rod Cavanagh, Gavin Ellis, David Graham, Sharon Green-Wilson, Jean Hall-Muir, Andy Heer, Gordon Langlands, Alice McGarry, Derek Noble, Dominic Nolan, Jonny Tepp and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay, Head of Service, Derek Crowe, Senior Manager (Roads & Transportation Services), Rick Haynes, Lead Consultant, Flooding, Shoreline and Harbours, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services, Lisa McCann, Service Manager, Environmental Health (Food & Workplace Safety), Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Stuart Neill, External Affairs Manager, Kevin Poot, Technical Manager and Kylie Bishop, Environmental Engineer, ExxonMobil (for Para. 183 only); Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Judy Hamilton.

181. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

182. MINUTE

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of meeting of the Environment and Protective Services Sub-Committee of 28th January 2021.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed to approve the minute.

183. PRESENTATION - FIFE ETHYLENE PLANT, MOSSMORRAN

Kevin Poot, Technical Manager and Kylie Bishop, Environmental Engineer, ExxonMobil, gave a presentation providing details of a proposed new enclosed ground flare to reduce flaring, noise and vibration from the Mossmorran Plant, along with information on their Environmental Monitoring Plan. Following this, Mr Poot, Ms Bishop and Stuart Neill, External Affairs Manager, answered questions from the Committee.

Decision

The Sub-Committee thanked Mr Neill, Mr Poot and Ms. Bishop for their attendance and the information provided.

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184. APPOINTMENT TO PARTNER ORGANISATION - FIFE ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in respect of a change of membership on the Fife Environmental Partnership following the resignation of Councillor Derek Noble.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed that Councillor Neil Crooks be appointed to the Fife Environmental Partnership.

185. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (FOOD & WORKPLACE SAFETY) SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2021-22

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services advising of the primary areas of regulatory activity undertaken by the Environmental Health (Food and Workplace Safety) Team and presenting the Environmental Health (Food & Workplace Safety) Service Delivery Plan 2021-22.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

- (1) approved the Environmental Health (Food and Workplace Safety) Service Delivery Plan 2021-2022; and
- (2) noted the impact of the Covid 19 Pandemic on the Environmental Health (Food and Workplace Safety) Team activities, along with the work undertaken to restart inspection and intervention programmes when restrictions and demands permitted.

186. POLICE SCOTLAND PERFORMANCE REPORT QUARTERS 1, 2, 3 2020/2021

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, presenting the Fife Division Performance Report for Quarters 1, 2 and 3 of 2020/2021.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the information contained in the report.

187. SEVERE FLOODING - AUGUST 2020 UPDATE

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing an update on progress of investigation and mitigation works relating to the August 2020 flood events across Fife.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

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- (1) noted that work continued with the investigation and development of solutions where appropriate on the collated Priority Flooding List;
- (2) noted that the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment would consult with the Convener with a view to clarifying the RAG status relative to the investigation at each location where flooding occurred; and
- (3) agreed that a further update report be provided to this Sub-Committee at its next meeting.

188. ENVIRONMENT & PROTECTIVE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee noted the current Environment, and Protective Services Sub -Committee Forward Work Programme, which would be updated as appropriate.
