

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - ECONOMY TOURISM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

10th June, 2021

10.00 am – 11.30 am

PRESENT: Councillors Altany Craik (Convener), John Beare, Ian Cameron, Dave Coleman, Bill Connor, Colin Davidson, Jean Hall-Muir, Jane Ann Liston, Mino Manekshaw, Lea McLelland (substituting for Councillor Ann Verner), Ross Paterson, David J Ross, Alistair Suttie and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Keith Winter, Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Pam Ewen, Head of Planning, Bill Lindsay Service Manager, Pamela Stevenson, Service Manager - Economic Development, Peter Corbett, Lead Officer Economy, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; John Mills, Head of Housing Services; Samantha Pairman, Policy Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Legal & Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR
ABSENCE:** Councillor Sharon Green-Wilson.

168. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were submitted in terms of Standing Order 7.1.

169. MINUTE

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee of 8th April, 2021.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed to approve the minute.

170. MID-FIFE ECONOMIC INVESTMENT PROSPECTUS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability updating Members on the development of a Mid-Fife Economic Investment Prospectus, in response to the recommendations of the Mid-Fife Economic Action Plan report, originally produced by Context Economics and subsequently reviewed within the context of the ongoing economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

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The Sub-Committee:-

- (1) noted the Mid-Fife Economic Action Plan report, developed by Context Economics in consultation with the four Mid-Fife Area Committees, which sets out the basis of proposed activity for the Mid-Fife Economic Investment Prospectus;
- (2) reviewed the proposed Mid-Fife Economic Investment Prospectus framework developed in response to the Mid-Fife Action Plan Report produced by Context Economics, taking into account the agreed economic recovery plan and responding to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- (3) approved, in principle, to progress the proposed framework of economic investment in Mid-Fife as set out in the prospectus, subject to the ongoing review and refinement of projects in a changing operating environment, the availability of appropriate resources and Committee approval of specific projects as appropriate.

171. LOCAL PLACE PLANS - FIFE COUNCIL RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS FOR REGULATIONS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning providing Members with an overview of emerging legal provisions for the local place plans and recommended a response to the current Scottish Government consultation related to secondary legislation for the community-led plans, which would focus on land use.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:

- (1) agreed the proposed response to the Scottish Government consultation, as detailed in appendix 1 to the report, on proposals for regulations which covered the content, preparation, submission and registration of local place plans;
- (2) request the Scottish Government provide an explanation of how it would fund resources for local authorities to assist with the new duty and provide funding opportunities that community bodies can access, and consider how those resources would be prioritised to support communities in most need of capacity building to prepare local place plans; and
- (3) delegated to the Head of Planning powers to finalise the consultation response, and to submit it to the Scottish Government, on behalf of the Economy, Tourism and Strategic planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

172. NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK 4 MINIMUM ALL TENURE HOUSING LAND REQUIREMENT - FIFE COUNCIL RESPONSE

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report from the Head of Planning Services and Head of Housing Services, enabling Members to consider Fife Council's response to the Scottish Government's initial default housing estimates, which would inform their identification of a minimum all-tenure housing land requirement for individual local authority areas. The response would form the basis for further discussions with the Scottish Government and contribute to the final housing land requirement figures to be included within National Planning Framework 4.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:

- (1) noted that a draft holding response had been submitted to the Scottish Government by the original deadline of 4th June 2021 to allow initial considerations to begin, as any significant delay to local authority returns would have repercussions for the overall timescale for producing the draft National Planning Framework 4 in the autumn and that the Council's formal response would follow after consideration of the matter by the Sub-Committee;
- (2) approved Fife Council's response to the Scottish Government on the Housing Land Requirement figures, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report; and
- (3) delegated to the Head of Planning Services and Head of Housing Services powers to finalise the consultation response and submit it to the Scottish Government by 30th June 2021 on behalf of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

173. ECONOMY, TOURISM, STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION SUB COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted:

- (1) the contents of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee forward work programme; and
- (2) That Members contact the Convener with suggested reports to be include on the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee Forward Work Programme.