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THE FIFE COUNCIL - ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

19th August, 2021

10.00 a.m. – 10.45 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Ross Paterson, John O'Brien, David Alexander, Alistair Bain, Alex Campbell, Gary Guichan, Garry Haldane, Jean Hall-Muir, Kathleen Leslie, David MacDiarmid, Graham Ritchie and Andrew Verrecchia.

ATTENDING: Keith Winter, Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment; Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment, John Rodigan, Senior Manager - Environment and Building Services, Tariq Ditta, Senior Manager, Facilities Management Service; Michael O'Gorman, Service Manager, Estates, Property Services; Alan Paul, Senior Manager, Property Services, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Ronnie Hair, Property Investment and Development Manager, Anne Rennie, Economic Adviser, Economy, Planning and Employability Services; Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Elaine Muir, Head of Finance, Les Robertson, Head of Revenue and Commercial Services, Donna Grieve, Accountant, Caroline Ritchie, Accountant, Helen Guthrie, Accounting Technician, Finance and Corporate Services; Anne-Marie Fleming, Corporate Development Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods; Sharon McKenzie, Head of Human Resources, Karen Rennie, HR Business Partner, Human Resources; Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Mick Green and Bill Porteous.

186. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

187. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee of 22nd April, 2021.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

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188. COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER IN RESPECT OF LAND AT 4-5 BEECH WAY, DALGETY BAY

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability seeking approval to secure the promotion of a Compulsory Purchase Order in respect of land at 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay, extending to 1.32 hectares or thereby, which followed an earlier decision to promote a CPO for the land in 2012.

Decision

The Committee, using the powers conferred by section 189 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947:

1. resolved to make the Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire all of the subjects comprising of the land at 4-5 Beech Way, Dalgety Bay, extending to 1.32 hectares or thereby as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and shown on the plan annexed on Appendix 2 of the report; and
2. authorised the Head of Business and Employability and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to advertise the CPO and take all other necessary steps to obtain title to the land.

189. THE FIFE COUNCIL (FORMER KINGLASSIE COMMUNITY HALL) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER

The Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment and the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services seeking reaffirmation of the decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee of the 16th January 2020, to make a compulsory purchase order in respect of the former Kinglassie Community Hall, and to remove the reference to 2020 from its name, due to the change in Scottish Government practice.

Decision

The Committee, using the powers conferred by Section 189 (1) of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and the Acquisition of Land (Authorisation Procedure) (Scotland) Act 1947:

1. reaffirmed the decision of the Assets and Corporate Services Committee of 16th January 2020, to make a compulsory purchase order (CPO) in respect of the Former Kinglassie Community Hall; and
2. agreed to remove the reference to 2020 from its name.

190. GALLATOWN BIKE HUB: REQUEST TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL LAND

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment asking members to consider the request from the YMCA to purchase land at Gallatown Hub, Oswald Road, Kirkcaldy.

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The Committee approved:

1. the disposal of 258sqm of land at Oswald Road, Kirkcaldy at less than best consideration; and
2. the disposal of 258sqm of land at Oswald Road, Kirkcaldy at a price of Nil.

All on terms to be agreed to the satisfaction of the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

191. FINANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services outlining the current performance scorecard for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate for 2020/21.

Decision

The Committee:-

1. considered the Finance and Corporate Services performance information detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
2. considered if any further review work would be required and the scope of that review;
3. noted the arrangements set out within the report to fulfil the Council's obligation to comply with Audit Scotland's 2018 SPI direction; and
4. noted the information on the workforce profile detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

192. ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE SECTION/SERVICE PERFORMANCE REPORTS

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment outlining the current performance scorecard for Property Services, Facilities Management, Building Services and Fleet Operations for 2020/21.

Decision

The Committee: -

1. considered the performance information presented in Appendices 1-3 of the report;
2. considered if any further work or scrutiny is required for the scope of the review;

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3. noted the current arrangements set out in the report in fulfilling the Council's obligation to comply with Audit Scotland's 2018 SPI direction; and
4. noted the information on the workforce profile contained within appendix 4 of the report.

193. 2020/21 REVENUE MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services providing members with an update on the projected outturn financial position for 2020/21 for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance activity as detailed in the report.

194. 2020/21 CAPITAL MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES DIRECTORATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services providing members with an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate.

Decision

The Committee noted the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

195. 2020/21 REVENUE MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN – ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment updating members on the 2020/21 provisional outturn financial position for the areas in scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee in relation to Assets only.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

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196. 2020/21 CAPITAL MONITORING PROVISIONAL OUTTURN - ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment providing members with an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advised on the projected financial position for the 2020/21 financial year for the areas in scope of the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee in relation to Assets only.

Decision

The Committee noted the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

197. ASSETS AND CORPORATE SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the content of the Assets and Corporate Services Sub-Committee forward work programme.