

THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – REMOTE MEETING

4 February 2025

10.00 am – 11.25 am

PRESENT: Councillors David Ross (Convener) and Linda Erskine, Ken Gourlay, Chief Executive, Fife Council, Carol Potter, Chief Executive, Patricia Kilpatrick, Chair of NHS Fife Board, Joy Tomlinson, Director of Public Health and Duncan Fortescue-Webb, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Fife; Lynne Garvey, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership, Shona Burnet, DWP Customer Service Leader and Irene Henderson, Department of Work & Pensions; Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland; Alison Taylor, Place Director, Scottish Government; Lee Turnock, Area Commander, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Kenny Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Voluntary Action, Jim Metcalfe, Principal and Chief Executive and David Watt, Chair, Fife College and Beth Harley-Jepson, Project Officer, SESTran, Lesley Caldwell, Senior Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Manager, St Andrews University, Julie Kennedy, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland and Julie Shields, Scottish Ambulance Service. James McLean, JCP Senior Customer Service

ATTENDING: Carol Connolly, Executive Director - Place, Morag Millar, Service Manager - Place Programmes and Policies; Bill Lindsay, Service Manager - Policy and Place and Rob Bowditch, Service Manager - Public and Environmental Protection, Environmental Health (Public Protection), Place Directorate; Lauren Bennett, Project Manager (Community Wealth Building), Sinead O'Donnell, Policy and Delivery Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

70. MINUTE

The Board considered the minute of the Fife Partnership Board Meeting of 6 November 2024.

Decision

The Board agreed to approve the minute.

71. OPPORTUNITIES FIFE PARTNERSHIP EMPLOYABILITY PATHWAY PROVISION 2025-26

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director (Place) presenting partners with an update on the Opportunities Fife Partnership Employability Pathway Provision 2025/26.

Decision

That Board: -

- (1) considered the report and endorsed the updated Opportunities Fife Partnership Employability Pathway Provision for 2025/26 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report; and
- (2) agreed that 6 monthly briefings would be circulated to Board Members providing an update and progress of statistical analysis figures of employability pathways.

72. FIFE'S UK SHARED PROSPERITY INVESTMENT PLAN

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director (Place) presenting to partners an update on Fife's UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan for 2022-2025.

Decision

The Board endorsed the updated Fife's UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan for transition Year 4 and the proposed interventions for (2025/26) as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

73. COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING: DEEP DIVE 2025

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director (Place) asking partners to take a deeper dive into Fife's response to the Community Wealth Building Plan for Fife 2024-2029. The report detailed ways in which partners can support discussions on key issues and opportunities for collaboration and scaling up of successful projects across all anchor organisations to deliver the Community Wealth Building ambition.

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) noted and comment on the progress and the key issues identified in embedding CWB policy and practice across the partnership organisations;
- (2) discussed the opportunity to support implementation through partnership collaboration, and scaling up of successful projects. Partners were asked to consider the following discussion points: -

Discussion Point 1: What impact could we have if the number of Life Chances placements increased from 60 to 600, or if each anchor partner committed to deliver 100 placements each year over the next three years? What would an ambitious target for Life Chances look like for Fife?

Discussion Point 2: What upcoming capital projects are there across the partnership and is there an opportunity to learn from the Dunfermline Learning Campus approach to community benefits? How can Fife Partnership collectively maximise community benefits?

Discussion Point 3: How do we, together as a partnership, make the best use of our land and assets for CWB and climate? What might a coordinated, partnership approach to land and assets look like in Fife? What are the implications for Fife's Place Plan?

Discussion Point 4: What more can we do locally to raise awareness across partners to support active implementation of CWB in Fife?

- (3) agreed that officers would engage with Board Members to explore the possibility of expanding the programme further through partnership organisations.

74. FIFE'S PLACE PLAN – PLACE MATTERS

The Board considered a report by the Chief Planning Officer, Fife Council advising partners on the progress of the Local Development Plan (LDP2) now to be known as Fife's Place Plan. The report highlighted the importance of the land use plan as the spatial expression of the Plan4Fife. Partners were asked to decide on Fife Partnership Board's role through the preparation of the new plan and its spatial strategy.

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) noted the progress in the preparation of the Fife Local Development Plan, Fife's Place Plan and its evidence base;
- (2) considered how it could contribute to the development and implementation of the Local Development Plan and its spatial strategy on a community planning partnership basis; and
- (3) agreed that a workshop would be arranged to look at joining up aspirations through a shared vision for spatial planning in Fife.

75. JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN

The Board considered a report by Fife Council Environmental Health and East Region Health Protection providing partners with details on the Joint Health Protection Plan 2024-2026 (JHPP). The report highlighted the benefits of close cooperation between NHS Fife and Fife Council in recognising that issues relating to health and population require actions to address the needs of the people and places where they would come into contact with infectious diseases and environmental hazards. The Joint Health Protection Plan 2024-2026 also set out recent organisational changes to how health protection is delivered and detailed the current priorities and challenges.

Decision

The Board considered: -

- (1) if any other partners would benefit in contributing to the plans; and

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- (2) if there were any other opportunities for joint working beyond the core requirements.

76. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Fife Partnership Board Meeting would take place on 6 May 2025