

THE FIFE COUNCIL - CABINET COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

Council Chamber, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

1 May 2025

10.00 am - 11.35 am

PRESENT: Councillors David Ross (Convener), David Alexander, Lesley Backhouse (substituting for Councillor Stefan Hoggan), David Barratt, John Beare, James Calder, Fiona Corps, Altany Craik, Linda Erskine, Derek Glen, Brian Goodall, Peter Gulline, Judy Hamilton, Cara Hilton, Gary Holt, Allan Knox, Kathleen Leslie, Rosemary Liewald, Carol Lindsay, Mary Lockhart, Sarah Neal, Craig Walker and Jan Wincott

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay, Chief Executive; Eileen Rowand, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services), Elaine Muir, Head of Finance, Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services; Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service and Peter Duncan, Allotment Officer, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Ross Spalding, Service Manager, Planning Services; and Michael O'Gorman, Service Manager, Property Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Paul Wilson, MUFG Corporate Markets (for para. 371 only).

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Stefan Hoggan.

366. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.

367. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Cabinet Committee meeting of 3 April 2025.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

368. ALLOTMENT & COMMUNITY GROWING STRATEGY 2024-2029 UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update on progress of the Allotment and Community Growing Strategy 2024-2029.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted progress to date to support the delivery of the strategy and action plan;

- (2) noted ongoing progress on identifying resource requirements across the council, partners and communities for delivering the strategy; and
- (3) agreed that a detailed report on staffing and resourcing requirements to fully implement the Allotment and Community Growing Strategy be submitted to Cabinet Committee on 26 June 2025.

369. TACKLING MARINE POLLUTION - MEMBERSHIP OF KIMO UK AND KIMO INTERNATIONAL

The committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services advising of activities and benefits from Year 1 membership of KIMO and seeking a decision on whether membership should be renewed.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the activity in Year 1 of KIMO membership;
- (2) agreed that membership should be renewed for a second year with the expectation that the new KIMO Secretariat staff would create a step change in their engagement with Fife Council officers; and
- (3) agreed that a six monthly update be provided to Cabinet Committee on progress of the KIMO membership.

370. CLIMATE CHANGE DUTIES - DRAFT STATUTORY GUIDANCE FOR PUBLIC BODIES: CONSULTATION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services seeking approval of Fife Council's consultation response to the Scottish Government's consultation on Climate Change Duties - Draft Statutory Guidance for Public Bodies.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the response to the Climate Change Duties - Draft Statutory Guidance for Public Bodies: Consultation and authorised the Head of Planning Services to submit to the Scottish Government; and
- (2) delegated to the Head of Planning Services to make any non-substantive changes to the response.

371. TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2025-28

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) outlining the revised Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy of the council.

Decision

The committee approved:-

- (1) the Treasury and Investment Strategies;
- (2) the revised Prudential Indicators; and
- (3) the Loans Fund Policy.

372. APPOINTMENTS TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS - UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services advising on the process applied in managing appointments to external organisations following the motion agreed by Fife Council at its meeting on 9 June 2022.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the process applied in managing appointments to external organisations following the motion agreed by Fife Council at its meeting on 9 June 2022;
- (2) retrospectively noted the replacement appointments made since June 2022 to those organisations detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report; and
- (3) agreed that the committee would receive an update on the agenda (at the next meeting) where there had been replacements made to appointments, except for those appointments where an individual councillor is identified as the original appointee and therefore where Cabinet Committee approval was required.

373. CABINET COMMITTEE - OUTSTANDING REMITS FROM COMMITTEES

The committee noted the list of outstanding remits from committees.

374. AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMME - ELGIN STREET, DUNFERMLINE (PRIVATE REPORT)

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services updating on progress to conclude legally binding agreements for the delivery of 41 social rented homes at the site known as Elgin Street, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) authorised the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to enter into legally binding agreements on terms to their satisfaction to enter into a Design and Build Contract for the development of 41 new affordable homes at the Elgin Street, Dunfermline site; and
- (2) to approve an indicative price for the development, recognising that the figure may be adjusted as detail of the proposal was finalised.