

THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – REMOTE MEETING

06 May 2025

10.00 am – 11.10 am

PRESENT: Councillors David Ross (Convener) and Linda Erskine, Ken Gourlay, Chief Executive, Fife Council, Carol Potter, Chief Executive, Esther Curnock, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Fife- (substituting for Joy Tomlinson), Lynne Garvey, Health and Social Care Partnership Lesley Caldwell, Senior Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Manager, St-Andrews University (substituting for Prof Brad McKay), Beth Harley-Jepson, Project Officer, SESTran, Jim Metcalfe, Principal, Fife College, James McLean, JCP Senior Customer Service, DWP and Kenny Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Voluntary Action

ATTENDING: Sinead O'Donnell, Policy and Delivery Manager, Communications and Engagement, Lauren Bennett, Project Manager (Community Wealth Building), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Pam Ewen, Head of Planning Services, Ross Spalding, Service Manager, Climate Change and Zero Waste, Planning Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: David Watt, Chair, Fife College and Patricia Kilpatrick, Chair of NHS Fife Board, NHS Fife.

77. MINUTE

The Board considered the minute of the Fife Partnership Board Meeting of 4 February 2025.

Decision

The Board approved the minute.

78. ACE - DEEP DIVE PRESENTATION

The Board considered a presentation by the Head of Planning Services in relation to Addressing the Climate Emergency.

Decision

(1) The Board welcomed and noted the presentation.

Partners were then asked to consider and reflect on the following questions: -

Discussion Points - How can we:

- build this capacity to deliver the skills we need?
- shape our collective response to climate impacts?
- adopt a place focused approach to climate action?

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- Identify the cross-cutting themes that are most beneficial and who lead?

Identified next steps for board members to meet the challenge include: -

- skills for our energy future;
 - climate resilience;
 - collaboration across Plan4Fife theme; and
 - Place approach
- (2) Pam Ewen (Head of Planning Services) noted that Fife Council are undertaking an internal audit on climate challenges with the ACE board which is due to end May 2025. It was agreed that an update could be brought back to a future board meeting.
 - (3) continue to have meetings on key points and decisions to be brought back to future board meetings;
 - (4) Councillor Ross to link in with Jim Metcalfe to arrange an agenda item at the next board meeting on the city region deal; and
 - (5) results of the feasibility study are envisaged to be finalised in July 2025 and it is hoped that business case change plans can progress following this.

79. **DEVELOPING THE NEXT PLAN FOR FIFE 2027**

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities setting out the strategic intent of the next Plan for Fife 2027 and the approach for developing new strategies and related delivery arrangements.

Decision

The Board:

- (1) agreed on the strategic intent, approach and timeline for delivering the next Plan for Fife;
- (2) noted the key shifts required as set out in section 2 of the report;
- (3) agreed to host an Integration Joint Board (IJB) Developmental session to present to partners the IJB Strategic Plan; and
- (4) welcomed the need to have more senior leadership team engagement sessions.

80. **COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING (SCOTLAND) BILL: CALLS FOR VIEWS**

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Place setting out Fife Partnership's response to the Scottish Parliament's Economy & Fair Work Committee's call for views on the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill that was introduced to Parliament on 20 March 2025.

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) endorsed the response to the call for views as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- (2) noted the requirements outlined in the Bill at this stage;
- (3) noted that any additional comments on the Bill would be required to be submitted to Council Officers by 20 May 2025;
- (4) considered what difference the new powers would make to the collaborative plans to implement Community Wealth Building in Fife; and
- (5) noted that additional comments provided by NHS Fife and St-Andrews University would be updated in the document prior to submission.

81. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Fife Partnership Board Meeting would take place on 5 August 2025.