

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

25 June 2025

9.45 am – 11.55 am

PRESENT: Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Eugene Clarke, David Graham, John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Jackie Funnell, Education Manager; Ruth McFarlane, Headteacher, Levenmouth Academy, Education Services; Kirsty Haydock, Service Manager - Employability & Employer Engagement, Alison Laughlin, Economy Adviser, Place Programmes and Policies; Alexander Anderson, Service Manager (Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing), Waste Operations; Colin Davidson, Team Manager, North East Fife, Grounds Maintenance; David Paterson, Community Manager Levenmouth, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

211. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

212. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 2 April 2025 and Special Meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 14 May 2025.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minutes.

213. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES – 2023/24

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education providing details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's school during the school year 2023/24. The report also provided an overview of the range of strategies being developed to support key priorities to raise attainment.

Decision

The committee considered the report and noted:-

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2023/24; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

214. 2023/24 LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Place, providing members with an annual overview of the performance of Levenmouth's local

economy and labour market, along with the business support, strategic investment and employability activity carried out in the area by Business and Employability Services.

Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the activity undertaken by Business & Employability Services in 2023/24;
- (2) the issues raised by an analysis of the latest available economic data; and
- (3) that a workshop would be arranged in September 2025 to consider the next steps and approach to developing a plan for Levenmouth based on the place based approach.

215. DOMESTIC WASTE, STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE - ANNUAL REVIEW 2024-25

The committee considered a joint report by the Head of Protective Services and Head of Property Services reviewing the progress and performance of Domestic Waste, Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service for 2024/25; and detailing the Service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the direction of travel.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the continuing Service development and performance in Grounds Maintenance, Domestic Waste Collection and Street Cleansing Services in 2024-25; and
- (2) the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

The meeting adjourned at 11.15 am and reconvened at 11.20 am.

216. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – PARTICIPATORY BUDGET APPROACH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services requesting funding of £25,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) Anti-Poverty Budget, to support a participatory budgeting approach in the Levenmouth area, to continue work in partnership with Corra and Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed funding of £25,000 from the LCPB anti-poverty budget, to cover the proposed costs to progress a participatory budgeting (PB) approach in the Levenmouth area; and

- (2) noted the positive results of previous participatory budgeting work in Levenmouth.

217. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – ANTI POVERTY WORK FUNDING REQUESTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking agreement for a total contribution of £106,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) Anti-Poverty Budget to extend three anti-poverty approaches, the Levenmouth Independence Initiative, Partnership Plus approach and the Levenmouth Cozy Kingdom Enhanced Fuel Poverty project.

Decision

The committee agreed to a total contribution of £106,000 from the LCPB Anti-Poverty Budget as follows:-

- (1) Levenmouth Enhanced Fuel Poverty approach - £30,000;
- (2) Levenmouth Independence Initiative - £18,000; and
- (3) Plus Partnership approach - £58,000

218. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) LEVENMOUTH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services, informing members of the current position relating to the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for Levenmouth showing current spend and outstanding projects.

Decision

The committee noted the current position relating to the Community Recovery Fund spend in Levenmouth.

219. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN ON FIFE UPDATE REPORT METHIL HERITAGE CENTRE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services, updating members on the level of activity at the Methil Heritage Centre since the last report to committee on 27 November 2024. The report highlighted proposals for sustainability of the facility longer term including how the community could play a larger part in developing the offer.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the level of activity as detailed in the appendix to the report; and
- (2) noted the proposal to seek a longer term management arrangement for the Methil Heritage Centre, starting with the building of a robust management committee group.

220. APPOINTMENT TO KIRKCALDY AND CENTRAL FIFE SPORTS COUNCIL

The committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services seeking agreement for member representation on the Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council following the resignation of Councillor O'Brien.

Decision

The committee agreed to appoint Councillor Adams as the Levenmouth Area Committee representative on the Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council.

221. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising members of action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions in the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

222. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services relating to the future work programme of the Levenmouth Area Committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Committee forward work programme; and
- (2) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the committee.