

THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – REMOTE MEETING

23rd August, 2022

2.00 p.m. – 3.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors David Ross (Convener), David Alexander and Linda Erskine; Steve Grimmond, Chief Executive, Fife Council; Carol Potter, Chief Executive, Joy Tomlinson, Director of Public Health, Tricia Marwick, Chair of NHS Fife Board, NHS Fife; Nicky Connor, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership; Mark Bryce, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Lynne Cooper, Regional Engagement Partner, Skills Development Scotland; Anna Herriman, Senior Partnership Manager, SESTran; Stephen Gethins (Substitute for Prof Brad MacKay), St Andrews University; Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland and Alison Taylor, Place Director, Scottish Government

ATTENDING: Tim Kendrick, Community Manager (Development), Communities and Corporate Development; Ken Gourlay, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business & Employability, Bill Lindsay, Service Manager, Morag Millar, Programme Manager, Economy Tourism & Town Centres; Economy Planning and Employability Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Committee Services, Legal & Democratic Services.

1. MINUTE

The Board considered the minute of the Fife Partnership Board Meeting of 15th February, 2022.

Decision

The Board approved the minute.

2. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided partners with an update on the development of the revised local community plans.

Decision

The Board endorsed the progress detailed in the report and noted that partners would be fully involved in the development of the revised local community plans.

3. PLAN FOR FIFE DELIVERY UPDATE

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided partners with an update on the progress in delivering the Plan for Fife recovery and renewal priorities, which included the arrangements for the Our Fife Leadership Summits.

Decision./

Decision

The Board noted:-

- (1) the progress updates on the delivery of the recovery and renewal priorities;
and
- (2) the arrangements for the Our Fife Leadership Summits.

4. FIFE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW

The Board considered a report by the Head of Planning advising partners on the Local Development Plan (LDP2) review, which highlighted the importance of the land-use plan as the spatial expression of the Plan4Fife and sought a decision in respect of the Board's statutory processes.

Decision

The Board:-

- (1) considered the statutory process that would be required as part of the local development plan review;
- (2) noted the role of partners in promoting any land and property assets where land use change would be sought; and
- (3) agreed that a report would be presented to the Board once the review had gone through the key statutory stages.

5. LEVELLING UP FUND UPDATE

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment which provided partners with an update on the bids made to the UK Levelling Up Fund on the 2nd August, 2022.

Decision

The Board noted the bids that were submitted to the UK Levelling Up Fund.

6. FIFE'S UK SHARED PROSPERITY INVESTMENT PLAN

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment which provided partners with an update on the steps taken to develop Fife's Shared Prosperity Investment Plan.

Decision

The Board endorsed: -

- (1) the approach taken to develop the UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan in line with the priorities of the Plan4Fife 2017-2027;
- (2)./

- (2) the allocation to each of the investment priorities based on historical investment levels for EU Funding which included 50% for People & Skills, up to 29% for Supporting Local Business and at least 21% for Communities and Places;
- (3) the advisory governance, prioritisation principles and allocations by the UK Shared Prosperity Investment Priority and noted the process to confirm the interventions for 2023/24 and 2024/25 as detailed in the report;
- (4) the creation of a subgroup of the Fife Partnership Board, which would provide oversight to the UKSPF Investment Plan, and agreed to invite Fife's MP's and representatives from the UK Governments Levelling up Team to attend the subgroup;
- (5) the extension of the remit of the Employment Delivery Partnerships to provide advice to the People and Skills Investment Priority, the re-establishment of an economy delivery partnership to provide advice to support local businesses, and formation of a community and place delivery partnership which would address climate change, poverty, crisis management, leading economic recovery, community wealth building recovery and renewal; and
- (6) the revised Investment Plan and noted that the Board would be asked to approve the interventions for 2023/24 and 2024/25 at the Board Meeting in February 2023.

7. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN FIFE 2020-2021

The Board considered a report by the Director of Public Health, NHS Fife which provided partners with an update on the Public Health Annual Report for 2020 and 2021.

Decision

The Board welcomed the report and endorsed the approaches taken to date.

8. FREE PERIOD PRODUCT PROVISION FOR FIFE'S COMMUNITIES

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided partners with an update on the free period product provision for Fife's Communities and advised on the plans for further expanding this provision. The Period Provision Scotland Act 2021 required local authorities to make period products free and easily obtainable within Scotland.

Decision

The Board:-

- (1) noted the requirements of the Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland Act 2021) and considered the implications this may have on partner organisations;
- (2)/

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- (2) noted that Fife Council's Communities Directorate were undertaking the free period product provision in collaboration with partners,
- (3) acknowledged the successes in providing this provision to date;
- (4) considered the action plan for expanding the provision of free period products in Fife; and
- (5) agreed to promote the availability of free period products across Services.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Decision

The next Board Meeting would take place on Tuesday 8th November, 2022 at 10.a.m.