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THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

20 September, 2022

2.00 pm – 4.05 pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Blair Allan, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick, David Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Vicki Connor, Co-ordinator (Programme & Financial Management), Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South, Assets Roads and Transportation Services; Karen Pedder, Service Manager, Performance Management & Planning, Vicki Cassells, Team Manager, Community Services, Children Families and Criminal Justice Services; Lisa Taylor, Lead Officer - Housing & Neighbourhood Kirkcaldy, Deborah Stevens, Lead Officer - Housing Condition and Supply, Housing Services; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services.

In terms of Standing Order 8.2 (2), the Convener agreed to accept an Urgent Motion in relation to the proposed reduction in Stagecoach bus services across Fife, prior to implementation of the proposed changes on 7th November 2022.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

5. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee meeting of 31st May, 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

6. APPOINTMENT TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, seeking nominations for member representation to the external organisations detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Decision

The Committee unanimously approved the appointments to external organisations, as detailed in the Appendix to the minute.

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7. **PROPOSED DEMOLITION AND REDEVELOPMENT OF 61-103 (ODDS) HOWARD PLACE, DYSART**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services, requesting members consider a proposal to demolish the properties at 61-79 and 81-103 (odds) Howard Place, Dysart.

Decision

The Committee agreed to: -

- (1) the demolition of properties at 61-103, Howard Place, Dysart;
- (2) transfer the remaining tenants of 61-103, Howard Place to alternative suitable accommodation, and to purchase 8 privately owned properties;
- (3) pay all qualifying tenants and residents, home loss and disturbance compensation payments, in line with current Council policy;
- (4) suspend housing allocations of properties at 61-103, Howard Place with immediate effect, and remove all empty properties out of active management; and
- (5) redevelop the cleared site and existing gap adjacent to the site.

8. **PROPOSED RAISED PARALLEL CROSSING - BROOM ROAD, KIRKCALDY**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment, requesting members consider a proposal for the introduction of a raised parallel crossing (raised table) on Broom Road, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety: -

- (1) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) and pedestrian crossing notice to introduce a raised parallel crossing, as detailed in drawing no TRO22_54 (Appendix 1), with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorised officers to construct the raised parallel crossing within a reasonable time period, unless objections were submitted.

9. **PROPOSED RAISED TABLE - A921 ESPLANADE, KIRKCALDY**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment requesting members consider a proposal for the introduction of an elongated raised table (raised junction) on the A921 Esplanade, Kirkcaldy.

Decision/

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Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety: -

(1) agreed to the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce a raised table as detailed in drawing no. TRO22_41 (Appendix 1), with all ancillary procedures, and

(2) authorised officers to construct the raised table within a reasonable time period, unless objections were submitted.

10. PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - OVERTON COURT, KIRKCALDY

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment requesting members consider a proposal to introduce "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions on Overton Court, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of accessibility and road safety:-

(1) agreed to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO22_56, with all ancillary procedures; and

(2) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period, unless objections were submitted.

11. PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL EXCLUSION ZONE - MACINDOE CRESCENT, KIRKCALDY

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment requesting members consider a proposal to introduce an experimental School Exclusion Zone in MacIndoe Crescent, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The Committee, in the interests of road safety:-

(1) agreed to the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for a maximum period of 18 months, for a School Exclusion Zone (SEZ), as detailed in drawing TRO22_42 (Appendix 1), with all ancillary procedures; and

(2) noted a further report would be presented to the Committee in April 2023, providing information to Members on the progress and feedback on the introduction of the Experimental School Exclusion Zone.

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12. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2021/22 FINAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment advising members on the delivery of the 2021-22 Area Roads Programme (ARP) for the Kirkcaldy Area.

Decision

The Committee noted and commented on the content of the report.

13. PUTTING PEOPLE FIRST: KIRKCALDY TEST OF CHANGE

The Committee considered a joint report from the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Head of Housing Services and Head of Education and Children's Services updating Members on the progress of the Kirkcaldy Area Test of Change: Putting People First project.

Decision

The Committee:-

(1) noted and commented on the progress of the Test of Change project;

(2) agreed a further update report would be presented to the Committee in April 2023, following the 2022-23 winter period; and

(3) agreed that a workshop would be organised for members and representatives of partner organisations to discuss progress and future development of the project.

The Committee adjourned at 3.40 pm and reconvened at 3.50pm.

14. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, Property Services advising Members of the action taken, using the List of Officer Powers, in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

15. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the draft forward work programme for the Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

16. URGENT MOTION

In terms of Standing Order 8.1 (2), the Convener agreed to accept the following urgent motion:-

"The Committee notes the proposals submitted by Stagecoach to review Services across the Kirkcaldy area and the consultation deadline of 12 September 2022. It is understood that the impact of these proposed cuts are substantial and will affect the lives of many of our constituents who are reliant on bus transport for work and to access services.

In considering the options for a comprehensive Fife Council response to the Stagecoach proposal it is noted that the agreed remit for Area Committee does not have any explicit powers to allow Area Committees to discuss concerns relating to a third party provided bus service even where they have significant impact on the Kirkcaldy Area.

The Committee requests that Council undertake an urgent cross-party review on the remits of Area Committees in line with the statement made in the Leader's report on devolution of powers to Area Committees at Fife Council on 9th June 2022 to address this perceived gap."

Proposed by Councillor Ian Cameron

Seconded by Councillor David Ross

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) unanimously approved the motion; and
- (2) noted the Convener's intention to write to Stagecoach on behalf of the Area Committee detailing the concerns of members.