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THE FIFE COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

29 November, 2022

10.00 a.m. – 2.25 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Tom Adams, Naz Anis-Miah, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Rod Cavanagh, Al Clark, Graeme Downie, Gavin Ellis, David Graham, Jean Hall-Muir, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Derek Noble, Nicola Patrick, Darren Watt and Daniel Wilson.

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services, Kenny Bisset, Lead Officer, Land & Air Quality Team, Protective Services; Pam Ewen, Head of Planning, Economy Planning and Employability Services; John Rodigan, Head of Environment & Building Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services, Michael O’Gorman, Service Manager, Estates, Property Services; Tariq Ditta, Head of Facilities Management Services; John Mitchell, Head of Roads & Transportation Services, Tony McRae, Service Manager, Passenger Transport, Bill Liddle, Service Manager (Roads Maintenance), Rick Haynes, Lead Consultant, Flooding Shoreline & Harbours, Ian Jones, Lead Consultant, Network Management, Steven Sellars, Lead Consultant, Road Safety & Travel Planning, Neil Watson, Lead Consultant, Roads & Lighting Asset Management; Barry Collie, Accountant, Finance; Lindsay Thomson, Head of Legal & Democratic Services and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Democratic Services.

12. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

13. **MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of meeting of Environment, Transportation & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 27 September 2022.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

14. **2022/23 REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Enterprise & Environment providing an update on the projected outturn financial position for the 2022/23 financial year as at August 2022 for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

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15. 2022/23 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Enterprise & Environment providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2022/23 financial year as at August 2022, for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

16. ENTERPRISE & ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE SECTION PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Enterprise & Environment presenting the performance scorecard for Enterprise & Environment Directorate Services for 2021/22.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the arrangements set out in Section 1.0 of the report to fulfil the Council's obligation to comply with Audit Scotland's 2021 SPI Direction;
- (2) noted the performance information in Section 2.0 of the report and its appendices, including current challenges/priorities and risks; and
- (3) agreed that the Committee receive the proposed report on the removal of bulky uplift charges at the same time as members of the Cabinet Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 12.05 p.m. and reconvened at 12.15 p.m.

17. BUS PARTNERSHIP FUND - UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services providing an update on progress of the work to deliver targeted local bus priority measures through investment from the Scottish Government's Bus Partnership Fund (BPF) and those of neighbouring bus partnerships that affected Fife.

Decision

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the progress of the development work for the five targeted bus corridors detailed in Table 1 - Paragraph 2.5 of the report;
- (2) the progress of the Tayside Bus Alliance (of which Fife Council was a partner) in developing the St Andrews to Dundee bus corridor also as detailed in Table 1; and
- (3) that further member workshops were to take place to allow detailed scrutiny of the options being developed.

18. FIFE'S ROAD CONDITION REPORT 2022

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services advising of the results of the 2020-22 Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) and the potential impact on road condition of future roads capital budget allocations.

Decision

The Committee noted the current performance and activity as detailed in the report.

19. NEW ROADS & STREET WORKS ACT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/2022

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services providing a summary of Statutory Undertaker performance and Fife Council's performance in relation to The New Roads & Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA) activities in Fife in 2021/22.

Decision

The Committee noted the current NRSWA performance and activity as detailed in the report.

20. WINTER GRITTING & SNOW CLEARING SERVICES 2022/23

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services advising of the updated Winter Gritting and Snow Clearing Services - Policy Statement 2022/23 and the operational practices required to deliver the current level of winter services in line with future budget constraints.

Decision

The Committee noted the updated Winter Gritting and Snow Clearing Services Policy Statement 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

21. DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2021/2022

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services providing an update on the performance of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) operation in Fife for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted the current performance and activity as detailed in the report.

Councillor Downie left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

22. ABERDOUR FOOTBRIDGE - SCHEME DEVELOPMENT AND PROCUREMENT PROCESSES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services examining the management of the Aberdour Footbridge project, including procurement processes and procedures to determine whether improvements could be made for future projects.

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The Committee noted the project and procurement processes detailed within the report.

Councillor Adams left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 13.55 p.m. and reconvened at 14.05 p.m.

Councillor Downie rejoined the meeting at this stage.

23. FIFE'S AIR QUALITY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2022

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services advising of the Fife Council Air Quality Annual Progress Report 2022 to allow members to scrutinise the progress made in delivering the aims and objectives of Fife's Air Quality Strategy 2021-2025.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the summary of information contained in Fife's Air Quality Annual Progress Report 2022; and
- (2) agreed to support an ongoing commitment to improving and maintaining good air quality across Fife.

24. ASSET MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services outlining Asset Management activity and progress during the year to 31st March 2022, identifying immediate challenges and opportunities and providing an update on the progress against the Property Asset Strategy 2017- 2022 in advance of the production of a new 5 year strategic plan.

Decision

The Committee noted the information and achievements detailed in the report and appendices.

25. ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Environment, Transportation & Climate Change Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme which would be updated as appropriate.
