

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –  
BLENDED MEETING**

**Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023**

**10.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Eugene Clarke (Convener), Blair Allan, Ken Caldwell, Alistair Cameron, Alex Campbell, Brian Goodall, Peter Gulline, Donald Lothian, Julie MacDougall, Lynn Mowatt, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Ann Verner, Kathleen Leslie (substitute for Darren Watt) and Jan Wincott.

**ATTENDING:** Michael Enston, Executive Director - Communities; Kathy Henwood, Head of Children & Families & Criminal Justice; Alan Small, Independent Adult Protection Committee Chair; Audrey Valente, Chief Finance Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership; Diarmuid Cotter, Head of Customer and Online Services, Customer Service Improvement; Ashleigh Allan, Finance Business Partner, Helen Guthrie, Accountant, Lesley Kenworthy, Finance Business Partner, Alison Binnie, Finance Business Partner, Finance and Corporate Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Committee Services.

**ALSO  
ATTENDING:** Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland.

**APOLOGY FOR  
ABSENCE:** Councillor Allan Knox.

Prior to the start of business, the Convener intimated the intention to vary the sequence of items from that on the agenda, to take item 13 (para 50) directly after item 5 (para 49) due to the presenting officer requiring to attend urgent business.

**46. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**47. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the People & Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting of 19th January, 2023.

**Decision**

The Committee approved the minute.

**48. POLICE SCOTLAND LOCAL POLICING PLAN - ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland which provided members with an oversight of the proposed local policing plan.

**Decision/**

**Decision**

The Committee endorsed the draft local policing plan.

**49. CUSTOMER CONTACT MANAGEMENT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Customer and Online Services, which outlined the strategy and actions being taken to enable delivery of the Council's ambition for integrated contact management, with a single view of customer experience.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) reviewed the strategy and overall ambitions; and
- (2) considered the implementation of a holistic approach to be taken for online, telephone and face to face services.

**50. ADULT PROTECTION ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Independent Adult Protection Committee Chair, updating members on the biennial report and work of the Adult Support and Protection Committee.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the report.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.30 a.m. and reconvened at 11.45 a.m.*

*Councillor Jan Wincott temporarily left the meeting during consideration of the following item and Councillor Bailey-Lee Robb left the meeting at this stage.*

**51. 2022-23 REVENUE BUDGET PROJECTED OUTTURN – COMMUNITIES**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director of Communities, updating members on the projected outturn position for the 2022/23 financial year for the areas in scope of the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee in relation to Communities and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

**Decision**

The Committee noted the current financial performance and activity for the 2022/23 Revenue Monitoring as detailed in the report.

**52. 2022-23 CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTED OUTTURN – COMMUNITIES**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director of Communities, updating members on the Capital Investment Plan and projected financial outturn position for the 2022/23 financial year.

**Decision**

**Decision**

The Committee noted the current performance and activity for the 2022/23 Capital Monitoring as detailed in the report.

**53. 2022-23 REVENUE BUDGET & CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTED OUTTURN – CHILDREN AND FAMILIES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Education and Children Services and the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, updating members on the forecasted financial position for the 2022/23 financial year for the areas in scope of the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee in relation to Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services.

**Decision**

The Committee noted: -

- (1) the current financial performance and activity for both revenue budget and capital plan as detailed in the report; and
- (2) the projected outturn position and relevant areas of projected over and under spend within the Service.

*Councillor Alistair Cameron left the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

**54. 2022-23 REVENUE BUDGET PROJECTED OUT-TURN – HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, updating members on the 2022/23 projected outturn for the Fife Council Social Care Services for Adults and Older People.

**Decision**

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

**55. 2022-23 CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTED OUTTURN – HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE**

The Committee considered a joint report by the Director of Health and Social Care and the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, updating members on the Health and Social Care Capital Investment Plan and projected outturn for the 2022/23 financial year.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the current performance and activity across the 2022/23 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

*Councillor Jan Wincott rejoined the meeting at this stage.*

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**56. FIFE CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, updating members on the work of the Fife Corporate Parenting Board (FCPB) and developments planned to improve the Corporate Parenting agenda across Fife.

**Decision**

The Committee noted: -

- (1) the intention of the Corporate Parenting Board to ensure Care Experienced Children and Young People (CECYP) in Fife were supported, with the best offer from their 'corporate parents' to reach their full potential;
- (2) the progress made within the last 6 months, informing the strategic plan and developing narrative of expectation across all 'corporate parents' in Fife; and
- (3) this was the second of the agreed 6 monthly update/analysis reports to be considered by the relevant Committee.

**57. CHIEF SOCIAL WORK ANNUAL REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Chief Social Work Officer, acknowledging that the Education and Children Services Committee agreed that an annual report on the role of the Chief Social Work Officer would be presented at the People & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the report.

**58. PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, asking members to consider the future workplan for the People & Communities Scrutiny Committee.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the forward work programme for the People & Communities Scrutiny Committee;
- (2) acknowledged that Councillor Goodall asked officers to consider allocating the Rockgelly report to a future meeting of the Committee;
- (3) agreed that a report on housing services would be brought to a future Committee to look at voids and its impact on housing allocations; and
- (4)/

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- (4) agreed that a report would be brought to a future meeting to look at the housing functional needs assessments and the impact this has on service delivery, and explore any work being done to reduce the backlog on housing services.
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