

Glenrothes Area Committee – Blended Meeting

Committee Room 2 (FHM05.002), 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes



Wednesday, 24th May, 2023 - 2.00 p.m.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

22nd March, 2023

2.00 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino, Daniel Wilson and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Rowan Young, Local Development Officer, Community Development Team (Glenrothes), Communities & Neighbourhoods Service; Charlotte Stitchell, Housing Team Manager, Glenrothes; Robert McGregor, Business Change Manager; Roy Lawrence, Principal Lead for Organisational Development and Culture, Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care Localities, Fife Health & Social Care Partnership; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management North; and Diane Barnett, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Jane Kell, St. Andrews Environmental Network (for Para. 45).

URGENT BUSINESS BEING BROUGHT BY THE CONVENER

The Convener advised of a motion that he had agreed to take as urgent business which was relevant and competent - serious concerns had been raised relating to the closure of three Rights of Way relating to the development of the Levenmouth Rail Link and the next Committee meeting was too distant to delay considering the matter until May, 2023. The Convener moved its consideration, in terms of the relevant Standing Order, to allow the Committee to consider the item. This was unanimously agreed and the motion was considered at Para. 49 below.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

41. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 25th January, 2023.

Arising from the minute, with reference to:-

- (1) Para. 37. - 'Antisocial Behaviour Update Report' - requested a further update report at a future meeting of the Committee, including information relating to recent incidents in the Glenrothes area; and
- (2)/

- (2) Para. 30. - 'Replacement of Unsafe Fencing at Riverside Park, Glenrothes' - requested an elected member briefing note on progress in relation to consideration of an alternative funding source.

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

42. TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER - PROPOSED RAISED TABLE, GOLF COURSE ROAD, GLENROTHES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining a proposal to introduce a raised table on Golf Course Road near the Tanshall Road West junction.

Decision

The Committee agreed, in the interests of road safety, to:-

- (1) the promotion of a Road Hump Order (RHO) to introduce a raised table on Golf Course Road as detailed in Drawing No. TRO22/70, attached at Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (2) authorise officers to confirm the RHO and for the raised table to be constructed within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

43. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of funding from the Community Recovery Fund to further support the provision of welfare support services to the local community in the Glenrothes area.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to allocate £78,358 from the Community Recovery Fund to meet the increasing demand for welfare support services in the Glenrothes area;
- (2) noted there were sufficient funds available in the Community Recovery Fund to support this proposal; and
- (3) noted that the funding described would leave a balance of £1,224,642 unallocated funding in the Reform and Recovery budget.

44. GLENROTHES AREA AMENDED LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 'PLAN4GLENROTHES' REVIEW

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhood Services seeking approval of the revised Plan4Glenrothes Area 2023 to 2026, adding Balbirnie Park to the Areas of Focus contained in the Plan - following a decision at its previous meeting on 25th January, 2023 (previous minute Ref., Para 31. (2) and (3) of 2023.GAC.12).

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The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to the additional content in the Plan4Glenrothes Area 2023 to 2026 relating to Balbirnie Park;
- (2) noted the effort and approach taken to ensure that community members and partners were actively involved in and contributing to the Plan's delivery; and
- (3) noted that a progress report on delivery of the Plan4Glenrothes was on the Committee's Work Plan for its next meeting on 24th May, 2023.

45. PROVIDING FUEL POVERTY SUPPORT FOR THE GLENROTHES AREA

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services setting out the context for Fuel Poverty in Fife and for the Glenrothes Area. The report provided information on the measures that had been put in place to support those struggling with home energy costs during 2022/23 and the direction of travel for future support. Tackling fuel poverty remained a key aspect of Glenrothes anti-poverty action directed through the Local Community Plan.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the support available to Glenrothes tenants and residents who were struggling with home energy costs;
- (2) agreed to highlight any pressing local needs that should be considered in developing an approach to Fife Council's 2023/24 fuel poverty response;
- (3) considered what additional information was needed to support the planning of complementary local action;
- (4) noted that the Council's Corporate Research Team had been commissioned to help identify and target those households who were most likely to be in need and requested an update report to this Committee when data was available; and
- (5) requested that a member workshop be arranged during the late summer months, following consideration of the data detailed at (4) above, to explore any complementary local action and potential Area Committee funding.

Councillor Julie Ford joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

46. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING - GLENROTHES

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Complex Care (SLT Lead for Glenrothes Health and Social Care Locality Planning Group) presenting an overview of Health and Social Care Locality Planning for Glenrothes.

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The Committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the report;
- (2) agreed to consider 6-monthly update reports on locality planning and joint areas of interest between the Health and Social Care Partnership and community planning partners; and
- (3) requested that the 6-monthly update report included any outcomes from the Health and Social Care Locality Plan for the Glenrothes area and a further breakdown in age range relating to the 'Supporting Positive Mental wellbeing' data outlined in the report.

47. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The Committee noted the contents of the report.

48. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services in support of the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan;
- (2) agreed, as detailed at Para. 41 (1) above, to consider an update report on Antisocial Behaviour including in relation to recent incidents in Glenrothes;
- (3) agreed, as detailed at Para. 45. (4) above, to consider an update report on fuel poverty support;
- (4) agreed, as detailed at Para. 46. (2) and (3) above, to consider 6-monthly update reports on Health and Social Care Locality Planning relating to the Glenrothes area;
- (5) agreed, as detailed at Para. 48. (2) above, to consider a report relating to antisocial behaviour/youth diversion including a potential framework for engaging with pupils from the Glenrothes high schools in, for example, participatory budgeting (potentially from the Recovery Fund) and involvement in civic matters;
- (6) otherwise agreed that members would advise the Convener and Depute Convener of any other items to include on the workplan, within the remit of this Committee.

49. URGENT MOTION

Councillor Vettraino, seconded by Councillor Wilson, moved as follows:-

"Whereas the Glenrothes Area Committee understands that the three Rights of Way known locally as Doubledykes, Waulksmill and Tullybreck will need to be temporarily closed to protect public safety while the Levenmouth Rail Link is being developed, the Committee agrees:

- that its understanding that Network Rail is seeking to close permanently the three/
three Rights of Way and its consequential profound concern, be communicated to the appropriate Minister;
- that the appropriate Minister be asked to enable the immediate removal of the obstructions that have already been put in place by Network Rail at all three Rights of Way until such time as they are required to protect public safety;
- that ensuring that the Rights of way would be maintained should have been fundamental to the Project and included in the associated costs;
- that the appropriate Minister be asked to review the funding of the Project accordingly; and
- that the Convener conveys the Committee's agreement to the appropriate Minister in suitable terms."

Decision

The Committee unanimously agreed in terms of the motion.

24th May 2023
Agenda Item No. 4

OnFife Update

Report by: Michelle Sweeney, Director of Creative Development

Wards Affected: Ward Nos. 13, 14 & 15

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Glenrothes Area Committee on OnFife's service offer in the area, reviewing activity in the past six months and outlining plans in the coming year.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the committee review the information and explore how OnFife can better engage with and support the ongoing work within the area, ensuring a joined-up approach to service delivery which will enhance the offer to communities in Glenrothes, expand the return on investment of the public pound and contribute to the Community Wellbeing agenda.

Resource Implications

There are no specific resource implications.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal and risk implications.

Impact Assessment

An equality (EqIA) Impact Assessment is not required as this is an update report on the performance of OnFife.

Consultation

Not applicable.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Fife Cultural Trust (the Company), established by Fife Council on 1 October 2012, delivers Libraries, Arts, Museums, Galleries, Archives, Theatres and Creative Development Services on behalf of Fife Council with a view to enriching lives in Fife and ensuring the long-term sustainability of these services.

- 1.2 A company limited by guarantee, Fife Cultural Trust's principal activity is the provision of cultural services for Fife. It is responsible for community development in the creative and cultural fields and for operating and delivering the following facilities and services:
- Libraries; inclusive of mobile libraries and a home delivery service
 - Maintenance and development of library services within Fife Council's four integrated customer service facilities
 - Museums, galleries, archives and local studies, heritage sites, and a mobile museum
 - Stewardship and care for the objects and archives in Fife Council's collections
 - Theatres and community venues
 - A Creative Development team to drive innovation, cultural collaboration, volunteering, sponsorship and funding
 - Marketing & Customer Engagement to best profile and promote these services while driving sales and analysing customer data
- 1.3 We aim to assist in the provision of cultural facilities and activities with the object of improving quality of life via the provision of accessible and affordable opportunities for all members of the public in Fife, allowing them to participate in cultural activities and access the cultural facilities
- 1.4 The work of Fife Cultural Trust is led by its Vision, Mission, Purpose and Values as reflected in the following statement: *We are OnFife and we know how valuable creativity is to our communities. Whether we're helping people learn or making them laugh – we're here to bring people together and make them feel good. Our spaces are some of Fife's favourite places – from historic buildings to mobile libraries, award-winning new destinations to much-loved community hubs. Museums, theatres, galleries, libraries, and archives – we offer them all.*

Our Values

Fearless

We're a creative organisation full of adventure and imagination. We believe in ourselves and each other. We're here to learn, and we're never afraid to try new things.

Inviting

We believe inspiration is for everyone. We're inclusive, generous and customer-focused in everything we do – putting on enticing experiences and giving everyone a taste of our famous warm welcome.

Fair

We treat everyone with respect – listening to, accepting, and taking on board their opinions, no matter how different they are to our own. We act with integrity – taking responsibility, and doing what we say we will, every time.

Exciting

We aim to be a positive force in the lives of others. Motivated and proactive, our work stands out because of our passion and energy for what we do. We're in the business of inspiration – and that's an exciting place to be.

Emerging from the pandemic

- 1.5 Throughout the pandemic, we consistently adapted and developed new ways of working to continue supporting communities and engaging with audiences. With the support of Fife Council and a number of other funding awards, we weathered the worst of the Covid storm but, as with the cultural sector as a whole, we face continued challenges arising from the impact of the pandemic, such as changes in customer habits, the impact of Brexit on the supply chain for major capital investment projects like the Adam Smith Theatre refurbishment, the war in Ukraine and the associated energy and cost of living crises.
- 1.6 In terms of customer engagement, our primary focus is around retaining existing customers, and increasing their frequency of attending cultural activities and events. In 2022, we developed a two-year **Recovery and Renewal Strategy** to give us a clear focus on recovering from the pandemic and rebuilding to thrive in the longer term. The overriding purpose of this strategy is **Bringing People Back** and working to create **long-term sustainability**. Within this sits our four key priority areas which are our drivers as we move forward. These are:



People

We're working hard to better support our teams. That means restructuring as well as investing in recruitment and training. We're set on having the right people with the right skills in the right places.



Services

We're reviewing what we do for the people of Fife. That means making sure we're offering what's really needed and wanted in our communities – in the right places, and in the right way.



Finances

We're rethinking the way we work financially. That means clearer budgets and priorities, working within our means, and getting our pricing right so we're fit for Fife – today and tomorrow.



Processes

We're investing in our systems and the thinking behind them. That means updating how we operate and making sure people have the tools and support they need to thrive.

Our Service Offer

- 1.7 Our Creative Services Department consists of the following four highly collaborative teams who come with a combined skillset that is of direct benefit to organisations working within communities inclusive of creative approaches to community engagement and wellbeing, Creative facilitation, funding, creative approaches to dementia support, informal approaches to literacy work across schools, children and families, events and project management, volunteer co-ordination, cultural heritage & tourism, and knowledge and understanding of the Creative Industries. Additionally, we are well versed in brand development and awareness and the importance of PR, personality and tone of voice in

the development of stories which are accessible to communities, and which are core to great PR and communications.

Cultural Heritage & Wellbeing

- 1.8 Managing service delivery of our Museums, Galleries, Archives, Local Studies and Adult Libraries, this service also leads on the co-ordination of our Wellbeing approach across the organisation as well as delivering a range of public-facing events and activities, inclusive of a dynamic exhibition programme, which is aimed at building audiences and driving footfall to our venues.

Programming

- 1.9 A key driver of revenue, our Theatre Programme, provides a high-quality, engaging, creative, and commercially sound range of performances and shows, both professional and amateur. The team also leads on the co-ordination of our Young People and Families services offering, inclusive of our Children's Library service.

Creative Development

- 1.10 The creative engine at the core of our service offer, driving creativity and collaboration within our own services, supporting Fife's creative industries and developing services that are of, by and for our communities. This team is responsible for the co-ordination of digital approaches to creative engagement, developing sponsorship, sourcing external funding, leading on volunteering and co-ordinating Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity across the organisation.

Customer Engagement

- 1.11 Putting the customer at the heart of our mission, planning, activity, delivery and communications ensures we produce relevant and impactful cultural experiences for Fife's communities and achieve our commercial ambitions. The team's current focus is on ensuring we are data-led and with a better understanding of our customers behaviours and needs, with services designed to build lasting relationships, customer loyalty and repeat visits.

2.0 Achievement & Performance

- 2.1 Our services are designed to support all in Fife's communities and as such sit and report within the wider strategic framework of The Plan for Fife, supporting it and reporting on performance against its key priority areas of:
- Thriving Places
 - Community-led Services
 - Inclusive Growth and Jobs
 - Opportunities for All
- 2.2 Delivering within the fabric of Fife's seven areas, we are well networked with Community Managers and wider service provision and are actively working to ensure greater collaboration of service delivery to achieve a greater return on investment of the public pound.
- 2.3 Within the Glenrothes area we run the following venues:
- Rothes Halls
 - Leslie Library
 - Cadham Library

- Collection Centre, Bankhead

Thriving Places

- 2.4 Despite continuing challenging conditions as we emerged from the pandemic, our teams achieved tremendous results during 2022/23, contributing to the quality of life of those living, working and visiting Fife through imaginative creative support, events and online digital activities. Successes included exhibitions, dementia-friendly projects, the welcome return of panto and summer holiday provision.

Roths Halls Theatre

- 2.5 Roths Halls is a multi-purpose building which is central to cultural provision in the Glenroths area, and includes the main auditorium (616 seats), Studio (120 seats), Library, various meeting spaces (from 6 to 100), FotoSpace -photo gallery space, FifeSpace (exhibition space) and café/bar.
- 2.6 The building brings in daily visitors to the café, local classes and meetings, the library and of course the exhibition spaces.
- 2.7 Our professional theatre programme looks to bring in a variety of genres that appeal to different audiences. Over the past 6 months we have been fortunate to see our audiences return in their droves to enjoy the programme on offer at Roths Halls. From October through to March we had 10 professional shows programmed, including music from Stars of Irish Country and Magic of Motown, comedy from Janey Godley and the ballet Swan Lake, many of which were sold out. Targets are set for each show and over this period we have exceeded these targets by a third.
- 2.8 Looking ahead, in Roths Halls we will continue to build on the success to date, endeavouring to work with the best in the entertainment industry to programme an offer that is both appealing and relevant to the people of Glenroths and the surrounding area. We will welcome a wide range of shows with performances celebrating the music of Abba, the 60's, Stevie Wonder and Frankie Valli & The Four Seasons, the ever-popular sell out Seven Drunken Nights – The Story of the Dubliners and Ireland, The Show. Showaddywaddy bring their unmistakable sound in the summer when we will also welcome back The Ladyboys of Bangkok with their take on top tunes with fantastic costumes and comedy thrown in. Our younger audiences will be treated to the Dinosaur Live show – where anything can happen, while family favourite Artie is back with a Halloween offer. We continue to develop partnerships with companies producing new work by offering space and piloting shows that allow us to offer a programme of work that, whilst not financially viable, benefits niche audiences such as early years theatre provision.
- 2.9 Of course, no year is complete without firm, family favourite –Panto! 2022 saw its return with the classic Cinderella, following the two-year Covid hiatus. Due to the closure of Adam Smith Theatre for refurbishment, it was moved to the Roths Halls where, thanks to a fantastic cast, a brilliantly funny script and the passion and commitment of the Roths Halls team, it exceeded all expectations - selling over 12,800 tickets during its 33 performances, over a three-week period. Accessible as always, shows included both a British Sign Language and a relaxed performance. Feedback was rapturous on everything from the show itself to the décor of the building and the photo opportunity with a child-size pumpkin carriage. With panto moving back to Adam Smith we have ensured that we have a family Christmas offer of the MacDougall's for 2023, and we welcome two new bands to give our audiences a great night out – Los Pacaminos and The Bay City Rollers.

- 2.10 Community is at the heart of all we do, and we continue to support our local theatre companies to bring their productions to the big stage. Glenrothes Amateur Musical Association (GAMA) is an annual visitor with their show with last year's production of Cole Porter's 'Kiss Me Kate' a huge success. GAMA Youth also took to the stage with their show celebrating all things Dr Seuss in 'Suessical the Musical'. Glenrothes Theatre Company are also amongst our regular users with an annual Christmas Production but this year they are shaking things up with a May performance of 'Molly Whuppie'. The theatre remains home to dance shows, fundraising evenings, Fife College showcase events along with several commercial hires such the Fife Council Apprentice Awards.
- 2.11 Going forward we will continue to strengthen our relationships with our local amateur societies who bring depth to our programme and showcase local talent. GAMA will be back on stage in September with their production of 'The Wedding Singer' and the auditorium will be packed to enjoy the dancing skills of the students from the Cheryl Crawford Dance Studio.

Local Libraries

- 2.12 Across our libraries, in Rothes Halls, Leslie and Cadham, we offer safe, warm spaces in which to access books and computers along with a range of activities from reading groups to book bugs. As staff numbers settle, we are keen to introduce more activities for both young and old alike.
- 2.13 Open 6 days a week, Rothes Halls Library is a popular space used by young and old to borrow books, a quiet space to read the newspapers, access the computers (where our staff are always on hand to help with any IT questions), join in the Reading Groups that run, enjoy a story, or just chill. Many local schools visit regularly to enjoy the space with regular visits from Warout, Star, Rumbleton and Pitteuchar East Primaries and Ladybird and Thornton Nurseries. Glenwood Support Unit and John Fergus School Out of Hours also pay the team a visit to scan the shelves for the latest books.
- 2.14 Meantime Leslie library is part of the Warm Spaces initiative and is a safe haven for local children who know the staff well, while Cadham sits in the centre of the shopping area offering access to PC's, space to browse the shelves or enjoy a seat to read, and hosts a regular reading group and activities for children and families during school holidays.
- 2.15 Having recently attended the re-convened Glenrothes Adult Learning Group for the wider Glenrothes area we are currently exploring with Kirsty Strachan how we can support the work of the group via our Wellbeing Walks and signposting people to other OnFife opportunities in the area.

Community Gallery spaces

- 2.16 Our Community Gallery spaces, FifeSpace and FotoSpace, sit at the heart of the Rothes Halls and with gallery standard lighting they offer an excellent opportunity for amateur and professional artists alike to showcase their work. Exhibitions change on a regular basis. Recent exhibits include:
- **40 over 40** - Inspirational photographs celebrating the strength, beauty and wisdom of women over 40 featured in 40 over 40 at Rothes Halls, in which 40 life-affirming portraits by Rachel Watson captured joy, laughter and plenty of pizzazz.
 - **Fife Dunfermline Print Workshop** - FDPW have been creating printed art works in their Dunfermline studio since 1981. The exhibition *Good Impressions* at Rothes Halls brought together recent work by over twenty of their studio members from across Fife, covering a range of different subjects and printing techniques.

- **Glenrothes Art Club** – the club's annual exhibition took over the exhibition space at Rothes Halls in late 2022. The Art Club has been running since 1955 and continues to support amateur and emerging artists in the Glenrothes area. The 2022 exhibition included a variety of work by club members, including drawing, painting, photography and crafts as well as submissions from their young people and children's art groups.

- 2.17 We continue to develop opportunities with artists, both new and familiar faces, to showcase their work within FifeSpace and Fotospace. We will be welcoming **Tony Perkins** in May, a Thornton based photographer with further exhibitions in planning.

Collection Centre, Bankhead

- 2.18 Curators at the Collection Centre are in the process of reorganising thousands of artefacts – previously under wraps, so they are more readily available visitors. The objects, moved from Fife Councils Collections, are being thoroughly researched and digitally catalogued with more than 80,000 items from Fife Council's Museums Collections. The collection, cared for by OnFife, is more than 100 years old and includes donations from individuals, businesses and community organisations. Over 1,000 works of art are kept in stable, environmentally controlled conditions.

Opportunities For All

- 2.19 Our services that help provide opportunities for all Fifiers include highly successful book events for schools, support for people living with dementia and their carers, information for people with cancer and promoting Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity and a new musical instrument library.
- 2.20 Our Young People's Team deliver a programme of events throughout the year to mark the seasons and special occasions. They had a mammoth week of **World Book Day** celebrations in March 2023 organising, amongst other things, two inspiring virtual events with kids from all over Fife. The team had Jodie Lancet-Grant talking about The Marvellous Doctors for Magical Creatures at a session attended by 800 children. Dundee-based author Michelle Sloan brought her Animal Adventure Club series to 150 kids, including at Warout Primary. As well as all this, 24 of Fife's libraries, including Rothes Halls and Cadham Libraries, received a selection of World Book Day list books to give out for free and all libraries had World Book Day-themed activity sheets on display.
- 2.21 The team was also in action celebrating **Book Week Scotland** in libraries, schools and online. The headline act was award-winning author Ross MacKenzie who joined in a virtual event with almost 2,000 children and their teachers from across Fife, including Pitcoudie, Pitteuchar West and Pitteuchar East Primary Schools. Fife-based author Ross MacKay came to Leslie Library to speak to a group of 28 children from the local primary school about his new book - 'Will and the Wisp'. All OnFife Libraries received a Book Week Scotland and Activity pack to display in branches as well as a virtual Storytime for each day of Book Week Scotland using QR codes linking to virtual story sessions on LibrayAY.
- 2.22 After a six-year absence, **Every Child A Library Member (ECALM)** was relaunched in November 2023. This time round ECALM is focusing on increasing early years library memberships with the aim of making every 0–5-year-old a member. We are working with various partners to promote ECALM across our libraries.
- 2.23 Last year also saw us rekindle our partnership with the charity Canine Concern Scotland Trust and welcome friendly pets back into our libraries. The loveable dog, Jillie the Jackahuahua, brought a whole new meaning to the phrase 'snuggling up with a book' when she visited Leslie Library with her owner. The cute canine was acting as a

TheraPet, helping build the confidence of children who are anxious, unsure of animals or find reading challenging. Her visits went down a storm with over 66 children and adults attending over the 5 week block. Jillie has also started visiting Rothes Halls Library.

- 2.24 The **Summer Reading Challenge** returned with Gadgeteers and involved youngsters borrowing and reading six library books over the summer holidays. More than 2000 children registered, an increase of 50% on the previous year, and a total of 652 completed the Challenge, an increase of 39% on 2021. Summer will see the launch of this year's Challenge with children being encouraged to read 6 books across the holidays with some small incentives to help them on their way. All children who complete the challenge receive a medal and can attend a free film screening. There will also be activities throughout the summer on the theme of this year's challenge Ready, Set, Read.
- 2.25 With new project funded staff in place, we have been able to once again support people affected by cancer with the return of the Macmillan information points in Lochgelly and Leven libraries and are planning the launch of a new point at Duloch Library. We are also now offering regular Macmillan Cancer support on the first Tuesday of the month at Rothes Halls. Leaflets and advice are freely given in a private space.

Community Led Services

- 2.26 Our work in providing services led by the needs of our communities included tackling social isolation, extending help to refugees, community engagement, supporting Fifers through the cost-of-living crisis, collecting memories of the pandemic for an archive project and making connections with people living with dementia.
- 2.27 In Glenrothes we have been working with the volunteers from Glenrothes Heritage Centre to help them re-locate from their shop unit in the Kingdom Shopping Centre to the foyer of Rothes Halls. Their display is due to be installed and available to the public from Spring 2023. OnFife has also accepted into the collections from Glenrothes Area Heritage Centre Civic Trust minutes, Twin Town Olympiad minutes and Tanshall Primary School logbook. We have also worked with GHAC to transfer the Glenrothes Gazette Archives (newspapers and photos) to OnFife Archives.
- 2.28 We supported Fife Council (Andrew Walker, Economic Adviser Town Centre Development) in sourcing images and content from the Local Studies collections, for an app which celebrates and creates awareness of the Town Art in Glenrothes.
- 2.29 Our Collections Centre at Bankhead, Glenrothes is our one stop Library HQ, archives enquiry service and Museum Collections store. We have been building public access to this site through a series of guided tours focusing on our linoleum collection, as part of a funded project *Flooring the World* that has enabled us to engage with former lino factory workers, add to our linoleum collection and work towards an exhibition in Kirkcaldy later in 2023. We have also welcomed members of local groups from across Fife to Glenrothes for tours of the Collection Centre including Friends of Newburgh Ancestry and History Society, Burntisland Heritage Trust and The Falkland Society.
- 2.30 During covid the LibrarYAY Facebook group was created by the Young People's Library team as part of the #ShineOnFife campaign to support, engage and interact with the families of young children. Its popularity snowballed to more than 3,400 followers but once venues and in-person activities were up and running again, teams were actively engaged in bringing these 'real time' events to life. However, YAY has now evolved into a dedicated OnFife Kids page on the OnFife website.
- 2.31 Working to ensure our services are understood across Fife, our Creative Development team have been continuing to raise our profile locally via a series of 'Showcase

Experiences' designed to enhance awareness of our service offer with local Councillors and Board Members who have been invited to our venues and services to meet staff and gain a better understanding of who we are and what we do. Visits have included tours of Rothes Halls, the library and the Collections Centre.

- 2.32 During the year we refreshed our Library Strategy to ensure alignment with our Recovery & Renewal Strategy. Although its vision remains **Libraries are Good for Life**, it now has a new mission statement: *A blether, a book, a billion possibilities. Our libraries are free, warm welcoming places for all.* As such our libraries were well positioned to join Fife Council's approach to connecting organisations to help Fifers struggling with cost-of-living increases by offering a warm welcome to warm spaces. £34,000 was secured from Fife Council to support this work in nine of our libraries across Fife, inclusive of Leslie Library, allowing them to be recognised as designated **Warm Spaces** over the winter months, inclusive of providing space to work, study and play. By March 2023 we had a total of **16 official Warm Library Spaces** offering free hot drinks and a range of self-led activities such as board games, jigsaws, and colouring for adults and children as encouragement.
- 2.33 Keen to build a diverse range of partnerships across the community, we have worked with Fife Centre for Equalities to host and support the Fife Afro Caribbean Network as well as introducing the Minority Ethnic over 60s (ME60+) group to our venues and services through bespoke creative workshops and tours. Likewise, we have been keen to support refugees and those seeking asylum in Fife, with a particular focus on refugees arriving because of the **war in Ukraine**. In this respect we have worked with Fife's Third Sector Strategy Group, Fife Voluntary Action and Fife Council's Resettlement Co-ordinator to gain a wider understanding of how best we can support work already in place. This led to a liaison with the Head of Learning & Engagement at National Galleries of Scotland, from which we were successful in obtaining almost 400 Art Packs for refugees, containing high-quality art materials of a sketchbook, watercolour brush set, pens, pencil and postcards of artworks from the National collection, to distribute to specific libraries as a means of engaging via art and without the barrier of language. As such, our libraries have provided safe spaces in which refugee families can meet and enjoy creative activities.
- 2.34 Last, but not least, our VIP Panto Night proved a massive hit this year, with a total of 250 guests from across three local charities, loving the show and some special treatment. Nominated charities were Homestart, Fife Gingerbread and Fife Young Carers. As well as books and colouring activities for the children, Santa dropped by, and each child received a selection box. There was a finger buffet, they were given a goodie box to take into the panto and at the interval, everyone received an ice cream. Feedback from those who attended was amazing – describing it as 'amazing', 'can't believe it', 'thank you so much for having us – brilliant night.'

Inclusive Growth & Jobs

- 2.35 As an organisation we look to both support the growth and career development of our own people and provide services that will help with job opportunities and contribute to Fife's creative economy.
- 2.36 It has been terrific to see the return of our casual workers in Rothes Halls, not only in the theatre but in our cafe too, as programming within the building has returned. This is a trend we expect to see grow as the wider sector recovers, contributing further to employment within the local economy. However, the impact of the pandemic on staffing across our venues and on the availability of experienced theatre technical crew, remains a challenge in Rothes Halls, and is something we are working hard to address.

- 2.37 Mindful of the ongoing financial challenges, funding secured from Creative Scotland's Recovery Fund for Cultural Organisations is allowing us to explore ways of diversifying income. As such, we commissioned an external sponsorship agency to audit our assets and help create a framework for attracting sponsorship for our events and activities. In time, we will be looking for opportunities to engage with sponsors to support events and performances in Rothes Halls and the surrounding area, as well as smaller events within our library spaces.
- 2.38 The Creative Development team successfully recruited a full-time Creative Instigator, as well as filling the vacant Volunteer Co-ordinator post. Both new team members have diverse experience and skills across creative, cultural and education organisations and work across Fife. Both these staff members will support ongoing work within the Glenrothes area, inclusive of our work with Young People and Families, MacMillan and local celebrations such as Glenrothes 75th.
- 2.39 A new Macmillan Project Officer and Project Co-ordinator were also appointed within Cultural Heritage & Wellbeing to focus on implementing Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centres within selected OnFife Libraries (Lochgelly, Duloch, Leven) in line with the aims of OnFife Libraries and Macmillan Cancer Support. This support will also extend to drop-in sessions within the Rothes Halls.

3.0 Future Challenges & Plans

- 3.1 The year ahead continues to be extremely challenging for the cultural sector as a whole, with no end in sight for the ongoing war in Ukraine, the related fuel and cost of living crisis and the additional impact of Brexit in the UK. Local authority budgets remain challenging and the sector has waved goodbye to many longstanding cultural venues, while several library closures have been announced across Scotland. These are trends that are likely to continue, and we are working hard to sustain our services, ensuring alignment with the Plan for Fife and driving a joined-up approach to joined-up cultural service delivery across Fife's public sector.
- 3.2 The pandemic has had a monumental impact on the mental wellbeing of the population and given the correlation between culture and its positive impact on wellbeing, and in line with Fife Council's commitment to improving mental health and wellbeing across Fife, we will develop and deliver our new approach to wellbeing. This is designed to work closely with Fife's local area teams, NHS Fife and Fife Health & Social Care. As budgets for 2024/25 are clarified, we will undertake a wider review of Service provision, utilising a raft of data inclusive of feedback, footfall, intelligence from our new Library Management System, PatronBase, which is the ticketing software platform we use to manage and run events, and our Relevance work in communities.
- 3.3 Within Theatre, we will build on the success of our return post-Covid, endeavouring to work with the best in the entertainment industry to programme an offer that is both appealing and relevant to the people of Fife. Bringing a range of entertainment will allow us to grow audiences and customer loyalty through both the programme and special offers. We will also continue to strengthen our relationships with our local amateur societies, who bring depth to our programme and showcase local talent. Ever mindful of our commitment to providing accessible services, we remain committed to exploring ways which widen our accessibility for performances, inclusive of captioned films and British Sign Language interpretation of some shows. Likewise, we will continue to develop partnerships with companies producing new work by offering space and piloting shows that allow us to offer a programme of work that, whilst not financially viable, benefits niche audiences such as early years theatre provision.

- 3.4 Finally, ever mindful of the diminishing public purse, we are exploring our commercial scope within our Theatre Programme, our Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Events (MICE) sector offer and through the development of a new approach to sponsorship which will see us diversify our income stream by making the most of our assets.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 This report sets out an overview of the OnFife services and activities in 2022/23 in the Glenrothes Area and those who have benefitted. OnFife will continue to provide inclusive and welcoming cultural services, activities and events that excite, inspire and improve the lives of those who participate and Fife's communities more generally. We want to ensure that what we deliver is relevant and to do this we are looking to better engage and support the ongoing work within the area.

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Agenda Item No. 5

Operational Briefing on Policing Activities within Glenrothes Area – 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

Report by: Inspector Kirk Donnelly, Community Inspector, Glenrothes

Wards Affected: 13,14 and 15

Purpose

This report is to provide elected members with information on matters impacting on or involving Police Scotland which have relevance to Community safety in the Glenrothes policing area.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to consider and comment upon the updates provided.

Resource Implications

There are no additional resource implications arising from the activity outlined in this report.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no identified legal or current risk implications.

Impact Assessment

An EqlA has not been completed and is not necessary because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

Consultation is an ongoing process with Elected Members from Wards 13-15, local communities through Community meetings and partner agencies through established meeting processes.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update of the performance with regards to the Area Plan priorities, campaigns and other initiatives undertaken by Glenrothes Ward Officers from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023. All police activity highlighted in this report was undertaken in line with local and national objectives and in support of other organisational priorities within the Glenrothes policing area.

2.0 Police Scotland, Glenrothes Area Plan - Update

- 2.1 The priorities set within the Area Plan for 2020-23 are:
- Violent Crime
 - Acquisitive Crime
 - Substance Misuse
 - Protecting People at Risk of Harm
 - Threats to Public Safety
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Road Safety
- 2.2 Local community and partnership involvement in identifying priorities and scrutinising performance is integral to maintaining high levels of service delivery and their ongoing support in this regard is appreciated.
- 2.3 In February the Fife Division Local Policing Plan 2020-23 was presented for approval to Fife Council Environment, Protective Services and Community Safety Committee. This followed a period of development and consultation internally and externally with key stakeholders and elected representatives.
- 2.4 Access to the Fife Local Policing Plan can be found here
[fife-local-policing-plan-2020-2023.pdf \(scotland.police.uk\)](https://www.scotland.police.uk/fife-local-policing-plan-2020-2023.pdf)

3.0 Ward 13 Glenrothes West and Kinglassie

- 3.1 **Anti-Social and Violent crime-** Kinglassie area saw a subtle rise in anti-social behaviour in areas such as the football pavilion and other public parks. Police have consistently carried out patrols in this area engaging with our young people where diversion was an option, however made use of legislation and libelled offences which were reported to the children's reporter in cases of repeat offenders and those offences of a more serious nature. Local Community officers have worked closely with the west ward primary school covering subjects such as rights and responsibilities, anti-social behaviour and career days. Community officers also have a close working relationship with High School Head teachers who are supportive in providing a platform for educating older children in these areas.

- 3.2 **Road Safety-** Speeding continues to be reported through the village of Kinglassie primarily from local residents. The main street in Kinglassie bears a 20mph speed restriction and runs through the main section of Kinglassie. Police Handheld speed detection equipment has been deployed by officers supported by local residents from Kinglassie Community Speed Watch who continue to be the only formal group of this kind in the wider Glenrothes area. There have been no serious accidents or fatal road traffic collisions in Ward 14 during the reporting period of this report.
- 3.3 Parking outside Primary schools in Ward 14 continues to be a challenge for both Police and motorists. The infrastructure of roads outside local schools does not accommodate the amount of vehicles travelling to and from school estates. Local officers assist with Park Safe deployments and try where possible to provide some visibility. Police have placed some ownership back on to local schools to review their travel safety plans and junior road safety groups to use new and innovative methods to deter poor parking and speeding.



(Community Speed Watch)

- 3.4 **Substance Misuse –** In July 2022 at an address in Waverley Court local officers executed a drugs search warrant after receiving intelligence from the local community. Following execution a quantity of class B drugs were seized worth a street value of £145,800. A 22 year old male has been charged with producing a controlled drug and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

In January 2023 a search warrant was executed an address at Caskieberran Road. Local officers seized £3,200 worth of class B controlled drugs. The 48 year old male occupant has been charged with being concerned in the production of a controlled drug and a report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

- 3.5 Police Officers continue to make use of stop and search powers in circumstances where officers have reasonable grounds to suspect a person is in possession of a controlled drug. All persons stopped and searched are given the reason and grounds for the search and issued with a receipt of search.
- 3.6 **Serious Crime -** On Friday 24th February 2023, on Nevis Place, Glenrothes, a 29 year old male was the victim of Robbery whereby he was repeatedly punched to the face and £4000 and a mobile phone were taken from him. A 32 year old male was also assaulted during this incident suffering broken teeth. A 32 year old male was later arrested and charged with Robbery and Assault and is awaiting court proceedings.

On Saturday 28th January 2023 a 20 year old male sustained facial fractures after being assaulted at Styx Nightclub, Caskieberran Road, Glenrothes. Two males both aged 21 years old were arrested and charged with assault to severe injury. They were remanded in custody and are awaiting trial.

4.0 Ward 14 – Glenrothes North, Markinch and Star

- 4.1 **Anti-Social and Violent crime** – Ward 14 experienced several reports throughout the summer months of anti-social use of off road motorcycles. In response to complaints, local officers carried out proactive patrols “Operation Bluetang” in the known hotspots in an effort to gather intelligence on those committing such offences.

Engaging with partner agencies, Community Councils and land owners to implement a long term solution to deter and divert the rider’s officers have partnered with Kingdom off Road, a local organisation who have had great success in the Levenmouth area. Those identified or charged with off road offences can be diverted and educated by this organisation in order to learn about safety and legality of use in order to be able to continue their hobby through correct and proper channels. This project is in its infancy and Glenrothes Police hope to be able to provide an update on its success in due course.



(Kingdom off Road partnership)

- 4.2 In the summer of 2022 Gilvenbank Park saw a significant increase in congregations of young people co-locating within the public park to drink alcohol and cause disorder. Operation Riverside is a specific patrol matrix designed to direct local Police resources to areas experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour to tackle the problem. A number of key ring leaders were identified and returned home to parents by Police. This high visibility Police patrol continued throughout the summer with no further serious problems reported.
- 4.3 Glenrothes Community Policing Team have been liaising with local community youth groups, including Collydean Community Centre and newly formed Markinch and Balbirnie Park youth Project. Officers successfully applied for funding to assist these groups for the Markinch youth project's weekly football sessions, which were successful in diverting local youths away from anti-social behaviour and instead involving themselves in a more positive and healthy activity. Glenrothes Police have also made donations to the Collydean Community Centre for sporting equipment and detached youth work.

- 4.4 **Road Safety-** Officers continue to respond to speeding concerns in the ward area, by utilising the handheld Unipar device for targeted speed checks, in known hotspots provided through intelligence from the local community. Divisional Road Policing officers over the festive period worked closely with local officers to deliver a festive driving safety campaign which seen numerous vehicles stopped and checked for alcohol and substance misuse whilst driving. A number of individuals were arrested and received a disqualification as a result of these offences. A variety of localised campaigns such as seatbelt and vehicle roadworthiness take place through the year with the primary goal of educating rather than enforcement

Ward 14 officers were delighted to work with local schools and reward their hard work by presenting certificates to Road Safety Champions and Junior Road Safety Officers (Pictured below)



(Junior Road Safety Group)

- 4.5 **Substance Misuse -** Officers continue to act on intelligence received from a variety of sources relating to the sale and distribution of controlled drugs.

In April 2022 local officers carried out a stop/search on a male in the Cadham area, due to intelligence received. The male was found to be in possession of a large quantity of class A and class B controlled drugs. Subsequently, two warrants were executed at addresses connected with the male, with further controlled drugs traced within. The male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal for possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply.

In April 2022 after receiving intelligence regarding supply of controlled drugs from an address in the Collydean area, Community Investigation officers carried out a joint execution of a warrant at the address and recovered over £3000 of class B controlled drugs within. The amount seized coupled with circumstances provided evidence that the occupant was concerned in the supply of controlled drugs and was subsequently arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal

Local officers will continue to work with local partner agencies and the community to monitor and develop intelligence to ensure those who are involved in drug distribution are targeted and held to account making our communities safe.

- 4.6 **Serious Crime -** On Friday 2nd September 2022, at Croft Crescent, Markinch, a 27 year old male was shot by an air rifle causing a significant injury to his neck. A 41 year old male was arrested and charged with assault to severe injury and reckless discharge of a firearm. He is currently remanded in HMP and awaits trial this year.

On Saturday 24th September 2022 a 16 year old male was stabbed to the upper chest area by a sharply bladed implement on Prinlaws Road, Leslie. A 26 year old female was later arrested and charged with Attempted Murder. This trial is likely to take place in the near future.

On Sunday 4th December 2022, on Thistle Drive, Glenrothes, a 35 year old male was deliberately run over by a motor vehicle then repeatedly assaulted by two males known to him aged 30 and 29. Two other males aged 47 and 17 were also assaulted during this incident. The persons responsible were charged with Attempted Murder and assault and are awaiting court proceedings.

On Saturday 31st December 2022, three 20 year old males were the victims of a knife point robbery whilst within a vehicle in the area of Dunlin Avenue, Glenrothes, where a quantity of money and clothing was stolen. Two male suspects have been identified and will be arrested in connection in due course.

On Friday 20th January 2023, a 19 year old male sustained facial fractures to his face after being assaulted by an 18 year old male at an address in the area of Dunlin Avenue, Glenrothes. The male responsible is still to be charged in connection with this.

On Thursday 26th January 2023, a 57 year old male sustained a break to his hip bone after being assaulted by his son in law during an altercation at Jenny Gray Path, Glenrothes. A 34 year old male was arrested and charged and is awaiting court proceedings.

On Tuesday 14th February 2023 a 50 year old female was the victim of a Robbery within her home address at Pitmedden Loan, Glenrothes whereby a quantity of medication was stolen and she was assaulted as a result. A 35 year old male and 25 year old female were arrested and charged with Robbery. The male was remanded in custody until his upcoming trial.

5.0 Ward 15 – Glenrothes Central and Thornton

- 5.1 **Anti-social and Violent Crime** - Youth disorder in and around Glenrothes town centre during the summer months caused significant issues for Police resources and despite continuous patrols and enforcement this continues to be one of the most pressing challenges for local policing moving towards the summer months. Large numbers of youths continue to congregate in and around the area of the bus station, condemned buildings and within Riverside Park. It should be noted that the demographics of those involved frequently changes in terms of age, background and purpose for congregating. The use of the free bus pass system is open to abuse and local youths are utilising this as a means to travel for the purposes of disorder and to carry out violent offences. In February 2023 police were called to a serious assault which occurred within Riverside Park whereby a number of young people seriously assaulted a 14 year old male causing significant facial fractures and other injuries. This incident was reviewed and all those involved were subsequently charged with Attempted Murder highlighting the severity of the incident. Footage of this assault became available in the public domain and brought additional community tensions and scrutiny from the public. This case is still being considered by the High court given all those accused of this crime are juvenile offenders. In March 2023 two Rapid

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Deployment cameras were relocated to the bus station providing real time footage to officers which has proved invaluable in the detection of offenders.

A community planning application has been submitted for local elected members to review and consider a funded post which will be matched by Police Scotland. Further details can be found in section 9.1



(Command Vehicle deployment at Glenrothes Bus Station)



(CCTV Images from Glenrothes Bus Station)

- 5.2 **Road Safety-** Similar to other ward areas Ward 15 continues to listen to the community on locations for speed detection deployments. Working closely with divisional Road Policing units numerous deployments for speed and anti-social driving have taken place over the last reporting year. Local policing teams have also worked closely with schools in ward 15 establishing Junior Road Safety groups and providing educational inputs.
- 5.3 In April 2023 a fatal road accident occurred on the A92 between Bankhead roundabout and Redhouse. The driver of the vehicle who was a 46 year old male was pronounced dead at the scene. No charges are being libelled with any other party in relation to this incident.
- 5.4 **Substance Misuse -** Glenrothes Police Officers continue to act on information from the public and professionals relating to the distribution of controlled drugs in Glenrothes.

In January 2023 local officers executed a drug search warrant in Dunbeath Drive, Glenrothes, whereby a quantity of Heroin was seized to the value of over £2200. A 39 year old male was arrested and reported for being concerned in the production of a controlled substance.

- 5.5 **Serious Crime** - On Saturday 21st May 2022 a 24 year old female was stabbed in the torso within an address in the area of Alexander Road, Glenrothes. An Attempted Murder investigation was launched and a female aged 40 was arrested and charged. This trial is likely to take place in the near future.

On Saturday 28th August 2022 a 66 year old male cyclist was deliberately run over during a road rage type incident on the A92, Glenrothes. The 35 year old male driver of the vehicle was arrested at the scene and charged with Attempted Murder and driving whilst under the influence of drugs. This trial is likely to take place in the near future.

On Saturday 16th September 2022, on Alexander Road, Glenrothes, a 27 year old male sustained serious facial fractures and a bleed on the brain after being punched and stamped on the head by a family member. A 41 year old male was arrested and charged with assault to severe injury and is awaiting court proceedings.

On Saturday 12th November 2022, a 35 year old female was the victim of a robbery within her home address at Cluny Place, Glenrothes. A 32 year old female, known to the victim, presented a knife and stole a quantity of medication from her. The female responsible was arrested and charged and is awaiting trial.

6.0 Acquisitive Crime

- 6.1 Glenrothes and the wider Fife area has seen a rise in acquisitive crime such as internet, banking and telephone fraud. Scammers target our most vulnerable including the elderly by identifying themselves as being part of reputable companies then subsequently asking for money to be transferred. Work is currently ongoing via our local community teams to hold engagement sessions at supermarkets, Community Councils and TRA's to educate the community on how best to protect themselves from this type of crime.
- 6.2 Theft by shoplifting offences have trended similar to the levels of offending recorded in the last reporting year. Community Safety officers alongside local community teams continue to work closely with our retailers to improve shop safety and layout to prevent opportunist theft. A large proportion of these types of thefts are committed by individuals with substance misuse issues or recidivistic offenders.

7.0 Protecting People from Risk of Harm

- 7.1 In December 2022 PC Ashley MacGregor undertook the role of Community Safety and Crime Reduction Officer. Her role is wide in terms of remit, however she is heavily involved in visiting the most vulnerable and offering safety assessments and crime prevention advice. PC MacGregor has 18 years Police service and covers both the Glenrothes and Kirkcaldy areas.



(PC Ashley MacGregor CSO)

7.2 Fife Division currently have a number of departments which protect our vulnerable members of our community. These include but are not limited to:

- Divisional Domestic Violence Unit
- Divisional Rape Investigation Unit
- Divisional Child Investigation Unit
- Adult and Child Concern Hub
- Sexual Offenders Prevention Unit

These unique departments investigate and manage specific crime types and offenders.

Glenrothes Police Station staff work closely and collaboratively with a range of partners both internal and external to policing, ensuring that the risk to our most vulnerable in the community is managed based on risk, threat and harm.

8.0 Threats to Public Safety

8.1 There are currently no outstanding investigations or enquiries taking place in the Glenrothes area that would be considered a threat to public safety

9.0 Working in Partnership

9.1 Working in partnership with our communities, other public services, the business community and the third sector is an integral aspect of community policing and we have continued to promote this throughout the review period and in our plans for the year ahead.

In February 2023 Inspector Donnelly met with Local Elected Members and key senior partners at Fife Divisional Headquarters, Glenrothes to discuss the creation and implementation of a linked partnership project to reduce offending and boost public confidence and community safety. This will now be known locally and moving forward as “Glenrothes Linked Together” and Inspector Donnelly has submitted a strategy document which outlines the focus of the group and also details the application to local authority for a funded officer for a period of one year. This post will be matched by Fife’s Divisional Commander offering two dedicated officers who will work directly on the GLT Prevention and Enforcement strategy.



- 9.2 Glenrothes Police have provided financial support from the Deputy Chief Constables fund to ADTRA, Collydean Community Centre and other charitable organisations who cater for vulnerable people and children in the community. This work will continue throughout 2023-24. Local members of our community who give back will be considered for our Community Ambassador Award which will be presented annually by Inspector Donnelly



(Glenrothes response officers personally provided Christmas gifts to local groups)



(Sgt McCabe gives Anthony Green (a big Police fan) a tour of his local station)

- 9.3 Glenrothes Police are pleased to continue to work alongside Local Authority on the expansion of Rapid Deployment CCTV. Glenrothes area currently have 8 cameras located in all wards in locations based on intelligence on crime prevention and detection. The project which began and was unique in Glenrothes has now been adopted in Levenmouth, North East Fife and Kirkcaldy in view of its success.



- 9.4 Operation Paramount – From the 1st December 2022 until 2nd January 2023 our Road Policing colleague's worked in partnership with Local Policing throughout the festive period ensuring education, engagement and enforcement work was wide reaching. Numerous offences were detected during this period including drink and drug driving, dangerous driving (Speeds over 100mph) and the detection of illegal drivers on our roads. The campaign was well received by our local community.
- 9.5 Inspector Donnelly and his team informed elected members during the last report of project work that was ongoing to reduce the amount of people in crisis presenting on the wrong side of the White Bridge in Glenrothes. The working group which is represented by our partners within the NHS, Samaritans and our own Local Authority has now seen some of the ideas and work commence. Benches have been installed bearing contact number for support services at each end of the bridge and work is ongoing to add subtle changes to the bridge itself to deter people climbing the barriers. This project remains in the early stages however is progressing well.

Participation

- 9.6 Glenrothes ward officers continue to build on strong relationships within its three wards to gather and understand the views which reflect the needs of the community. Ward officers attend local community council and tenants and resident association meetings when they can. Ward officers also take the opportunity to provide groups with relevant safety information including preventing door step crime and fraud.

Localism

- 9.7 PC Ross Fisher continues in his role as Campus Officer for the 5th consecutive year, building on strong partnerships within our Secondary Schools. As part of his role PC Fisher supports the schools as appropriate with crime and associated issues impacting on the school community. He plays an important role in young people education, including online safety, violence, alcohol and substance misuse.

In 2023 PC Fisher was nominated and received the award of the Scottish Police Federation Community Constable of the Year. This is an incredible achievement for any officer and only serves to highlight the good work that PC Fisher is doing within all three of Glenrothes High Schools.



(PC Fisher pictured with Chief Constable Sir Iain Livingstone)

- 9.8 “Fight for your Future” is a joint venture by Glenrothes Police Community Team, Auchmuty High School and a number of supporting agencies. The initiative aims to develop a positive and optimistic mind-set for teenagers attending the school, which will hopefully lead to them making better life decisions in the future reducing anti-social behaviour and offending.

The initiative is targeted towards teenage youths who have disengaged from mainstream education and are experiencing difficulties in building positive relationships with peers leading to offending in the community.

FFYF runs during school term time. The sessions begin with an educational input whereby work will take place to ensure that the participants have at least the minimum educational requirements to leave school and qualify for further education or work. The participants will then take part in a boxing session led by a nationally qualified coach. It is a physically demanding session, with an emphasis placed on character building, mental strength and confidence building.

On conclusion of the session, the youths receive an input from a designated speaker from a supporting agency. These inputs will be based around making positive lifestyle choices, improving their health and future career advice.

The program has been very well received with noticeable improvements in the youth’s behaviour and achievements in school.

Prevention

- 9.9 The management of licensed premises must be tested regularly to ensure it is robust and effective. Regular inspection of the premises assessing staff knowledge, training records, support of national poster campaigns, reception of the police and mood and level of intoxication of patrons is essential to the prevention of crime and the support of the community. As such Ward Officers have established an ongoing rolling initiative of licensed premises checks and visits to ensure compliance. Increased police presence is well received by both staff and patrons alike.

Collaboration

- 9.10 Collaborating with partners and finding new and creative ways to improve crime prevention in Glenrothes has been a priority over the last year and we have been fortunate to have benefitted from the enthusiasm and team ethic of our partners in Fife Council, Community Learning and Development and Safer Communities.

10.0 Licensed premises

- 10.1 Licensed premises are subject to Red, Amber and Green (RAG) grading system, which highlights specific premises that, for a variety of reasons, have come to the notice of the police. The definition of the three RAG categories is as outlined below:
1. **Red** - Problematic Premises (highest grading)
 2. **Amber** - Premises subject to formal intervention (subject to some form of monitoring & intervention where appropriate), and
 3. **Green** - Monitored Premises – (all reported incidents)
- 10.2 All incidents and crimes occurring within or linked to licensed premises are the subject of a licensed premises report that allows us to continually monitor the management of premises and assess whether enhanced measures aligned to RAG may be required.
- 10.3 During the reporting period NO premises in Glenrothes have required specific intervention associated with the RAG process.

11.0. Policing in Central Fife

- 11.1 The policing structure in Glenrothes continues to place a strong focus on community policing and is well received by the communities we serve.
- 11.2 Glenrothes Area Management continues to be led by our Local Area Commander Chief Inspector Tom Brown. He is supported by station and Community Inspector Kirk Donnelly and Community Sergeant David McCabe who undertook this role in August 2022.
- 11.3 Response Policing is made up from five shifts of Constables who work dayshift, backshift and nightshift patterns. Each response shift is supervised by a Sergeant. The local Community Investigation Team work alongside Response Officers supporting the investigation of domestic abuse crimes and crimes which affect the vulnerable. These officers also carry out some specialist investigations in terms of child protection and the enforcement of search warrants based on local intelligence.
- 11.4 Local CID are also stationed at Glenrothes and have oversight of serious crime and complex investigations. Detectives are also supervised by a designated Detective Sergeant.
- 11.5 The Community Ward Officers are:
- Ward 13 - Constable Craig Simpson and Constable Mark Brown
 - Ward 14 - Constable David Dalgleish and Constable Jolene McComiskie

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- Ward 15 - Constable Kayleigh Simpson and Constable Paul McGlashan
- School Liaison – Constable Ross Fisher



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24th May 2023
Agenda Item No 6

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan Annual Performance Report

Report by: Scott Neilson, Station Commander Glenrothes, St Andrews and Tayport Fire Stations.

Wards Affected: All Glenrothes wards

Purpose

This report provides the Committee with incident information for the period 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023. The incident information enables the Committee to have an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Glenrothes Committee Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Recommendation(s)

The committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress across a range of KPI's within this report.

Resource Implications

Not applicable.

Legal & Risk Implications

The Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 provides the statutory basis for fire reform, including the responsibility to:

- Put in place statutory planning and reporting requirements including providing facilities for consultation;
- Make new arrangements for strengthening local engagement and partnership working, including a new statutory role in the LSO and development of local fire and rescue plans linked to community planning, along with clear powers for local authorities in relation to the provision of fire and rescue services in their area.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment checklist is not required as this report does not have any immediate implications for service delivery and policy.

Consultation

This document is circulated amongst SFRS Fife LSO managers and appropriate partners to enable areas of high incidence to be scrutinised for reduction strategies.



ABOUT THE STATISTICS IN THIS REPORT

The activity totals and other statistics quoted in this report are provisional in nature and subject to change because of ongoing quality assurance and review.

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023

Covering the activities and performance in support of the Glenrothes Local Area Fire Plan.



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Definitions

Accidental Dwelling Fire

Buildings occupied by households, excluding hotels, hostels and residential institutions. In 2000, the definition of a dwelling was widened to include any non-permanent structure used solely as a dwelling, such as caravans, houseboats etc. Caravans, boats etc. not used as a permanent dwelling are shown according to the type of property. Accidental includes fires where the cause was not known or unspecified.

Fire Fatality

A person whose death is attributed to a fire is counted as a fatality even if the death occurred weeks or months later.

Fire Casualty

Non-fatal casualties consist of persons requiring medical treatment including first aid given at the scene of the fire, but not those sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor for a check-up or observation (whether or not they actually do). People sent to hospital or advised to see a doctor as a precaution, having no obvious injury are recorded as precautionary 'check-ups'.

Deliberate Fire

Includes fires where deliberate ignition is merely suspected, and recorded by the FRS as "doubtful".

Non-Domestic Fires

These are fires identified as deliberate other building fires or accidental other building fires.

False Alarms

Where the FRS attends a location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed.

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal

Where the FRS attends a non-domestic location believing there to be a fire incident, but on arrival discovers that no such incident exists, or existed.

Primary Fires:

- Buildings (including mobile homes) fit for occupation (i.e. not wholly derelict) and those under construction.
- Caravans, trailers etc.
- Vehicles and other methods of transport (not derelict unless associated with business e.g. scrap metal).
- Outdoor storage (including materials for recycling), plant and machinery.
- Agricultural and forestry premises and property.
- Other outdoor structures including post-boxes, tunnels, bridges, etc.

Secondary Fires

- Single derelict buildings.
- Grassland etc., including heath, hedges, railway embankments and single trees.
- Intentional straw or stubble burning.
- Outdoor structures, including: lamp-posts, traffic signs and other road furniture, private outdoor furniture, playground furniture, scaffolding, signs and hoarding etc.
- Refuse and refuse containers.
- Derelict vehicles (a vehicle without a registered keeper).

1. INTRODUCTION







1.1 This annual performance report for the period April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023 inclusive, provides comparative data across the previous 3 years for the same period. The KPI's detailed below support the delivery of the Glenrothes Area Fire plan in support of the SFRS Fife Local Fire and Rescue Plan priorities and are shown in bold text;







- **Domestic Fire Safety**
Continuously monitor the number of accidental dwelling fires
Continuously monitor the severity and cause of accidental dwelling fires
Continuously monitor the number and severity of fire related injuries
- **Deliberate Fire Setting**
Monitor the number, type and cause of deliberate fire setting incidents in Fife
- **Built Environment**
Monitor the number and severity of fire related incidents in our relevant premises
- **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals**
Monitor and challenge each Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) incident across Fife
- **Transport and Environment**
Monitor the amount of water related incidents
Monitor the frequency of attendances at Road Traffic Collisions (RTCs), as well as the number and severity of injuries. These will be monitored alongside Police Scotland RTC incidence information

2. PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

2.1 The table below provides a summary of annual activity 2022-2023 and a comparison of the previous two years activity.

It aims to provide at a glance, our direction of travel, based on the previous year's figures.

Accident Dwelling Fires  2023 = 24 2022 = 30 2021 = 38	ADF Fatal Casualties  2023 = 0 2022 = 1 2021 = 0	ADF Non-Fatal Casualties  2023 = 1 2022 = 4 2021 = 3
Deliberate Primary Fires  2023 = 27	Deliberate Secondary Fires  2023 = 118	Non-domestic Building Fires  2023 = 15

2022 = 27 2021 = 45	2022 = 110 2021 = 166	2022 = 8 2021 = 16
Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires  2023 = 0 2022 = 0 2021 = 0	Non-Fatal Casualties in Non-Domestic Building Fires  2023 = 1 2022 = 0 2021 = 1	Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals  2023 = 209 2022 = 196 2021 = 165
Road Traffic Collision (RTC) Incidents  2023 = 17 2022 = 19 2021 = 5	Fatal RTC Casualties  2023 = 1 2022 = 0 2021 = 1	Non-Fatal RTC Casualties  2023 = 5 2022 = 14 2021 = 5

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

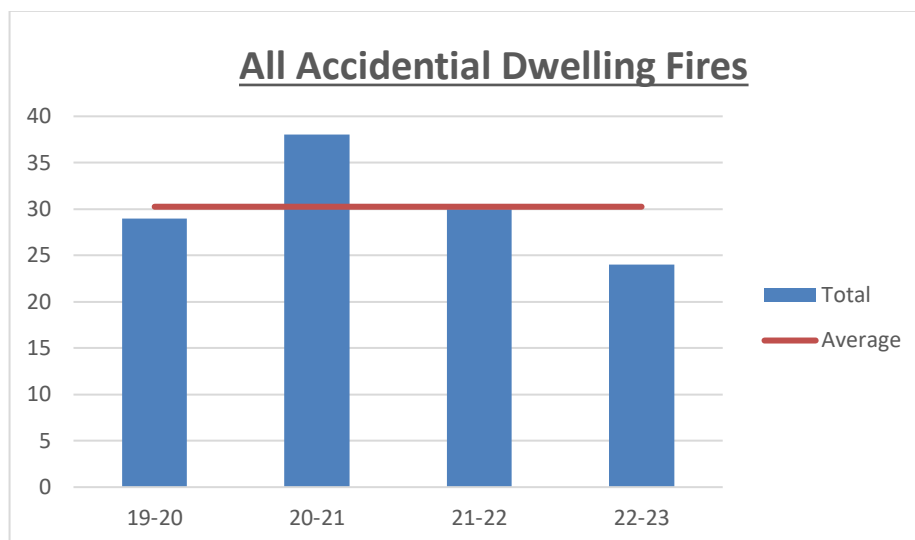
Of the indicators, the following performance should be noted for the twelve month period April 1st, 2022 to March 31st, 2023 inclusive, comparing data across the previous 3 years for the same period;

- The number of Accidental Dwelling Fires- 24 This is a 20% reduction on last year and is the lowest recorded number of ADF's over a 4-year period and is below the average figure for the period covered in the table.
- There were no Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties during this period. The number of Accidental Dwelling Fires Non-Fatal Casualties was 1 which is a 75% reduction on the previous year and way below the average figure.
- The number of Deliberate Primary Fires during this period was 27. This is equal to the previous years' figures and a decrease of 18 from the 20/21 year. It remains below the average figure for previous years.
- The number of Deliberate Secondary Fires during this period was 118. Whilst this is a slight increase from last year, it remains below the 4 year average.
- The number of Non-Domestic Building Fires recorded was 15. This is an increase on the previous year, but a slight decrease on pre-pandemic figures.
- The number of Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings during this period was 209. This is an increase of 13 incidents, we remain just above the four-year average with an increasing trend over the last 3 years.

- The number of Road Traffic Collisions for the reporting period was 17. This is a decrease of 2 from last year's figure.
- RTC Fatalities 1. Despite the decrease in RTC incidents there has been one fatal casualty in this reporting year.
- The number of Non-Fatal RTC Casualties during this period was 5 which is a significant reduction on the previous year.

3. Domestic Fire Safety

- 3.1 Accidental Dwelling Fires have reduced by six incidents when compared to the previous year figures.



Graph 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires April - March 2019-2023

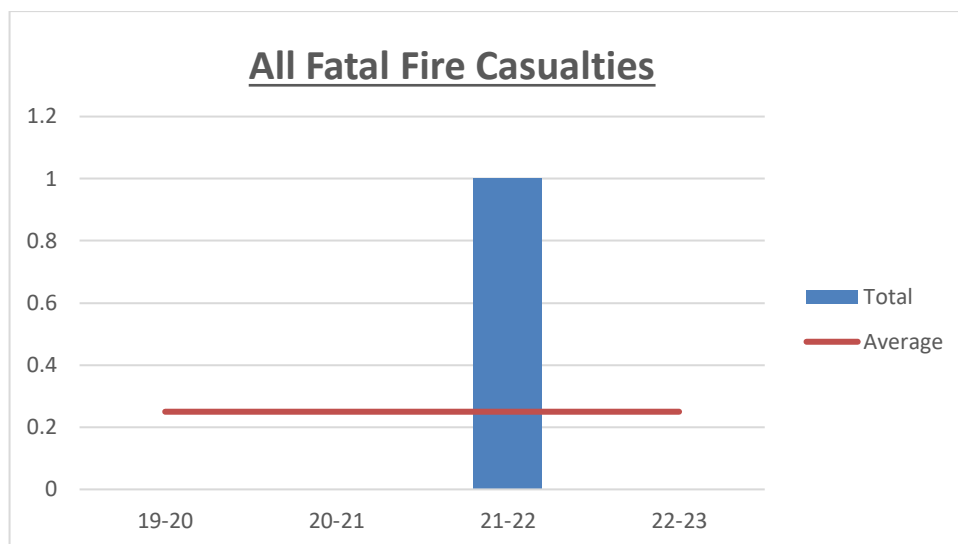
Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	7	8	11	10
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	9	12	8	3
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	13	18	11	11
Total	29	38	30	24

Table 1 Accidental Dwelling Fires by Committee Area April - March 2019-2023

- 3.2 The number of Accidental Dwelling Fires- 24 This is a 20% reduction on last year and is the lowest recorded number of ADF's over a 4-year period and is below the average figure for the period covered in the table.
- 3.3 13 of the recorded 24 Accidental Dwelling Fires for this reporting period were caused within the kitchen by cooking or items left unattended. With 21 out of 24 incidents being restricted to either little fire damage or limited to the item first ignited or room of origin.
- 3.4 It is pleasing to note that in 13 out of 24 of those addresses, detection system were present, and that on most occasions they operated and raised the alarm. It is recorded that on 2 occasions, they did not operate.

- 3.5 17 of the incidents were resolved either without Scottish Fire and Rescue Service intervention, or by very limited action on arrival. 6 incidents required the use of a Hose Reel Jet and on one occasion a Main Jet was used.
- 3.6 The information above describes a trend of reduction in severity and occurrence. This can be attributed to the high number of detection systems being tested and where necessary fitted by SFRS and partners, which give an early warning of fire. The Scottish Government introduced the Tolerable Standard from February 2022, which outlines the requirement for interlinked smoke and heat detection within domestic properties.

3.7 Fire Fatalities – Accidental Dwelling Fires



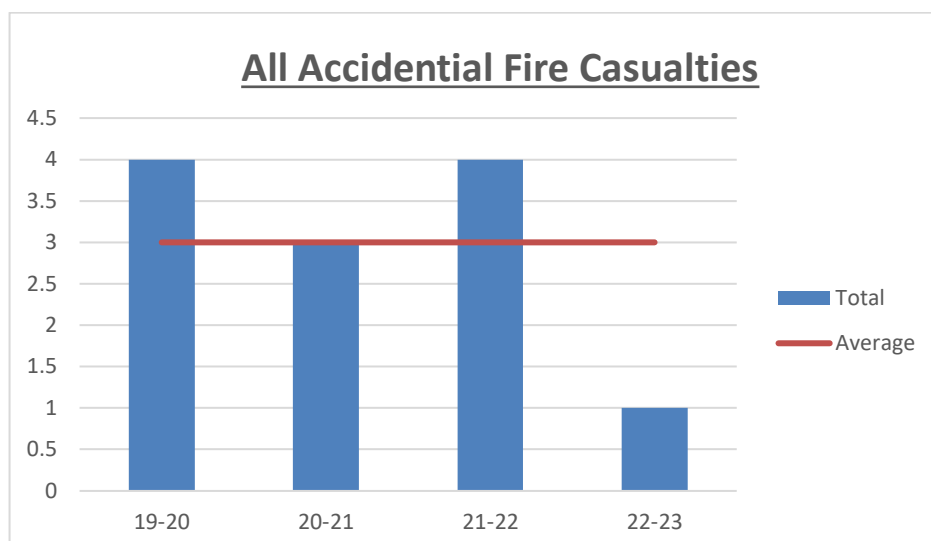
Graph 2 Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties April – March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	0	0	0	0
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	0	0	1	0
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	1	0

Table 2 Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties April - March 2019-2023

- 3.8 There were no **Accidental Dwelling Fire Fatal Casualties** during this period. This is welcome return to zero following one fatal fire casualty last year, which had been the first in a number of years, and the only one in the last four.

3.9 Fire Casualties – Accidental Dwelling Fires (not including precautionary checks)



Graph 3 Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	1	2	1	1
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	1	1	2	0
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	2	0	1	0
Total	4	3	4	1

Table 3 Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties April - March 2019-2023

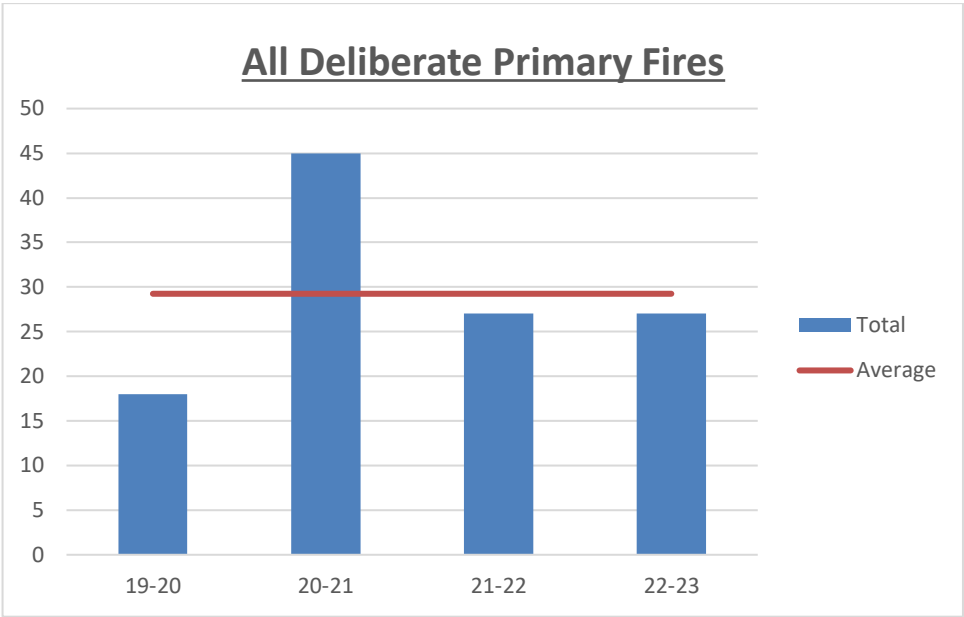
- 3.10 The number of **Accidental Dwelling Fires Non-Fatal Casualties** was **1** which is a 75% reduction on the previous year and way below the average figure, hopefully as a direct result of the ongoing preventative work by local crews.
- 3.11 The casualty was given first aid at the scene but did not require oxygen. He was treated for minor cuts.

3.12 Domestic Fire Reduction Strategy

Home Fire Safety Visits play a vital part in our strategy to reduce the number of Accidental Dwelling Fires. **Station personnel completed 510 visits** during the reporting period. These visits are used to deliver vital fire safety messages to reduce instances of fire, and where appropriate, install detection systems, as well as give slips, trips and falls messages to reduce unintentional harm and supply safety equipment for our elderly and very young population.

4. Deliberate Fire Setting

4.1 Deliberate Primary Fires

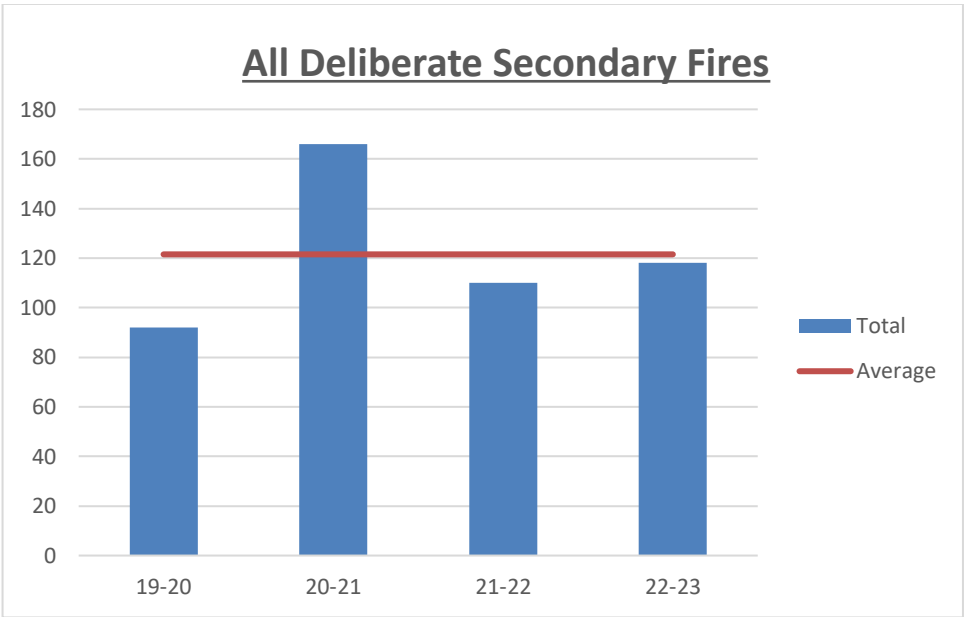


Graph 4 Deliberate Primary Fires April - March 1919-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	4	15	8	12
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	5	21	9	8
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	9	9	10	7
Total	18	45	27	27

Table 4 Deliberate Primary April - March 2019-2023

4.2 Deliberate Secondary Fires



Graph 5 Deliberate Secondary Fires April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	35	53	38	38
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	37	61	39	36
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	20	52	33	44
Total	92	166	110	118

Table 5 Deliberate Secondary Fires April - March 2019-2023

- 4.3 Deliberate fires can be broken down into two categories, primary and secondary. Primary fires generally involve property and include buildings, sheds, caravans, motor vehicles and plant and machinery. Secondary fires are often minor and include the burning of rubbish, grass and derelict vehicles.
- 4.4 The graphs and tables above show that Primary Deliberate fires have remained at 27, a decrease of 44% on year 20/21 and Secondary Deliberate fires incidents have increased slightly by 7%.

4.5 Deliberate Fire Reduction Strategy

We continue to target education and prevention activities in high activity areas to deliver education regarding the dangers and consequences of deliberate fire setting.

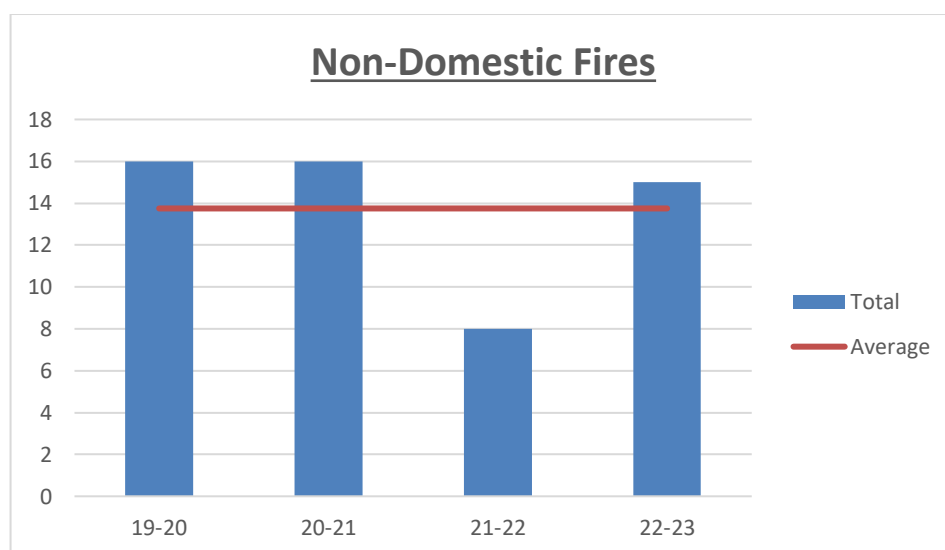
We are working closely with our Police and Local Authority partners to ensure that those responsible are identified and dealt with robustly.

We liaise with premises occupiers both domestic and retail to give advice on refuse storage and security, which can be a target of deliberate firesetters.

Comprehensive Deliberate Fire Reduction Plans have been implemented in Glenrothes and continue to be developed and reviewed with partner agencies to address and reduce operational demand and anti-social behaviour.

5. Built Environment

5.1 Built Environment – Non- Domestic Fires



Graph 6 Built Environment Non - Domestic Fires April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	6	7	4	8
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	4	2	2	1
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	4	7	2	6
Total	16	16	8	15

Table 6 Built Environment Non - Domestic Fires April - March 2019-2023

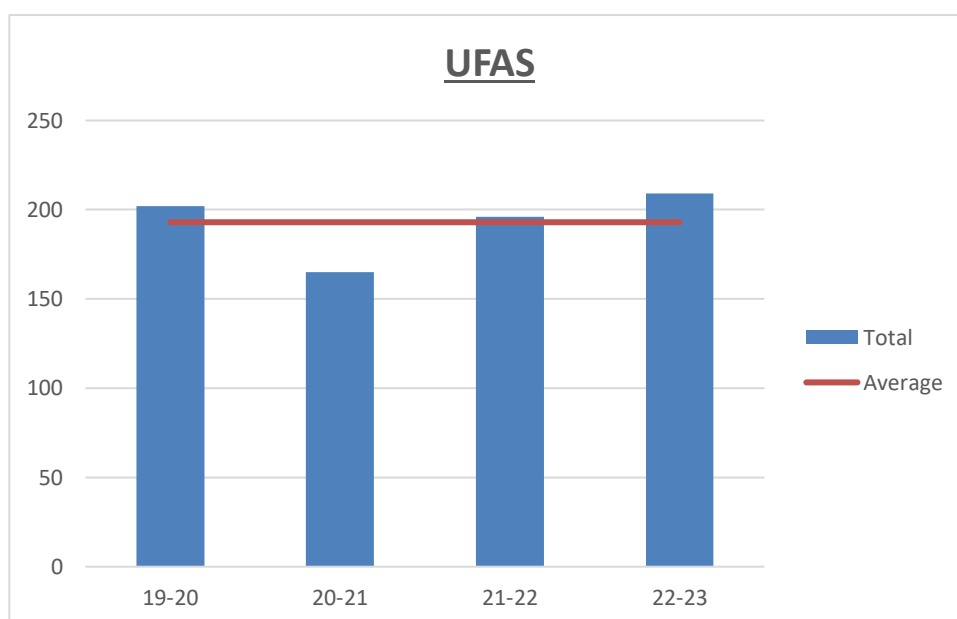
- 5.2 The number of **Non-Domestic Building Fires** recorded was **15**. This is an increase on the previous year, but a slight decrease on pre-pandemic figures.
- 5.3 There was one casualty resulting from incidents within Built Environment Non- Domestic Fires for this period. This was as a result of smoke inhalation following a tumble dryer fire through the night. Our advice remains to only use these types of appliance when they can be monitored, as being asleep leaves you vulnerable to outbreaks of fire.
- 5.4 **Built Environment Fire Reduction Strategy**

We continue to deliver a programme of fire safety audits in relevant premises - as detailed within section 78 of the Fire (Scotland) Act 2005 - identified as high risk on an ongoing basis. We also complete thematic audit programmes where patterns emerge of incidents in a risk group.

As well as the audit programmes described above, we also deliver 'post fire audits' which take place as soon as possible after a fire has occurred in premises. The purpose of these audits is to deliver further fire safety advice to the premise's occupier, and to identify any issues which could be used to inform other similar premises types in order to prevent further incidents of a similar nature.

6. Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals

- 6.1 An Unwanted Fire Alarm Signal (UFAS) can be defined as 'any alarm activation which is not the result of a fire. UFAS incidents have fluctuated over the four-year period. The table and graph below details the incident numbers over four years.



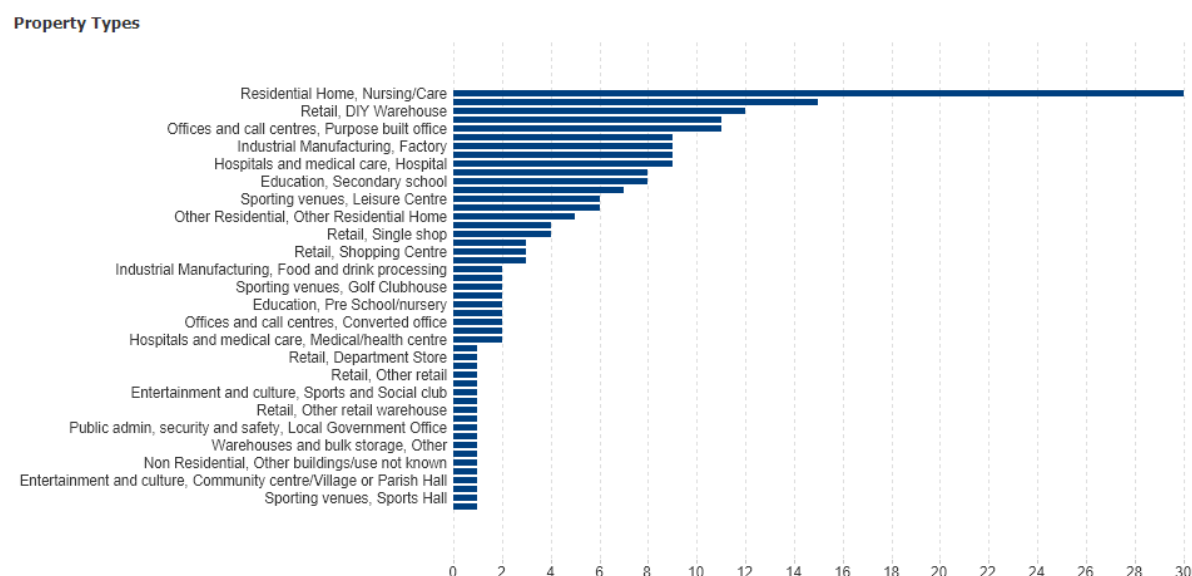
Graph 7 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	99	81	71	69
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	27	25	23	34
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	76	59	102	106
Total	202	165	196	209

Table 7 Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals April - March 2019-2023

6.2 The number of **Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) caused by automatic fire alarms (AFAs) in non-domestic buildings** during this period was **209**. This is an increase of 13 incidents, we remain just above the four-year average with an increasing trend over the last 3 years. The gradual increase, following an initial reduction can be attributed to covid-19, and how businesses and relevant premises adapted to allow home working and a gradual return to the workplace.

6.3 The following graph identifies the property types involved.



6.4 Reduction in Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Strategy

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals (UFAS) Reduction Strategies continue to be managed and monitored by a 'UFAS Champion' who contacts premises occupiers after each UFAS incident, to discuss the activation, as well as strategies to reduce or eliminate. This strategy, along with many others had seen the numbers of UFAS decrease significantly for the first time in a considerable period. The UFAS Champion will continue to engage robustly with duty holders and occupiers to address this recent spike and drive these types of incident down.

The strategies implemented in Fife, has been recognised within SFRS as best practise, and are now in the process of being implemented across SFRS.

7. Transport and Environment

7.1 These will be monitored alongside Police Scotland RTC incidence information.

7.2 Water Related Incidents

Water related incidents caused by environmental factors are thankfully rare. Glenrothes is a Water Rescue Station and the watches at Glenrothes continually maintain their boat and water rescue skills.

7.3 Road Traffic Collisions

As SFRS generally only attend RTC's of a serious nature, where persons are trapped, the figures below only capture RTCs where SFRS attended.

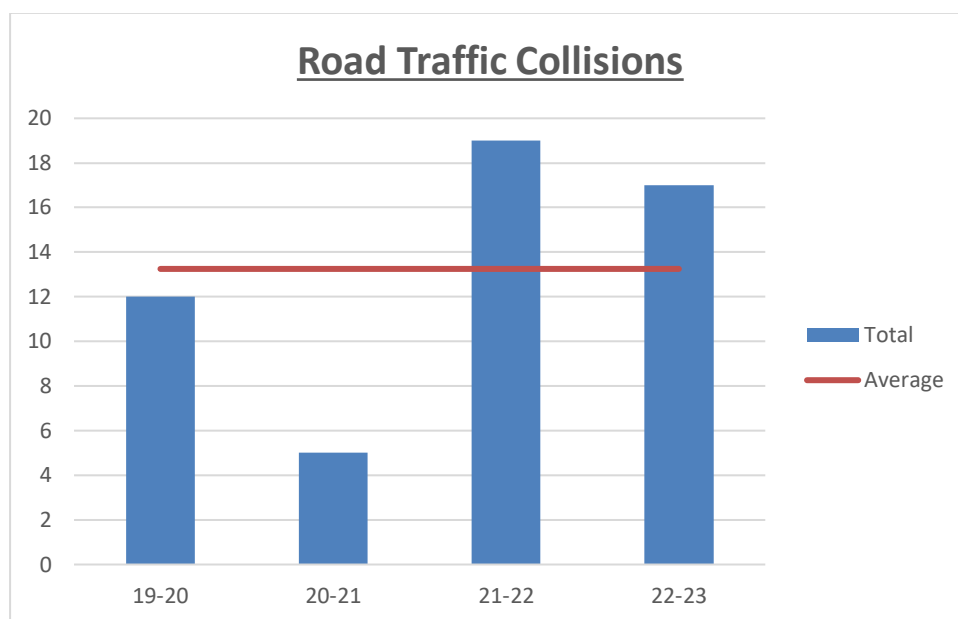


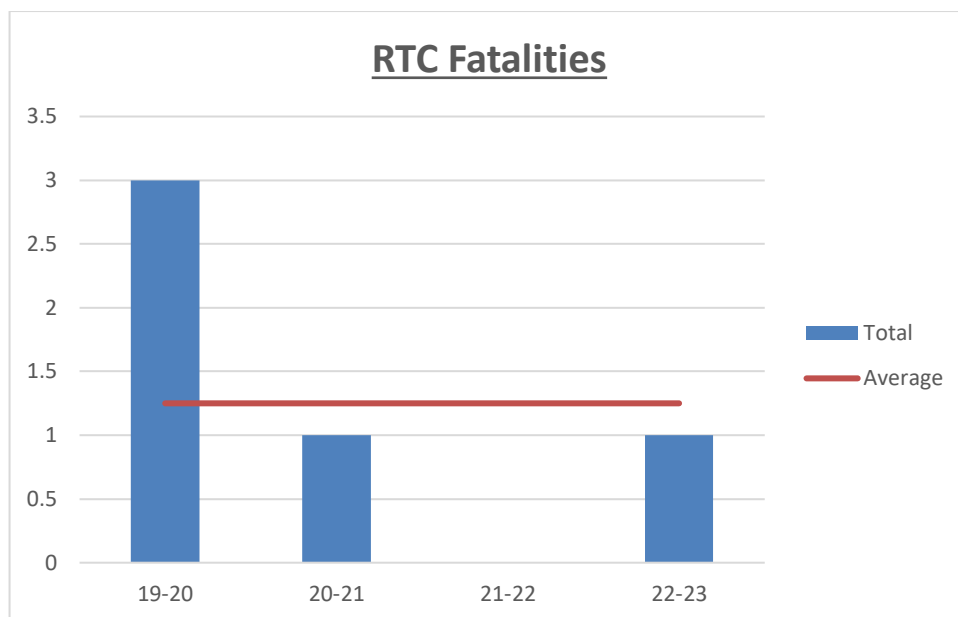
Table 8 Road Traffic Collisions April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	3	2	7	10
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	6	3	3	5
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	3	0	9	2
Total	12	5	19	17

Table 8 Road Traffic Collisions April - March 2019-2023

7.4 The number of **Road Traffic Collisions** for the reporting period was **17**. This is a decrease of 2 from last year's figure. The vast majority were low severity, with more than half of incidents only requiring us to assist making the vehicle or scene safe. On four occasions we assisted release casualties from vehicles and there were three extrications, where greater care is taken because more serious injuries are suspected. Scottish Ambulance Service provide clinical advice when in attendance and a tri-service approach is always adopted.

7.5 RTC Fatal Casualties



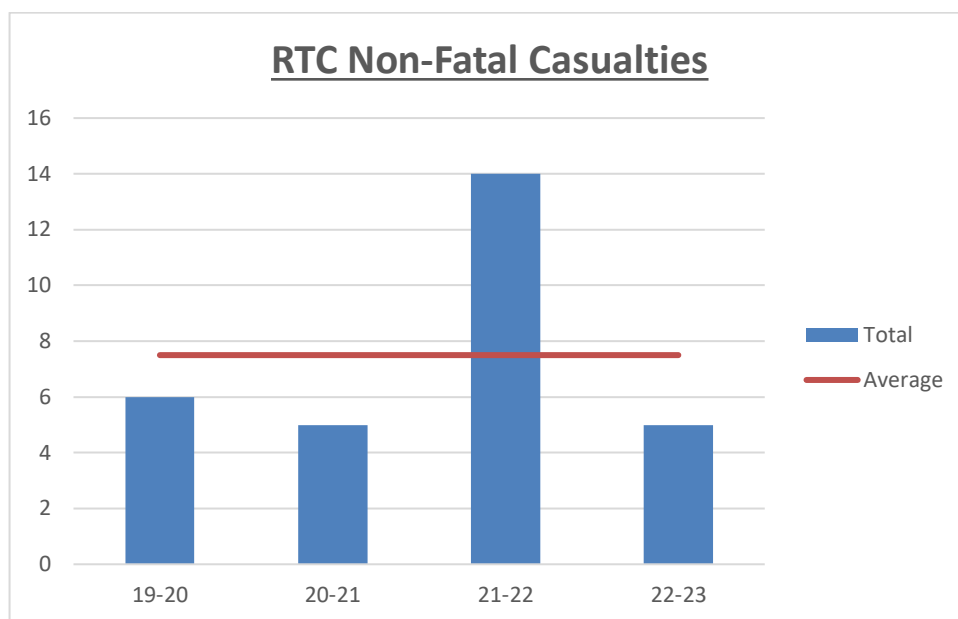
Graph 9 Road Traffic Collision Fatal Casualties April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	0	1	0	1
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	2	0	0	0
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	1	0	0	0
Total	3	1	0	1

Table 9 Road Traffic Collision Fatal April - March 2019-2023

7.6 RTC Fatalities. There was one RTC fatality for this reporting period. This occurred on the A92, with two vehicles involved.

7.7 RTC casualties



Graph 10 Road Traffic Collision Casualties April - March 2019-2023

Ward	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23
Glenrothes Central & Thornton	1	1	7	2
Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	3	4	1	2
Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	2	0	6	1
Total	6	5	14	5

Table 10 Road Traffic Collision Casualties April - March 2019-2023

7.8 RTC Casualties

This reporting period has shown a welcome decrease from 14 to 5 RTC casualties. 4 were rescued by SFRS personnel, the remaining one was able to self-rescue from the vehicle. All 5 went to hospital.

7.9 Transport and Environment Related Incident Reduction Strategy

Fife LSO area, along with our partners, have continued to deliver valuable educational projects which included 'Safe Drive Stay Alive', 'Drive Wise', 'Child Car Seat Safety Checks', 'Cut It Out', 'Biker Down' and the 'Fife Water Safety Initiative'.

As well as the projects detailed above, SFRS contributed as part of the Road Casualty Reduction Group (RCRG), which is a part of the current Fife Community Safety Strategy.

8. Conclusions

- 8.1 This reporting period sees a 20% reduction of the previous year's figures for Accidental Dwelling Fires. There have been no fire fatalities. Fire Casualties have remained low with a 75% reduction on the previous year, and the severity of those casualties encountered continues to reduce. The number of Deliberate Primary fires has remained the same at 27, a decrease of 18 on the 20/21 figure and deliberate Secondary fires have increased slightly by 7%. Station personnel and our Community Action team continue targeting schools as part of our reduction strategy. Non-Domestic fires have increased to 15 but remain slightly below pre-pandemic levels. UFAS incidents have increased to pre-pandemic levels. Following extensive consultation our UFAS Policy has been reviewed

and will go live on 1st July 2023. We will continue to respond to life risks, however, will seek to reduce service demand by altering the way we respond to Automatic Fire Alarms. RTC's have decreased slightly and RTC casualties have decreased significantly. There has been one RTC fatality. Any contributory factors identified through appropriate Police Scotland investigations will be considered for education and engagement activities with partners. The number of Home Fire Safety Visits and educational engagement sessions within schools and communities has returned to pre-pandemic levels. We continue to focus on the areas of emerging risk identified in this annual report and seek to reverse any upward trends.

- 8.2 We will continue to manage demand reduction strategies, linking in with key partner agencies, to create a safer place to live, work and visit.

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

- SFRS Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Fife Local Authority Area. Link - <https://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area/east/east-local-plans.aspx>

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Agenda Item No. 7

Update on Experimental School Exclusion Zone and Proposed Parking Restrictions – Pitcoudie Primary School (Pitcoudie Avenue, Glenrothes)

Report by: John Mitchell – Head of Roads & Transportation Services

Wards Affected: Ward No. 14 – Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Area Committee on the experimental School Exclusion Zone for Pitcoudie Primary School and for Committee to consider a proposal to introduce a parking restriction in Pitcoudie Avenue and lock-up site, Glenrothes.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended, in the interests of road safety, that Committee:

- (1) notes the contents of the report;
- (2) agrees to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce and amend the parking restrictions detailed in drawing no. TRO23_15/P (Appendix 2), with all ancillary procedures; and
- (3) authorises officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there are objections.

Resource Implications

The cost to formally promote this TRO will be approximately £4,000, which covers Roads & Transportation Services' and Legal Services' staff costs, advertising, and delivery of the new infrastructure. This will be met from approved Service budgets.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no known legal or risk implications.

Impact Assessment

The general duties section of the impact assessment and the summary form have been completed. No negative impacts have been identified.

The local Ward Councillors, Parking Management team, School Travel Plan team, Pitcoudie Primary School, North Glenrothes Community Council and Police Scotland have been advised.

One Ward Councillor and the North Glenrothes Community Council have expressed their support for the proposal.

Formal consultation required by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the TRO process will be carried out through the posting of legal notices in a local newspaper and on the affected length of roads. In addition, details of the proposed TRO will be made available on Fife Council's website.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 A report was considered by Committee on 7th September 2022 [Minute 2022 GAC 5 Item 12 refers] where the Committee agreed to introduce an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO), for a School Exclusion Zone (SEZ) in Iona Park, Glenrothes.
- 1.2 The School Exclusion Zone began at the end of November 2022 for a trial period of 18 months and operates on school days from 8.30 am – 9.30 am and 2.30 pm – 3.30 pm.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Following an initial “bedding in” period, parents and residents were invited to take part in a consultation to give an indication of their views and what could be done to make the SEZ more successful.
- 2.2 A similar consultation was carried out prior to launch to allow for a comparison of data.
- 2.3 We received feedback from other methods of communication and key points are included in this update report. Various site visits were conducted by Officers during the operational times.

Operation

- 2.4 Within the first few days of operation, it was discovered the lights on the entry sign were difficult to see from any angle other than straight on. Given that Iona Park is accessed from a tight angle approaching from Huntsman's Road, this was an issue that required attention. To address this, arrangements were made to increase the brightness of the lights to the maximum setting and to supply and retrofit additional LED twin amber flashers underneath the entry sign. This increased the visual indication that the sign is operational and seen from a wider angle.
- 2.5 In the first few weeks of operation, the school provided staff support at the entry into the SEZ to inform drivers of the restriction and encourage compliance. While effective, this is not a resource that can be maintained, and occasionally verbal abuse, disregard by some drivers, and other priorities has led to a reduction in school staff presence.

Consultation

- 2.6 It should be noted that the pre-scheme consultation received 15 responses and the 3 months-in consultation received 72 responses.
- 2.7 The main points from the consultation refer to perception of safety, compliance of the restrictions, influence on active travel and some suggestions for improvement.
- 2.8 Perception of safety. Prior to implementation, 60% of respondents felt that the SEZ would make the area outside the school gates safer. 3 months into the SEZ trial, 32% of

respondents felt that this area was safer. This question in the consultation focussed on the area outside the school gates, however some respondents expressed concerns for safety at other locations where parking had been displaced.

- 2.9 Compliance of restrictions. Prior to implementation, 53% of respondents felt that motorists would not comply with the restrictions. This increased to 74% expressing concerns for low compliance. Many have expressed dissatisfaction with the level of enforcement support from the Police.
- 2.10 Influence on active travel to school. Although 33% felt that the SEZ would encourage more active travel prior to launch, 3 months in this reduced to 15%. This element of the consultation can be compared with the “Hands Up” survey that is carried out annually by Sustrans on how children get to school. This takes place around September each year and this data may provide a clearer indication of influence on active travel choices. This data will be reviewed later in the year when it is available.
- 2.11 Suggestions for improvement. Most comments ask for increased enforcement support, however enforcement of the restriction is the responsibility of the Police.

Further Action

- 2.12 Residents have requested the introduction of No Waiting At Any Time (double yellow lines) restrictions within the lock-up site accessed from Pitcoudie Avenue. It has been observed that inconsiderate parking is regularly taking place in the lock-up site and occasionally on the junctions of Pitcoudie Avenue. It is proposed to change the single yellow line restriction on Pitcoudie Avenue to a double yellow line restriction and to introduce double yellow lines in the lock-up site as shown on Drawing no. TRO23_15/P (Appendix 2). This will improve safety for children crossing the road, keep the junctions clear and allow access for users of the lock-ups.
- 2.13 Road markings and signs that are faded or missing will be refreshed / replaced as necessary to improve compliance of existing parking restrictions.
- 2.14 In the consultation respondents were asked if they would like the SEZ made permanent at the end of the trial period with 75% in favour. 12% were not in favour of keeping the SEZ.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 A large proportion of consultation respondents are in favour of keeping the School Exclusion Zone and some concerns have been raised regarding level of enforcement and low compliance of the restrictions.
- 3.2 About a third of respondents feel the SEZ has improved safety outside the school gates and there is inconclusive data on whether active travel has increased.
- 3.3 There has been some displacement of parking into the surrounding area and not observed as significant. It is considered, in the interests of traffic management and road safety, that the proposed traffic restrictions be promoted. This proposal will mitigate some of the concerns raised.
- 3.4 A report will be presented to the Cabinet Committee toward the conclusion of the three trial School Exclusion Zones with an evaluation on their effectiveness and recommendations.

List of Appendices

- 1. Drawing no. TRO23_15/E (Existing parking restrictions)
- 2. Drawing no. TRO23_15/P (Proposed parking restrictions)

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

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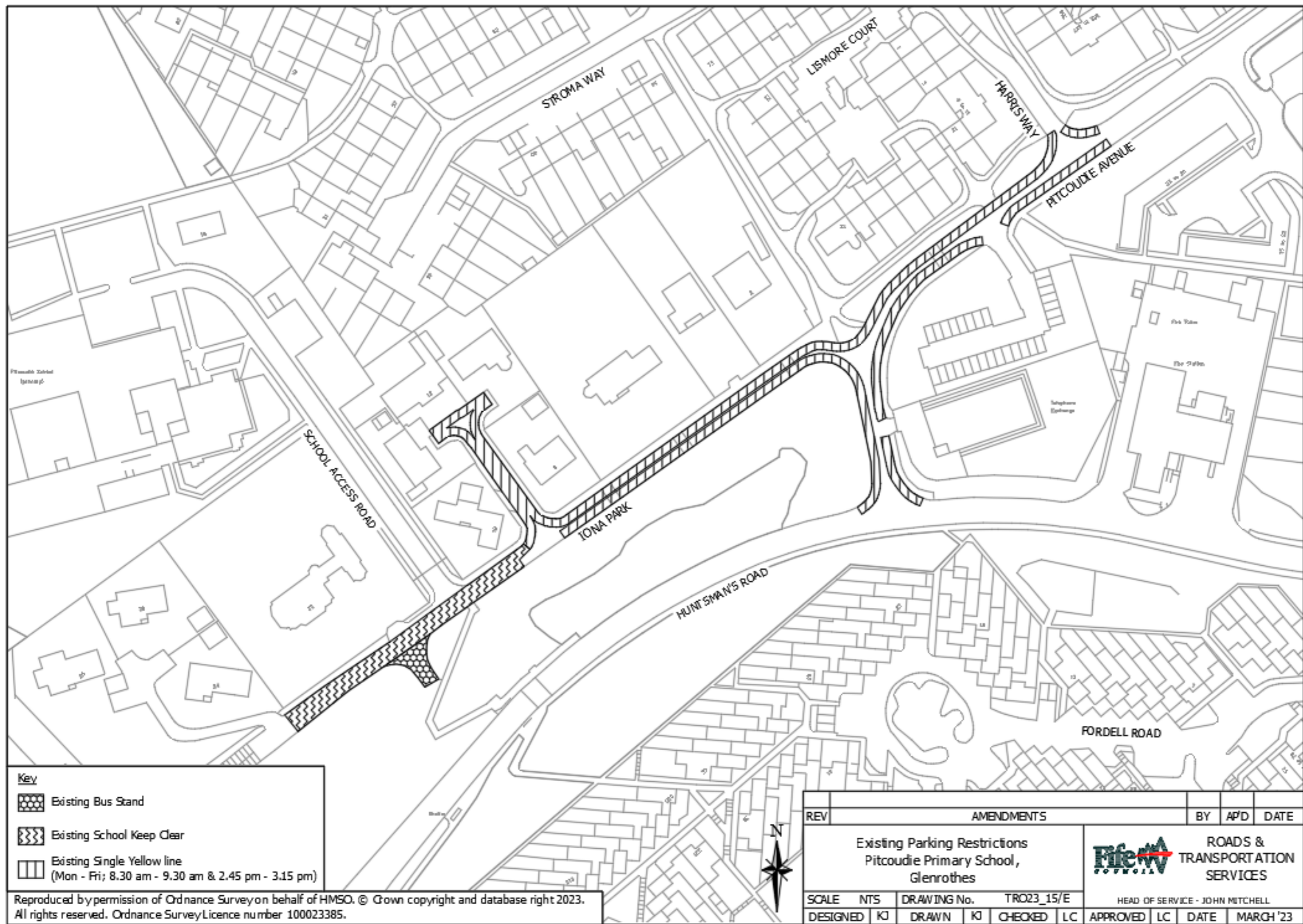
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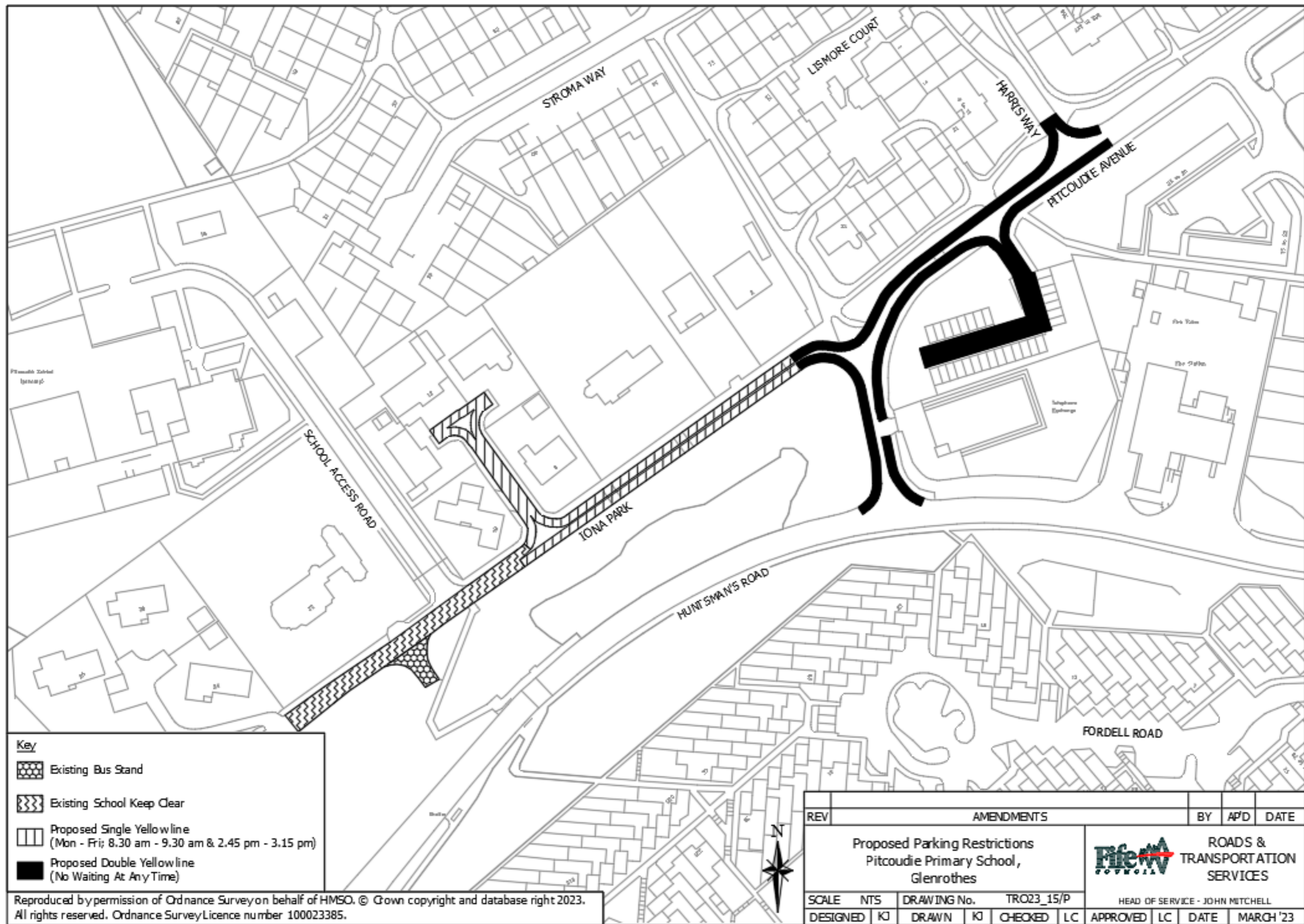
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Report on Educational Outcomes - 2021/22

Report by: Carrie Lindsay, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services

Wards Affected: 13, 14, 15

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Glenrothes Area Committee with details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021/22. This report also provides an overview of the range of strategies being developed to support our key priority to raise attainment.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to:

1. Note the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22.
2. Note the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from this report.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, there is the need to continue to raise the awareness of school leaders, local authority officers and elected members to maximise the potential of data, new systems and approaches to inform future actions to support school improvement.

Impact Assessment

An EqlA has not been completed and is not necessary as no change or revision to existing policy is proposed.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Our ambition is to improve attainment and to provide an appropriate curriculum for all learners. This report specifically relates to those pupils in the senior phase of their learning i.e. S4-S6 and what they have attained. In addition, it reports on how they have performed in securing a positive destination.

- 1.2 The senior phase of the curriculum also provides us with the opportunity to:
- improve employability skills
 - increase levels of sustained positive destinations
 - contribute to a prosperous Fife economy and improve life chances for all
- 1.3 Attainment information in Scotland is focused on the use of the senior phase benchmarking tool known as Insight. This national attainment database has two key release dates. An initial release in September provides information on all qualifications sat by young people within the Scottish Credit and Qualifications framework for the previous session. This Local Benchmarking data provides details on the performance of year groups S4, S5 and S6. The National Benchmarking data is updated in February with details of the destinations of all young people who left school in the previous session. The February data allows analysis of how young people have performed by the time they leave school.
- 1.4 In terms of analysis of attainment and achievement performance, the Education Service now publishes two statistical reports to schools. The first of these, the School Attainment Report, is sent to schools in early October, after the formal September Insight release, and discussion centres on the school's local benchmark data which shows how well each stage cohort S4 to S6 has performed across the range and level of qualifications. Discussions at individual school meetings feed into school planning and target setting.
- 1.5 At the end of March a second report, the School Outcome Report, goes to schools and focuses on the National Benchmarks which show how well the school's leavers have performed. The discussions with schools at this point focus on areas such as literacy and numeracy to see how well-equipped leavers are to go onto sustained and positive destinations, as well as considering overall levels of attainment and the types of destinations young people are achieving. This report also looks at attainment in literacy and numeracy.
- 1.6 This report considers the data for 2021/22. The measures used include the tariff points (a measure of the quantity and quality of awards) associated with the awards achieved by young people and the levels of literacy and numeracy achieved by young people by the time they leave school. The post school destinations of young people are also provided.
- 1.7 As per national guidance, we take an 'outcomes'-based approach to attainment with the focus on all our young people at the point of exit rather than individual 'year on year' attainment.
- 1.8 The increased emphasis on 'outcomes' means we are more focussed on the 'destination', 'employability' and range of appropriate qualifications achieved by the time our young people leave school rather than the overall attainment of any year group.
- 1.9 However, in terms of breadth and depth of attainment, the key measures in the attainment report (Appendix 1) include the percentage of young people achieving multiple qualifications at Levels 4 and 5 (National 5) in S4 and the percentage of young people achieving multiple qualifications at Level 6 by the end of S5.

1.10 We continue to improve our data sharing with schools through the Power BI platform.

2.0 Our Vision

2.1 Our shared vision across Fife, which also takes account of the key recommendations in the 15 to 24 Learner Journey Report, is to improve the opportunities for all learners by improving attainment.

2.2 This vision is being realised through jointly delivering on the following:

- a greater depth in work towards understanding and interrogating data
- ensuring sharing of practice at Headteacher events and across Local Authorities including visits to other schools outwith Fife
- the review of subject choices and offers at school level
- development of curricular pathways
- more collaborative approaches across our secondary schools and the college to provide a relevant, coherent and appropriate curriculum for all learners, informed by local context and need
- allowing all young people across Fife access to more curricular options and opportunities including all levels of apprenticeships based on a policy of equity and equality
- collaborative working with subject specialists to ensure greater understanding of subject areas

2.3 As a result of the above, during the current school session, the Directorate has a focus on improving the following outcomes:

- **Attendance** - Improving attendance is a key factor in raising attainment. Lower levels of attendance are a significant barrier to learning for many disadvantaged groups of pupils (e.g. those living in poverty, those with particular support needs – like young carers). Improving attendance will be a key factor in closing the attainment gap.
- **Attainment**, with a particular focus on literacy and numeracy. Literacy and numeracy are educational outcomes for which performance was relatively strong in the period leading up to the Covid pandemic. Many elements of Fife's approach (e.g. our use of the Model for Improvement, Workshop for Literacy, Conceptual Understanding of Numeracy) continue to be held in high regard nationally. Re-establishing these approaches and ensuring that they are used rigorously across Fife's school system will be a key element in supporting further improvement in literacy and numeracy. This will be a key enabler for further improving wider attainment.
- **Positive Destinations** – by ensuring that the curriculum design of schools supports the needs and aspirations of all learners, and by identifying and supporting appropriate pathways into post school opportunities.

3.0 The context of the local area

- 3.1 School context is known to have a significant influence on educational outcomes. Two factors have a particular influence on outcomes at a cohort level:
- Socio-economic factors, including household poverty (measured by registration rates for free school meals) and area deprivation (most commonly measured by SIMD, the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation).
 - The Additional Support Needs (ASN) of pupils, including: learning, physical and communication support needs (these can usually be addressed through support for learning within the classroom), and family, emotional and mental health needs (these are related to socio-economic factors in many cases, and often require a partnership approach to support).
- 3.2 Appendices 1A and 1B provide an overview of key data relating to these factors. As may be noted, schools in the Glenrothes area:
- Have a higher level of Free School Meal Registration than Fife and Scotland.
 - Have pupils living in areas of moderate and significant disadvantage, with most pupils living in SIMD deciles 1 to 5.
 - Shows a higher than average level of recorded need across a range of support needs.

4.0 Attainment

Attainment in literacy by the end of stage S4

- 4.1 Literacy is a key skill for employability and a foundational skill for wider learning and attainment. Improving the development of literacy throughout the 3-18 curriculum is a key priority to help improve overall attainment and to close the attainment gap. Appendix 1C provides an overview of attainment in literacy by the end of stage S4 for Fife and the local area.
- 4.2 Levels of attainment for literacy at SCQF level 4 have seen a general improvement across Fife in recent years, with some evidence of a closing of the attainment gap.
- 4.3 Overall attainment at SCQF level 4 in the Glenrothes area has generally been higher than – but close to – the Fife average in recent years. Outcomes in SIMD Quintile 1 have been higher than those in Fife over recent years, but the gap has closed over time. Outcomes in SIMD Quintile 5 saw an improvement last year (albeit, for a relatively small number of learners).
- 4.4 Generally, levels of attainment for literacy at SCQF level 5 have shown no sustained improvement across Fife in recent years. However, outcomes for pupils living in SIMD Quintile 1 saw an improvement in 2021/22.
- 4.5 Overall attainment at SCQF level 5 in the Glenrothes area has generally been lower than the Fife average, and has shown no sustained improvement. Outcomes in SIMD Quintile 1 are close to the Fife average for this social context. Outcomes in

SIMD Quintile 5 have shown some improvement (albeit, for a relatively small number of learners).

Attainment in numeracy by the end of stage S4

- 4.6 Numeracy is a key skill for employability and a foundational skill for wider learning and attainment. Improving the development of numeracy throughout the 3-18 curriculum is a key priority to help improve overall attainment and to close the attainment gap. Appendix 1D provides an overview of attainment in numeracy by the end of stage S4 for Fife and the local area.
- 4.7 Levels of attainment for numeracy at SCQF level 4 have been broadly constant across Fife in recent years, in each SIMD quintile.
- 4.8 Generally, attainment at SCQF level 4 in numeracy for the Glenrothes area has shown a decline over recent years. This is true for SIMD quintiles 1 and 5 and for overall outcomes.
- 4.9 Generally, levels of attainment for numeracy at SCQF level 5 have shown been broadly constant across Fife in recent years.
- 4.10 Overall, attainment at SCQF level 5 in numeracy for the Glenrothes area has been broadly constant over recent years, although there has been evidence of a slight improvement in SIMD quintiles 1 and 5.

Wider attainment by the end of stage S4

- 4.11 Wider attainment by the end of stage S4 provides a foundation for leaving school, or for further study and achievement in stages S5 and S6.
- 4.12 Appendix 1E provides an overview of attainment at SCQF level 4 by the end of stage S5. Outcomes at SCQF level 4 have shown some improvement since 2018/19 at Fife level. Outcomes for the Glenrothes area have been broadly constant over the last two to three years, but have improved since 2017/18; they are higher than for the virtual comparator of the local area and Fife.
- 4.13 Appendix 1F provides an overview of attainment at SCQF level 5 by the end of stage S4. Outcomes at SCQF level 5 have been broadly constant at Fife level. Outcomes for the Glenrothes area saw a significant improvement in 2020/21 which was sustained last year; outcomes are now higher than for Fife and the virtual comparator for the local area.
- 4.14 Appendix 1G provides an overview of attainment at SCQF level 6 by the end of stage S5. Outcomes at SCQF level 6 for the Glenrothes area, Fife and the virtual comparator show a similar pattern. In each case there was a fall in 2021/22 after some improvement in earlier years. Generally, outcomes for the Glenrothes area have shown a faster rate of improvement than Fife and the virtual comparator.

Overall attainment of school leavers

- 4.15 Overall attainment of school leavers can be measured by two different scales of tariff points:
- Total tariff points reflect the total achievement across the course of the senior phase. They reflect: the number of awards achieved in different subjects, the grades achieved in each award, and the SCQF level of the awards in question.
 - Complementary tariff points reflect the key qualification set of each school leaver. They are based on the tariff points of a core set of qualifications most likely to influence their post school life chances.
- 4.16 Appendix 1H provides an overview of the complementary tariff awards for Fife and the local area. Appendix 1I provides an overview of the total tariff awards for Fife and the local area. In each case, tariff points are shown for three groups of pupils:
- The bottom 20% - those pupils whose outcomes are furthest from attainment.
 - The top 20% - those pupils with the greatest overall attainment outcomes.
 - The middle 60% - the remaining pupils, representing the majority of the cohort.
- 4.17 It should be noted that these groupings are relative to the schools' own rolls, rather than any wider population of school leavers. Hence, the social context of pupils in each grouping will vary with local area.
- 4.18 As measured by both tariff scales, the attainment of Glenrothes area school leavers is:
- Slightly higher than for Fife overall for leavers in the bottom 20%;
 - Slightly lower than for Fife overall for leavers in the middle 60% and top 20%.
- 4.19 The difference in outcomes between the Glenrothes area and Fife may reflect:
- A lower staying on rate (see the data in Appendix 1J);
 - Higher attainment at SCQF levels 4 and 5 for S4 learners.

5.0 Destinations of School Leavers

- 5.1 Skills Development Scotland (SDS) track the post school destinations of pupils who leave school each year. In conjunction with the Scottish Government, they publish data on the initial destinations of school leavers, as well as information relating to the sustained destinations of school leavers, 6 months later.
- 5.2 Appendix 1J provides an overview of the initial positive destinations of school leavers for Fife and the local area. This includes destinations by stage of leaving, as well as destinations of key groups of pupils (those living in SIMD Quintile 1, those with Additional Support Needs).
- 5.3 The level of positive destinations in the Glenrothes area has shown a sustained improvement over recent years and now exceeds the Fife average.

- 5.4 The initial post school destinations of school leavers with Additional Support Needs in the Glenrothes area has also seen a sustained improvement. Outcomes for leavers from SIMD quintile 1 have been broadly constant over recent years, but remain relatively high. Outcomes for Looked After school leavers relate to a small number of school leavers.
- 5.5 Appendix 1K shows destinations of school leavers, by category of destination.
- 5.6 The range of positive destinations which school leavers in the Glenrothes area entered in 2021/22 demonstrates the main destinations are continuing education (with 73.0% entering either higher or further education), and employment (with 21.4% entering employment directly from school). Destinations for school leavers in the Glenrothes area broadly resemble those in Fife as a whole, with a significant proportion progressing to Further Education, rather than Higher Education, directly from school (in contrast to the national average).

6.0 Action Planned to Further Raise Attainment

What will bring about further improvement and more consistency across all schools?

- 6.1 Effective self-evaluation is at the heart of continuous improvement and 'How good is our school? 4 (HGIOS4) provides a basis for schools to reflect and undertake self-evaluation. The framework underpinning self-evaluation in HGIOS4 supports the Directorate and school leaders to work together and challenge teachers to:
- Ensure educational outcomes for all learners are improving
 - Address the impact of inequity on well-being, learning and achievement
 - Consistently deliver high quality learning experiences
 - Embed progression in schools for learning, life and work from 3-18
- 6.2 We have reflected on the way we engage with schools and agreed to increase our level of scrutiny through a focus on attainment in October. These focused Secondary Headteacher meetings on specific areas of attainment build capacity for improvement via sharing of good practice from within and outwith the Local Authority.
- To continue to provide all secondary schools with an opportunity to engage in collective scrutiny with Education Managers and Heads of Service
 - Support schools to improve attainment continuously over time and/or maintain consistently ambitious standards of attainment for all learners through Insight training
 - Support schools in closing the attainment gap in our joint work with Education Scotland Attainment Adviser.
- 6.3 In schools, this is undertaken through a rigorous process of review of attainment in SQA exams involving curriculum leaders and class teachers. Each school's attainment report and action plan are discussed with Heads of Service and Education Managers and forms the basis for the School Improvement Plan. Evaluation of progress with the plan is carried out in April time.

- 6.4 Headteachers will attend Area Committee workshops to share information with Elected Members in their wards.
- 6.5 Schools are also expected to take part in Learning Partnerships. These involve working with and learning from other schools to inform school improvement.
- 6.6 A round of scrutiny will take place in April following the publication of the updated Insight outcomes as noted in this report.

A strengthened performance framework supporting improvement

- 6.7 The Directorate has undertaken a review of support arrangements for performance management and its use of data to support improvement. Work is being undertaken through collaborative working with school leaders via engagement with key groups of primary headteachers and a new Collaborative Network with a focus on performance and improvement in the secondary sector. Key elements in this approach are:
 - A revised approach to benchmarking performance. This is being used to refresh the Directorate's approach to setting stretch targets, ensuring that the Directorate and schools have improvement goals that are ambitious but achievable.
 - New modelling approaches, to help better understand the impact of multiple barriers to learning on the equity gap. This will enable better targeting of support for learners and a basis for more systematic monitoring of the impact of improvement activity. It will also ensure that the Directorate has a more systematic approach to addressing the challenges of poverty and disadvantage in closing the attainment gap.
 - Updated performance reports for schools. Power BI is being used to update a range of performance reports, improving the support that data can provide for tracking the progress of pupil learning. New reports are also being developed to better identify the value-added in closing the attainment gap throughout the 3-18 curriculum.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The evidence in Appendix 1, summarised in sections 3-5, shows that:
 - Pupils in the Glenrothes area are more likely to live in household poverty or areas of deprivation than pupils in the rest of Fife.
 - Attainment outcomes are relatively strong for S4 learners at SCQF level 4 and (in the past year or two) at SCQF level 5. Attainment of school leavers is relatively strong for the bottom 20% of attainment, but less strong for other school leavers.
 - Positive destinations have shown a sustained improvement over recent years.
- 7.2 Given the local context (with relatively small numbers of learners living in SIMD Quintile 5, for example), it is difficult to provide a robust and statistically significant measure of progress in closing the attainment gap. However, current outcomes indicate improvements for learners in SIMD quintile 1 across a range of measures.

- 7.3 There remains scope for further improvement, particularly for numeracy at SCQF level 4 and wider attainment for school leavers in the middle 60% and top 20%. Work to ensure that further improvement is achieved will be supported by increased scrutiny of attainment and the further development of collaborative approaches, including improving the curriculum offer with partnership support.

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Background Papers

The following paper was relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:

- **Education and Children's Services Directorate Improvement Plan 2021-23** (available at: www.fife.gov.uk/ECSplan)
- Know Fife briefing: **SIMD 2020 Focus on Glenrothes** (see: https://know.fife.scot/_data/assets/pdf_file/0029/177662/SIMD-2020v2-Focus-on-Glenrothes.pdf)

Sources of evidence

The information provided in this report is based on analysis of data from several sources, including Scottish Government Statistics and the Insight benchmarking tool February 2023 update.

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Appendix 1A – School Context Information

Glenrothes

Secondary Schools Context

Area School Rolls - from the September census.

School Roll				
Year	2021/22			
SchoolName	Female	Male	Total	
Auchmuty High School	660	667	1327	
Glenrothes High School	378	430	808	
Glenwood High School	434	444	878	
Total	1472	1541	3013	

Percentage of pupils with FMR

The table below displays the proportion of pupils on the school roll who are registered for free school meals (FMR). Data is taken from the annual Healthy Living Survey and the annual pupil census.

Percentage of Pupils with FMR				
	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Area	19.8%	23.1%	21.6%	23.1%
Fife	16.4%	17.1%	17.9%	19.3%
National	14.0%	15.0%	17.0%	18.6%

The following information is taken from the September Pupil Census return. The table shows any additional support needs recorded for all pupils on the school roll. A pupil may have more than one need. Figures shaded indicate significantly higher need rates for the area compared to all of Fife.

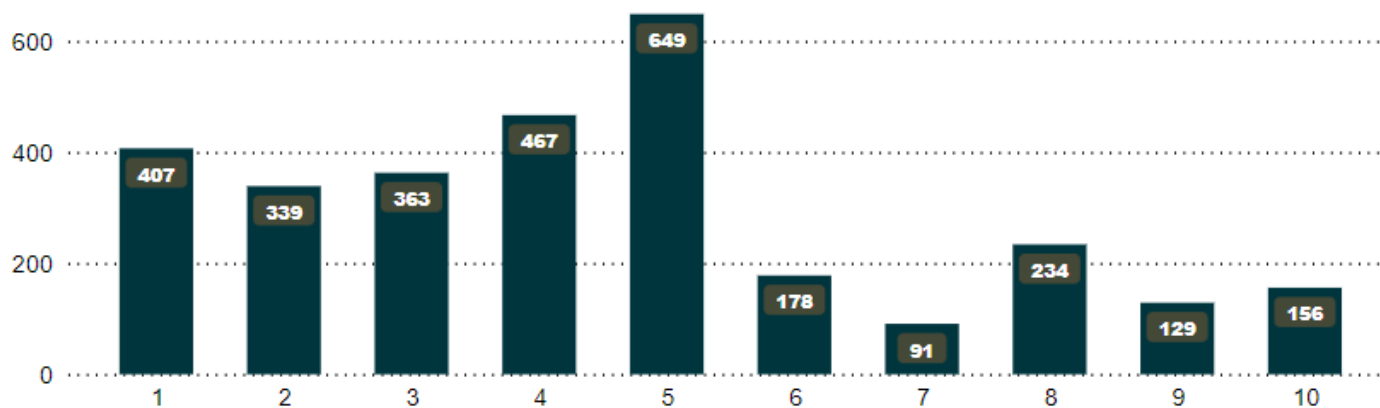
Support Need		Year	2021/22	
		NeedType	Area	Fife
		Students with at least one need	44.7%	39.2%
Learning	Learning	Autistic Spectrum disorder	3.0%	3.1%
		Dyslexia	10.4%	9.7%
		Learning Disability	4.0%	3.3%
		Other Specific Learning Difficulty (eg numeric)	4.1%	3.6%
		Other Moderate Learning Difficulty	4.6%	3.7%
		More Able Pupil	0.9%	0.6%
Physical	Physical	Physical or Motor Impairment	1.9%	1.9%
		Physical Health Problem	6.1%	3.6%
Family/Emotional/Mental Health	Family/Emotional/Mental Health	Social, Emotional and Behavioural Difficulty	8.9%	10.4%
		Mental Health Problem	7.1%	3.0%
		Young Carer	2.3%	1.6%
		Bereavement	1.0%	0.9%
		Substance Misuse	0.9%	0.2%
		Family Issues	6.2%	2.9%
Communication	Communication	Looked After	2.2%	1.9%
		Communication Support Needs	0.4%	0.4%
		Language or Speech Disorder	2.0%	1.6%
		Hearing Impairment	1.0%	0.8%
		Visual Impairment	0.9%	0.7%
		Deafblind	0.0%	0.0%
Absence	Absence	English as an Additional Language	3.9%	4.1%
		Risk of Exclusion	0.7%	0.5%
		Interrupted Learning	5.2%	3.7%
Other	Other	Other	0.5%	1.5%

Appendix 1B – SIMD Profile of the Area Pupils (pupils in stages S1-S6)

Glenrothes

SIMD

Number of Pupils per SIMD Decile (2021/22)



SIMD

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total
2021/22											
Roll	407	339	363	467	649	178	91	234	129	156	3013
% of Roll	13.5%	11.3%	12.0%	15.5%	21.5%	5.9%	3.0%	7.8%	4.3%	5.2%	100.0%
% of Fife	9.6%	12.3%	11.1%	10.1%	11.2%	7.7%	7.0%	11.7%	8.6%	10.7%	100.0%

Appendix 1C – Attainment of Literacy by the End of Stage S4

SQA Attainment - S4 Literacy

Subject Choice

- ☒ Literacy
☐ Numeracy
☐ Literacy and Numeracy

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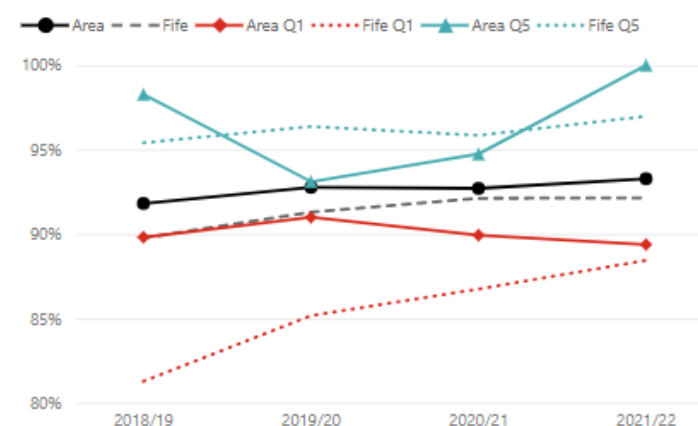
- ☒ S4
☐ S5
☐ S6

Measure	Literacy Level 4+							
Year	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
Quintile	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	89.8%	81.3%	91.0%	85.2%	89.9%	86.7%	89.4%	88.4%
2	91.7%	88.1%	92.0%	89.0%	92.8%	91.9%	93.2%	89.7%
3	90.6%	91.2%	93.8%	92.1%	92.4%	92.5%	93.5%	91.1%
4	96.3%	94.2%	97.3%	95.1%	98.2%	94.5%	96.8%	95.2%
5	98.3%	95.4%	93.1%	96.4%	94.7%	95.8%	100.0%	97.0%
Total	91.8%	89.8%	92.8%	91.3%	92.7%	92.1%	93.3%	92.1%

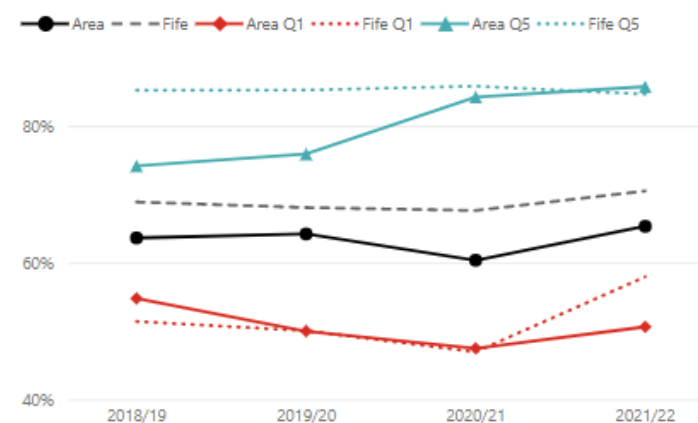
Measure	Literacy Level 5+							
Year	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
Quintile	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	54.8%	51.4%	50.0%	50.1%	47.5%	47.0%	50.6%	57.9%
2	63.9%	63.6%	57.4%	60.5%	56.5%	60.6%	59.5%	62.5%
3	64.0%	66.9%	76.3%	71.0%	63.6%	71.4%	74.8%	72.8%
4	88.9%	80.1%	70.3%	76.7%	70.9%	77.4%	77.4%	77.2%
5	74.1%	85.2%	75.9%	85.2%	84.2%	85.8%	85.7%	84.6%
Total	63.6%	68.9%	64.2%	68.0%	60.4%	67.6%	65.3%	70.5%

Glenrothes

% of Pupils with Level 4+



% of Pupils with Level 5+



Appendix 1D – Attainment of Numeracy by the End of Stage S4

SQA Attainment - S4 Numeracy

Subject Choice

- ☐ Literacy
☒ Numeracy
☐ Literacy and Numeracy

Stage

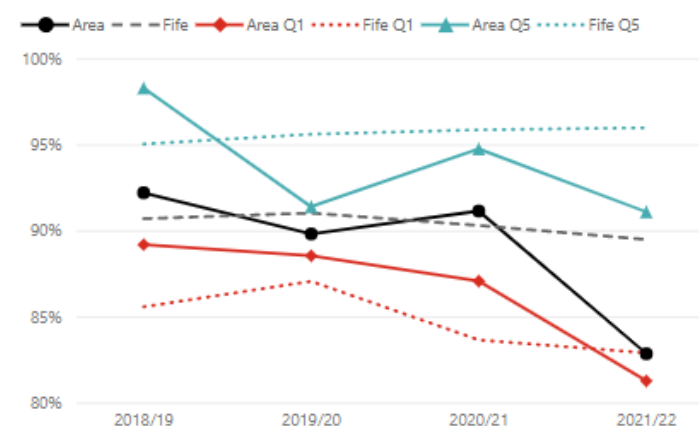
- ☒ S4
☐ S5
☐ S6

Measure	Numeracy Level 4+							
Year	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
Quintile	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	89.2%	85.6%	88.5%	87.0%	87.1%	83.6%	81.3%	82.9%
2	93.8%	89.8%	87.0%	88.8%	90.6%	88.7%	78.4%	86.5%
3	90.6%	90.5%	91.9%	91.6%	92.4%	90.6%	84.2%	89.8%
4	96.3%	93.2%	94.6%	92.8%	96.4%	93.9%	87.1%	93.5%
5	98.3%	95.0%	91.4%	95.6%	94.7%	95.8%	91.1%	96.0%
Total	92.2%	90.7%	89.8%	91.0%	91.1%	90.3%	82.8%	89.5%

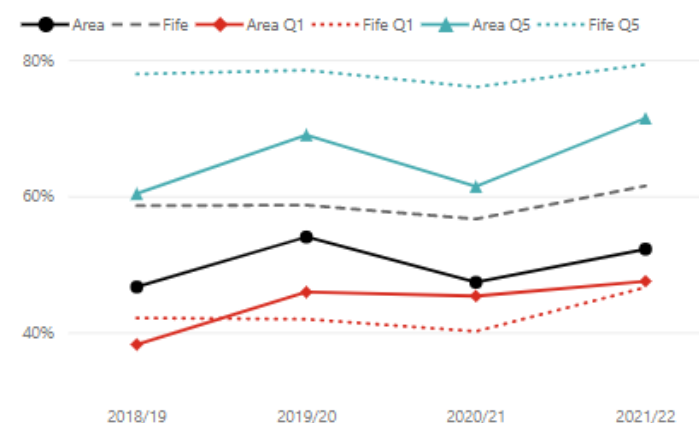
Measure	Numeracy Level 5+							
Year	2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
Quintile	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1	38.2%	42.1%	45.9%	41.9%	45.3%	40.1%	47.5%	46.6%
2	49.3%	49.0%	46.9%	50.7%	42.0%	47.5%	39.9%	50.1%
3	45.3%	55.8%	59.4%	58.4%	49.2%	57.6%	59.0%	64.2%
4	59.3%	71.1%	64.9%	66.9%	47.3%	65.6%	61.3%	70.6%
5	60.3%	77.9%	69.0%	78.5%	61.4%	76.0%	71.4%	79.3%
Total	46.7%	58.6%	54.0%	58.7%	47.3%	56.6%	52.2%	61.5%

Glenrothes

% of Pupils with Level 4+



% of Pupils with Level 5+



Appendix 1E – Attainment at SCQF Level 4 by the End of Stage S4

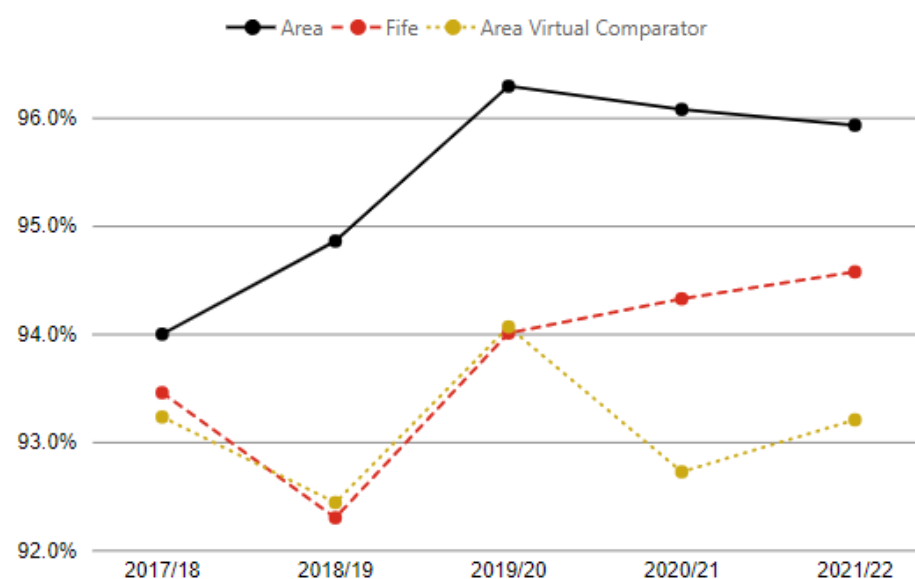
Breadth and Depth of Attainment

Glenrothes

Stage and Level

S4 Level 4	S5 Level 5	S6 Level 5	S6 Level 7
S4 Level 5	S5 Level 6	S6 Level 6	

Five year trend for 1 or more passes at National 4 for the school in S4 as a percentage of the S4 cohort.



Stage and Level		S4 Level 4									
Year	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		
Awards	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	
1 or more	94.0%	93.5%	94.9%	92.3%	96.3%	94.0%	96.1%	94.3%	95.9%	94.6%	
2 or more	89.4%	89.5%	92.0%	89.4%	92.2%	90.5%	93.6%	91.7%	92.7%	91.8%	
3 or more	87.0%	86.5%	87.8%	86.3%	87.8%	87.5%	91.2%	88.7%	90.3%	88.9%	
4 or more	83.9%	82.3%	83.8%	81.7%	84.2%	84.3%	88.0%	85.5%	87.3%	85.3%	
5 or more	76.0%	74.7%	79.0%	74.1%	78.8%	79.9%	84.7%	81.2%	83.0%	80.2%	

Appendix 1F – Attainment at SCQF Level 5 by the End of Stage S4

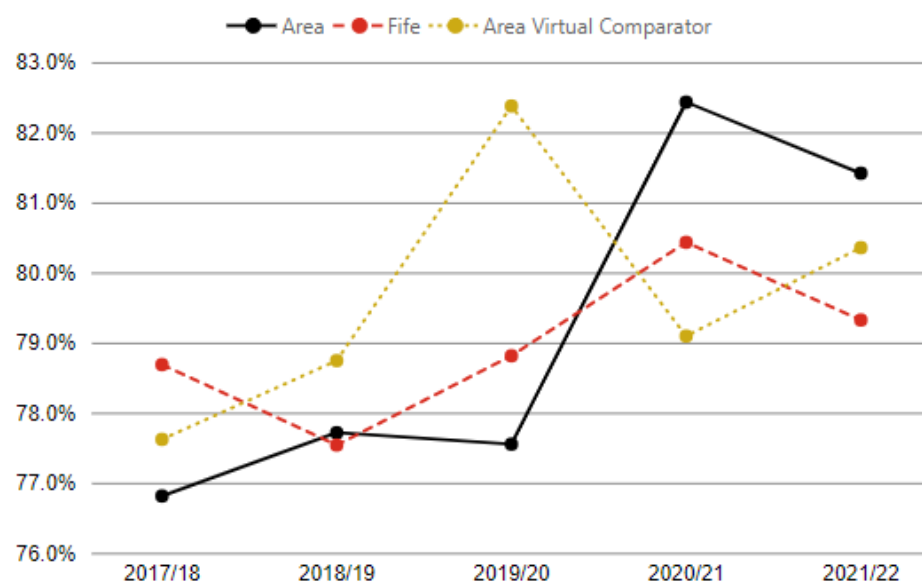
Breadth and Depth of Attainment

Glenrothes

Stage and Level

S4 Level 4	S5 Level 5	S6 Level 5	S6 Level 7
S4 Level 5	S5 Level 6	S6 Level 6	

Five year trend for 1 or more passes at National 5 for the school in S4 as a percentage of the S4 cohort.



Stage and Level	S4 Level 5									
Year	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22	
Awards	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
1 or more	76.8%	78.7%	77.7%	77.5%	77.6%	78.8%	82.4%	80.4%	81.4%	79.3%
2 or more	65.2%	69.4%	68.4%	68.5%	66.6%	70.4%	73.6%	71.3%	70.8%	69.3%
3 or more	56.9%	59.9%	58.5%	60.8%	57.5%	63.1%	66.4%	63.9%	62.1%	60.9%
4 or more	46.0%	51.6%	49.7%	52.7%	50.3%	56.3%	57.9%	56.6%	54.0%	53.4%
5 or more	36.4%	43.0%	41.5%	43.9%	41.4%	48.8%	48.6%	48.4%	48.8%	46.4%

Appendix 1G – Attainment at SCQF Level 6 by the End of Stage S5

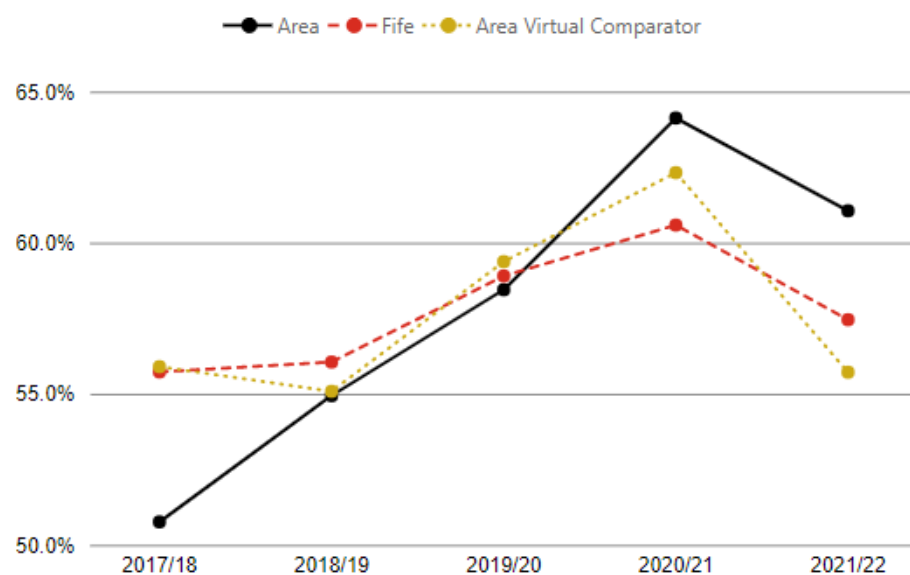
Breadth and Depth of Attainment

Stage and Level

S4 Level 4	S5 Level 5	S6 Level 5	S6 Level 7
S4 Level 5	S5 Level 6	S6 Level 6	

Glenrothes

Five year trend for 1 or more passes at National 6 for the school in S5 as a percentage of the S4 cohort.



Stage and Level		S5 Level 6									
Year	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		
Awards	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	
1 or more	50.8%	55.7%	54.9%	56.1%	58.4%	58.9%	64.1%	60.6%	61.1%	57.5%	
2 or more	36.5%	44.7%	40.7%	44.3%	44.8%	48.7%	57.1%	50.8%	46.6%	46.4%	
3 or more	28.4%	35.8%	31.1%	35.7%	35.9%	40.3%	49.6%	41.9%	37.6%	37.6%	
4 or more	19.5%	26.4%	22.8%	27.1%	28.5%	30.2%	42.0%	31.8%	27.4%	28.3%	
5 or more	10.5%	16.5%	13.0%	17.0%	19.7%	19.6%	27.1%	19.7%	19.8%	17.9%	
6 or more	0.8%	1.1%	0.8%	0.9%	6.6%	2.7%	8.4%	2.5%	8.0%	3.8%	

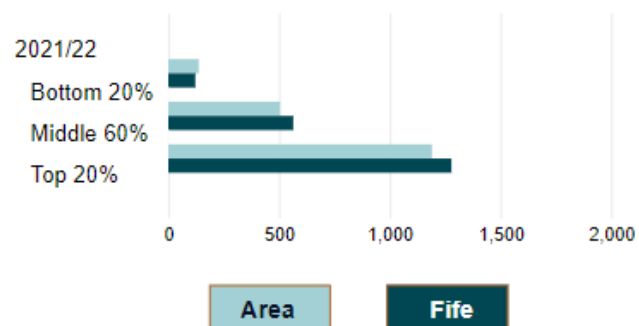
Appendix 1H – Overall Attainment of School Leavers (Complementary Tariff)

Average Tariff Points for Leavers

Glenrothes

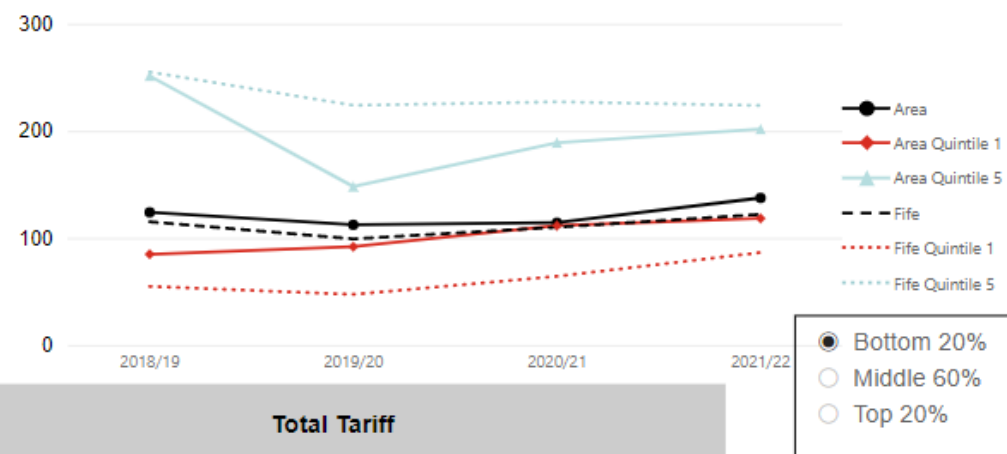
Average Complementary Tariff for Leavers, split into Top 20%, Middle 60% and Bottom 20% of pupils by Tariff

Average Tariff for Leavers	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Complementary Tariff				
Bottom20	124	112	114	137
Middle60	539	512	546	505
Top20	1,066	1,156	1,225	1,191



Average Tariff for Area Leavers by SIMD Quintile	Quintile		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Complementary Tariff	1	Bottom20	85	92	112	118
		Middle60	382	384	472	311
		Top20	985	1,073	1,183	874
	5	Bottom20	251	148	189	202
		Middle60	755	615	753	698
		Top20	1,102	1,144	1,335	1,310

Average Leavers Complementary Tariff for Bottom 20%



Complementary Tariff

Total Tariff

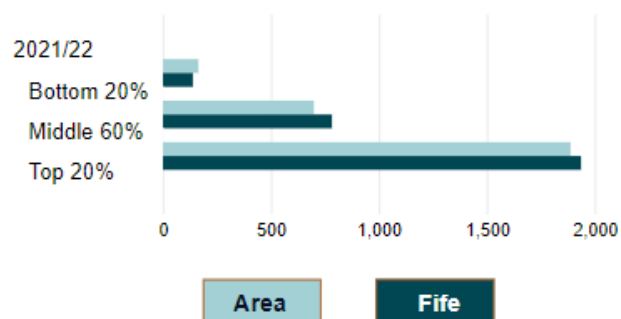
Appendix 1I – Overall Attainment of School Leavers (Total Tariff)

Average Tariff Points for Leavers

Glenrothes

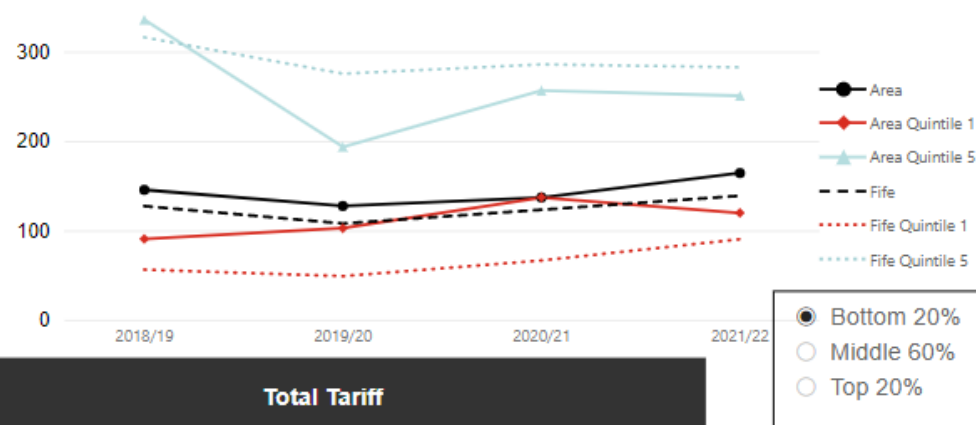
Average Total Tariff for Leavers, split into Top 20%, Middle 60% and Bottom 20% of pupils by Tariff

Average Tariff for Leavers	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Tariff				
Bottom20	145	127	137	164
Middle60	692	688	742	699
Top20	1,561	1,778	1,876	1,888



Average Tariff for Area Leavers by SIMD Quintile	Quintile		2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Total Tariff	1	Bottom20	91	102	137	120
		Middle60	504	527	650	419
		Top20	1,319	1,582	1,841	1,240
	5	Bottom20	336	193	256	251
		Middle60	993	837	1,036	1,034
		Top20	1,655	1,800	1,962	2,146

Average Leavers Total Tariff for Bottom 20%



Complementary Tariff

Total Tariff

Appendix 1J – Staying on Rates and Overall Positive Destination Rates

Glenrothes

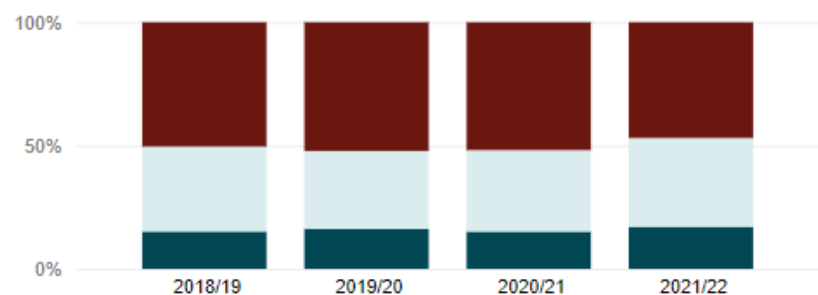
Staying on Rates

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Area S5	84%	82%	82%	81%
Fife S5	83%	85%	84%	84%
Area S6	58%	63%	67%	62%
Fife S6	66%	65%	67%	69%

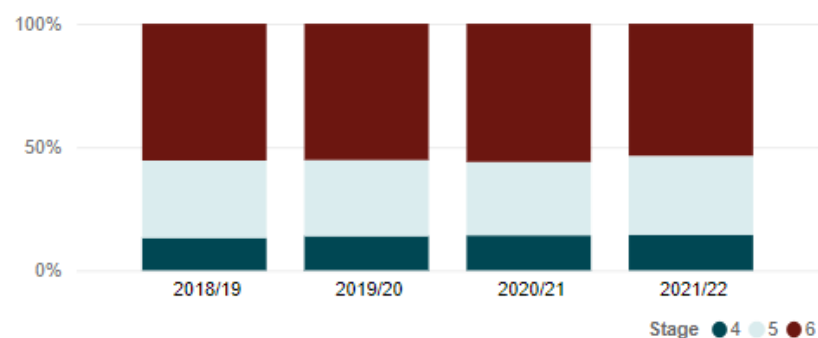
S5 staying on rates represent the proportion of the prior year's S4 roll who were on the S5 roll in September.

S6 staying on rates represent the proportion of the prior year's S5 roll who were on the S6 roll in September.

Area Leavers by Stage



Fife Leavers by Stage



Initial Positive Destination Rates

Pupil Stage	S4		S5		S6		All Leavers	
Year	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife	Area	Fife
2018/19	89.3%	86.4%	88.2%	92.4%	96.8%	97.5%	92.7%	94.4%
2019/20	88.5%	87.7%	94.1%	87.6%	94.8%	95.3%	93.6%	91.9%
2020/21	94.0%	90.2%	93.9%	90.5%	96.1%	96.6%	95.1%	93.9%
2021/22	95.0%	91.0%	94.3%	93.8%	98.5%	96.5%	96.4%	94.8%

	Looked After		Most Deprived Quintile		Additional Support Needs		All Leavers	
Year	Area LAC	Fife LAC	Area SIMD Q1	Fife SIMD Q1	Area ASN	Fife ASN	Area All	Fife All
2018/19	70.6%	78.5%	96.6%	90.9%	88.8%	91.1%	92.7%	94.4%
2019/20	100.0%	86.9%	93.8%	86.6%	93.3%	87.6%	93.6%	91.9%
2020/21	93.8%	85.3%	93.6%	90.7%	93.9%	91.0%	95.1%	93.9%
2021/22	80.0%	86.2%	95.7%	93.4%	94.2%	92.8%	96.4%	94.8%

Appendix 1K – Initial Leaver Destinations by Category

Initial Leaver Destinations

Glenrothes

No. of Leavers

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
481	548	584

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
3404	3751	4088

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
47435	50719	55211

Glenrothes				Fife				National %			
Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Year	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Destination	Area	Area	Area	Destination	Fife	Fife	Fife	Positive	National	National	National
Positive	93.6%	95.1%	96.4%	Positive	91.9%	93.9%	94.8%	Positive	93.2%	95.5%	95.6%
Higher Education	35.1%	34.1%	34.1%	Higher Education	37.7%	39.4%	35.8%	Higher Education	44.2%	45.1%	41.3%
Further Education	43.2%	39.2%	38.9%	Further Education	35.7%	29.9%	32.0%	Further Education	28.1%	23.3%	25.5%
Training	3.1%	2.2%	1.7%	Training	3.9%	4.1%	3.0%	Training	3.7%	3.7%	2.9%
Employment	11.9%	18.6%	21.4%	Employment	13.7%	19.9%	23.4%	Employment	16.2%	22.6%	25.1%
Personal Skills Development		0.4%	0.2%	Personal Skills Development	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	Personal Skills Development	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%
Voluntary	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%	Voluntary	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	Voluntary	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
Not Positive	6.4%	4.9%	3.6%	Not Positive	8.1%	6.1%	5.2%	Not Positive	6.8%	4.5%	4.4%
Unemployed Seeking	3.7%	2.2%	2.1%	Unemployed Seeking	4.8%	3.4%	2.4%	Unemployed Seeking	4.1%	2.5%	2.3%
Unemployed Not Seeking	2.3%	2.6%	1.4%	Unemployed Not Seeking	2.0%	2.2%	2.2%	Unemployed Not Seeking	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%
Unknown	0.4%	0.2%	0.2%	Unknown	1.3%	0.6%	0.6%	Unknown	0.8%	0.3%	0.5%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Appendix 2 – Glossary of Education Terms

This appendix defines some of the key terms referred to in the paper.

Insight is a benchmarking tool designed to help bring about improvements for learners in the senior phase (S4 to S6). The system is updated twice annually, around September for attainment results, and February for school leavers' data. It is particularly valuable to inform improvement planning and provides schools with a range of information to help support school improvement.

Insight uses **Tariff Points** to measure the overall attainment of school leavers. The overall attainment of each school leaver is assigned a number of tariff points that depends on: the number of awards achieved, the SCQF level of each award achieved, the grade of each award (if graded), and the number of credit points assigned to the award (which reflects the number of hours typically needed to complete that particular award). Two summary measures are reported at school level:

- **Total tariff points** – which provide a measure of the total attainment achieved by school leavers during the senior phase.
- **Complementary tariff points** – which reflect the key qualification set achieved each school leaver – the core set of qualifications most likely to influence their post school opportunities and life chances.

The **virtual comparator** is a sample-based benchmark that reflects pupils with similar characteristics to those of a given school. This allows for the influence of a range of factors on school attainment, including: social context (SIMD), levels of recorded additional support needs (ASN), and stage of leaving.

SCQF levels indicate the general level of difficulty of an award, enabling broad comparisons to be made between the skills and learning required to achieve a range of different qualifications.

Appendix 3 – The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation

SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation). SIMD is the Scottish Government's standard approach to measuring relative levels of deprivation across Scotland. It provides information about a range of resources and opportunities available to families living in a local community. These relate to income, employment, education, health, access to services, crime and housing.

The current version of SIMD has been in use since an update in 2020. Further information can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/collections/scottish-index-of-multiple-deprivation-2020/>

Within education, there are two common classifications used to measure the social context of school pupils; these are SIMD Quintiles and SIMD Deciles. Both reflect the overall level of multiple deprivation recorded by SIMD for the area where pupils on the school roll live.

SIMD Quintiles. Each local area in Scotland is classified as being within one of five families, called SIMD quintiles.

- SIMD Quintile 1 (often abbreviated to **SIMD Q1**) refers to the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland , as measured by SIMD.
- SIMD Quintile 5 (often abbreviated to **SIMD Q5**) refers to the 20% least deprived areas, as measured by SIMD.

SIMD Deciles. Each local area in Scotland is classified as being within one of ten families, called SIMD deciles.

- SIMD Decile 1 refers to the 10% most deprived areas in Scotland , as measured by SIMD.
- SIMD Decile 10 refers to the 10% least deprived areas, as measured by SIMD.

SIMD Deciles 1 and 2 combined make up SIMD Quintile 1.

For the purposes of SIMD, Scotland is divided into 6,976 local areas, named datazones. These are designed to group together households with a similar social context.

The table below shows the 15 local areas within the Glenrothes Committee area that lie within SIMD Quintile 1.

Data_Zone	Name	Total population	Working age population	SIMD20 Rank	Fife Rank	SIMD Quintile	SIMD decile
S01009557	Macedonia North	597	370	372	16	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009598	Collydean North	629	399	456	20	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009560	Tanshall Central	663	418	568	27	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009600	Cadham	585	347	577	28	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009597	Collydean South	823	518	610	30	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009571	Auchmuty North West	677	463	627	32	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009559	Macedonia West	809	506	642	34	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009572	Auchmuty West	991	624	667	37	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 1
S01009573	Auchmuty East	724	453	845	54	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009558	Macedonia East	657	399	847	55	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009556	Tanshall West	698	459	967	69	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009547	Strathore	786	499	987	70	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009561	Tanshall East	680	387	1030	74	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009605	Balfarg	750	463	1223	86	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2
S01009553	Leslie West	895	565	1312	93	SIMD Q1	SIMD Decile 2

Further information regarding the SIMD profile of the Glenrothes area can be found in the Know Fife briefing: **SIMD 2020 Focus on Glenrothes** (see: https://know.fife.scot/data/assets/pdf_file/0029/177662/SIMD-2020v2-Focus-on-Glenrothes.pdf)

24^h May 2023

Agenda Item No. 9

Supporting the Glenrothes Local Community Plan – Area Budget Request – Thriving Places

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: Wards 13, 14 and 15

Purpose

This report is seeking funding for the 2022/23 financial year to support an increased Police resource in the Glenrothes Area for one year initially, following a rise in anti-social behaviour and violent crime. The funding amount requested is £47,178.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to

- (1) Agree the funding request as highlighted in this report to allow the additional Police resource, which will be key to a successful partnership approach, to be allocated to this priority issue.
- (2) Note Police Scotland will match fund this spend to create a team of two Police Officers dedicated to countering anti-social behaviour.

Resource Implications

It is proposed that the sum of £47,178 is covered by all three Ward budgets as follows:

Ward 13: £16,701

Ward 14: £17,220

Ward 15: £13, 257

It should be noted that the funding requested is a 50% match with Police Scotland funding to meet the full cost for this approach. It can be confirmed that this contribution has been secured.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from this report. All work will be coordinated by a steering group of partners and will comply with all necessary regulations.

All work will be risk assessed within standard operating frameworks.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

In March 2023 a special meeting was convened at Police Headquarters in Glenrothes to discuss the issue and potential solutions to the issue of anti-social behaviour and violent crime. This meeting was attended by all Elected Members, Police Scotland, and Fife Council. The possibility of dedicated Police Officers in the Area, funded solely to address this issue, was discussed.

The proposal from Police Scotland has been shared with all elected members for scrutiny and approval.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 This matter has been the subject of significant discussion at Community Councils, Councillor Surgeries and has attracted press coverage.
- 1.2 At the special meeting convened in March 2023, it was agreed that a new steering/strategy partnership would be formed to oversee the planning of work related to the mitigation of this issue. The partnership, 'Glenrothes Linked Together', will consist of senior managers from policing, local authority, third sector and community ambassadors.
- 1.3 The implementation of the 'GLT' model and the dedicated Police resource is based on the successful delivery of a similar model that has been running in the Levenmouth Area since 2019. Information on the background of the Levenmouth approach demonstrates success as outlined in the Levenmouth Area Committee Report, April 2023 (Background Papers)

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Glenrothes Linked Together will meet monthly to discuss a variety of community safety issues across the Glenrothes Area
- 2.2 GLT will be coordinated by Police Scotland, with managerial input from Fife Council Neighbourhoods and Communities, Safer Communities, Education, Housing Services and key Third Sector partners.
- 2.3 GLT will align local Policing priorities with the Glenrothes Community Planning structure. Key aims for the project will be:
 - Ensure Glenrothes Area is a safe place to live and work through the implementation and oversight of a plan that will outline priorities, guide resource deployment and seek to measure impact and improvement with relation to anti-social, violent and criminal activity.
 - Improve and strengthen partnership approaches
 - Increase public confidence and sense of wellbeing and safety
 - Improve engagement with communities across the area
 - Outline a coherent model that will combine Police intervention alongside early intervention through education and diversionary programmes.

- 2.4 Two full time equivalent Police Officers will be dedicated solely to tackling anti-social and violent crime. They will be responsible for monitoring anti-social behaviour, high visibility in key areas, engagement of local licensed premises and businesses and support public transport hubs. They will form part of the strategic partnership.
- 2.5 The dedicated officers will be tasked and managed by the local Community Sergeant and accountable to the Glenrothes Linked Together partnership.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 This approach aligns with key Improvement Focus' within the Glenrothes Area Local Community Plan, in particular the commitment to demonstrate clear links and joint planning between services. The approach is a key priority within the local Policing plan.

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973: -

- [Agenda for Levenmouth Area Committee 5th April 2023 \(fife.gov.uk\)](https://www.fife.gov.uk/agenda-for-levenmouth-area-committee-5th-april-2023)

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Agenda Item No. 10

Supporting the Glenrothes Local Community Plan – Area Budget Request – CLD Summer Programme

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: Wards 13, 14 and 15

Purpose

This report details an application from the Glenrothes Area Community Learning & Development Team seeking £26,420 of funding to support CLD led activity for children, young people, and families during the summer break.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Agree that £26,420 is allocated from the Local Community Planning Budget to support this CLD led activity.
- (2) Note that this CLD led activity will form part of a wider summer partnership programme.

Resource Implications

The Glenrothes LCP has sufficient funding available from the 2023/24 budget allocation.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from this report. All work will be coordinated by a steering group of partners and will comply with all necessary regulations.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

Consultation has taken place with young people that currently attend existing Youth Work programmes.

Partners have met to plan an Area wide approach and have agreed to signpost into and support this CLD programme (Appendix 1)

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Youth Work Provision provided by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Service is funded on a term time basis covering 40 weeks per year. Historically additional funding from the Local Community Planning Budget has supported school holiday activity.
- 1.2 The Glenrothes Area CLD Team have designed a programme of activity that considers staff capacity, requests from young people, and partner provision.
- 1.3 A similar CLD programme facilitated last summer demonstrated positive impact on outcomes for young people, children and families who participated in the programme.

2.0 Project Proposal

- 2.1 Weekly free family events, '**Summer in the Park**', will be led by CLD alongside partners including Active Schools, Home Start, Glenrothes Family Support Service. A range of activities will be provided at Riverside Park that hope to engage up to 50 families per session.
- 2.2 The **SHAPE** (Summer Holiday Activity Programme Experience) for vulnerable children from Auchmuty/Warout area - based in the Lomond Centre 3 day a week Playscheme - with teenage volunteers, local parents, and Auchmuty Tenants Association - overseen by CLD staff, includes a wide range of activities and a lunch for children.
- 2.3 **Youth XL** will provide a range of diversionary, creative, and fun activity for young people at the Exit Centre for four weeks, and the Lomond Centre for six weeks, on Fridays.
- 2.4 **Active Youth** will provide, in partnership with Glenrothes Strollers, a range of physical activities, indoors and outdoors, at the Exit and Lomond Centres each Wednesday.
- 2.5 **Youth Inclusion** - a weekly meet up supporting young LGBTQI people at the Lomond Centre.
- 2.6 **Biking & Outdoor Activities** – weekly daytime and evening outdoor activities, three times per day, one day per week for six weeks.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The summer holiday period can be a challenging time for many children, young people, and families in the Glenrothes Area. This programme will allow the Glenrothes Area CLD Team to lead on a series of activities that will include experiential learning, fun activity, outdoor and indoor physical and adventure activity, family engagement and youth diversion.
- 3.2 Food provision at every activity, in partnership with Café Inc provision, will help ensure that fewer children and young people miss out on healthy and nutritious meals during this prolonged school break.
- 3.3 Planning and delivering this programme in partnership with Active Schools, Home Start, Glenrothes Family Work Team, and local community centre and hub provision, will help ensure a comprehensive and balanced summer provision that all children, young people and families across the Area can access.

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1. Summer 2023 CLD Plan

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Summer 2023 CLD Provision

Service/Team	Proposal	Food Provided/Linked to Café Inc. Y/N	Priority family group/s targeted	Additional Funding Required
Glenrothes CLD Alison O'Brien	Summer in the Park – free family events every week throughout the summer holidays offering different opportunities and activities for families in the Glenrothes and surrounding areas 1-4pm each Wednesday (weather permitting)	Yes - 300 packed Lunches each Wednesday for 6 weeks Packed lunches to be delivered at 1.30pm	Target and encourage low-income families to participate in Summer in the Park	Staffing £2059.45 Materials £400 Hospitality £202.81 Entertainment £1837.74 Total Cost £4500
Glenrothes CLD Shirley Crawley	SHAPE – 5 days a week x 6 weeks (excluding public holidays) Summer Holiday Activity Programme targeted at vulnerable children/young people in the Glenrothes area identified by schools, social work, colleagues and community groups 10am-2pm. Includes staff hours for creative media element to whole CLD summer programme, drone footage, photos, training young people.	Yes - 70 Packed Lunches each day for 6 weeks delivered to Lomond Centre	Children identified as vulnerable and from low-income families.	£9250 staffing
Glenrothes CLD Shirley Crawley	Youth Diversion – Exit (4 weeks) and Lomond Centre Youth (6 Weeks) Hubs Friday evenings	No	Young people from disadvantaged and low-income families	£ 2500 Staffing
Glenrothes CLD Shirley Crawley	Indoor/Outdoor Activities - Exit (4 weeks) and Lomond Centre (6 weeks) Wednesday evenings linking in with Glenrothes Strollers activities	No	Young people from disadvantaged and low-income families	£ 1600 Staffing
Glenrothes CLD Shirley Crawley	Equalities Group (6 Weeks) – Lomond Centre	No	LGBTQI young people	£ 270 Staffing £100 Resources

Glenrothes CLD David Hewitt	Biking & Outdoor Activities - targeting young people identified by Education and Partner agencies as vulnerable at risk through holidays (Day & Evening sessions 10am – 3pm & 6pm – 9.30pm)	No	Young people from disadvantaged and low-income families	£3,000 staffing and £5,200 transport and Activities
Total				£26,603.22 required

Supporting the Plan 4 Glenrothes Area: Community Recovery Fund

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service

Wards Affected: 13,14,15

Purpose

To seek Committee approval to allocate funding from the Community Recovery Fund to support a range of proposals for the Glenrothes area. The total funding requested is £38,080 across 2 projects as follows:

- **Hope, Health and Happiness** - Brighter Futures Health Hub Project – **£14,300**
- **Community Kick About and Children's Activity Groups** - Glenrothes Community Sports and Health Hub - **£26,500** to cover project for 2 years.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to agree that £40,800 is allocated from the Community Recovery Fund for various Community Recovery Projects across the Glenrothes Area.

There are sufficient funds available in the Community Recovery Fund to support this proposal.

This would leave a balance of £1,183,482 unallocated of the Reform and Recovery budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications based on this report.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

There has been extensive consultation in the production of the Plan4Glenrothes Area.

Throughout 2022, there have been a series of officer meetings to review the existing plan and establish key priorities for Members consideration.

Monthly People and Place Leadership Group meetings were facilitated throughout the year up until November to support the review of the Plan for Glenrothes.

Elected Members attended a workshop in August 2022 focusing on one of the key priorities, 'Tackling Poverty in Glenrothes', that included briefings from key partners involved in the management and delivery of services aimed at tackling poverty related issues, such as welfare support, food and fuel crisis intervention.

A further Members workshop was facilitated in November on this theme, with the specific aim of discussing and seeking comment on potential projects that could be funded through the Community Recovery Fund focusing on the recovery priorities. This includes work that promotes learning, resilience building and being included in the community.

A Members workshop was facilitated in May 2023 to discuss Community Recovery Fund draft proposals. At this workshop, the two proposals outlined in this report were discussed and reviewed.

Consultation with community groups and individuals throughout 2022 helped shape and gather support for the four key themes identified within the Plan.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On 25th August 2022, the Cabinet Committee agreed to allocate £10 million of revenue balances as a Community Recovery Fund. Further to this, the subsequent Cabinet Committee meeting on 22nd September approved the 'Help with Cost of Living: Extending Community Support' report which set out a general approach and criteria for the Fund, including the allocation of £9m across the seven Area Committees. Glenrothes Area has received an allocation of £1.303m as part of this allocation.
- 1.2 The specific criterion for the fund is as follows.
 - Projects should link to Local Community Plan priorities.
 - Projects should take account of Plan for Fife recovery priorities (Community Wealth Building, Tackling Poverty, Economic Recovery, Climate)
 - Projects should provide assessment of benefit to ensure no unintended consequences.
- 1.3 The Community Recovery Fund is available over a two-year period; therefore, it does not need to be fully committed immediately.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 At two members workshop held on Wednesday 5th May and Thursday 6th May, a range of projects were discussed, and members agreed for these to be brought to today's meeting.
- 2.2 **"Hope, Health and Happiness"** is a project from Brighter Futures Health Hub that aims to offer early intervention and prevention strategies to minimise the prevalence and severity of health inequalities. This initiative
- 2.3 **Community Kick About and Children's Activity Groups** at Glenrothes Community Sports and Health Hub. Several no cost activities for young people that promote a sense of community belonging, opportunities to learn new skills, increase physical activity and build on relationships with peers.

- 2.4 An agreed timetable of monitoring and reporting on the progress and impact of these proposals, within the context of the Community Recovery Fund outcomes, will be agreed with members prior to Area Committee this August.
- 2.5 Officers from the Communities and Neighbourhoods Service will work with successful Recovery Fund applicants over the duration of each project to ensure sustainability and legacy is prioritised and clearly outlined within project planning and reporting.
- 2.6 Approval of this funding request will allow projects to run over a two-year period.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 This proposal meets the broad criteria for the Community Recovery funding. It also contributes to the 'Plan 4 Fife 2021-2024' and 'Glenrothes Area Local Community Plan' themes, specifically 'Develop and Support Community Leadership' and 'Supporting Positive Mental Wellbeing'.
- 3.2 Both projects have been discussed with members via a workshop process and as a result have been accepted as meeting the general requirements for support via the Community Recovery Fund.

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None.

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973: -

Not applicable.

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Agenda Item No. 12

Glenrothes Area Committee Workplan

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services

Wards Affected: 13, 14, 15

Purpose

This report supports the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Committee review the workplan and that members come forward with suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any of the reports.

Resource Implications

Committee should consider the resource implication for Council staff of any request for future reports.

Legal & Risk Implications

Committee should consider seeking inclusion of future items on the workplan by prioritising those which have the biggest impact and those which seek to deal with the highest level of risk.

Impact Assessment

None required for this paper.

Consultation

The purpose of the paper is to support the Committee's discussion and therefore no consultation is necessary.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Each Area Committee operates a workplan which contains items which fall under three broad headings: items for decision, supporting the Local Community Plan and Scrutiny/Monitoring. These items will often lead to reactive rather than proactive scrutiny. Discussion on the workplan agenda item will afford members the opportunity to shape, as a committee, the agenda with future items of business it wishes to review in more detail.

2.0 Conclusions

- 2.1 The current workplan is included as Appendix one and should be reviewed by the committee to help inform scrutiny activity.

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1. Workplan

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

None

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Glenrothes Area Committee 30 August 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Safer Communities Team Update Report	Housing Services	Dawn Jamieson, Brian Westwater	Previous update 02.11.22. Deferred – for further information.
Delivery of the Environmental Vandalism Strategy in the Glenrothes Area	Protective Services	Nigel Kerr	GAC Meeting 02.11.22, Para 20. (3) refers - delayed from 25.01.23 meeting. Draft report presented for 22.03.23 - deferred to next meeting, 24.05.23. Further deferred from 24.05.23 - likely to be x2 reports - (1) enforcement; (2) operational/removal.
Glenwood Regeneration Project	Housing Services		As advised by email from Norman Laird 12.04.23.
Glenrothes Area Local Community Plan 'Plan4Glenrothes' - progress report on delivery of the Plan	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Chris Mieztis	Plan previously considered at GAC meeting on 25.01.23.
Selling of Lock Ups - Glenrothes	Housing Services	Donna Christie, Joan Lamie	Added at the request of Service 24.04.23.
Common Good Funds - Annual Report	Communities	Sharon Douglas	Ashley Birrell email 25.11.22 refers - audit recommendation to include as a standing item to be reviewed for each meeting. Annual report asap after each financial year end.
Common Good Funds (standing item)	Communities	Norman Laird	Ashley Birrell email 25.11.22 refers - audit recommendation to include as a standing item to be reviewed for each meeting. Annual report asap after each financial year end.

Glenrothes Area Committee 30 August 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme			

Glenrothes Area Committee 4 October 2023			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Health & Social Care Locality Planning - Glenrothes	Health and Social Care	Jacquie Stringer-fc, Roy Lawrence	6-monthly update report. Previously presented 22.03.23 - Para 46 (1) and (2) of 2023.GAC.20 refers - <i>to include any outcomes and data broken down further into age range.</i>
Providing Fuel Poverty Support for the Glenrothes Area	Housing Services	Robert McGregor	Update report to include outcome of the Corporate Research Team's findings when data becomes available. Requested at meeting on 22.03.23 - Para. 45. (4) of 2023.GAC.19 refers.
Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme			

Glenrothes Area Committee 31 January 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme			

Glenrothes Area Committee 27 March 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme			

Glenrothes Area Committee 22 May 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme			

Unallocated			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Antisocial Behaviour Update	Housing Services	Dawn Jamieson, Brian Westwater	Update to include information relating to recent incidents in the Glenrothes area - as requested at GAC meeting on 22.03.23 - Para. Ref. 41. (1) of 2023.GAC.17 refers.
Antisocial Behaviour/Youth Diversion	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Norman Laird	To include a potential framework for engaging pupils from the Glenrothes High Schools, eg, participatory budgeting; civic matters (community involvement) - as requested at meeting on 22.03.23 - Para 48. (5) of 2023.GAC.20 refers.
Pupil Equity Fund	Education and Children's Services	Angela Logue, Zoe Thomson	
Area Housing Plan Update - Glenrothes	Housing Services	Charlotte Stitchell	Previously considered 01.12.21.

Unallocated			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Lock Up Programme, Glenrothes - Progress Report	Housing Services	Joan Lamie, Donna Christie	Previously considered 01.12.21.
Town Centre Masterplan - Glenrothes	Business and Employability	Andrew Walker, Ronnie Hair	Previously considered 24.03.21. Next update to include the Kingdom shopping centre and Rothesay House.
Riverside Park Improvement Plan 2020 - 2030: Update	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Kevin Okane	Previously considered 04.03.20. NB: Levelling up budget funding application has gone forward. To include schedule of works. Provide copy of SchofW to Convener/Depute Convener.
Area Capital Update Report	Finance and Corporate Services, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Eleanor Hodgson, Norman Laird	Previously considered 04.12.19.
Report of the Pupilwise & Parentwise Surveys	Education and Children's Services	Deborah Davidson	3-yearly surveys - due 2021. Previously considered 31.10.18. 2020/21 - due to COVID-19, Education unable to progress with surveys at this time. Update Jan '22 - surveys not yet undertaken.
30 mph Speed Limit on B9130 Markinch - Objections NOT set aside	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service, Assets, Transportation and Environment	Lesley Craig, Norman Laird	Objections to TRO not set aside at GAC on 01.12.21 - Para 245 refers. Committee agreed to consider a future report on alternatives following a charrette, eg, consulting with the community.

Unallocated			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Vacant/Derelict Land Fund - Glenrothes Area	Business and Employability	Ian Mccrory	Para 258 of GAC minute of meeting 2 February 2022 refers. Advised by Service to defer until SEPTEMBER 2022 at the earliest (to allow for the publication of the Fife Vacant and Derelict Land Report circa June/July which informs the Scotland-wide report).
Levelling Up Bid - Update	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Norman Laird	
Local Community Planning Budget/Devolved Budget/ Anti-poverty Funding/ Capital Fund	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Norman Laird	
On-Street Car Parking	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Lesley Craig	
Maintenance of Community Assets in the Glenrothes Area	Assets, Transportation and Environment	Alan Paul	GAC 7 September 2022 Para 10 (2) refers.
Flood Study - Summary Findings	Roads & Transportation	Rick Haynes	Report on flooding and gully cleaning previously considered at GAC meeting on 25.01.23.
Antisocial Behaviour - update	Safer Communities	Dawn Jamieson	Convener/Depute Convener to discuss and confirm requirement of future update reports and their frequency - as intimated at the GAC meeting on 25.01.23.

24 May 2023

Agenda Item No. 13

PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Report by: Alan Paul, Senior Manager – Property Services

Wards Affected: 13, 14 and 15

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Members of action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

Resource Implications

There are no resource implications arising from these transactions, as any expenditure is contained within the appropriate Service budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from these transactions.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA is not required and is not necessary for the following reasons: the items in this report do not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

All consultations have been carried out in relation to this report.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In dealing with the day to day business of the Council there are a number of matters relating to the purchase, disposal and leasing of property and of property rights. This report advises of those transactions dealt with under powers delegated to officials.

2.0 Transactions

2.1 Acquisitions

2.1.1 13 Lomond View, Glenrothes

Date of Acquisition: 17 March 2023

Price: £88,000

Seller: Elizabeth Nicolson

2.1.2 8 Buchanan Road, Glenrothes

Date of Acquisition: 10 March 2023

Price: £105,000

Seller: Anthony Gregory and Anne Marie Gregory

2.1.3 14 Ford Crescent, Thornton

Date of Acquisition: 17 March 2023

Price: £84,000

Seller: Kevin Russell

2.1.4 147 Alexander Road, Glenrothes

Date of Acquisition: 28 March 2023

Price: £49,400

Seller: Patricia Muir

2.1.5 121 Alexander Road, Glenrothes

Date of Acquisition: 15 August 2022

Price: £35,000

Seller: Ian McHardy (Deceased) c/o Rollos Law

2.2 Leases by the Council – New Leases

2.2.1 “Flower Kiosk” at Glenrothes Bus Station, Church Street, Glenrothes

Term: 15 years from 6 April 2022

Rent: £4,000 per annum

Tenant: Gillian Galbraith

2.2.2 “Sewing Kiosk” at Glenrothes Bus Station, Church Street, Glenrothes

Term: 15 years from 6 April 2022

Rent: £8,250 per annum

Tenant: Gillian Galbraith

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 These transactions are reported back in accordance with the List of Officers Powers.

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1. N/A

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:

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