

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy

6 June 2023

2pm to 3.30pm

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

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management North and Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South, Roads and Transportation Services; Paul Coleman, Safer Communities Team Manager and Suzanne Scobie, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Jackie Funnell, Education Manager and Neil McNeil, Headteacher, Balwearie High School, Education and Children's Services; and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Nicola Black, Police Scotland and Station Commander Michael Henderson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Julie MacDougall and David Ross.

49. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

50. MINUTE OF MEETING OF KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE OF 25 APRIL 2023

The committee considered the minute of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee meeting of 25 April 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

51. OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS - OVERTON COURT, KIRKCALDY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services detailing objections to a proposal to introduce a "No Waiting at Any Time" parking restriction in Overton Court, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

The committee agreed:

- (1) to set aside the outstanding nine objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO); and
- (2) to introduce the “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions in Overton Court, Kirkcaldy, as shown in drawing no. TRO22_56 (Appendix 1 of the report), to allow the order to be made and the restrictions put in place.

52. UPDATE ON EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL EXCLUSION ZONE: ST MARIE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS: MACINDOE CRESCENT AND BEATTY CRESCENT, KIRKCALDY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services providing members with an update on the experimental School Exclusion Zone for St. Marie's RC Primary School and requesting the committee consider a proposal to introduce parking restrictions in MacIndoe Crescent and Beatty Crescent, Kirkcaldy.

Decision

In the interests of road safety, the committee:

- (1) noted the contents of the report and that the Cabinet Committee would consider a future report towards the conclusion of the three trial School Exclusion Zones with an evaluation of their effectiveness and recommendations;
- (2) agreed to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce parking restrictions, as detailed in drawing no. TRO23_16 (Appendix 1 of the report), with all ancillary procedures; and
- (3) authorised officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there were objections.

53. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN KIRKCALDY AREA - 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

The committee considered a report by the Community Inspector, Kirkcaldy and Burntisland Ward Areas, Police Scotland providing members with information on matters impacting on or involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to community safety in the Kirkcaldy and Burntisland ward policing area.

Decision

The committee considered and commented on the update provided.

54. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - KIRKCALDY AREA ANNUAL UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Kirkcaldy Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing incident information for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The incident information enabled members to scrutinise the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Stirling - Clackmannanshire - Fife - Kirkcaldy Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Decision

The committee:

- (1) considered and commented on the progress across a range of KPIs detailed within the report; and
- (2) noted that a letter had been sent, on behalf of the Area Committee, to the Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the recent proposal to remove the height appliance from the Kirkcaldy Area and that the committee were awaiting a reply.

55. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing members with an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Kirkcaldy committee area during the twelve month period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee noted and commented on the activity detailed in the report.

56. SCHOOL ATTAINMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services providing members with details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021 to 2022. The report also provided an overview of the range of strategies being developed to support the key priority to raise attainment.

Decision

The committee noted:

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021 to 2022; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

57. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising members of action taken, using the List of Officer Powers, in relation to property transactions.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

58. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services supporting consideration of the workplan for future meetings of Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

Decision

The committee reviewed and noted the Kirkcaldy Area forward work programme.