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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE – INVERKEITHING – BLENDED MEETING

Meeting Room 6, Civic Centre, Inverkeithing

21 June 2023

9.30am – 12.30pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Barratt (Convener), Patrick Browne, Dave Dempsey, Graeme Downie, Brian Goodall, Andy Jackson, Sarah Neal, Sam Steele and Conner Young.

**ATTENDING:** Michael Collins, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Alastair Mutch, Community Manager (South and West Fife) and Mandy MacEwan, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Community Inspector Cheryl Young and Community Sergeant Barry Stewart, Police Scotland and Station Commander Craig Robertson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (for paras. 74, 75 and 76 only); and Christine McLean, Head of Cultural Heritage and Wellbeing, Fife Cultural Trust (for para. 77 only).

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Andrew Verrecchia.

#### 72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### 73. MINUTES

- (a) The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the South and West Fife Area Committee of 26 April 2023.

##### Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

Arising from the minute:-

- in relation to para. 61 - requested that an elected member briefing note be provided to members on the Maintenance of Private Land by Private Landowners;
- in relation to para. 66 – requested an update with regard to the workshop that was to be organised by the Education Service to analyse the attainment figures within secondary schools;
- in relation to para. 70 – noted that a workshop on flooding issues would take place following the committee meeting in September; and
- in relation to para. 71 – requested that an update be provided to members in relation to the bus mobility hub on the A985.

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- (b) The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 7 February 2023.

### **Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### **74. 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 South and West Fife committee area during the twelve month period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

#### **75. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA**

The committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, Police Scotland updating members on policing activity in the South and West Fife Area.

### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

#### **76. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022/23**

The committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Dunfermline Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on incident information for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Members were provided with an update on the recent announcement that the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service were proposing reductions in service appliances including fire engines and height appliances removed from across Fife and the impact this would have on the South and West Fife area.

### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.15am and reconvened at 11.25am.*

#### **77. ONFIFE UPDATE**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Creative Development, Fife Cultural Trust, providing an update on OnFife's service offer in the area, reviewing activity in the past six months and outlining plans in the coming year.

### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

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**78. COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service updating members on the activities of the Community Development Partnership provision offered to young people, children and families from April 2022 to March 2023.

**Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report

**79. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) wished to express their disappointment at the limited number of houses being bought back from within the South and West Fife Area in relation to the Council's Buy Back Scheme.

**80. SOUTH AND WEST FIFE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Services) supporting the committee's consideration of the Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the South and West Fife Area Committee Forward Work Programme 2023/24;
- (2) noted that Fife Coast and Countryside Trust would be submitting a report to the September meeting and that Fife Sports and Leisure Trust would be submitting a report to the December meeting, each providing an overview of their organisations' remit;
- (3) noted that a workshop would take place following the meeting in September on the Playpark Strategy; and
- (4) requested a report be submitted to the September meeting providing an update on the parking project at the Cairns, Charlestown.

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### 81. NOTICE OF MOTION - PARKING ATTENDANTS

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Sarah Neal, moved the following:-

"Committee

- notes
  - the considerable disruption and inconvenience that arises locally from traffic levels at locations which are particularly popular in good weather
  - the annoyance caused to residents by continuing examples of antisocial parking
  - the difficulty under present arrangements of deploying Parking Attendants to diverse locations at short notice
- considers that decentralising elements of that deployment to Area level has the potential to address these issues

asks for a report laying out the pros and cons of various degrees of decentralisation to help determine what (if any) comments and recommendations South and West Fife Area Committee might wish to submit to full Council".

#### **Decision**

The motion was unanimously agreed.

### 82. NOTICE OF MOTION - ROAD CONDITIONS - EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

In terms of Standing Order No. 8.1(1), the following Notice of Motion was submitted:-

Councillor Dave Dempsey, seconded by Councillor Conner Young, moved the following:-

"Committee is concerned about the reputational damage to Fife Council when an outside organisation digs up a newly resurfaced piece of road and recommends that the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee investigates this further".

#### **Decision**

The motion was unanimously agreed.