

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

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

20 June 2023

10.00am – 11.25am

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

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment; John Rodigan, Head of Environment & Building Services; John Mitchell, Head of Roads & Transportation Services, Bill Liddle, Service Manager (Roads Maintenance), Sara Wilson, Lead Consultant, Network Condition; Roads & Transportation Services; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services, Don Taylor, Lead Officer, Environmental Health (Public Protection), Protective Services; and Elizabeth Mair, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Councillor Jan Wincott (for para. 44 only)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Graeme Downie and Gavin Ellis.

42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

43. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 18 April 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

44. DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE BULKY UPLIFTS – FREE OF CHARGE SERVICE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment & Building Services providing an update on the performance of the bulky uplift service since charges were removed in April 2023.

Decision

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the unforeseen technology challenges in the project implementation phase;

- (2) noted that a stable and reliable service was now being provided; and
- (3) agreed that a briefing be provided to members in 6 months, with an update report to committee in 2024, a year after implementation of the new process.

45. ROAD MAINTENANCE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services providing an update on the Road Performance Report for financial year 2022/23.

Decision

The committee noted the report.

46. GULLEY EMPTYING AND ROAD DRAINAGE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads & Transportation Services providing an update on the current practices and programmes to deliver road drainage maintenance services.

Decision

The Committee noted the information provided on the current and proposed gulley emptying and road drainage services and the operation of a risk-based assessment process.

47. OPTIONS FOR TACKLING THE UNLICENSED BREEDING OF DOGS FOR SALE (UPDATE)

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing an update on progress since the implementation of The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (Scotland) Regulations 2021.

Decision

The committee noted the report.

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

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, attaching the workplan for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the workplan;
- (2) agreed that reports on the following subjects be brought forward for consideration at the meetings indicated –
 - (i) Fife wide strategy to deal with flash floods – November 2023 meeting;
 - (ii) presentation by Scottish Water on sewage overflows in Fife – September 2023 meeting; and

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- (3) agreed, following a request for an update report on dealing with any water shortages over the summer 2023 period, including success of back up plans, that discussions be held between Executive Directors to agree how best to take this forward as responsibility for this matter lay with the Communities Directorate.

CONVENER'S VALEDICTORY COMMENTS

The Convener advised that this was the last meeting of this committee that Ken Gourlay would attend as Lead Officer prior to taking up the post of Chief Executive Officer of the Council in July. Members joined her in expressing their appreciation of the efforts by Ken in supporting the work of the committee in this role.