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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

15 August, 2023

9.30am – 11.30am

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager and Lindsay Gilfillan, Project Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Sunil Varu, Economy Adviser (Town Centre Development), Business and Employability Services; Lynne Johnston, Area Housing Manager, Housing Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

79. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 22.

80. **MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 6 June 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

81. **LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - DUNFERMLINE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTRACT**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £25,000 from the Dunfermline area wide budget to commission Christmas lighting in Dunfermline city centre.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £25,000 from the Dunfermline area wide budget to commission Christmas lighting in Dunfermline city centre.

82. **LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - FIRE STATION CREATIVE FACADE RESTORATION**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £8,016 from the Dunfermline area wide budget to carry out necessary repairs to the Fire Station building in order to maintain public safety.

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Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £8,016 from the Dunfermline area wide budget to ensure necessary repairs are carried out on the Fire Station building.

83. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - BRANCHING OUT – WELLBEING THROUGH HERITAGE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking a contribution of £19,910 from the Dunfermline area wide budget to develop the innovative green health referral programme of woodland activities - Branching Out - for the Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £19,910 from the Dunfermline area wide budget to develop the Branching Out programme in Dunfermline.

84. PLAN 4 DUNFERMLINE - DUNFERMLINE AREA LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 2023 - 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service which provided members with an update on the Plan 4 Dunfermline - Dunfermline Area Local Community Plan 2023 to 2024 incorporating the recommendations from the City Conference.

Decision

The committee agreed that:-

- (1) a full proposal for the process to agree the 2023 – 2024 priorities for the Dunfermline Local Community Plan be submitted for approval at the next City of Dunfermline Area Committee in October, 2023;
- (2) the report on the findings of the City Centre Conference held in June, 2023 be amended to change the emphasis from being on smart cities to a wellbeing city; and
- (3) a workshop be arranged for members to provide further information on the concept of smart cities.

85. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE - 2023 TO 2026

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval for a revised area housing plan which set out area performance, service delivery and highlighted key housing issues.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the Dunfermline Area Housing Plan for 2023 – 2026; and
- (2) noted that an update on Touch Regeneration would be submitted to the next meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee in October, 2023.

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The meeting adjourned at 11.00am and reconvened at 11.10am.

Councillor Ellis left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

86. COMPLAINTS UPDATE - 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided an overview of complaints received relating to the City of Dunfermline Committee area for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the content of the report.

87. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The committee reviewed the City of Dunfermline Area Forward Work Programme 2023 – 2024 and agreed the following reports be added to the work programme:-

- Full proposal for the process to agree the 2023 – 2024 priorities for the Dunfermline Local Community Plan.
- Update on Touch Regeneration.