Levenmouth Area Committee

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



Wednesday 20 March, 2024 - 9.30 a.m.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

24 January, 2024 9.30 am – 12 noon

PRESENT: Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams,

David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Eugene Clarke, David Graham,

John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Peter Corbett, Lead Officer - Economy, Business and Employability

Services; Lesley Kenworthy, Finance Business Partner, Financial Services; Peter Nicol, Housing Manager, Housing Services; David

Paterson, Community Manager (Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO Alex Crovetti, CEO, Crovetti Associates; Audrey Irvine, Fife Heritage

ATTENDING: Railway, Duncan Mitchell, Chief Executive, FEAT and Inspector

Matthew Spencer, Police Scotland.

Prior to the start of business, the Convener intimated the intention to vary the sequence of items from that on the agenda to take item 7 (para 112), item 5 (para 113), item 8 (para 114), item 6 (para 115) and item 9 (para 116) consecutively.

109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

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

110. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 22 November 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

111. SILVERBURN FLAX MILL WORKS - VERBAL UPDATE REPORT

The committee noted an update on the regeneration of the Flax Mill Works. The construction phase started, as planned, in September 2023 and was on track for a completion date in March 2026.

Decision

The committee:-

(1) noted the update provided; and

(2) agreed to consider regular update reports during the project.

112. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST- ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR APPROACH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking agreement to amend the existing police provision and secure £48,165 to support the increased Police resource in the Levenmouth Area on a full-time 12 months of the year basis for the 2024/2025 financial years. The report also asked members to consider future funding of the continued Police resource for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 financial years.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed to fund £48,165 from Wards 21 and 22 LCPB (Local Community Planning Budgets) to cover the cost of the additional Police resource in the Levenmouth area for a full 12-month period from April 2024 to March 2025;
- (2) agreed in principle and subject to annual review that similar levels of funding would be available in the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27; and
- (3) noted that the agreement to fund this resource would allow the Police to provide a more consistent and coordinated approach through the creation of a team of two officers with a focus on anti-social behaviour work and other defined priorities.

Councillor Alistair Suttie joined the meeting during consideration of the above item.

113. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES (DECEMBER 2023)

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability providing members with an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the Levenmouth Area.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) considered the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data presented in the report; and
- (2) noted the ongoing economic challenges.

114. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH PLAN- PURCHASE OF ACCOMMODATION UNITS KIRKLAND YARD LEVEN

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking a contribution of up to £80,000 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the purchase of the Network Rail accommodation units at Kirkland Yard, Leven.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed a contribution of up to £80,000 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the total purchase cost of the accommodation units at Kirkland Yard Leven;
- (2) agreed that the decision to fund the proposal would require £100,000 of the Community Recovery Fund budget to be reallocated, changing the decision previously agreed at the 5 April 2023 Levenmouth Area Committee (para 2.4 page 168);
- (3) noted that interim advice had been received from Planning Services and there would be a change of use applied to allow the units to remain in situ on a permanent basis;
- (4) noted that Fife Heritage Railway would be the managing organisation for the facility;
- (5) noted the risk issues raised in terms of planning permission, and the longer-term sustainability of the units as a community hub; and
- (6) noted that a separate application for funding would also be lodged with the Levenmouth Reconnected Fund.

115. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE 2023

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing a progress update on the Levenmouth Area Housing Plan outcomes for the period January 2023 – December 2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) considered the content of the report;
- (2) discussed the progress made with the plan and its outcomes; and
- (3) agreed to support any proposed changes to the Area Housing Plan.

116. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising of the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the Levenmouth Area, along with relevant fund activities for the financial year 2022-2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good funds and Trust funds; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trusts funds to suitable projects, including the amalgamation of individual trusts and where appropriate the dissolution of individual trusts including transferring the funds to suitable 3rd party organisations who provide similar support to local priorities.

117. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

118. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the future workplan for the Levenmouth Area Committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Committee forward work programme; and
- (2) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the Committee.



20 March 2024 Agenda Item No 4

Area Roads Programme 2024-25

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

Wards Affected: 21 & 22

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to identify the projects which are proposed for inclusion in the 2024-25 Area Roads Programme for the Levenmouth area.

Recommendation(s)

Committee is asked to:

- (1) approve the report and appendices 1-3;
- (2) delegate authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme develops, in consultation with the Area Convener and Vice-Convener; and
- (3) note Appendices 4 & 5.

Resource Implications

The Area Roads Programme is funded from Capital and some ring-fenced budgets. Programmes of work will be adjusted, if required, to ensure that expenditure remains within the Service budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no known legal implications. There is a risk that if capital budgets require to be reduced, we will be unable to deliver all the Area Roads Programme priorities.

Impact Assessment

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

Consultation

Committee has been consulted through meetings with Members in the development of the lists of projects.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The operation, management and maintenance of a safe and efficient transportation network has a major impact on the Fife economy and the quality of life of residents. Delivering transportation projects at local level underpins the priorities of the Fife Council Plan. Roads & Transportation Services has a key supporting role in relation to promoting a sustainable society, improving quality of life in local communities and growing a vibrant economy. Roads and Transportation Services also provides support to activities which are part of reforming Fife's public services.
- 1.2 It is important to distinguish between reactive and planned maintenance works on carriageways and footways. Reactive maintenance has its own budget and refers to the need to repair defects considered to be potentially dangerous or to constitute a considerable inconvenience to road users. These tend to be individual potholes. Planned works are those which can be addressed over a longer period and range from limited areas of patching to full width re-surfacing over longer lengths of road. The Area Roads Programme (ARP) covers full-width re-surfacing and has its own capital budget which is devolved to area committees.
- 1.3 The programme has been developed through the assessment and prioritisation of schemes identified by the processes below which follow the guidance identified in Table 5 of the Scheme of Decentralisation and Area Budgets approved by the Executive Committee on 17 November 2015: -
 - Feedback from meetings with Elected Members,
 - Scheduled inspections, technical surveys, assessments and interrogation of maintenance management systems,
 - Local Area Transport Plans,
 - Suggestions received from Elected Members, Community Councils and the public.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 1st February 2018 the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning & Transportation Committee approved a methodology for allocating devolved budgets (2018, ETSP&T, 13 para 24 refers). The methodology can be summarised as follows: -
 - The Area Committees determine local priorities for carriageway projects based on an Area Committee budget allocation commensurate with the Road Condition Index, as reported annually to the ETSP&T Committee,
 - Local priorities for footway projects are decided based on an Area Committee budget allocation commensurate with the proportion of urban mileage,
 - The remaining Road Safety & Traffic Management budget is allocated to local priorities based on and Area Committee budget commensurate with population numbers.
 - The foregoing is managed and reported via the relevant Area Roads Programme.

1.5 The current capital plan indicates that the carriageway capital budget of £9.73m in 2024/25 will reduce to £5.02m in 2025/26 and then averages out at £6.1m annually thereafter. The footway budget in 2024/25 is £1.68M reducing to £1.4m in 2025/26 and then averages at £1.72m thereafter.

For the Levenmouth area, the budgets for 2024-25 are as shown below: -

Devolved Budget	2024/25 Allocation
Carriageways	£787k
Footways	£174k
Road Safety & Traffic Management	£199k

1.6 The level of capital resource allocated for carriageways and footways is concerning for future road condition. However, the Council reviews the Capital Plan every two years so there will be opportunities to consider additional investment going forward.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Appendices 1-3 provide a detailed list of the proposed Area Roads Programme projects for budgets devolved to area committee. Category 1 schemes are committed to the programme dependent on available funding. Category 2 schemes will be promoted into the programme should any of the Category 1 schemes need to be deferred or additional funding becomes available.
- 2.2 An on-line system is in place to show how the carriageways and footways programme is progressing throughout the year. Link to webpage Area Roads Programme
- 2.3 Appendices 4 and 5 provide information on the proposed Street Lighting works and Bridges and Structures works. These budgets are not devolved to area committees, but the works locations are provided for information.

3.0 Conclusions

3.1 The attached appendices contain the proposed 2024/25 Area Roads Programme for the Levenmouth area. The type of works, work location and provisional estimates are provided for each project.

List of Appendices

- 1. Carriageway Schemes
- 2. Footway Schemes
- 3. Traffic Management & Road Safety
- 4. Street Lighting
- 5. Bridges & Structures

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Levenmouth Area Committee Carriageway Scheme List for 2024-25

CAT1	Proposed for approval by Committee for delivery in 2024/25
CAT 2	Proposed for approval by Committee as 'reserve' schemes which may be promoted to Cat1 if funding
CALZ	becomes available

2024-25 Budget Share	£787,409

Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Estimate	Cumulative Total	Cat
1 ')') 1	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Rural Road	B930 Percival Road Ph 2	Development Site to A955	£ 176,898	£ 176,898	1
1 フン 1	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Methil	Kirkland Walk	West of Sycamore Avenue to Methil Brae	£ 188,136	£ 365,034	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Methil	B932 Sea Road Northbound	B931 Wellesley Road to Sea Road South R/A	£ 71,637	£ 436,671	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	A915 Scoonie R/A	including approaches and exits	£ 65,216	£ 501,887	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Windygates	U041 Milton Road/ A916 Kennoway Road	West of Johnston Terrace to Fernhill View	£ 164,609	£ 666,496	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Upper Largo	A915/A917 Main street	North Feus East to Joint on the A917	£ 211,341	£ 877,837	1
1 // 1	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Methil	Den Walk	Rannoch Road East to Methil Brae	£ 86,029	£ 963,866	2
1 // 1	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	East Wemyss	A955 Main Road	Cemetry Entrance to East Gateway	£ 303,937	£ 1,267,803	2
1 フン 1	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Methil	A955 Methilhaven Road	from property no. 265 to surface joint at footway to Den Walk	£ 292,480	£ 1,560,283	2
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	B933 Riverside Road	2 No R/As and Approaches and Riverside Road	£ 246,008	£ 1,806,291	2

Levenmouth Area Committee Footway Scheme List for 2024-25

CAT1	Proposed for approval by Committee for delivery in 2024/25
CAT 2	Proposed for approval by Committee as 'reserve' schemes which may be promoted to Cat1
CATZ	if funding becomes available

2024-25 Budget Share	£174,923
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Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate		nate Cumulative		Cat
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Hawthorn Street Ph2	Full length. South side.	Footway	£	39,989	£	39,989	cf
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Anderson Street	o/s no. 1 & o/s no's 10-34	Footway	£	15,707	£	55,696	cf
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Robertson Avenue	Full length (Both Sides)	Combined Footway & Lighting	£	10,000	£	65,696	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil & Wemyss Villages	Methil	A955 Methilhaven Road	From Care Village entrance to Property No 246	Footway	£	27,636	£	93,332	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Scoonie Rd/ Windygates Road	Property No 2 Windygates Rd to Letham Avenue on Scoonie Road	Footway	£	33,881	£	127,213	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil & Wemyss Villages	Various	Various	Thin Surfacing Programme - Sites to be determined	Footway	£	30,000	£	157,213	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Various	Various	Thin Surfacing Programme - Sites to be determined	Footway	£	30,000	£	187,213	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Beech Park Phase 3	Inner loop	Footway	£	60,061	£	247,274	2
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Gladstone Street	Full length	Footway	£	64,394	£	311,668	2
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Sillerhole Road Phase 1 of 2	Full length (west side)	Combined Footway & Lighting	£	42,439	£	354,107	2

Levenmouth Area Committee Proposed Road Safety & Traffic Management Scheme List for 2024/25

CF	Carried forward from 2023/24
CAT 1	Proposed for approval by Committee for delivery in 2024/25

2024-25 Budget Share	£85,850
2023/24 Carry Forward	114,000
Available 2024/25 Budget	199,850

Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate	Cumulative total	Category
22	Buckhaven, Methil & Wemyss Villages	Buckhaven	Methilhaven Road	at Muiredge GP	Convert pedestrian refuge to puffin crossing (realign kerbing on north side)	£ 45,000	£ 45,000	CF
22	Buckhaven, Methil & Wemyss Villages	Buckhaven	Wellesley Road	East of Sandwell Street	Upgrade Zebra to Puffin Crossing	£ 40,000	£ 85,000	CF
22	Buckhaven, Methil & Wemyss Villages	Methil	Kirkland Gardens	East roundabout	Remove raised roundabout	£ 40,000	£ 125,000	CF
22	Buckhaven, Methil & Wemyss Villages	Methil	Kirkland Gardens	West roundabout	Remove raised roundabout	£ 45,000	£ 170,000	1
21	Leven, Kennoway & Largo	Kennoway	Denhead	Speed Reduction Measures	Speed Reduction Measures	£ 12,000	£ 182,000	1

APPENDIX 4

Levenmouth Committee Area Lighting Scheme List 2024-25

CF	Carried forward from 2023/24
CAT1	For delivery in 2024-25

Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Street Location Scheme Type Estimate		Estimate	Cumulative total	Category
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Kennoway	Cupar Road		Lighting	£ 58,800	£ 58,800	CF
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Robertson Avenue		Combined Lighting & Footway	£ 39,000	£ 97,800	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Windygates	A915 Standing Stane Road Ph2	Columns 33-69	Lighting	£ 126,000	£ 223,800	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Methil	Mullberry Cres, Oakvale Rd, Bourtree Bank, Larchfield		Lighting	£ 36,000	£ 259,800	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Buckhaven	Brown Street, Chapel St, Erskine St		Lighting	£ 36,000	£ 295,800	1
21	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Leven	Shepherd Ave. Shepherd Cres, Graham Ave & Graham Cres		Lighting	£ 48,000	£ 343,800	1
22	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Buckhaven	Lawrence Court, Factory Rd area		Lighting	£ 63,000	£ 406,800	1

Levenmouth Area Committee Proposed Bridges & Structures Scheme List for 2024/25

CAT 1 For delivery iii 2024-25	CAT 1	For delivery in 2024-25
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Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate	Cumulative total	Category
21	Leven, Kennoway and				Principal			4
21	Largo	Windygates	Station Road	Cameron Railway Bridge	Inspection/Assessment	£64,000	£64,000	ı
21	Leven, Kennoway and				Retaining Wall Stabilisation			1
21	Largo	Lower Largo	Harbour Wynd	Seaton Place to Drummochty Road	(Advance Utility Works)	£70,000	£134,000	'
21	Leven, Kennoway and				Active Travel Bridge		•	1
21	Largo	Leven	n/a	Land South of Rosemount Grove	Construction	£5,800,000	£5,934,000	ı

Levenmouth Area Committee

20 March 2024

Agenda Item No.5



Housing Services Grey Areas – Proposed Roads Adoptions

Report by: John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

Wards Affected: 21

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek committee approval to promote the adoption of a section of carriageway and footpath at Swards Place, Kennoway.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that committee agree to the promotion of the adoption under Section 1 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

Resource Implications

The management and maintenance of the areas proposed for adoption would be met from existing budget allocations.

Legal and Risk Implications

Should the road adoptions not be promoted, the areas would remain as 'grey areas' with no formal inspection regime.

Impact Assessment

No impact assessments are required as the proposal is in line with the previously approved 'grey areas' policy.

Consultation

The adoption will be promoted under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 with notification to frontagers and a legal notice in the local newspaper with a 28-day objection period.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following on from a report to Environment, Enterprise and Transportation Committee on 29 May 2008 (2008.E.E.T.C.71 Item 122 refers), the Council are in the process of improving Housing Services roads and footpaths to a standard allowing them to be adopted and thereafter managed and maintained by Assets, Transportation and Environment.
- 1.2 Since 2008/09 Housing Services have committed around £3m to address their 'grey area' issues.
- 1.3 At the end of the project it was anticipated that the vast majority of roads and footpaths currently in Housing Services' control will become adopted. Those remaining as not adopted will in the main be unsurfaced roads, garage courts or other areas with limited access.
- 1.4 A report was submitted to Levenmouth Area Committee on the 28th November 2018 (2018.L.A. C. Item 8 refers) seeking approval to promote the adoption of various areas in Buckhaven, East Wemyss, Kennoway, Leven, Methil and Methilhill. This was approved and the areas were formally adopted thereafter.
- 1.5 The proposed carriageway sections were not included in the 2018 report as our records showed that these areas sited garages and a grassed area. The garages have however been demolished and the grass area removed to extend the parking provision, which have been carried out to an adoptable standard. The remote footpath section has also been brought up to an adoptable standard.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Residents have raised formal complaints to Housing Services regarding parking issues in the area. The provision of white line bay marking will help alleviate this.
- 2.2 Adopting these grey areas will allow Roads and Transportation Services to effectively manage any parking issues and maintain these assets in the future.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 The proposed road adoptions are necessary to ensure their effective management and maintenance in future years.

List of Appendices

- Road Adoption Order
- 2. Drawing No. SM/RA/2023: The Fife Council (Swards Place, Kennoway)

Background Papers

None

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TOWN/VILLAGE: KENNOWAY

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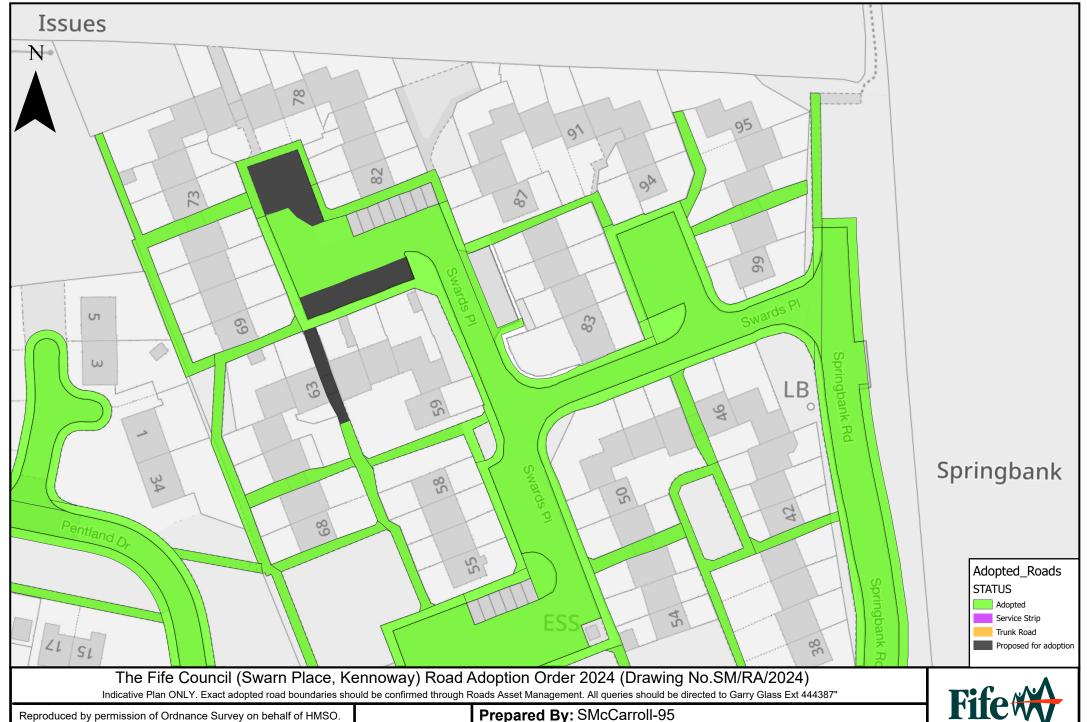
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LOCATION	EXTENT/COMMENTS	INSPECTION HIERARCHY	LENGTH
SWARDS PLACE	From previous adoption to termination at 2 car parking areas.	C/Way 5	42m
SWARDS PLACE FOOTPATH	From Swards Place North of 63 to existing footpath South of 63.	F/Path 5	22m

SIGNED:

DATE: 15/02/2024

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20 March 2024

Agenda Item No.6



Buckhaven and Methil – 20mph speed limits

Report by: John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

Wards Affected: Ward 22 - Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to allow the Levenmouth Area Committee to consider proposals to lower the current 30mph speed limit on roads throughout Buckhaven and Methil to a new 20mph speed limit.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended, in the interests of traffic management and road safety, that committee:

- (1) agrees to the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce the 20mph speed limits detailed in drawing TRO24_01 with all ancillary procedures; and
- (2) authorises officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there are objections.

Resource Implications

The cost to formally promote this Traffic Regulation Order and deliver the associated traffic management works will be approximately £45,000 which covers Roads and Transportation Services' and Legal Services' staff costs, advertising, and delivery of the new infrastructure. This will be met by Transport Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government.

Legal and Risk Implications

There are no known legal or risk implications.

Impact Assessment

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

Consultation

The local Ward Councillors, Police Scotland, Methil Community Council and Buckhaven and Denbeath Community Council are aware.

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 at www.fife.gov.uk.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Fife Council has been promoting mandatory 20mph zones in residential areas since 2003. The ongoing promotion of 20mph zones in residential areas was later reiterated in the Central Area Transport Plan 2005 2010 (05CAS102.232 refers), the Road Safety Action Plan for Fife 2012 2015, and the Fife Council ATE Engineering Road Safety Plan 2016-2020.
- 1.2 The Scottish Government is committed to working with local authorities to reduce the speed limit in our towns, cities and villages to 20 mph, by the end of 2025, to help make these roads safer for all road users.
- 1.3 At present, all residential areas in Buckhaven and Methil are already 20mph.

 The A-class roads, some B-class, and roads within industrial estates remain at 30mph.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Representations have been made by elected members in Levenmouth to lower remaining 30mph speed limits in Buckhaven and Methil to 20mph. This is in line with the Scottish Government's National Strategy for 20mph speed limits.
- 2.2 The new 20mph speed limit is also intended to support active travel schemes being developed as part of the Levenmouth connectivity Project.
- 2.3 The existing part-time 20mph speed limit serving Levenmouth Academy on Methilhaven Road will be revoked and the electronic signs removed.
- 2.4 No vertical speed reduction measures are proposed alongside the speed limit reduction. However, speeds will be monitored and evaluated and where a level of compliance is not being met, wider speed management measures can be considered on roads where evidence suggests these would be beneficial to manage speeds, improve safety, and encourage active travel.

3.0 Conclusions

3.1 It is considered, in the interests of traffic management and road safety, that a 20mph speed limit is promoted to lower speeds as detailed on plan TRO24/01.

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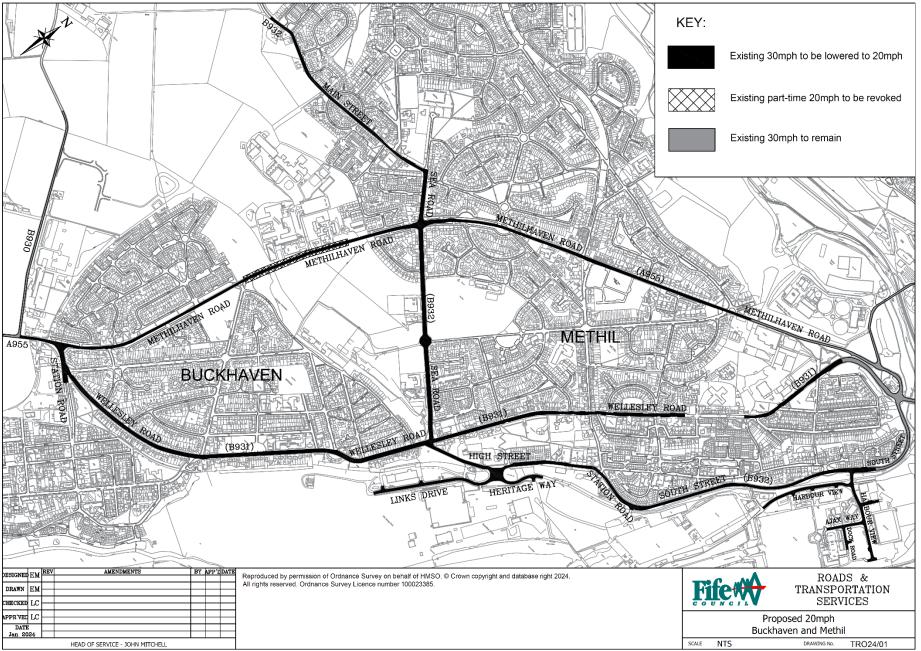
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Appendix 1



20 March 2024

Agenda Item No.7



Health and Social Care Locality Planning - Levenmouth

Report by: Lynne Garvey, Head of Integrated Community Care Services, Health and Social Care Services

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Wards Affected: Ward Nos. 21 and 22

Purpose

The purpose of this progress report is to provide the Area Committee with an overview of the Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) Locality Planning Outcomes for Levenmouth during 2023.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree that the Health and Social Care Partnership will provide an Annual Report to the committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners.

Resource Implications

There are no specific Resource Implications

Legal and Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from this report. All working groups for the Key Priorities within the Levenmouth Locality Action Plan 2023 have a risk register, regularly reviewed by the working groups.

Impact Assessment

An equality (EqIA) Impact Assessment is not required as this is a progress report on the performance of Locality Planning in 2023.

Consultation

Quarterly H&SCP Locality Meetings have been facilitated throughout the year. The wider stakeholder event took place in November which informs priorities for 2024.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The locality priorities and action plan will deliver on the range of local and national outcomes set in legislation, policy, and strategies. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) puts in place the legislative framework to integrate health and social care services in Scotland. Section 29(3)9a) of the Act requires integration authorities to work within localities and in Fife we have established seven locality groups which are aligned to the Fife Council local area committees.
- 1.1.2 Integration is about ensuring those who access health and social care services get the right care and support whatever their needs, at the right time and in the right place with a locality focus on community based preventive care. This report highlights areas of work to improve the support for people living in Fife, within Levenmouth Locality.
- 1.1.3 Localities seek to deliver positive health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Fife. The overarching goals of localities are to:
 - promote healthy lifestyle choices and self-management of long-term conditions.
 - support people to live healthy well independent lives while living in their own home for as long as possible.
 - reducing the number of avoidable emergency admissions to hospital and minimise the time people are delayed in hospital.
 - efficiently and effectively manage resources available to deliver Best Value.
 - support staff to continuously improve information and support and care that they deliver.
 - support unpaid carers, to reduce the impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing.
- 1.1.4 The Levenmouth Wider Stakeholder Event held in November 2022 identified the key priorities for each locality for 2023. Key priorities were then developed into a Locality Action Plan. Each Key priority outcome was aligned to one or more of the Integrated Joint Board Priorities:
 - **Local** A Fife where we will enable people and communities to thrive.
 - Sustainable A Fife where we will ensure services are inclusive and viable.
 - Wellbeing A Fife where we will support early intervention and prevention.
 - Outcomes A Fife where we will promote dignity, equality and independence.
 - **Integration** A Fife where we will strengthen collaboration and encourage continuous improvement.
- 1.1.5 The Levenmouth Locality Action Plan is aligned with the HSCP Strategic Plan 2023-2026, Plan4Fife and NHS Fife Population Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 1.1.6 The Levenmouth Locality Action Plans has identified outcomes, to ensure meaningful improvement is demonstrated and delivered timeously.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Following the stakeholder event in 2022, the Levenmouth Locality Group agreed to focus on the priorities below to take forward in 2023. The areas were identified following analysis of data from the Levenmouth area which ensured our priorities were informed by data intelligence:
 - Supporting Positive Mental Wellbeing
 - Supporting Unpaid Carers
 - Home First
- 2.2 Supporting Positive Mental Wellbeing Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care and Community Settings Coproduction
- 2.2.1 The Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care and Community Settings (MHWPCCS) Coproduction Group was established in 2023. The MHWPCCS group used a coproduction approach which places service users and communities at the heart of design and planning. The coproduction activity, led by the MHWPCCS project team (comprising representatives from services, equalities officer and members of the Lived Experience team), co-created and implemented a year one coproduction engagement plan in 3 priority localities Cowdenbeath, Levenmouth and North East Fife identified through SIMD and rural deprivation data. Roll out to the remaining 4 localities is planned in year two. In keeping with the project's ambitions, coproduction activity was shaped intentionally to establish the relationships and conditions necessary to enable authentic and non-judgemental participation conducive to eliciting values and insights from experience and informing an ongoing process of learning. Year one coproduction activity was set out in four phases:
 - Jan Mar 2023: Create conditions for coproduction work
 - Phase 1 Apr Jun 2023: Discovery Phase
 - Phase 2 Jul 2023 Feb 2024: Define Phase (In Jan 2024 the group were given an extension on the engagement process which changed the timescales refer 2.2.4)
 - Phase 3 Feb Jun 2024: Development Phase
 - Phase 4 Jun 2024 ongoing: Delivery Phase
- 2.2.2 The MHWPCCS reported progress updates at each phase to the Levenmouth Locality Planning Core Group throughout 2023. The outcome for the MHWPCCS Coproduction Group was to engage and design with people who use, deliver and plan services in equal partnership to deliver change.
- 2.2.3 In June 2023, a Local Engagement Group was established with additional members from the 3rd sector, voluntary organisations, and Health Improvement Scotland (HIS). It was essential that all engagement activities were co-produced to ensure accessibility, appropriateness, and maximum reach through community relationships.
- 2.2.4 In January 2024 the group were given an extension on the engagement process. The timescales changed as a response to have greater engagement reach and a broader range of representation. This meant that there was extra time to build relationships with underrepresented groups and more lived experience. The engagement that was completed took place in the three localities North East Fife, Levenmouth and Cowdenbeath For those who were unable to participate in a group discussion or did not want to complete the questionnaire, one-on-one interviews were undertaken with the

- same questions as other engagement methods. Over 460 people took part in the engagement with 114 people reached from the Levenmouth locality.
- 2.2.5 Following the completion of the engagement an in-depth analysis of responses was conducted identifying nine overarching themes. This report and findings were presented to the MHWPCCS Project Board in January 2024 for approval to continue to next phase, where the coproduction team will dedicate their efforts to uncovering valuable insights and emerging themes from the conversations that have been held so far. The team will be able to prioritise insights and develop opportunity statements which will serve as the foundation of engagement for Phase 3. The goal of this phase is to generate innovative ideas for change by leveraging these opportunity statements and collaboratively working with Levenmouth Locality Core Group to identify opportunities within Levenmouth to support the MHWPCCS Coproduction Team.

2.3 **Public Health Policing Approach**

- 2.3.1 Following the Locality Planning Group meeting a Working Group was established in June 2022 to address the number of non-criminal (mental health related) calls being received by the Police Scotland over the weekend. The working group undertook research, gathered data from a variety of sources to inform the best approach to support people in the community who require immediate assistance due to a mental health crisis. Evidence from the Mental Health Triage Car in Dundee, Glasgow and Inverness provided positive outcome and the group agreed to propose a test of change to replicate this model in the Levenmouth locality. Subsequently a report was submitted to the Levenmouth Area Committee in May 2023 to request funding to enable the test of change the funding was approved. (appendix 1).
- 2.3.2 The group worked together and agreed the following aims:
 - Enhance the experience for individuals who contact emergency services with a mental health need through timely access to specialist mental health care and assessment in the community.
 - Understand the impact, realised and potential, of the mental health triage car on Police Scotland, SAS and health and social care services.
 - Avoid unnecessary conveyance to A and E where appropriate and identify potential benefits.
 - Identify the limitations, of a mental health triage car service to inform future recommendations.
- 2.3.3 The Mental Health Triage Car will be staffed by 1 Paramedic and 1 Mental Health Nurse. The car will be provided by Scottish Ambulance Service and will be fully equipped ambulance vehicle to provide clinical equipment / access to SAS IT 'Stack' system. Working hours Friday / Saturday / Sunday 20:00 06:00hrs. The Mental Health Triage Car will also support 999 emergency calls that require the closest ambulance vehicle to respond. The Mental Health Triage Car will work closely with A and E emergency ambulances, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Hospitals ward staff, Fife Crisis team (UCAT), Community Led Support Services and other relevant services and organisations.

2.3.4 Due to vacancies and gaps in provision within the Mental Health service this has led to unforeseen workforce pressure, resulting in a delay to the proposed start date Nov/Dec 23. This has been further pushed back to end of March 2024; recruitment is now underway. The ToC will continue to be a priority in 2024.

2.4 **Supporting Unpaid Carers**

- 2.4.1 A new fund has been set up by Fife Health and Social Care Partnership for the benefit of unpaid carers. The Community Chest Fund (CCF) for Fife Carers was launched June 2023 with each of Fife's seven locality areas allocated £50,000. In Fife there are estimated over 47,000 unpaid carers who look after friends or family affected by illness, disability, mental health or addiction. Community Chest Fund for Fife Carers will fund projects set up by local groups or charities to create supportive places for these unpaid carers, develop their sense of belonging and improve their wellbeing. The funding is available to any community group or charity based in Fife, who can apply for £1,000 up to £10,000 per project, for up to two years.
- 2.4.2 The aim of this priority is to provide an increased opportunity for unpaid carers to improve their knowledge and understanding of preventative care and positive choices for their own health and wellbeing. The first round of the community chest closed on the 31st July 2023. Six applications were received for Levenmouth with four applications being approved Four applications were received that were Fife wide that will benefit Levenmouth. The second-round funding closed on the 15^{th of} January 2024 and this priority will continue in 2024. For further details please click the Community Chest SWAY link. https://sway.office.com/38c2FxHkWsFmCyak?ref=Link.

2.5 **Home First**

- 2.5.1 Levenmouth Locality Core Group have identified a gap and an opportunity for services to work better together. The Home First Strategy is providing Levenmouth Locality with a chance to create a different way of working between health, social care, council services and 3rd sector organisations, based on the evidence we see in relation to emergency hospital admissions and Accident and Emergency (A and E) visits.
- 2.5.2 The data for Levenmouth locality provided evidence for a Test of Change (ToC). Although Levenmouth is the smallest locality based on population², it has the highest Emergency Admissions per 100,000 with a significant increase in the admission during Q4 2022 and Q1 2023 (see table below).

Emergency Admissions rates per 100,000 by Locality and Quarter for Fife residents						
<u>Locality</u>	Q1 2022	Q2 2022	Q3 2022	Q4 2022	Q1 2023	
City of Dunfermline	2,571	2,586	2,445	2,588	2,694	
Cowdenbeath	3,113	3,192	3,256	3,433	3,256	
Glenrothes	2,980	3,015	3,021	3,197	3,071	
Kirkcaldy	2,955	2,947	3,020	3,182	3,268	
Levenmouth	3,270	3,386	3,236	3,574	3,508	
North East Fife	2,272	2,359	2,283	2,367	2,611	
South West Fife	2,479	2,627	2,653	2,894	2,835	
Fife	2,747	2,810	2,780	2,956	2,984	

- 2.5.3 A multi-agency approach has been established to allow for partners to work together by attending weekly verification meetings. The verification meetings started in November and will discuss patients who have 2+ emergency hospital admissions to Victoria Hospital in the previous 12 weeks and 3+ attendance at A and E in the previous 12 weeks.
- 2.5.4 The verification group membership include representation from health (nursing/AHPs/ANPs/Mental Health), social care, social work, housing and community led support. However, the group acknowledge that the membership will evolve. New members to the group are Hospital Liaison Team (addiction services) and Scottish Ambulance Service.
- 2.5.5 This ToC will allow the primary care verification group to work in a more integrated way to provide the right care at the right time. We will provide holistic care and support to people who have high preventable emergency admissions and frequent attenders at accident and emergency. The ToC will be for a year and will continue to be a priority for the Levenmouth Locality.

2.5.6 Case study



2.6 Levenmouth Wider Stakeholder Event – November 2023

2.6.1 This year's Locality Wider stakeholder events took a different approach to the previous year. Lightning talks were presented on current areas of work and locality groups shared what was happening in other areas. The Levenmouth Locality Wider Stakeholder Event held on Thursday 30th November 2023 at Fife Renewables Innovation Centre; Leven was widely attended.

At the event, attendees were asked to discuss and analyse case studies to identify potential themes for 2024.

The feedback from the Levenmouth event was then collated and analysed by the Locality Development Officer. The findings will be presented at the locality planning meeting in March 2024.

The proposed themes identified for discussion are:

- Accessing Services
- Communication
- Training/Upskilling Staff
- Early Intervention

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The Levenmouth Locality Action Plan for 2023 illustrates the successful outcomes achieved as detailed in section 2. The 2024 Delivery Plan will incorporate Phase 2 of actions carried over from 2023, and the new identified priorities from the November 2023 Stakeholder Event.
- 3.2 The Locality Delivery Plan 2024 for the Levenmouth Locality will be reviewed/agreed by the Locality Core Group members at the meeting on 4th March 2024.
- 3.3 The Levenmouth Locality Planning Group has gone from strength to strength in 2023, critical to the success has been the collaborative/systems working together approach. Going forward in 2024 the group members will continue to play a powerful role by applying the insights, experience, and resources to enable local networks, develop robust, productive professional relationships, and improve outcomes for people living in the locality.

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Levenmouth Area Committee

20 March 2024

Agenda Item No. 8



Public Health Report and Young People Health and Wellbeing Survey Results

Report by: Shelagh McLean, Head of Education and Children's Services

Wards Affected: All

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform elected members of the director of public health report 'Children and Young people in Fife - the Building Blocks for Health' and provide the results of the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey, carried out in March 2023.

Recommendation(s)

Members are invited to:

- (1) note and comment on the survey results, as provided through the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey; and
- (2) endorse the next steps outlined in response to the Survey results.

Resource Implications

There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

Legal and Risk Implications

There are no direct legal/risk implications arising from the report.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary because this report does not propose introduction of a policy or a change to existing policy.

Consultation

Prior to implementation of the Fife Survey, a national pilot took place in March 2019, with 3 Community Planning Partnerships, to test the technology, national census administration and the questions as drafted at that stage. This provided helpful feedback on question content, which enabled revisions to be made. The questionnaire content group made revisions. The final amended questionnaires were checked by the content group for fluency, readability and ethical considerations, before going live. Amended questions, for Fife, were implemented, following consultation with members, to suit the needs of our Young People.

1.0 Director of Public Health Report

1.1 Situation

The Director of Public Health annual report provides a mechanism to present the key issues relating to health and wellbeing for local areas and enable more targeted local responses to be developed. This year's report is focussed on 'Children and Young people in Fife- the Building Blocks for Health.'

1.2 Background

- 1.2.1 The Report has two sections- a text section, with chapters and topic specific summaries, and an information supplement. These are available at https://www.nhsfife.org/services/support-services/public-health/director-of-public-health-report-2023/
- 1.2.2 The Report highlights the importance of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and children's rights across all services, not just children's services; The Promise to care experienced children and young people; inequalities in health outcomes and in health behaviours; the social determinants of health, including poverty, housing, diet, exercise and mental health; and the early impact of the pandemic.

1.3 Assessment

1.3.1 The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and The Promise.

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Scotland Act was given Royal Assent on 16 January 2024, and the provisions will be in force on 16 July 2024. This is a landmark for children's rights, which applies up to the age of 18, and recognises the impact of decisions across public services which may impact on children directly or indirectly. Similarly, implementing the recommendations in The Promise to care experienced children and young people requires a fundamental rethink in how public services are delivered to this group to improve outcomes.

1.3.2 Population

The Report shows that the number of under 18s in Fife is currently declining, with 71,746 estimated in 2021, 19% of the population in 2021. Children aged 0-4 contributes most to this reduction. The proportion of children recorded as having additional support needs in Fife has increased, and meeting the needs of those with disability and Neurodiversity is central to realising children's rights.

1.3.3 Maternal health and births

The birth rate in Fife declining, in a similar pattern to Scotland, with 3157 births in 2021. Aspects of maternal and reproductive health impact on the mother, but also on child health outcomes in the longer term. This applies for example to smoking, obesity and alcohol use in pregnancy. There are marked inequalities in health behaviours such as smoking and breastfeeding between areas of most and least deprivation. Smoking in pregnancy at maternity booking in Scotland is among the highest in Europe, and Fife has one of the highest rates in Scotland, although these are declining over the whole of the country.

1.3.4 Child poverty

Child poverty rates in Scotland and Fife have risen recently from 17% in 2020 to 23% in 21/22 before housing costs. This rate varies across Fife from 11% to 35.9%, and many of the health indicators in the report show variation with deprivation and poverty.

- 1.3.5 Fife action on child poverty is reported annually, focussing on six priority group which comprise 90% of families with child poverty: *lone parents, families affected by disability, mothers under 25, children under one, more than 3 children and ethnicity.* Actions for the NHS include income maximisation and Anchor institution ambitions around employment, for example.
- 1.3.6 Other aspects relevant to health include housing and food insecurity. 390 were children living in households in temporary accommodation in Fife at 31st March 2022, and according to the Trussell Trust, in Fife 5,506 foodbank parcels were given out to children in 2021/22, a reduction on the previous year.

1.3.7 Child development and wellbeing

Preventive and mitigating action around adversity childhood experiences (ACEs), and trauma informed approaches are important protective interventions that can strengthen the impact of services in meeting needs of the population. Prevention of factors associated with abuse and neglect, including domestic abuse, and appropriate responses when this is identified is crucial for child wellbeing.

- 1.3.8 The Heckman curve demonstrates the cost effectiveness of interventions in early life and is highlighted to demonstrate the known importance of investment early in the life course, tying in with the science of child development. Bonding, social connection and environment shape long term future physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- 1.3.9 Mental health and wellbeing in children and young people has been a concern before the pandemic, but this has been exacerbated by withdrawal of usual activities and support at that time. In Fife the Our Minds Matter Framework aims to implement the vision of supports available from universal to specialist level.
- 1.3.10 Alcohol and drug related admissions for young people in Fife are higher than the rate in Scotland, an indicator of serious harm. Children and young people also experience significant harms through loss of a parent to drug deaths, as well as risk to their own health in the short and long term, including fetal exposure. Tackling these requires specific preventive measures, but also universal measures tackling poverty, housing, education and employment, as well as specialist services to support those with greater or more complex needs.

1.4 Service aspects

1.4.1 Across health and partnership agencies, universal and targeted approaches are in place and are being developed further, for example in immunisation and dental health. Examples of good practice include perinatal mental health, the Family Nurse Partnership, and the work being undertaken through the Whole Family

Wellbeing Fund. Positive areas for promoting wellbeing include access to green space, the contribution of the third sector and Youth Work.

1.4.2 The Fife partnership Children Services Plan sets out the multiagency aims and objectives to address the concerns identified through both the Director of Public Health report and the survey.

2.0 Fife Young People Health and Wellbeing Results

- 2.1 The survey was designed to help promote and/or improve the wellbeing of children and young people in Fife, which is a specified duty within the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
- 2.2 The survey was designed to help us to understand the wellbeing needs of children and young people across Fife and to inform our work to improve services for children and families. Gathering the information is especially important, at this time, to help form an accurate picture of young people's wellbeing after the pandemic and to help support their recovery.

2.3 Implementation

- 2.3.1 Young People (YP) had an opportunity to complete the survey in a school setting between 13th 31st March 2023. Due to some local circumstances, such as staff absence, an extension was provided for some schools to complete the survey up to one week following the easter break,17th-21st April 2023.
- 2.3.2 Learners undertaking the survey were assigned a code that was linked to the following individual characteristics: geographical area, sex, stage, ASN and SIMD. This approach meant that no learners could ever be individually identified but that some information was available about how outcomes differed according to individual characteristics within the wider school cohort.
- 2.3.3 The survey was carried out within Primary School classrooms and Personal, Social Education (PSE) classes for stages S1-S4. S5/6, where PSE, is not delivered were given opportunities within the school day to complete the survey.
- 2.3.4 Children and Young People have previously participated in individual topical Survey's prior to Covid, including the Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS), but this was the first time a Health and Wellbeing Survey has been carried out in this way with a range of different topics covering all aspects of wellbeing. Questions previously asked within the SALSUS survey had differences in wording therefore comparative data is limited.

2.4 Participant Response

2.4.1 63% of our Young People completed the Survey; this is a very positive response. As a comparison, the National Census received a 58% response rate and, locally, the last Pupilwise survey (completed in 2017) received a 55% response rate.

2.4.2 In total 21,607 responses were included in the dataset for stages P5 – S6. The response rate decreased with stage, particularly so for S4 - S6.

Table 1 – Response Rate by Stage

Stage	Number of Responses	Response Rate Fife	Response Rate in 2021/22 National Survey
P5	3347	82.54%	70.64%
P6	3250	78.69%	69.25%
P7	3178	74.44%	72.33%
S1	2962	70.29%	65.47%
S2	2795	64.79%	61.02%
S3	2752	63.56%	56.35%
S4	1766	42.67%	45.30%
S5	1103	36.10%	38.50%
S6	454	24.96%	30.02

2.5 High Level Findings

- 2.5.1 Across the reported measures, analysis indicates attitudes to school; views on neighbourhood and life at home; physical health and mental health and wellbeing, differ by stage, sex and deprivation.
- 2.5.2 This being the first time completing this Survey, where possible we have compared Fife with National data. For comparison purposes, the results by stage have been weighted to match the Fife school roll, this removes the impact of the varied response rates by stage.
- 2.5.3 Data has been broken into the 7 Areas of Fife and analysis has considered comparisons to the Fife data, where evidence shows if an area of Health and Wellbeing is better than or worse than the overall Fife Results.
- 2.5.4 After analysis of all the responses, results were classified as positive responses or negative. So, at the simplest level a better response is one with more positive or less negative responses than the rest of Fife.
- 2.5.5 The better or worse shows the area's results are "statistically significantly" different to the rest of Fife. That is based on a Z test, looking at the differences between the two groups, using a 95% confidence level and the much better or much worse uses a 99% confidence level. If we picked a random sample of pupils from Fife then 95% of the time they would have a result closer to the Fife average than those labelled better or worse, so these area's results stand out as unusual.

- 2.5.6 If the Fife data has 1% of pupils saying something, then if an area has 3% it will be highlighted as significantly different, whereas a question which has a 50%:50% positive to negative response and one area has a 48%:52% response doesn't stand out as different, even though the change is 2% in both cases. It is also influenced by the number of responses.
- 2.5.7 Levenmouth had more worse areas than Fife, compared to better than.

2.6 **Levenmouth**

- 2.6.1 Health and Wellbeing areas where Levenmouth produced better than results than that of Fife were limited but included;
 - relationships with Adults YP reported Adults are good at taking what they say into account and listening to what they say; and
 - relationships with people they live with YP reported better than results on enjoying being with people they live with.
- 2.6.2 Levenmouth results showed several areas which were worse than that of Fife, the areas with the biggest differences included;
 - School YP reported worse than results in areas related to leaving school at an earlier stage and had worse than results against positive destinations;
 - Community A high % of YP reported they did not like the area they lived in, worse than Fife;
 - Mental Health Strengths and Difficulties score was higher than that of the Fife average so worse than Fife;
 - Eating and Drinking, The % of YP reporting they sometimes go to bed or school, hungry was higher in Levenmouth; and
 - Physical Activity and Hobbies YP reported taking part less than that of Fife

Appendix 1 provides the full results where Levenmouth showed a significant difference with that of the Fife average.

3.0 Conclusion and Next Steps

- 3.1 The results of the survey identify and confirm priority areas for Health and Wellbeing within Education and Children's Services, and the evidence has been used already to help support the development of the Heath and Wellbeing Strategy for Education and Children's Services, 2023-2026. Five Key areas have been identified. Mental Wellbeing, Physical Wellbeing, Health Inequalities, Relationships and Behaviour and Communication.
- 3.2 Analysis of data shared with key strategic partners locally and Fife wide to enable discussion and used to help shape future direction, specifically considering key finding areas and differences in characteristics.
- 3.3 Area data is shared, and time given to discuss and support approaches required within local area planning, including further support to Schools to include priorities within school improvement planning. As an example, Local Improvement Frameworks have protected

time to explore the work required to best target Children and Young People within the Levenmouth Cluster.

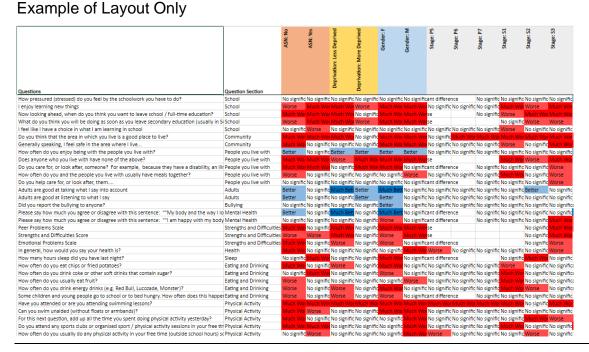
- 3.4 Data analysis shared with our colleagues in Health, where work will also take place to inform new strategies, adapt planning and respond to the needs of our Children and Young People. As an example School Nursing will ensure that staff are trained in areas of the results most relevant within areas and consider the pathways required.
- 3.5 The Education and Childrens Services Directorate will consider how this data impacts, and informs, the priorities within the wider areas of improvement, in particular, other aspects of the directorate improvement plan, including Engagement, Positive Destinations and Achievement.
- 3.6 Engagement with young people, parents and carers, in sharing aspects of the results and helping inform future work and support, will be taken forward.
- 3.7 Work is already progressing to address some of the Health and Wellbeing areas of focus.

Methil/Methilhill Project – The creation of a new area-based approach to delivering services across Fife Council and Fife Sport and Leisure Trust (Active Fife 4DX), we agreed through a series of strategic discussions with Fife Council that there was a significant opportunity to work together with sportscotland to enhance the shared commitment to inclusion through a more targeted approach.

Together with key partners Fife Council, Fife Sport and Leisure Trust (FSLT), NHS Fife and sportscotland in the Levenmouth area using sport and physical activity to drive equality, diversity and inclusion and reduce inequalities in sport and physical activity across all areas of Fife going forward. (Updated report can be found - Community Connector Action Plan_.pdf)

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None

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20 March 2024

Agenda Item No.9

Levenmouth Reconnected Programme Grant Awards

Report by: John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

Wards Affected: Ward 21 – Leven, Kennoway and Largo, Ward 22 – Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to allow Committee to note progress on the Levenmouth Reconnected Grant Programme and approve an additional £100,000 for the Small Grant Programme.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that committee:

- (1) notes the current progress on the Levenmouth Reconnected Large and Small Grants Programme; and
- (2) agrees to increase the small grants fund by a further £100,000 from the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme fund.

Resource Implications

The total funding remaining in the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme fund is £6.5m. The total grant awarded to small projects from the budget of £150,000 is currently £148,569. An additional £100,000 is sought for this programme. This would be funded from the approved Levenmouth Reconnected Programme budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

Legal Services has reviewed and agreed the Grant terms and conditions.

Impact Assessment

An Equality Impact Assessment and a Fife Environmental Assessment Tool (FEAT) assessment have not been completed because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies or practices. Individual projects will carry out their own Impact Assessments.

Consultation

Fife Council Financial Services, Legal Services and the Communications and Customer Insights team have been consulted in preparing this report.

Consultation has been undertaken with the Levenmouth Reconnected Oversight Group.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Six Projects have received funding from the Levenmouth Reconnected Large Grant Programme. These are detailed in Appendix 1. In total £2,321,898 has been awarded to these projects. In terms of leveraged funding, these projects have brought in an additional £10,258,339 of investment into Levenmouth.
- 1.2 A fourth funding round for the Large Grant Programme is currently in progress and the intention is to bring successful projects to the 15 May 2024 Levenmouth Area Committee for consideration and approval.
- 1.3 Further funding rounds will be rolled out thereafter until all of the Programme funding is committed, with the intention that this is done by the end of the current financial year (2024/25). This is to ensure all of the £5m provided by Transport Scotland to the Programme is spent by their deadline of the 31st March 2026.
- 1.4 The Small Grant Programme, providing up to £5000 for local projects, was initially given an allocation of £100,000. This was fully committed by June 2023 and the Levenmouth Area Committee approved a top up of this programme by £50,000 at the 21st June 2023 meeting (LAC 30, Para 80 References).

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 The Small Grant Programme has funded a range of local projects delivering across the themes of the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme and has proven to be popular and of benefit to Levenmouth. Appendix 2 lists all projects supported by the Small Grant Programme to Date. Already interest has been received from a number of other small projects seeking a grant for this programme.
- 2.2 The original £100,000 allocation to the small grants programme was awarded over the course of 18 months. The £50,000 additional allocation was committed over the course of 6 months, reflecting the growing popularity of the programme. It is recommended that a further £100,000 be added to the budget, which should enable the small grants programme to run for an additional year.

3.0 Conclusions

3.1 The Levenmouth Large Grant Programme is progressing and further updates will be provided to the Levenmouth Area Committee in due course. The Small Grants Programme has proved to be well received by local Community Groups, Charities and Businesses and therefore extending its budget further would be beneficial to achieve the aims of the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme.

List of Appendices

- 1. Large Grant Project Summary
- 2. Small Grant Project Summary

Background Papers

None

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	Appendix 1: Summary of Approved Large Grant Projects								
Project	Applicant	Total cost	LRP Funding	Current progress	Key Deliverables	Key benefits			
Mountfleurie Business Park Site Servicing	Fife Council	£1,088,496	£683,496	Planning	Serviced and accessed site to enable development of Class 4,5 and 6 business units for lease or sale	1.05 Ha of land from Vacant and Derelict to employment land Lever £4-£5m private sector investment Up to 57 direct FT jobs and 114 indirect FT jobs Creation of sustainably accessible employment land served by Levenmouth Active Travel Network(ATN) and bus services			
Buckhaven Green Network Enhancement	CLEAR Buckhaven and Methill	£287,852	£178,345	In progress	Planting/environmental improvements along key corridors in Methill and Buckhaven linking to River Leven. Seating areas, small scale public art Community engagement	Biodiversity enhancement Volunteering opportunities, Public ownership, Enhancing active travel links to Cameron station Improved health through active travel, conservation volunteering			
Silverburn Park Flax Mill Project	Fife Employment Access Trust	£8,464,088	£500,000	In progress	Renovation / Restoration of Silverburn flax mill Provision of tourist information hub Hostel, Café and shop	Visitor attraction on Levenmouth Active Travel Network . Coastal path Rural skills development Volunteering opportunities Community engagement			

					Training facilities Community engagement programme	Employment Improving health and wellbeing
Kennoway Pump Track	Fife Council	£189,401	£43,754	Complete	State of the art 'pump track' with flood lighting	Attract local users, located on ATN Attract visitors from elsewhere in Fife, particularly young people Use of rail line makes facility accessible to users along coastal communities and outwith Fife. Est 350 users per month
Positive Futures	Community Trade Hub	£269,400	£202,050	Near completion	Training programme for young people bridging gap from education to work Links with Rail reinstatement project Local environmental improvements using training programme	Improve young persons skills, chances of employment Reduce antisocial behaviour Increase employment opportunities locally
Levenmouth Business Park	Fife Council	£2,281,000	£714,253	Near completion	7 newly constructed heated business units 753m^2 and all ancillary services	Investment in business infrastructure, helping to create and sustain jobs in Levenmouth area Site very accessible from Cameron station on ATN
Total LRP Grant funded Total match funding		£2,321,898 £10,258,339				

	Appendix 2 Summary of Small Grant Projects approved and paid							
Grants paid								
<u>Applicant</u>	Purpose of Grant	Amount Paid	Deliverables	LRP Themes met				
Parkrun UK	Cotlands Junior Parkrun	£3,600.00		Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership and participation, increase volunteering opportunities Opportunities for all - improving local services for all, improve health outcomes				
The Wemyss Improvement Group (TWIG)	East Wemyss Greenspace Regeneration	£5,000.00	Install and plant planter units, interpretation signage, maintenance thereof. Volunteer run and managed project which will improve East Weymss place and greenspace.	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased opportunities for skills development and training Thriving places - Maximise quality of natural environment Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership and participation, increase volunteering opportunities Opportunities for all - improving local services for all, improve health outcomes				
Filshill Ltd	Shopfront improvements	£5,000.00	Improve shop frontage, windows and signage in town centre area	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, skills development and training Thriving places - Maximise quality of built environment, adapting to effects on climate change.				

Fife Council - EPES (Hilary Roberts)	Tourism Audit	£4,900.00	Consultant study to assess current tourism and visitor offerings, local views of Levenmouth area as a visitor destination, suggestions for targeted interventions to improve visitor and tourism offering	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and Leisure Employment opportunities Community Led Services - Develop and support Community Leadership - Levenmouth Local Tourism association Opportunities for All - Improved local services for all
Leven Environment Group	Shorehead festive lighting	£1,920.00	Provide power supply to existing lighting columns in order to permit Xmas and decorative lighting panels to be installed	Thriving places - town centre and public realm improvements, Maximising the quality of the built environment
Fifers for the Community	Leven Prom masterplan design	£5,000.00	Masterplan concepts for improvements to the Leven promenade	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and Leisure Employment opportunities Thriving places - Improvements in Active connectivity, Maximising the quality of the built and natural environment Community Led Services - Develop and support Community Leadership - Levenmouth together and Fifers for the Community Opportunities for All - Improved health outcomes (active travel along promenade and links to town centre improved)
Leven Environment Group	3 x tiered planters for Leven Town Centre	£1,380.00	Provision of two tiered planters in Leven High Street	Thriving places - town centre and public realm improvements, maximising the quality of the built environment Community Led Services - Develop and support community leadership in all forms, increased volunteering opportunities

Families in Trauma	Trauma Informed Support	£4,950.00	Training and support for peer support workers to deliver advice and support to families dealing with health, welfare and antisocial behaviour problems. recruiting 6 volunteer peer support workers per annum	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, skills development and training Thriving Places - targeted action on anti-social behaviour Community Led Services - Increased volunteering opportunities, develop and support community leadership Opportunities for all - Improved local services for all, family and adult learning opportunities, targeted anti-poverty interventions, improved health outcomes, will help reduce social deprivation of Levenmouth
Largo Communities Together - Pier Subgroup	Consultancy study	£4,950.00	Consultancy study to develop project proposal and determine funding sources	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and Leisure Opportunities Thriving Places - Maximising the quality of the built and natural environment Community Led services - develop and support community leadership, promote and support community asset transfer Opportunities for All - Improved local services for all.
· •	Shope exterior upgrade	£3,147.00	Improved shop frontage, signage, entranceway. Within Methil retail centre area	Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements+
	Hard landscaping work at Mitchell Street premises	£5,000.00	Shopfront improvements to town centre business	Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements

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House	Upgrading guest house (replacement windows)	£5,000.00	Property frontage improvements to town centre business	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements, will encourage visitors to stay in Levenmouth
Barber Shop	Roof repairs at 264 Wellesley Road, Methil	£1,166.40	Roof and building improvements to enable property to provide social space / music / arts venue	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, skills development and training (training Leven Academy pupils in barber skills,) Tourism and leisure opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership in all forms.
	Rail Ready Levenmouth	£5,000.00	Consultancy to develop 'Rail Ready Levenmouth' project that will develop tourism and visitor facilities and offerings, support local tourist and visitor businesses	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership in all forms Opportunities for all - improved local services for all
Scollin	Improvements to shop exterior at 62 Commercial Road, Leven	£1,758.60	Property frontage improvements to town centre business	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
	Shop renovation (neon lighting)	£4,020.30	Property improvements for town centre business	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvement

Hairdressing	Improvements to hair salon at 76a High Street, Leven	£4,543.20	Upgrade to existing closed shop to convert to hairdressing business	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, skills development and training Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
Society	Creation of outdoor dining space and access ramp - design work	£4,950.00	Consultancy to develop public space project seeking Large Grant award	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities, maximising the quality of the built and natural environment Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership in all forms Opportunities for all - improved local services for all
	Caledonian House exterior upgrade	£5,000.00	Repairs and upgrade of historic building for shop front in town centre area. Project will involve use of Community Trade Hub project for delivery and training	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, skills development and training, tourism and leisure employment opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements Improved town centre will encourage rail users to use town
Communities	Largo Pier Restoration project development	£5,000.00	Preparation of planning drawings, develop project to RIBA Stage 4, legal advice on VAT status	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
				Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership in all forms

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W Simpson and Son, Butchers, High St Leven.		£2,124.00	New Awning, painting and sign	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
Methilhill Community Children's Initiative (MCCI)	Garden operative	£5,000.00	Employment of gardener to support Methil Community Garden development and maintenance. Will support wider project involving volunteering, support and engagement with young people and improving local greenspace	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for skills development and training Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the natural environment Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership Opportunities for All - Improve health outcomes
Jojo's Salon	Shop front improvements	£3,150.00	New sign, new shutters	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
Leven Links Joint Committee	Pedestrian bridge replacement project	£2,778.62	Design consultancy work for replacement of three pedestrian bridges	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities, maximising the quality of the built and natural environment
Total Small Grants paid as at 26/01/2024		£94,338.12		
Grants approved but not paid as at 26/01/2024				
Mavi Restaurant	Provision of outdoor seating area	£5,000.00	Provision of outdoor seating are at frontage of restaurant, including barriers	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, Tourism and leisure opportunities
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				Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
MyBus CT (Mary Parry)	Creation of a Pétanque court	5,000.00	Conversion of bowling green to Pétanque court and promotion of inclusive games, establish pétanque club, link court using My Bus community Transport	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership Opportunities for All - Improve health outcomes
Levenmouth Local Tourism Association	Levenmouth Trails Interpretation Software	4,975.00	Develop interpretation software for Levenmouth Heritage Trail Project	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership Opportunities for All - Improve health outcomes
_argo Communities Together	Operating costs to support development of sustainable projects	4,500.00	Development officer funded to develop Community Place Plan, develop revenue and funding sources for Largo Communities Together	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Tourism and leisure opportunities, increased local opportunities for skills development and training Community Led services - Develop and support community leadership, increased volunteering opportunities
Colliers Coffee Roasters	Shopfront improvements	2,700.00	Renovate shop front	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, Tourism and leisure opportunities Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
STAND	Gardening project	4,100.00	Employ community gardener to support work of Kennoway community shed	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for skills development and training Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the natural environment Community Led services - Develop and support

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				community leadership Opportunities for All - Improve health outcomes
Bridge Street Barbers (John Weir)	Shopfront improvements	5,000.00	Installation of new windows, doors, shutters, drainage	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, Tourism and leisure opportunities
				Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
The Aurrie, Lower Largo (Helen Ross)	Interior Space utilisation	5,000.00	Provision of new tables, chairs and stools	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, Tourism and leisure opportunities
				Opportunities for All – Improved local services for young, old and vulnerable in community
Premier One Stop Shop	Design and drawing fees for	5,000.00	Project development for future Large Grant application	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment
(Zaishan Latif)	shop extension			Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
The Aurrie, Lower Largo (Andrew Duff)	Accessible front doors	4,356.00	New front doors, ramp and entrance to make fully accessible	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment, Tourism and leisure opportunities
				Opportunities for All – Improved local services for young, old and vulnerable in community
Jax Fitness (Zaishan Latif)	External signage and 24-hour	5,000.00	Improve accessibility to local business, improve frontage	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment
	access control system			Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
				Opportunities for All - Improve health outcomes

Thomson Technologies (Graham Thomson)	Relocation of business premises to 2 High Street, Leven		improvements for new High Street business	Inclusive Jobs and Growth - Increased local opportunities for employment Thriving Places - maximising the quality of the built environment, town centre public realm improvements
Total Small Grants approved but not paid as at 26/01/2024		£54,231.00		
Total Small Grants committed as at 26/01/2024		£148,569.12		



20 March 2024 Agenda Item No.10

Supporting the Levenmouth Local Plan – Defensive Measure Cotlands Park, Kennoway

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: Ward 21

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek agreement from the Area Committee for a contribution of £10,998 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) for ward 21, towards additional defensive measures to protect Cotlands Park Kennoway from access being made by quad bikes.

Recommendation(s)

The committee is asked to agree a contribution of £10,998 from the LCPB (Local Community Planning Budget) for ward 21, towards large scale additional fencing and renewal of in situ defective fencing at Cotlands Park Kennoway.

Resource Implications

The proposal in front of members today will reduce the total available budget in the LCPB for ward 21in the financial year 2024/25 by £10,998.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal implications inherent in this report. The approach being proposed here is to mitigate the risk to park users that is presented by the ongoing use of this key greenspace by individuals using quad bikes. The fencing proposal will also prevent other unauthorised use by vehicles and mitigate parking issues on some grass areas.

All work will be carried out by Fife Council operatives and overseen to ensure all onsite risks are mitigated.

Impact Assessment

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

Consultation

Members will be aware of this issue given that it has been raised with most ward 21 councillors over the last year or so. There has been significant proactive work by the Police on this matter, however as an additional deterrent this fencing proposal is coming forward for consideration.

The main users of the pitch at Cotlands, Kennoway Star Hearts have also raised the issue with politicians including the MSP.

The Police have advised on the intervention proposal at a recent site visit and are supportive of the work progressing.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The criteria for spend from the LCPB requires authorisation from the Area Committee before amounts of over £5000 can be committed.
- 1.2 This report is to seek agreement from the Area Committee for funding from the LCPB for £10,998 for the fencing project at Cotlands Park Kennoway.
- 1.3 This funding is to help mitigate the issue of quad bikes accessing the greenspace and causing considerable damage to the football pitches. While partial replacement of the fencing could have been proposed, the condition of existing fencing would point to the need to replace within a few years accordingly we are taking a view that replacing the vast majority of shin rail fencing on the site would be the best approach.
- 1.4 Grounds Maintenance colleagues have been required to repair the pitches on several occasions, this project will seek to stop that enforced revenue budget spend, which can then be allocated to other work in the area.
- 1.5 The estimates for the work have been supplied by the Building Services costing team and will equate to the replacement of 220 metres of shin rail and posts. All posts will be set into concrete and all rails will be secured by metal braces. As shown in picture 1 below.

Picture1 – Typical shin rail with metal brace



1.6 As noted this work should help prevent damage being caused to the pitches at the park, which has on sone occasions led to the need to reschedule matches. Costs for repair of the grass are also a concern, alongside the diminishing of the quality of the pitch and the impact on users of this sports asset.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 As noted this work will be carried out inhouse and overseen by Building Services.
- 2.2 While a piecemeal approach to replacing sections of fending had been considered it is felt that this approach will provide more effective protection at key access points to the park for the longer term.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 The application fits well with the agreed priorities contained within the Levenmouth Local Plan, specifically around the Thriving Places theme.

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None

Background Papers

Levenmouth Local Plan 2023 Pages 115-125

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20 March 2024 Agenda Item No.11

Supporting the Levenmouth Local Plan – Variation to Budget Spend

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: Ward 22

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek agreement from the Area Committee for a transfer of an underspend of £5263 from the Taylor Park play park project to an alternative ward 22 project, namely the renewal of surfacing at the multi use games area (MUGA) within the Birds scheme close to Eagle Road.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) agree a contribution of £5263 which was previously allocated to the Taylor Park play area project to another project within ward 22;
- (2) note that the preferred recipient project is the MUGA upgrade within the Birds Scheme; and
- (3) note that additional funding will still need to be identified to take the MUGA project forward, however this underspend reallocation helps in that endeavour.

Resource Implications

The proposal in front of members today will not impact current budget resource, as it is funding which has previously been allocated to a project.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no inherent risks in the decisions being taken in this report, the main aim is to best use the funding available to bring forward improvement projects that directly support the aims of the local plan.

Impact Assessment

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices. We are however considering the access arrangements currently in place at the MUGA facility and will be seeking to improve these as part of the wider project.

Consultation

Members have consistently shown strong support for projects that bring about improvements to green space and play space within the area, as per the priorities in the new iteration of the community plan.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The criteria for spend from the LCPB (Local Community Planning Budgets) requires authorisation from the Area Committee before amounts of over £5000 can be committed.
- 1.2 While this sum has already been agreed by Committee, we have been advised by our Finance team that it is necessary to advise members through a report of the variation proposed for this spend.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 As noted it is proposed that this underspend in funding which has been identified in the final cost report for the Taylor Street play area upgrade will be moved to the MUGA upgrade proposal at the Birds Scheme.
- 2.2 It would appear that we had overestimated costs on the purchase and installation of the adult gym equipment at the Taylor Street site, which was the final piece of work undertaken on this significant greenspace improvement project.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 The proposal to reallocate funding fits well with the agreed priorities contained within the Levenmouth Local Plan, specifically around the Thriving Places and Opportunities for All themes.

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None

Background Papers

Levenmouth Local Plan 2023 Pages 115-125

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Agenda Item No.12



Supporting the Levenmouth Local Community Plan – Anti Poverty Work Update

Report by: Paul Vaughan Head of Service Communities and Neighbourhoods

Wards Affected: Ward Nos.21 & 22

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update members on the activity and outcomes related to the anti-poverty work currently being undertaken in the Levenmouth area, in alignment with the key priorities for the area contained in the 2023 -2026 Levenmouth Local Community Plan.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to note the progress in terms of activity and outcomes for the Levenmouth area in relation to ongoing anti-poverty work.

Resource Implications

There are no specific resource implications highlighted within this report that require agreement, much of the activity, where required, has been subject to previous reports to this Committee to seek funding. The level of expenditure related to anti-poverty work can be found on the appendix document to this report. This is the most up to date figure on expenditure for this local budget but should not be considered as giving a year end position. We will further update members within a ward meeting setting of the financial outcome for 2023/24.

While we have benefitted from carry overs in recent years as well as being able to use additional government crisis funding for several anti-poverty approaches, there is no guarantee of either additional funding or carryover from April 2024.

Members will be aware that the spend profile on this budget is routinely provided as part of the regular ward meeting information.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no specific legal and risk implications associated with this report.

Impact Assessment

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

The work noted in this approach is directly aligned to the core priorities found in the Levenmouth Local Community Plan. Ongoing discussions at both the People and Welfare Reform and Anti-Poverty (WRAP) group, have refined the approaches over the last year.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Local areas have been tasked with creating anti-poverty mitigations that specifically meet the needs of the local area. On that basis there will be variations to the approaches across Fife, this may be based on the rurality of an area, or demographic pressures etc.
- 1.2 The approach to anti-poverty work in Levenmouth has adapted since the worst impacts of the pandemic have receded. As part of this realignment, we are looking to move to a Cash First approach as a foundation to the anti-poverty framework within Levenmouth
- 1.3 This is an approach which aims to move our response to the issue of poverty away from a crisis management, short-term approach, to a coordinated approach using local resource to build resilience and aim towards avoiding future crisis situations for individuals and families.
- 1.4 This approach will include improving the access to appropriate money advice, targeted financial support, and help with reducing the impact of the cost-of-living rise. The approach needs to promote choice for the recipient as part of a successful path to resilience.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 From the main themes of the Levenmouth Local Community, the anti-poverty approach aligns with a wide range of the priorities agreed by members in May 2023. The key priorities are noted below:
 - Targeted Anti-Poverty Interventions. Increasing local support options for mitigating the impact of the cost-of-living crisis;
 - Improved Literacy and Numeracy outcomes for all ages. Ensuring local people have access to the skills required for a more resilient future;
 - Improvements to digital connectivity. Ensuring local people have access to the tools that can offer more cost-effective ways to make transactions, secure advice and support, and be aware of entitlements and rights;
 - Put in place local opportunities for skills development and training tailored to the needs of local businesses and aspirations of local people;
 - Support and promote entrepreneurial behaviour in Levenmouth. Expand the
 opportunities to access fair paid work, by encouraging and supporting new start
 economic initiatives;
 - Promote and support community growing and food insecurity initiatives. Expanding the opportunities for low-cost high-quality food to be produced for wider community benefit; and
 - Promote and support community energy approaches. Support opportunities that creatively look at the provision of energy that can better withstand world market shocks and insecurity.

- 2.2 It is important to note though that poverty of 'place' is also a factor in dealing with the sub optimal outcomes being experienced by local people. In Levenmouth we have the opportunity, at this time, to combine a strong place-based agenda that will directly feed into the people focused anti-poverty framework.
- 2.3 While the 'people based' priorities noted in para 2.1 are essential to bring about improvements, we also need to harness the potential of place to fully realise opportunities and potential for the local area.
- 2.4 While we have had only sporadic capital investment in Levenmouth over the last few decades we are currently experiencing significant infrastructure improvements, which need to be fully utilised for local beneficial outcomes.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The key activities noted in the appendix to this report represent a robust and tailored approach to the needs of our local communities. Members are asked to fully consider the approach and continue to work with officers to make further improvements as required.
- 3.2 The advantages of taking a local approach, is an ability to develop and implement new and innovative initiatives quickly, by working with local communities and the partner agencies involved in supporting people.
- 3.3 It is hoped that the work highlighted in the appendices to this report fully defines the level of creativity and commitment to tackling poverty in Levenmouth and shows the strength of the local partnership as well.

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- 1. Appendix 1 Annual Anti-Poverty Report Actions and Outcomes document
- 2. Appendix 2 Levenmouth Support and Connect Overview headlines with Fife Wide comparison

Background Papers

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

- 1. Levenmouth Vision Document This document has been forwarded to members previously.
- Levenmouth Local Community Plan Pages 115-125 Levenmouth Area Committee 31st May 2023
- 3. RTPI Policy Paper- Poverty Place and Inequality –V Pinoncely (2016)
- 4. Cash First Towards Ending the Need for Foodbanks in Scotland Scottish Government (2023)

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Appendix 1 - Annual Anti-Poverty Report

Levenmouth Area Committee

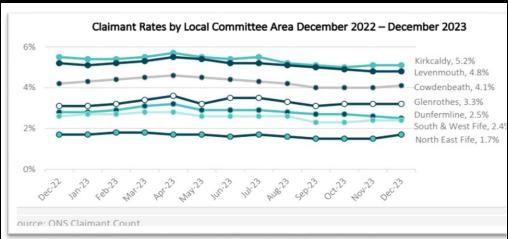
AREA CONTEXT

The Levenmouth area is made up of three main coastal towns (Leven, Buckhaven and Methil) and several smaller towns and villages. The areas character was shaped by heavy and traditional industries, such as coal mining and the docks, which went into decline in the 1980's. There have been ongoing issues of relative poverty in the area, notably around child poverty concerns. The area is currently experiencing an increase in economic activity based around the reintroduction of the Levenmouth rail link.

POPULATION (MID-YEAR ESTIMATES 2021)								
	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Levenmouth Area	Fife				
Total population	18,293	19,595	37,888	374,730				
Children (0-15 years)	3,396	3,149	6,545	63,680				
Working age (16-64 years)	11,037	11,616	22,653	231,635				
Older adults (65+ years)	3,860	4,830	8,690	79,415				
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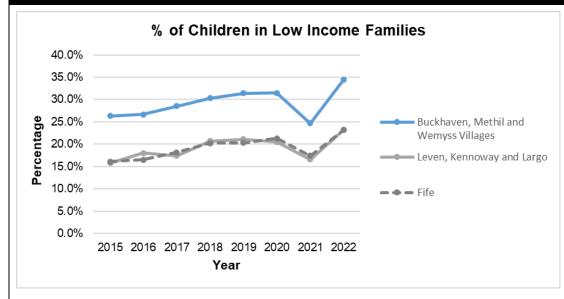
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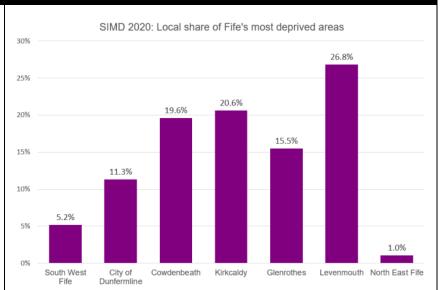


December 2023	Levenmout h Area	Fife
Claimant rate	5.3%	3.2%
Female claimants	3.3%	2.6%
	(390)	(3,055)
Male claimants	6.4%	3.9%
	(695)	(4,395)

ONS (Office for National Statistics) Claimant Rate. For further information see monthly economic updates <u>Economy</u> | <u>InvestFife</u>

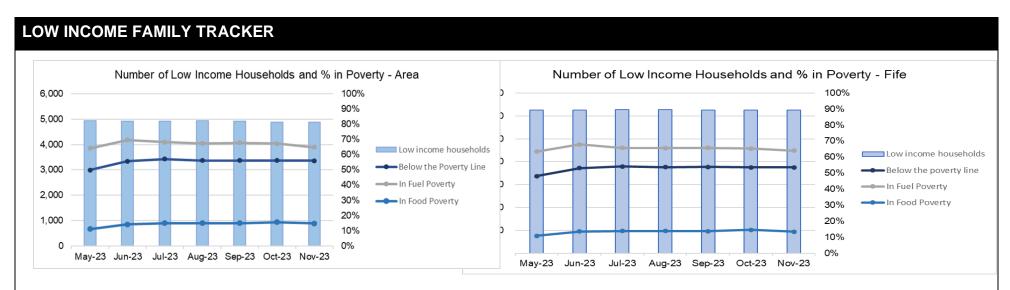
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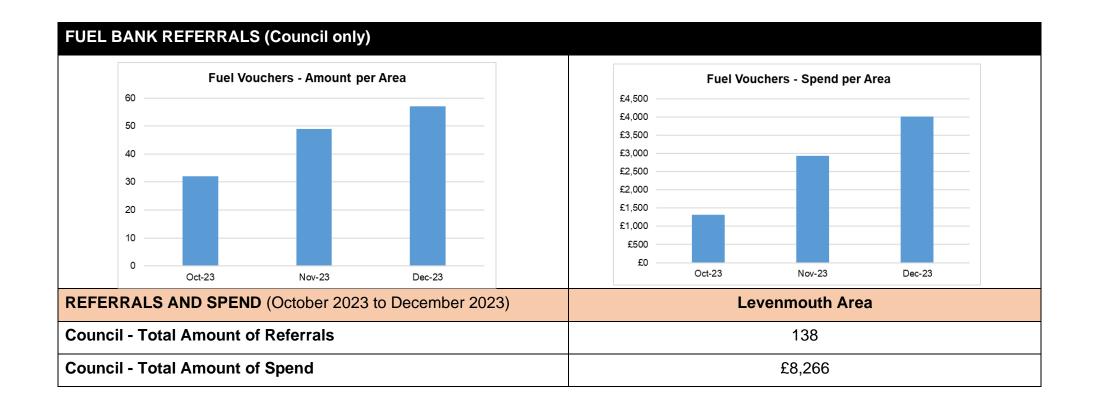
	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Levenmouth Area	Fife
Children in low-income families (relative poverty) 2022	34.4%	23.2%	29.0%	23.2%
% of working age employment deprived	19.0%	11.9%	15.4%	9.4%
% of total population income deprived	24.6%	13.7%	19.0%	11.9%

DWP Children in Low Income Families: local areas statistics: Children in low income families: local area statistics 2014 to 2022 - GOV.UK SIMD data:



LIFT (Low Income Family Tracker) (November 2023)	Buckhaven, Methil and Wemyss Villages	Leven, Kennoway and Largo	Levenmouth Area	Fife
No of low-income households	3,056	1,828	4,884	31,230
No of households below poverty line	1,726	1,008	2,734	16,742
No of households in fuel poverty	2,004	1,161	3,165	20,000
No of households in food poverty	475	250	725	4,205

SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND Percentage of Awards - Area Perecentage of Awards - Fife (April - December 2023) (April - December 2023) 14% 15% Food Food ■ Fuel = Fuel 28% Living Expenses 58% 27% Living Expenses 59% **SCOTTISH WELFARE FUND** (April to December 2023) Levenmouth Area Fife Crisis Grants - Total Amount Awarded £245,531 £1,630,949 **Crisis Grants – Amount Awarded for Food** £141,353 £962,832 Crisis Grants - Amount Awarded for Fuel £68,981 £432,041 **Crisis Grants – Amount Awarded for Living expenses** £35,197 £236,076

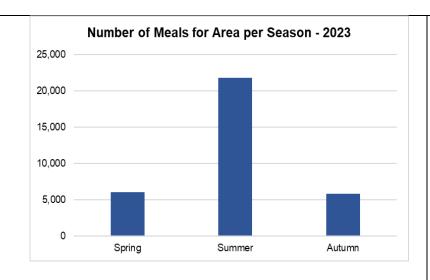


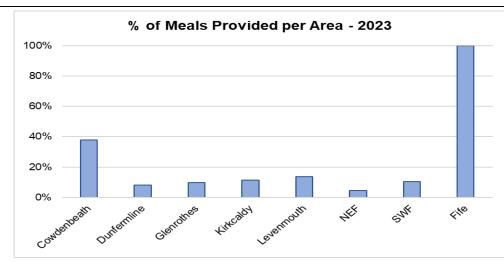
HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT Area Hardship Discretionary Spend (Apr - Nov 2023) £1,000 £900 £800 £700 £600 £500 £400 £300 £200 £100 £0 Clothing Food Fuel Household Travel Goods

HARDSHIP GRANTS – SPEND (Apr – Nov 2023)	Levenmouth Area	% of Total Area Spend
Area Hardship Discretionary Fund - Food	£905	57%
Area Hardship Discretionary Fund - Fuel	£250	16%
Area Hardship Discretionary Fund – Household Goods	£404	25%
Area Hardship Discretionary Fund – Clothing	£-	-%
Area Hardship Discretionary Fund - Travel	£40	3%

CAFÉ INC

Café Inc is a free lunch club for children, young people, and families in Fife. It has been free for anyone to use; no referrals are needed, however a more targeted approach will be taken in the future





CAFÉ INC (Spring – Autumn 2023)	Levenmouth Area	Fife	
Number of Meals Provided	33,663	245,416	
% of Total Meals Provided	14%	100%	

Project Partners Action Amount Outcomes Update Lead

AREA ANTI-POVERTY ACTIVITY / PROJECTS MONITOR

Budget	Allocation	Spend	Balance
£686,655		£418,588.43 (Actuals)	£41,697.22 (as of February 2024)
		£226,369.35 (Committed)	

Project	Partners	Action	Amount	Outcomes	Update	Lead
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Plus Partnership	Furniture Plus FC – C&N	Provide a specialist support service aimed at increasing the resilience and financial independence of local households	£58626	Community members are supported to access holistic welfare support focussed on addressing household hardship Income maximisation work has a positive effect on household income Community members will engage with support and participate in identifying their own routes to increasing resilience Household assistance work in the area becomes more collaborative and joined up allowing easy access points for the community to engage with support they need	66 household have engaged in in the project 38 household are currently benefitting from support 34 successful Furniture Plus Goodwill referrals as a direct result of support Financial gains achieved so far are £27969.15. 20 households have engaged in a benefit check and/or benefit support 17 households have successfully ended support with the project. Partnership working has resulted in 43 referrals for additional household support.	Dave Paterson Colin Bruce
Levenmouth Independence Initiative	Castle Furniture FC C&N	Provide enhanced opportunities to meet local need in relation to household goods	£30000	Better quality packages of support delivered to up to 60 households in year one of the operation	49 households in Levenmouth have successfully received items which is a financial uplift of £10,895.45.	Dave Paterson Silv Ingram

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Project	Partners	Action	Amount	Outcomes	Update	Lead
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				Reduced officer time in sourcing support for clients. Single referral route for furniture and appliances Better quality and safer replacement items for households Supporting Re-use targets	We have redirected 5 households to alternative/additional support which better meets their needs.	
Warm Spaces	Various Approaches Across Levenmouth Includes What's for Lunch Christmas Provision	Provide safe warm spaces across the geographical spread of Levenmouth with food and activity provision – over the winter period 2023/24	Cumulative across 23 projects £134,696Plus Christmas Provision £12,708 Includes vending availability at main CECs	Largely Community led facilities across the Levenmouth area, which offer a range of hot and cold food options to individuals and families in the community who require support in dealing with the current cost of living crisis	Most projects will continue to the spring of 2024 – current review of expenditure and reserves being undertaken to understand financial position of all projects and potential for continuation or put on hold pending assessment of need for winter 2024/25	Jen Watt/Dave Paterson
Cosy Kingdom	Greener Kirkcaldy	Energy Advice and Support across all tenures including Owner occupied and private lets	£30,000	Specific and tailored Energy advice to at least 100 households by phone or home visit	92 Telephone contacts and 56 Home contacts carried out	Bruce McCall

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				Handy Service Accessed by at least 40 households	54 households benefitting from the Handy Service	
				Fuel top ups provided to prevent potential disconnections	135 Fuel Top Ups undertaken	
				Financial Benefit - target of financial benefit accrued of £30,000	Actual benefit accrued £50,022 – Average of £376.00 of benefit for 133 households.	
					£1.66 direct financial benefit received by clients for every £1.00 of original funding	
Family Activity	Woodlands Family Nurture Centre	Free access holiday family activities at no cost to build relationships, skills, and engagement	£1620	Community activities and support families explore the wider community Supporting families to make memories and break down barriers such as cost of living and mental health stigma.	Families attended holiday provision which saw them engage in their local community and build relationships with organisations such as CLEAR, Homestart and CLD.	Laura Palmer
Big Hoose Membership Cards and bags	FC Communities/ Big Hoose	Administration and required equipment for project	£372	Core administration for the use of the Big Hoose referral process	Distribution of key items for referred families and individuals ongoing and monitored for impact and evaluation purposes.	Claire Bruce

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Buckhaven Community Cinema Project	FC Communities CLD	Low Cost /No Cost Entertainment	£1550	Free entertainment offer for children and families in the Buckhaven area. Aimed at families whose disposable income has been reduced by higher living costs	Large screen and 4 film licences purchased- next showing on 22 nd March 2024 current vote on preferred film currently underway – 504 attendances at the films shown so far.	Barry Clark, Neil Paton Corra, Volunteers, Buckhaven Management Committee
Tumble Dryer Sailors Rest	FC Communities	Laundry availability for clients facing energy use concerns	£315	Direct support for local families where income or health concerns are prevalent	Ongoing referrals as and when required	Claire Bruce
Storage Containers Hope Chest	Hope Chest FC Communities	Low Cost /No Cost Household items via a community led service	£2045	Local provision of household goods at low cost or no cost through a community led service. Agency referral and walk in shop.	Safe storage of donated items secured. Whole house support packages delivered directly to a range of referred clients.	Hope Chest /Dave Paterson
Bairns Group Buckhaven community Centre	FC Communities CLD	Support to families with young children up to 24months.	£2980	Help promote stronger bond between parents and children, through play activity and role modelling from facilitators., Provide a safe space to reduce isolation issues	11 registered parents with 13 children in regular attendance. Additional support in terms of finances, benefit checks, and welfare support also being provided.	Barry Clark
CLD Holiday Activities	FC Communities CLD	CLD initiated activity for young people during holiday period to link in with wider Cafe Inc provision and other community activity	£15000	Positive experiences for young people over the holiday period – along with large outdoor and indoor activities this also included smaller group	A range of activities were incorporated into the offer including the Roller Disco, Cinema in the Park, Obstacle Course at Buckhaven Braes – smaller sessions	Campbell Crawford

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				sessions around arts, craft, and cooking	included Cooking for Life, Goblin Cars -STEM activity, Motorbike sessions, indoor zoo, and the gaming bus. Over the summer period there were over 2000 individual attendances	
Cooking For Life Core Provision	FC communities CLD	10-week course for 9–18-year-olds-aimed at helping young people make positive healthy food choices and the gaining of qualifications – Offered at Buckhaven CEC	£3617	Positive experience for young people, with learning around food hygiene, kitchen skills food storage, understanding low-cost nutrition approaches. 35 participants in the current year, 22 have achieved – 66% of participants come from our lower ranked SIMD areas- one adult volunteer has supported the provision	3 rd year of provision 120 participants, this will remain an ongoing offer within the Levenmouth CLD offer.	Toni Robertson /Barry Clark
Cook Share and Socialise	FC Communities CLD	Ongoing provision aimed at Buckhaven and Lower Methil areas – aimed specifically at tackling social isolation issues	£4800	Supported space for cooking and activities – provision of opportunities to take up other learning and volunteering opportunities.	35 regular attendees – 10 volunteers have supported the programme so far contributing a total of 619 hours volunteer time to ensure the offer stays sustainable. Food supply has also been assisted	Jenni Newlands /Barry Clark

Through The Gears	Kingdom off Road, FC Communities CLD/ Police/SFRS	Provision for young people involved or on the fringes of issues relating to ASB as part of a preventative approach to tackle offending behaviour	£9143	Learning, support, and diversion work for young people delivered locally - Practical sessions offered that have been shown to have higher levels of impact and positive outcomes	through the 16+ No One Left Behind provision Practical sessions on safe use of motorbikes, learning about the victim's perspective in relation to ASB, and the impact on communities Drug and Alcohol awareness training, and	Barry Clark/ Campbell Crawford
					the understanding the dangers of risky behaviours. 17 sessions so far offered with 14 male and 2 female participants – 75% of the participants are from the lower ranked SIMD areas within the community	
Cafe Connect	Levenmouth Foodbank	Direct staffing cost support for local foodbank support work	£4800	2x paid staff in place with support from 10 volunteers to support the needs of some of the most vulnerable clients in the community 70-100 individuals assisted per month.	People coming to Café Connect on Tuesday from 10am- 12 noon will receive free breakfast, access to Chromebook, phone and wi-fi. Volunteers and staff trained in signposting and other professional services such as CARF, We Are with You and Fife Law Centre.	Ruth Livingstone

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Family Food and Fun	Gingerbread/ ESOL/CLD	Food and equipment for 34-week provision- Staffing in place from Gingerbread and CLD	£3000	Supporting people and groups in the area targeted at more vulnerable families, to help tackle child and inwork poverty, with the core aim to reduce inequality - with food insecurity being a core concern in Levenmouth	Ongoing provision of a safe space for families to learn, have fun and become active members of the community through sports, arts and craft and socializing with others. Whilst at the provision, the families can share a warm meal together and mix with other members of the local community.	Heather Booker
Active Eats Levenmouth	Active Schools/FC communities	ActivEat is a targeted programme which incorporates physical activity and free food provision for targeted pupils P1-P7 who are inactive, accessing FSM and live in low SIMD areas.	£4700	Supporting families towards healthier and more active lifestyles.	Working with 24 families each term and offering a 10-week term-time programme and will be targeting either families of P1 – P3s or P4 – P7s in each of the different areas. Further offer of 4 provisions each week, one in each of the following areas; Methil, Buckhaven, Wemyss and Kennoway.	

Connect Fife	Glenrothes YMCA/ Fc Communities	The provision of mobile phones, connectivity, and ongoing support to ensure digital access for up to 6 months for referred clients working with any of the WRAP agency partnership.	£4900	Digital connectivity to clients who face barriers, plus unlimited recycling of digital devices to meet reuse targets. This enables clients to fully participate in aspects of support as well as job seeking.	Delivery of courses ongoing, awaiting year-end figures on technology loans.	Paul Bunting YMCA
Justice Social Work Welfare Officer	Justice Social Work /FC Communities	Post advertised and filled to provide guidance, information and practical interventions for people being liberated from custodial sentences. Support those who are being managed in the community on Criminal Justice Orders such as Community Payback Orders who have multiple barriers to managing a resilient lifestyle.	£59375 over two financial years	Highly tailored advice and support to clients with complex scenarios to assist in the process of reintegration with their communities and allowing them to focus on rehabilitation.	Advice being offered to the following caseload of around 150 individuals The Throughcare team is supporting 9 people currently on licence with a further 8 planned releases in the next 3 months There are 7 individuals being supported by the Women's team in the area There are 7 people who have previously been looked after by the local authority There are 26 young people under 25 years old There are 45 people who have dependent children	Criminal Justice

Buckhaven Baptist Church Safe Haven Cafe and Repairs	Buckhaven Baptist Church /Corra /FC Communities	Provision of foodstuff equipment and funding for safety repairs, including flooring repair in main hall.	£10700	Safe space for Cafe provision within Buckhaven to focus on the needs of vulnerable individuals in that area.	Weekly attendance of around 50 clients, washing facilities also provided if required, volunteering opportunities offered – distribution of Fare Share food also arranged from this site.	Buckhaven Baptist Church/ Corra
QTS Rail Skills Academy	QTS/Network Rail. FC Employability, FC Communities	Training provision for local people to gain qualifications that would allow trainees to work on rail network	£10,000	Local people with relevant and transferrable skills to work on the rail link in levenmouth and other large scale capital projects across the rail network in Britain.	12 participants trained in track safety, first aid, manual handling small plant and tool work, and 4 weeks of direct work experience with work squads – 9 fully qualified and invited to interview for QTS and other rail network partners.	QTS/John Mcfarlane FC Employability
Green Skills Academy	FC Communities/ FC Employability	Training provision for local people to gain qualifications in green skills including woodland management and contribute to the maintenance of the River Leven area. The skills required will develop as the infrastructure develops within the River Leven area, as the programme work is	£100,000	Local people offered the opportunity to participate in training which would provide key qualifications and experience initially in Strimming - tackle grass overgrowth onto paths · Pruning to maintain sight lines and accessibility · Spraying (invasive species) · Planting of shrubs/wildflower meadows	First cohort in place and working in the area – alongside work in the River Leven catchment area the squads have also been utilised for assistance at Arden house gardens and will also be linking in with the Fife Heritage Railway and Leven Environmental Group to carry out work. Successful candidates from the cohorts will be potentially move into a paid	Dave Paterson/ Kirsty Martin

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		completed over the next 4-5 years.		Improvement of soil condition where required Drainage - tackle areas of pooling along with periodic cleaning of swales, ditches and overflow pipes associated with the general drainage of the site and SUDs features. Compensatory storage areas (e.g. ponds/swales) Wetland management Orchard management Grass and wildflower management Tree and hedgerows — cutting, pruning, removal of tree guards and thinning Tree work - removal of windblown trees or boughs that present a safety risk	position with the Grounds for Growth project based at Silverburn. Funding approach to the NLHF to cover the training and maintenance costs up to 2027 – Application to be submitted in May 2024	
Water Connection Clear Community Garden	CLEAR/FC Communities	Installation of fixed water supply at Buckhaven Community Garden	£12,800	Fixed supply of water to assist in increasing food yield from this site, low cost and no cost food then made available to the wider community	CLEAR continuing its work including the development of training and volunteering activity at its community gardens in both Buckhaven and Methil.	Allen Armstrong CLEAR
Express Group	Express Group/St Agatha's Church	Help with meeting room and participant costs to allow Express Group work in the area	£450	Fixed space for key mental health support work in an area where demand is high.	Weekly support meetings ongoing	Gary Guichan Express Group

Participatory	Coalfields	Contribution towards	£30,000	PB exercise supporting	25 groups funded over a	CRT
Budget (PB)	Regeneration	PB exercise to	contribution	local democratic	range of projects with	
contribution	Trust /River Leven	support local groups activities with a focus	towards a total of	process to decide on the allocation of funding	over 1150 votes cast as part of the process.	
	Programme	on health and	£80,000	to support local group	Projects cover support	
	FC	wellbeing linked to		activities.	for community growing,	
	Communities	the River Leven			access to sports, beach	
		Programme			wheelchairs for disabled clients, visits for parent	
					and toddler groups etc.	

Examples of support

John was referred to Furniture Plus/Plus Partnership's (F+PP) Support Worker by a Fife Council (FC) Welfare Support Assistant (WSA).

John had recently moved into a new property/tenancy with his 3 young children after fleeing a domestically violent relationship. The effects of the violence John faced in this relationship exacerbated his already poor mental health leading to John being deemed unfit for work at this time. John had previously been actively employed and because of his current circumstances, the family were struggling to make ends meet on a regular basis.

John was supported to ensure he was receiving all benefits etc. that he was entitled to, and this eventually led to him being awarded an extra £390.06 per month on top of his existing benefits.

Whilst awaiting these additional payments to take effect, John was supported by FC's WSA to ensure he had adequate heating/electric and food provision through issuing vouchers which also empowered John to have a choice in the food he chose for his family. A referral to Cosy Kingdom was also submitted to support John to develop informed knowledge of how he can best ensure he sustains his home's energy needs in future. This also allowed John to avoid relying on other crisis interventions such as Foodbank provision or accessing the Scottish Welfare Fund.

When John was initially referred to F+PP, the main reason given was that he required storage for items of clothing (e.g. wardrobe, chest of drawers). John had already resolved this issue but still required items such as a kitchen pack (I.e., plate, cutlery, utensils etc.) and bath towels. These were sourced through F+'s Goodwill scheme.

John had previously received white goods through a community care grant application but states that these were in a state of disrepair. F+ Support Worker arranged for Castle Furniture, who originally provided the white good, to have an engineer attend John's property and arrange repairs if possible and, if not, arrange replacement.

During ongoing conversations with John, he identified that he used to enjoy swimming and that he felt this improved his mental health. He felt unable to afford this so, after conversations with FC's CLD team, it was agreed that John was eligible for a 1-year gym and swim pass at his local leisure centre provided through a Levenmouth WRAP (Welfare Reform Anti-Poverty) group provision.

Furthermore, John was identified as someone who would benefit in the short term from the Levenmouth Big Wee Hooses scheme, and his FC WSA successfully referred him to this project which he has made use of. This will allow John access to cleaning and personal hygiene products until his additional benefits take effect allowing him to use his limited financial resources for other essential items.

Finally, John and his family will be supported over the festive season to allow them to plan and prepare to manage a sustainable budget into the New Year. The family's income has been maximised in relation to all eligible benefits and payments. John is aware that if he finds himself ready to get back to work, employability support will be available to him.

Referral was received from statutory service working with the family. The family have recently moved house within Fife due to a change in personal circumstances. They were previously resident in a Fife Council property, but due to needing to relocate quickly they have had to take on a private let in our area. With rent deposits being high and the costs of moving that they had not planned for; their benefits monies within the household have not stretched. The family composition is 2 x adults (parents) with a young 18-month-old child.

As well Big Wee Hoose referral (x4 visits) the family have been supported with vouchers and cash first approach (All Pay Card) to get them through to their next payment. This totalled £150.00 in total.

These interventions have allowed the family to get back on their feet financially, alleviated stressors within the family; domestic violence has been a factor previously within intimate relationships and thus prevented statutory agencies from potentially accommodating the child in either Kinship or looked after arrangements away from home. Dad has been referred onto Brag for further specialist employability support.

Family was referred by statutory services for benefit check/income maximisation. Joint visit was undertaken at family's request, they are from the travelling community and have a distrust of those whom they are not familiar with. Benefit check highlighted the only entitlement they had and were currently not receiving is school clothing grant. Client is a lone parent to seven children; she is expecting child number eight in 2024. Six of her children are currently in education. Financial gain to this family is £810.00. Have also advised to get back in touch when she has been booked in by her midwife, so we can apply for Best Start grant (MAT B1 required) and Best Start foods for them. Family is digitally excluded due to literacy/numeracy levels within the family, so need help to access and understand benefit system. Clothing grant was not applied for as they do not have a ScotGov account, and the family do not have the appropriate forms of ID to support access to these accounts. Revenues have now supplied internal forms, so this application can be progressed.

Ms. L was referred to the Plus Partnership by Link Life Fife with the initial request centered on sourcing a washing machine for the client.

On discussion with the client, she disclosed that she had suffered from bowel cancer leading to incontinence issues. This meant that they had an increased amount of washing and therefore increased the need for a working washing machine as soon as possible. The client also stated during conversations that she did not have many friends or family or a support network in the area and appeared to be isolated from the local community. Ms. L also disclosed that close members of her family had passed away in recent times.

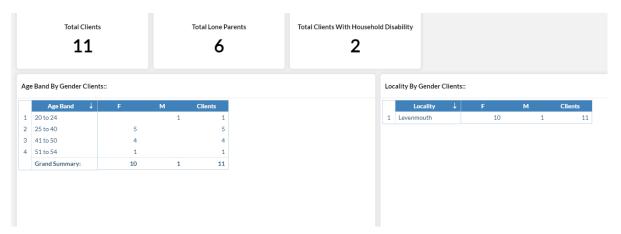
A priority referral was submitted by the F+ support worker and this was delivered and installed within a few days. Ms. L had also previously mentioned that the supply of incontinence pads she received via prescription from health services was insufficient and

she was spending approximately £15 per week to ensure she had an adequate supply. Enquiries made with Fife Council's CLD team and referral to Big Wee Hooses project approved. This allowed Ms. L to access incontinence pads and other hygiene products whilst she raised the issue of her prescription with her district nurse. Furthermore, information was provided to Ms. L regarding local community provisions, and she now regularly attends a bereavement group as well as other community café provisions.

Ms. L states that since engaging with the Plus Partnership support worker, she feels 'a massive weight has been lifted from her shoulders,' her diet has improved because of attending community food provisions and that they were now much more aware of support networks available in the local community.

Appendix 2 Overview of Support and Connect Work in Levenmouth and Fife wide comparison

Support and Connect has worked with 11 clients from Levenmouth area over 2023- present and most of this consists of budgeting and benefit maximisation work, referrals tend to come from Social

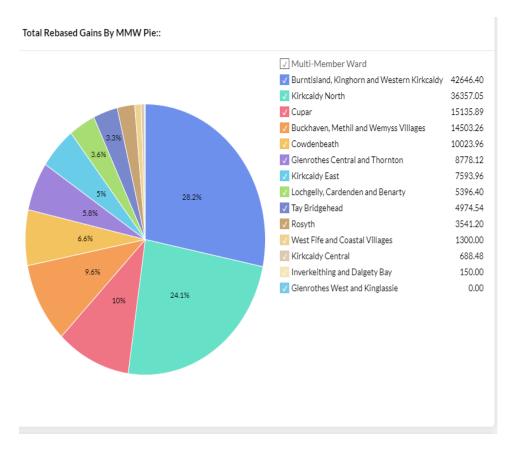


Work in the Levenmouth area and we will be working on improving awareness and referral from Education Service this year. We will be working on two different approaches, one in an early years



setting and one in an identified primary school.

	Locality ↓	F	М	Clients
1	City of Dunfermline	5	1	6
2	Cowdenbeath	10	1	11
3	Glenrothes	15	3	18
4	Kirkcaldy	30	3	33
5	Levenmouth	10	1	11
6	North East Fife	11	1	12
7	South West Fife	10	2	12
8	[Not Known]	10		10
	Grand Summary:	101	12	113



Levenmouth Area Committee

20 March 2024

Agenda Item No. 13



PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

Report by: Alan Paul, Head of Property Services

Wards Affected: 21 and 22

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

2.1.1 124 sqm of Land to the South of Methilhaven Road, Methil

Date of Acquisition: 31 January 2024

Price: £3,000

Seller: FCE Group Limited

3.0 Conclusions

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

List of Appendices

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:

N/A

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20 March 2024 Agenda Item No. 14



Levenmouth Area Committee Forward Work Programme

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

Wards Affected: 21 and 22

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.

List of Appendices

1. Workplan

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None

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Levenmouth Area Committee 15 May 2024	Complex (a)	Contact(a)
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)
On Fife Levenmouth Activity update	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson, Christine McLean
Housing Area Lettings Plan	Housing Services	Peter Nicol
FEAT Trading CIC - demolition of doocot at Silverburn Park and installation of outdoor furniture	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson
River Leven Programme Briefing Update	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson
Grounds Maintenance Service Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Service Annual Review	Environment & Building Operations (AT&E)	Scott Clelland, Alexander Anderson-Es
School Attainment and Achievement Report	Education and Children's Services	Shelagh McLean
Safer Communities Team Update Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Liz Watson-SC
Operational and Community Briefing on Policing Activities within Levenmouth	Police Scotland	Inspector Matt Spencer/ Brian Poole
Area Housing Plan Update 2024	Housing Services	Peter Nicol
Common Goods Fund (Standing Item)	Communities	David Paterson
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan Annual Performance Report	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	Niall Miller
Green Health Partnership - Ratification of Funding (65K)	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson
Progress Update Report – Justice Social Work (JSW) Welfare Support Worker	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson

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Through the Gears - Update on project & Video Presentation		David Paterson, Barry Clark			
Eagle Road MUGA - Resurfacing Proposal Funding Request	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson			
Leven Skatepark Renewal Project - Agreement of Match Funding from CRF	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson			
CLD Summer Provision - 10k Funding Request	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson			
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Area Roads Programme - Final Report for 2023/24	Roads & Transportation	Paul Hocking			

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2023/24 ARP Final outturn report		Vicki Connor-fc			

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Common Good and Settlement Trust Fund Annual Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Eleanor Hodgson, David Paterson			
Complaints Annual Update	Communities	David Thomson-CRM, Diarmuid Cotter			

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Local Economic Profiles - Annual Report		Peter Corbett			

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Pupil Equity Fund	Education and Children's Services	Zoe Thomson				
School Attainment and Achievement Report	Education and Children's Services	Shelagh McLean				

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Safer Communities Team Update	Housing Services			
Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Local Plan Annual Performance Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service			
Operational and Community Briefing on Policing Activities within Levenmouth	Police Scotland			
Grounds Maintenance Service Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Service Annual Review	Environment & Building Operations (AT&E)	Scott Clelland, Alexander Anderson-Es		

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Levenmouth Reconnected Programme for the bus service improvement project	Roads & Transportation	Phil Clarke	
Sport Scotland Targeted Approach- Levenmouth- Anti Poverty Funding to Remove Barriers to Individual Access	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson	
Community Renewal Project Proposals - Update and Current Spend Profile	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson	

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Common Goods Fund (Standing Item)	Communities	David Paterson	
preparations for Letham Glen Centenary (2025).	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	David Paterson	
Complaints Update Report		David Thomson-CRM, Diarmuid Cotter	
Area Housing Plan	Housing Services	Peter Nicol	
Health and Social Care Locality Update Report	Health and Social Care	Jacquie Stringer-fc	