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

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

28 May 2024

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Tom Adams, Naz Anis-Miah, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Al Clark, Gavin Ellis, Jean Hall-Muir, Andy Jackson, Mary Lockhart, Nicola Patrick, Sam Steele (substituting for Stefan Hoggan) and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Carol Connolly, Executive Director Place; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services, Lisa McCann, Service Manager (Food and Workplace Safety), Lorna Starkey, Lead Officer (Food and Workplace Safety); John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services, Michael Anderson, Service Manager Structural Services, Vicki Connor, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting And Asset Management, Bill Liddle, Service Manager (Roads Maintenance), Sara Wilson, Service Manager, Roads Network Management, Roads & Transportation Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services, Jonathan Coppock, Lead Professional Net Zero, Property Services; John Rodigan, Head of Environment & Building Services, Alexander Anderson, Service Manager Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing, Environment and Building Services; Emma Whyte, Committee Officer and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: John McBrinn, Acting Head of Customer Operations, Scotrail

86. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

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

87. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 19 March 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

88. SCOTRAIL - UNPLANNED CHANGES TO TICKET OFFICE OPENING HOURS IN FIFE.

The committee considered a verbal update by the Acting Head of Customer Operations, Scotrail, providing an update on operational management of ticket

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offices within the East Central Scotland rail network and providing reassurances in relation to maintaining staffing at offices where possible.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the verbal update provided; and
- (2) that a written briefing would be circulated to members from Scotrail following the committee.

89. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH (FOOD AND WORKPLACE SAFETY) SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2024-25

The committee considered a report and supplementary presentation by the Head of Protective Services addressing the statutory requirements and advising of the primary areas of regulatory activity undertaken and pressures faced by the Environmental Health (Food and Workplace Safety) Team.

Decision

The committee considered and commented on the content of the report.

90. FIFE'S ROAD CONDITION REPORT 2023

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising members of the results of the 2021 - 2023 Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS) and advising on the potential impact on road condition of future capital budget allocations.

Decision

The committee scrutinised the current performance and activity as detailed in the report.

91. MANAGEMENT OF FLASH FLOODING

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on the present strategy for managing flash flooding in Fife.

Decision

The committee scrutinised the strategy as outlined within the report.

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 am and reconvened at 11.55 am.

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

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services updating members on the performance of the bulky uplift service since charges were removed in April 2023.

Decision

The committee noted that: -

- (1) the scheme is operating effectively and managing a consistent 4-fold increase in demand;
- (2) 59% of the uplifted material is being recycled and the Service will consider ways of supporting residents to segregate and recycle more of their domestic waste; and
- (3) Fife Resource Solutions future waste processing charges for items containing persistent organic pollutants would increase annual costs by £300k to £500k.

93. PATHWAY TO NET ZERO IN NON-DOMESTIC BUILDINGS - UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services updating members on decarbonising the Council's non domestic property portfolio.

Decision

The committee noted and provided comment on: -

- (1) the progress made in decarbonising the Council's estate and work proposed for future phases of the program; and
- (2) the draft vision statement for low carbon construction.

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

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, asking members to consider the forward work programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee: -

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