

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

**Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy**

**22 October 2024**

**2.00 pm – 3.50pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

**ATTENDING:** Julie Dickson, Community Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; Alan Cumming, Education Manager, Education and Children's Services; Rob Bowditch, Service Manager, Public and Environmental Protection, Kenny Bisset, Lead Officer, Environmental Health, Protective Services; Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South, Roads and Transportation Service; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer and Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**120. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee of 27 August 2024.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

**121. REVIEW OF MOSSMORRAN AND BRAEFOOT BAY COMMUNITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2023**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing the findings of the latest 2023 general annual report for the operations at the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay facilities.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the contents of the general report and, in particular, the continued large reduction in complaints following investment in improvement technologies at the complex;

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- (2) noted the latest noise and air quality monitoring arrangements introduced around the complex; and
- (3) provided feedback on additional information that could be included for future annual general reports.

### 122. EDUCATION - PUPILWISE AND PARENTWISE SURVEYS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Service Education, presenting a summary of the Parentwise and Pupilwise survey undertaken across Fife in academic session 2023/24, with a focus on the Kirkcaldy Area results.

#### Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the findings of the surveys and the next steps in response to the results; and
- (2) that schools would welcome contact from elected members to discuss their approach to engaging with parents/carers and pupils, as well as how they were responding to the findings of the ParentWise and PupilWise 2023/24 surveys.

### 123. COMPLAINTS ANNUAL UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the Kirkcaldy area for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

#### Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the contents of the report, in particular, the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints; and
- (2) that officers would speak to key staff to ensure complaints which were received via elected members were being logged appropriately.

### 125. SCHOOL EXCLUSION ZONE (SCHOOL STREET) TRIAL - ST MARIE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL KIRKCALDY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising on the results of the School Exclusion Zone (SEZ) Trial Project for the pilot site at St Marie's RC Primary School, Kirkcaldy.

#### Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the contents of the report and appendix;
- (2) officers would continue to further review the trial with the school and ward members throughout the temporary period of the project; and

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- (3) officers agreed to consider other schools in the area on a case-by-case basis for school exclusion zone trials and elected members should advise on any school they wish to be considered.

### 126. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

#### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

### 127. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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

#### **Decision**

The committee:

- (1) noted and reviewed the Kirkcaldy Area Forward Work Programme;
- (2) agreed that a Members Workshop be arranged to allow for further discussion on Vacant and Derelict Land in the Kirkcaldy Town Centre Area;
- (3) requested that the upcoming Area Housing Plan report include details on any major housing projects being undertaken within the Kirkcaldy Area, including any programmes on roof replacements;
- (4) suggested that officers be approached to submit an update on any further proposed projects on conversion of buildings within town parks in the Kirkcaldy Area; and
- (5) requested a further update be provided on the redevelopment of Templehall Community Centre.