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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

12 November 2024

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Tom Adams, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw (substituting for Councillor Rod Cavanagh), Aude Boubaker-Calder, Al Clark, Gavin Ellis, Jean Hall-Muir, Stefan Hoggan, Andy Jackson, Nicola Patrick, Darren Watt and Daniel Wilson.

**ATTENDING:** Carol Connolly, Executive Director Place; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services, Dawn Adamson, Service Manager – Trading Standards, Lisa McCann, Service Manager – Food and Workplace Safety, Garry Nicoll, Service Manager – Building Standards and Safety, Rob Bowditch, Service Manager – Public and Environmental Protection, Protective Services; Pam Ewen, Head of Planning, Ross Spalding, Service Manager – Climate Change and Zero Waste, Shona Cargill, Lead Officer, Climate Change and Zero Waste, Planning Services; John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services, Susan Keenlyside, Service Manager – Sustainable Transport and Parking, Michael Anderson, Service Manager – Structural Services, Bill Liddle, Service Manager – Roads Maintenance, Tony McRae, Service Manager – Passenger Transport Service, Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant – Car Parking Strategy and Operations, Roads and Transportation Services; Tariq Ditta, Head of Facilities Management Services, Facilities Management; Barry Collie, Accountant, Financial Services, Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Naz Anis-Miah and Rod Cavanagh.

#### 109. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Boubaker-Calder, for transparency reasons, stated that she had a connection relating to paragraph 113 – Climate Fife – Big Resilience Move – as she was employed by the Fife Climate Hub but did not consider this amounted to an interest and remained in the meeting for the item.

#### 110. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 3 September 2024.

#### Decision

The committee approved the minute.

**111. PROTECTIVE SERVICES - DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services presenting an overview of the service, detailing the service planning, change, and improvement work undertaken in 2023/24 and providing an assessment of performance to inform scrutiny and future service planning.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) scrutinised the progress and performance of Protective Services for 2023/24 and the activity undertaken in 2024/25 to date;
- (2) noted the service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the three-year direction of travel; and
- (3) considered and commented on the remodelled 'annual service review' report format.

**112. CLIMATE CHANGE - DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services presenting an overview of the services, detailing the services' planning, change and improvement work undertaken in 2023/24 and providing an assessment of performance to inform scrutiny and future service planning.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) considered and commented on the remodelled 'annual service review' report format and related products;
- (2) scrutinised the progress and performance of Planning Services (climate change and zero waste functions) for 2023/24 and the activity undertaken in 2024/25 to date; and
- (3) noted the service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the three-year direction of travel.

**113. CLIMATE FIFE - BIG RESILIENCE MOVE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Planning Services informing on the progress to date and planned activities to further inform development of Climate Fife's Big Resilience Move and seeking feedback from members.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and

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- (2) provided feedback on the proposed activities.

### 114. **ROADS AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES ANNUAL REVIEW 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services presenting an overview of the service, detailing the service planning, change and improvement work undertaken in 2023/24 and providing an assessment of performance to inform scrutiny and future service planning.

#### **Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) considered and commented on the remodelled 'annual service review' report format and related products;
- (2) scrutinised the progress and performance of Roads and Transportation Services for 2023/24 and the activity undertaken in 2024/25 to date; and
- (3) noted the service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the three-year direction of travel.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.55 am and reconvened at 12.10 pm.*

### 115. **DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on the performance of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) operation in Fife for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

#### **Decision**

The committee considered and commented on the current performance and activity as detailed in the report.

### 116. **FACILITIES MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Facilities Management Services presenting an overview of the services, detailing the services' planning, change and improvement work undertaken in 2023/24 and providing an assessment of performance to inform scrutiny and future service planning.

#### **Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) considered and commented on the remodelled 'annual service review' report format and related products;
- (2) scrutinised the progress and performance of Facilities Management Service (FMS) for 2023/24 and the activity undertaken in 2024/25 to date; and

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- (3) noted the FMS' planning objectives for 2024/25 and the three-year direction of travel.

*Councillor Boubaker-Calder left the meeting during consideration of the above item.*

### **117. 2024/25 REVENUE PROJECTED OUTTURN – AUGUST**

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Place providing an update on the projected outturn financial position for the 2024/25 financial year for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Decision**

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

### **118. 2024/25 CAPITAL PROJECTED OUTTURN – AUGUST**

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Place providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advise on the projected financial position for the 2024/25 financial year for the areas in scope of the environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

#### **Decision**

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

*Councillors Jackson and Ballantyne-Wardlaw left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

### **119. ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

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

The committee considered the request from Cowdenbeath Area Committee to undertake a review of Building Services complaints.

#### **Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the contents of the forward work programme;
- (2) agreed not to proceed with the request from Cowdenbeath Area Committee to undertake a review of Building Services complaints given the small numbers involved;

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- (3) agreed that a briefing note be circulated to the committee detailing the specific issues relating to the Building Services complaints; and
- (4) 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.