

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

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

**21 January 2025**

**10.00 am – 11.40 am**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Tom Adams, Naz Anis-Miah, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Rod Cavanagh, Al Clark, 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, Lisa McCann, Service Manager - Food and Workplace Safety, Rob Bowditch, Service Manager – Public and Environmental Protection, Kenny Bisset, Lead Officer, Donald Payne, Lead Officer, Protective Services; Jay Wilson, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; Emma Whyte, Committee Officer and Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Duncan Fortescue-Webb, Consultant in Public Health, NHS Fife for Para 123 only.

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Gavin Ellis

**120. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**121. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 12 November 2024.

**Decision**

The committee approved the minute.

**122. PROTECTIVE SERVICES ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing an updated version of an enforcement policy covering Environmental Health, Trading Standards, Building Standards and Public Safety to ensure it remained current and fit for purpose.

**Decision**

The committee:-

(1) noted the contents of the report; and

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- (2) considered and commented on the contents of the report.

### 123. JOINT HEALTH PROTECTION PLAN

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing an overview of the Joint Health Protection Plan 2024-26 which health boards and local authorities were required to produce every two years.

#### Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) considered and commented on the contents of the report.

### 124. FIFE COUNCIL CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY UPDATE 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services advising that Fife Council's Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy had been updated for 2025-2030, outlining the Council's continued determination to bring damaged land back into beneficial use through a diverse set of innovative interventions.

#### Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) supported the Land and Air Quality Team's commitment to protecting public health through collaborative working and proactive intervention.

### 125. FIFE COUNCIL AIR QUALITY STRATEGY 2021-25: FIFE COUNCIL AIR QUALITY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services relating to the Fife Council Air Quality Annual Progress Report 2024 enabling the committee to scrutinise the progress made in delivering the aims and objectives of Fife's Air Quality Strategy 2021-2025.

#### Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the positive outcomes detailed in the report; and
- (2) supported the ongoing commitment to improving and maintaining good air quality across Fife.

### 126. UPDATED FIFE COUNCIL AIR QUALITY STRATEGY 2025-2030

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services advising of the latest Fife Council Air Quality Strategy 2025-2030 which outlined the Council's continued intention to maintain and improve air quality in Fife in accordance with legislation and associated statutory guidance.

**Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) supported the ongoing commitment to improving and maintaining good air quality across Fife.

**127. 2024/25 REVENUE PROJECTED OUTTURN – OCTOBER**

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and 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.

**128. 2024/25 CAPITAL PROJECTED OUTTURN – OCTOBER**

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 advising 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.

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

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

The committee were advised of a number of updates to the forward work programme to bring reports forward for consideration.

**Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the forward work programme and updates.