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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Regency House Halbeath

4 February 2025

9.30 am – 11.10 am

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Services; Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting and Asset Management, Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Services; Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Cara Hilton.

Prior to the start of business, the Convener intimated the intention to vary the sequence of items from that on the agenda. Para 186 below was considered after Para 191 below.

183. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Glen declared an interest in Para 186 below - Community Recovery Fund Application - Media City - as he was a Trustee of the Dunfermline Regeneration Trust.

Councillor Hall Muir declared an interest in Para 186 below - Community Recovery Fund Application - Media City - as she was a Trustee of the Dunfermline Regeneration Trust.

184. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 10 December 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

185. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services which identified the projects which were proposed for inclusion in the 2025-26 Area Roads Programme for the City of Dunfermline Area.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1-3;

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- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed, in consultation with the Area Convener and Depute Convener; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5.

The meeting adjourned at 10.30 am and reconvened at 10.35 am.

Councillors Glen and Hall Muir left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item having earlier declared an interest.

Councillors Anis-Miah and Boubaker-Calder joined the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

186. COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND APPLICATION - MEDIA CITY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement of a contribution of £24,100 from the Community Recovery Fund to support phase 1 of the Media City Vision by Dunfermline Regeneration Trust.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) to a contribution of £24,100 from the Community Recovery Fund (£14,500 for feasibility studies and £9,600 to appoint 2 temporary consultants for a 6 month period); and
- (2) that the Carnegie Hall and Music Institute Complex should be added to the list of properties already identified for inclusion in the feasibility studies.

Councillors Glen and Hall Muir rejoined the meeting after consideration of the above item.

187. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET APPLICATION - WINTER 2025 SUPPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £30,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to support residents of the City of Dunfermline over the Winter period of 2025/26.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £30,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to support residents of the City of Dunfermline over the Winter period of 2025/26.

188. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET APPLICATION - ANTI-POVERTY STAFFING 2025/26

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £78,338 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to continue to provide additional staff hours for a Welfare Support Assistant, Anti-Poverty Support

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Officer, Community Education Work and a Tutor in cooking skills. All of these positions focus on aspects of work across the City of Dunfermline that support the Tackling Poverty and Preventing Crisis agenda.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £78,338 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to support additional staff hours for the following posts:-

- Welfare Support Worker (FC6 x 18 hours = £20,129)
- Community Education Worker (FC7 - x 6 hours = £8,173)
- Anti-Poverty Support Officer (FC5 x 36 hours = £36, 663)
- Community Food Tutor (FC6 x 12 hours = £13,373)

189. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET APPLICATION - HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP COMMUNITY BASED WELL WORKER

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £19,827 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to allow for the continuation of a part-time Well Link Worker post for the City of Dunfermline in 2025/26.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £19,827 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to allow for the continuation of a part-time Well Link Worker post.

190. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - COMMUNITY HOLIDAY AND EVENT CHEST FUND

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £20,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to support the delivery of community events and holiday activities across the City of Dunfermline area.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £20,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (Anti-Poverty Fund) to support the delivery of community events and holidays activities across the City of Dunfermline area.

191. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - DUNFERMLINE – A CITY BUILT ON HERITAGE/CULTURE LED CITY

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a contribution of £45,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (£15,000 split over three years from 2025 to 2028) towards the City Built on Heritage Project. The contribution would enable the project to focus on using built and natural heritage assets to celebrate and define, design and deliver a programme of cultural engagement to promote the history and future of the City of Dunfermline.

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Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) a contribution of £45,000 to be divided over a three year period, equating to £15,000 per year for each year from the Dunfermline Area held portion of the budget due to the overall geographic benefit to the city;
- (2) that officers would identify and agree key deliverables with the project team for delivery for each year of the project's lifespan;
- (3) that officers would review the deliverable outputs each year with the project team, prior to agreeing future outputs for the succeeding years;
- (4) that a six monthly update on the project be provided to members through a megaward meeting and an annual progress report to this committee; and
- (5) to note that the project spreads across all Local Community Planning priorities.

192. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

193. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE 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 this committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan for the City of Dunfermline Area Committee; and
- (2) agreed to advise the Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any future report.