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THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

12 February 2025

9.30 am – 10.35 am

PRESENT: Councillors Eugene Clarke (Depute Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Colin Davidson, David Graham, John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

ATTENDING: Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting and Asset Management, Roads and Lighting Asset Management; Steve Sellars, Lead Consultant, Road Safety and Travel Planning; Phil Clarke, Lead Consultant, Levenmouth Reconnect Programme; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods; and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Aidan Duncan, Outdoor Education Manager, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Anne Marie Smith, Senior Health Promotion Officer, NHS Fife.

188. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

189. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 27 November 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

190. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining the projects proposed for inclusion in the 2025-2026 Area Roads Programme for the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) approved the report and appendices 1-3;
- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme develops, in consultation with the Area Convener and Depute Convener; and
- (3) noted appendices 4 and 5.

191. LEVENMOUTH RECONNECTED PROGRAMME LARGE GRANT AWARDS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services asking members to consider the Leven River Park Programme project recommended for funding from the fourth round of the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme Large Grant Fund.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) approved a grant award of £850,000 from the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme Large Grant fund to Green Action Trust for the Leven River Park Programme project;
- (2) agreed that a standing item be added to the forward work to consider progress on all projects awarded through the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme Grant Fund; and
- (3) agreed that future reports would include an evaluation section outlining objectives achieved.

192. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – GREEN HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking agreement for a contribution of £70,000 from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF), to part fund the Green Health Partnership approach which sits within the Leven River Parks Programme.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed to a contribution of £70,000 from the Community Recovery Fund as match funding to cover the costs relevant to the employment of a Green Health Partnership Coordinator;
- (2) noted that funding would not be released until after April 2025 to align with the release of funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), allocated to the wider River Parks Programme; and
- (3) agreed that an update report from Green Health Partnership would be brought to the Levenmouth Area Committee on 25 June 2025.

193. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – VARIATION TO SPEND

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking agreement for a transfer of an underspend of £4,904 from the Leven skatepark project to an alternative project in ward 21;

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namely the renewal of some of the play equipment at the adjacent beach play area.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed to transfer the underspend of £4,904 from the Levenmouth skatepark project to another project within ward 21;
- (2) noted that the preferred recipient project would be the adjacent beach play area; and
- (3) noted that additional funding would still require to be identified to take the beach play area project forward.

194. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – CASH FIRST LEVENMOUTH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) Anti Poverty fund of £25,000 to promote a two-phase Cash First initiative in Levenmouth.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed the funding request of £25,000 from the LCPB Anti Poverty fund for the Cash First project; and
- (2) noted that the pilot would be used to inform future poverty intervention approaches in Levenmouth.

195. 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 in the Levenmouth area.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

196. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the future work programme of the Levenmouth Area Committee.

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Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Committee forward workplan;
- (2) agreed as detailed in Para. 191 (2) above, that a standing item on the Levenmouth Reconnected Programme (LRP) Grant Funding be added to the forward work plan for the Levenmouth Area Committee;
- (3) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the committee.