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THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

2 April 2025

9.35 am – 12.00 pm

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

ATTENDING: Lesley Craig, Lead Consultant, Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Services; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods Services and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Christopher Conroy, Head of Integrated Community Care Services, Jacquie Stringer, Service Manager Localities and Community Led Support, Health and Social Care Partnership Health and Inspector Matt Spencer, Police Scotland.

197. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

198. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 12 February 2025.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

199. CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS - BUCKHAVEN AND METHIL – 20MPH SPEED LIMITS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising of objections to the proposal to introduce new 20mph limits in Methil and Buckhaven.

Decision

In the interests of road safety, the committee: -

- 1) agreed to set aside the outstanding objections to the introduction of 20mph limits in Methil and Buckhaven as detailed on drawing No. TRO24/01; and
- 2) approved the introduction of a 20mph speed limit on a reduced length of roads, as detailed within the report and on drawing No. TRO25/03.

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200. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING – LEVENMOUTH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Integrated Community Care Services providing a comprehensive overview of the Health and Social care Partnership Locality Planning Outcomes for Levenmouth in 2024.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) noted the content of the annual Health and Social Care Locality Planning report providing evidence on the key outcomes and achievements attained by the locality planning group in 2024; and
- 2) noted the collaborative efforts and joint initiatives undertaken within the Levenmouth Community Planning/ People and Place Group as detailed in the report;

201. MENTAL HEALTH RESPONSE CAR

The committee considered a report by the Head of Integrated Community Care Services requesting a contribution of £91,857 from the Community Recovery Fund to extend the deployment of the Mental Health Response Car up to the end of June 2025.

Decision

The committee:-

- 1) agreed to a contribution of £91,857 from the Community Recovery Fund to extend the deployment of the Mental Health Response Car to the end of June 2025;
- 2) noted that feedback would be gathered from staff and people engaging with the Mental Health Response Car, along with impact data from NHS Fife Accident and Emergency Department, Mental Health Services, Scottish Ambulance Service and Police Scotland to fully evaluate the pilot; and
- 3) agreed to remit to officers to arrange a joint workshop by end of May 2025 to include members from Levenmouth, Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath Area Committees and key partners involved in the project, to further explore options of funding to sustain the service beyond the end of June.

202. LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE AND ANTI-POVERTY WORK OVERVIEW

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services providing an update on activity aligned to the priorities that form the basis of the Levenmouth Community Plan 2023- 2026.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) noted the update on activity aligned to the priorities that form the basis of the Levenmouth Community Plan 2023- 2026; and
- 2) agreed to advise of any other key issues to be reflected in the local community plan.

203. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST - ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR APPROACH

The committee considered a report by the Response and Community Inspector for the Levenmouth Area, Police Scotland, requesting a contribution of £50,573.25 from the Local Community Planning Budget to continue resourcing the anti-social behaviour approach in Levenmouth for the financial year 2025/2026.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) reconfirmed support for the approach previously agreed by the Area Committee on 24 January 2025 (para. 112 refers);
- 2) agreed to a contribution of £50,573.25 from the Local Community Planning Budget to resource a Police Constable Salary for 12 months for the 2025/2026 financial period;
- 3) noted that the projected salary of a Police Constable may be subject to change in April of each year in subsequent requests;
- 4) noted that officers will submit a further report in early 2026 to request the extension of funding to fund the post until March 2027; and
- 5) noted that Police Scotland will match the allocation of Area Committee funding, with a further Police Constable resource to create a team of two, dedicated to countering anti-social behaviour and other priorities in the Levenmouth area.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am and reconvened at 11.15 am

204. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – TEMPLE CAR PARK CHANGING PLACES TOILET (CPT) PROVISION

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services requesting a contribution of £30 000 from the Community Recovery Fund as match funding for the Changing Places Toilet project at Temple Car Park, Lower Largo.

Decision

The committee agreed a contribution of £30,000 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the cost of installing a Changing Places Toilet unit at the Temple Car Park, Lower Largo.

205. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – GREIG PARK PLANNING AND DESIGN FUNDING

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking agreement for a contribution of £20,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget to progress the Greig Park, Windygates 3G pitch project to the the full design and planning stage.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £20,000 from the Ward 21 Local Community Planning Budget to progress the project to the design and planning stage.

206. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – GOBLIN CAR PROJECT- STEM ACTIVITIES

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking agreement for a contribution of £6,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget for the financial year 2025/26 to support the Goblin Car Project STEM Activities.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) agreed a contribution of £6,000 from the 2025/2026 Local Community Planning Budget towards the Goblin Car Project; and
- 2) noted that on production of a satisfactory evaluation of the project, further requests for funding will be made in financial years 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 in the absence of alternative funding being identified.

207. 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.

208. 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.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Committee forward work programme; and
- 2) 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.