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

Regency House, Halbeath

1 April 2025

9.30 am – 12.25 pm

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

**ATTENDING:** Andrew Gallacher, Community Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Services; Morag Millar, Service Manager - Place Programmes and Policies and David Grove, Lead Officer Town Centre Development, Business and Employability Services; Sandy Anderson, Service Manager (Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing) and Stephen Duffy, Team Manager (Grounds Maintenance), Environment and Building Services; Joan Gallo, Lead Officer (Community Justice Unpaid Work), Children and Families and Criminal Justice Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services and Michael O’Gorman, Service Manager – Estates and Asset Management, Property Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Finance and Corporate Services.

#### **URGENT BUSINESS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER**

The Convener advised that in terms of Standing Order 36.4, he had agreed to accept an emergency motion as urgent business due to the timing of the marketing of the land at the former Woodmill and St Columba’s High Schools’ site. The item was considered after item 9 on the agenda at para. 202.

#### **194. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order 22.

#### **195. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 4 February 2025.

#### **Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### **196. LOCAL ECONOMIC PROFILE 2023/24**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services which provided members with an overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the City of Dunfermline, along with the business support, strategic investment and employability activity carried out in the city by Business and Employability Services in 2023/24 and 2024/25 to date.

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### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) noted the activity undertaken by Business and Employability Services in 2023/24 and 2024/25 to date; and
- (2) commented on the issues highlighted in the analysis of the latest economic data.

### **197. DESIGN & DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK FOR CITY CENTRE**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services requesting that the Dunfermline City Centre Design and Development Framework be adopted as a high-level, conceptual strategy that would inform future project planning and investment decisions for the city centre.

### **Decision**

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to adopt the Dunfermline City Centre Design and Development Framework;
- (2) noted that the Framework would be used to inform the emerging Local Development Plan's spatial strategy and vision for the city centre; and
- (3) noted that, once adopted, the Framework would not form supplementary planning guidance but would be used when considering the development of projects and funding applications.

*The meeting adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.05 am.*

### **198. DOMESTIC WASTE, STREET CLEANSING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE - ANNUAL REVIEW 2024-25**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services which provided a review of the progress and performance of the Domestic Waste, Street Cleansing and Grounds Maintenance Service for 2024/25 and the service planning objectives for 2024/25.

### **Decision**

The committee noted:-

- (1) the continued service development and performance in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2024/25 in the City of Dunfermline; and
- (2) the plans to deliver local priorities to help communities shape their environment.

### **199. CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY PAYBACK ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Children and Families and Justice Services which provided an update on the work of the Community

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Payback Unpaid Work Team in the City of Dunfermline area from April 2023 to March 2024.

### **Decision**

The committee noted the report.

## **200. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

### **Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

## **201. 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;
- (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 reports; and
- (3) agreed that reports that were currently unallocated to a meeting date be followed up with the relevant service.

## **202. URGENT ITEM - EMERGENCY MOTION – LAND AT FORMER WOODMILL AND ST COLUMBA’S HIGH SCHOOLS’**

Councillor Ellis, seconded by Councillor Boubaker-Calder, moved as follows:-

“Committee notes with concern that Fife Council is marketing land for sale, specifically mentioning housing developments and the number of units, at the former sites of St Columba's High School and Woodmill High School, despite repeated requests from elected members for community facilities to be put in place.

Committee therefore requests that an urgent workshop be put in place for local members to discuss these issues, including consideration of how the land will be utilised and involving the wider community in meaningful consultation.”

### **Amendment**

Councillor Ballantyne-Wardlaw, seconded by Councillor Hilton, moved as follows:-

“This urgent workshop should include relevant officers, with feedback provided to members of City of Dunfermline Area Committee in a reasonable timeframe to

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ensure there is an opportunity to engage with local communities in a meaningful manner.”

*With the agreement of the Convener, the mover of the motion agreed to accept the amendment. The amended motion was agreed as follows:-*

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### **Decision**

The committee unanimously agreed the amended motion.