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### THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

24 May 2023

2.00 pm – 5.10 pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino and Jan Wincott.

**ATTENDING:** Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Community Development Team (Glenrothes); Karen Lees, Education Manager, Avril McNeill, Headteacher, Glenrothes High School; Keith Johnston, Technician Engineer, Traffic Management South; and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Michelle Sweeney, Director of Creative Development & Delivery and Karen Taylor, Programme Manager, Fife Cultural Trust, OnFife (for Para. 52); Inspector Kirk Donnelly, Police Scotland (Fife) (for Para. 53); and Station Commander Scott Neilson, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (Fife) (for Para. 54).

**APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE:** Councillor Daniel Wilson.

#### 50. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

#### 51. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 22 March 2023.

#### Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

#### 52. ONFIFE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report and presentation by the Director of Creative Development and Delivery, providing an update on OnFife's service offer in the area, reviewing activity in the past six months and outlining plans in the coming year.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the information provided;
- (2) agreed to consider how OnFife could better engage with and support the ongoing work within the area; ensure a joined-up approach to service delivery which would enhance their offering to communities in Glenrothes; expand the return on investment of the public pound; and contribute to the Community Wellbeing agenda; and
- (3) agreed to consider update reports on activity on a 6-monthly basis going forward.

*Councillors Craik and Ford joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**53. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN GLENROTHES AREA – 1 APRIL 2022 TO 31 MARCH 2023**

The Committee considered a report by Inspector Kirk Donnelly, Community Inspector, Glenrothes providing information on matters impacting on or involving Police Scotland which had relevance to community safety in the Glenrothes policing area.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the updates provided.

**54. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by Scott Neilson, Station Commander, Glenrothes providing incident information for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March, 2023. The incident information provided an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Glenrothes Committee area against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

**Decision**

The Committee noted the progress across the range of KPI's detailed in the report.

**55. UPDATE ON EXPERIMENTAL SCHOOL EXCLUSION ZONE AND PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - PITCOUDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL (IONA PARK, GLENROTHES)**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services:

- (1) providing an update on the experimental School Exclusion Zone for Pitcoudie Primary School; and
- (2) seeking approval of a proposal to introduce a parking restriction in Pitcoudie Avenue and lock-up site, Glenrothes.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the update on the experimental School Exclusion Zone for Pitcoudie Primary School; and
- (2) requested a report to a future meeting on the proposed parking restrictions within the lock-up site - following consultation with Ward members, Housing Services and owners of the lock-ups. Officers were asked to explore with Housing Services the appropriateness of a barrier system to address inconsiderate parking arising from the Temporary Experimental School Exclusion Zone if this became permanent.

*The Committee adjourned at 3.45 pm and re-convened at 4.00 pm*

**56. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES - 2021/22**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services providing details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021/22. The report also provided an overview of the range of strategies being developed to support the key priority to raise attainment.

**Decision**

The Committee noted:-

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

*Councillor Craik left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

**57. SUPPORTING THE GLENROTHES LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST – THRIVING PLACES**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking funding for the 2022/23 financial year to support an increased Police resource in the Glenrothes Area for one year initially, following a rise in anti-social behaviour and violent crime. The total amount of funding requested was £47,178 split as follows: Ward 13 - £16,701; Ward 14 - £17,220; and Ward 15 - £13,257.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) approved the funding request for the additional Police resource, which was key to a successful partnership approach in addressing the rise in anti-social behaviour and violent crime and agreed the funding be split across the Ward budgets as follows:
  - Ward 13: £16,701;
  - Ward 14: £17,220;
  - Ward 15: £13,257;

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- (2) noted Police Scotland would match this spend to create a team of two Police officers dedicated to addressing anti-social behaviour; and
- (3) requested an update report for this Committee's consideration in 9 months' time on outcomes in addressing anti-social behaviour and violent crime in the Glenrothes area.

### 58. **SUPPORTING THE GLENROTHES LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – AREA BUDGET REQUEST – CLD SUMMER PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods relating to an application from the Glenrothes Area Community Learning and Development (CLD) Team seeking £26,420 from the Local Community Planning budget to support CLD led activity for children, young people and families during the summer break.

#### **Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to allocate £26,420 of funding from the Local Community Planning budget to support the CLD led activity detailed in the report;
- (2) noted that the CLD led activity would form part of a wider summer partnership programme;
- (3) requested an elected member briefing detailing all other activities in addition to that funded and provided by Fife Council in the Glenrothes area for children, young people and families during the summer break; and
- (4) requested an outcome report for this Committee's consideration at its meeting on 4 October 2023, including the uptake of the summer activities, by whom and from where in the Glenrothes area children, young people and families had travelled.

### 59. **SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking approval of £40,800 funding from the Community Recovery Fund to support a range of proposals for the Glenrothes area as follows:-

- (a) Hope, Health and Happiness - Brighter Futures Health Hub project (£14,300); and
- (b) Community Kick About and Children's Activity Groups - Glenrothes Community Sports and Health Hub (£26,500) to cover the project for 2 years.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) agreed to allocate a total of £40,800 funding from the Community Recovery Fund as follows:-
  - (a) Hope, Health and Happiness - £14,300; and
  - (b) Community Kick About and Children's Activity Groups - £26,500;
- (2) noted sufficient funds were available in the Community Recovery Fund to support the proposal; and
- (3) noted that the balance remaining in the Reform and Recovery budget following the allocations approved at (1) above was £1,087,519.

**60. GLENROTHES 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 the Glenrothes Area Committee.

**Decision**

The Committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan;
- (2) agreed, as detailed at Para. 52. (3) above, to consider a 6-monthly update report from OnFife;
- (3) agreed, as detailed at Para. 55. (2) above, to consider a report on proposed parking restrictions at Pitcoudie Primary School;
- (4) agreed, as detailed at Para. 57. (3) above, to consider an update report in 9 months' time on outcomes in addressing anti-social behaviour and violent crime in the Glenrothes area;
- (5) agreed, as detailed at Para. 58. (4) above, to consider an outcome report at its meeting on 4 October 2023, on the uptake of summer activities;
- (6) agreed, with reference to the report on Selling of Lock Ups – Glenrothes, scheduled for consideration at its meeting on 30 August 2023 to request officers include information on all lock-up and garage sites across Glenrothes; and
- (7) otherwise agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to include on the workplan, within the remit of the Committee.

**61. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Senior Manager, 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.