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THE FIFE COUNCIL - COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

21st January, 2021

10.00 a.m. – 12.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Judy Hamilton (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Ken Caldwell, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh (substituting for Councillor Julie Ford), Neil Crooks, Linda Erskine, Fiona Grant, Helen Law, Donald Lothian, Alice McGarry, Graham Ritchie, David J Ross and Darren Watt.

ATTENDING: Michael Enston, Executive Director – Communities and Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods; Lesley Kenworthy, Business Partner, Finance; John Mills, Head of Housing and Mark McCall, Service Manager (Safer Communities), Housing Services; and Wendy MacGregor, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Jeremy Harris, Chief Executive, Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (for para. 201 only); Heather Stuart, Chief Executive and Michelle Sweeney, Director of Creative Development and Delivery, Fife Cultural Trust (ONFife) (for para. 201 only); Alistair MacGregor, Chief Executive, Fife Golf Trust (for para. 201 only).and Emma Walker, Fife Sports and Leisure Trust (for para. 201 only).

Prior to the start of formal Sub-Committee business, Councillor Judy Hamilton, Convener, acknowledged that Councillor Julie Ford was on maternity leave and, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, congratulated Julie and her husband Craig on the arrival of their daughter on 9th January, 2021.

During the Sub-Committee meeting, word was received that the funeral of Bill Taylor, member of Ravenscraig Tenants and Residents Association had taken place and, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, Councillor Judy Hamilton, Convener, offered her condolences to the colleagues, family and friends of Bill Taylor.

198. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Backhouse declared an interest in Para. 198 - Trust - Annual Reports - as she was a Director on the Board for Fife Cultural Trust and Fife Golf Trust.

Councillor Caldwell declared an interest in Para. 198 - Trust Annual Reports - as he was a Fife Council appointee on the board for the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust and Fife Sports and Leisure Trust.

Councillor Neil Crooks declared an interest in Para. 198 - Trust Annual Reports - as he was a Fife Council appointee on the Board for the Fife Golf Trust.

Councillors Linda Erskine, Donald Lothian and Darren Watt declared an interest in Para. 198 - Trust Annual Reports - as they were Fife Council appointees on the Board for the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust.

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199. MINUTE

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of the Community and Housing Services Sub-Committee of 24th November, 2020.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed to approve the minute.

200. REVIEW OF HOUSING SERVICES ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing seeking approval for a revised housing policy on tackling antisocial behaviour and provided members with recommendations for a change in how Fife Council tackled antisocial behaviour, designed to improve the quality of service provided.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

1. approved the Housing Services Antisocial Behaviour policy for 2020-2022 in consultation with Tenants and Residents Groups;
2. acknowledged and supported the proposed changes to the first point of contact response to antisocial behaviour complaints and case management of more complex cases; and
3. agreed to the proposed increased resources required to implement the improved response to complaints of Antisocial Behaviour.

Councillor Fiona Grant joined the meeting during consideration of this item.

201. TRUST ANNUAL REPORTS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods detailing the performance of the four Leisure, Culture and Sports Trusts in Fife - Fife Cultural Trust (OnFife), Fife Coast and Countryside Trust, Fife Golf Trust and Fife Sports and Leisure Trust - in their operations from 1st April, 2019 to 31st March, 2020.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

1. noted the performance of the four trusts during 2019/20;
2. acknowledged the work that was underway in responding to the impact of Covid-19 and as part of the reform for the agenda for the Council; and
3. congratulated the four Trusts on their performance under very challenging circumstances.

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Councillor Donald Lothian left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

The meeting adjourned at 11.35 a.m. and reconvened at 11.45 a.m.

202. 2020/21 CAPITAL MONITORING

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Communities providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2020/21 financial year.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 Financial Monitoring as detailed in the report.

203. 2020/21 REVENUE MONITORING

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Communities providing an update on the projected outturn position for the 2020/21 financial year for the areas in scope of the Community and Housing Services Sub-Committee.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

204. COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Sub-Committee considered the Community and Housing Services Sub-Committee Forward Work Programme.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the Forward Work Programme which would be updated as appropriate.
