

2022 KAC 8

THE FIFE COUNCIL - KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING

22 November, 2022

2.05 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Blair Allan, Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, Kathleen Leslie, Julie MacDougall, Nicola Patrick and David Ross.

ATTENDING: Julie Dickson, Community Manager (Kirkcaldy), Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager, Suzanne Scobie, Safer Communities Lead Officer, David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Sharon Douglas, Community Investment Manager, Communities Directorate; John Rodigan, Head of Environment & Building Services, Alexander Anderson, Service Manager, Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing, Scott Clelland, Service Manager, Parks, Streets & Open Spaces, Enterprise and Environment Directorate; Helena Couperwhite, Service Manager – Committee Services, Lesley Robb, Lead Officer - Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Nicola Black, Community Inspector, Police Scotland and Douglas Logan, Station Commander, Kirkcaldy Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors James Leslie and Carol Lindsay.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

18. MINUTE

The Committee considered the minute of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee meeting of 20 September, 2022.

Decision

The Committee:

1. agreed to approve the minute; and
2. noted in terms of para. 6 (Minute Ref 2022 KAC 3), that, following the meeting an additional Member, Councillor Hamilton, had been appointed as a second representative for the organisation Clued Up Drug Awareness Project.

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19. SUPPORTING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN: RAVENS CRAIG RURAL SKILLS TRAINING HUB

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate funds totalling £15,000, from the additional £100,000 Local Community Planning Budget to the Ravenscraig Rural Skills Training Hub project.

Decision

The Committee agreed to a contribution of £15,000 from the additional £100,000 Local Community Planning Budget, towards the Ravenscraig Rural Skills Training Hub project.

20. SUPPORTING THE KIRKCALDY AREA COMMUNITY PLAN: MIDDLEDEN MOUNTAIN BIKE TRAILS UPGRADE PROJECT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate funds of up to £15,500, from the additional £100,000 Local Community Planning Budget to the Middleden Mountain Bike Trails Redevelopment project.

Decision

The Committee agreed to a contribution of up to £15,500 from the additional £100,000 Local Community Planning Budget allocation, towards the Middleden Mountain Bike Trails Redevelopment project.

21. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - KIRKCALDY AREA ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander, Kirkcaldy Community Fire Station, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, providing incident information for the period 1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022, enabling the scrutiny of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Stirling-Clackmannanshire-Fife – Kirkcaldy Area - against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

Decision

The Committee considered and commented on the progress across a range of KPI's detailed in the report.

22. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN KIRKCALDY AREA

The Committee considered a report by the Community Inspector for Kirkcaldy and Burntisland Ward areas, providing Members with information on matters impacting on or involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to community safety in the Kirkcaldy and Burntisland ward policing area.

Decision

The Committee considered and commented on the update provided in the report.

23. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing Members with an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Kirkcaldy Committee area during the 12 month period, 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022.

Decision

The Committee noted and commented on the activity as detailed in the report.

24. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE, DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2021

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Service, Environment and Building Services providing information of the performance of the Grounds Maintenance, Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing Services in 2022.

Decision

The Committee:

1. noted the improvement in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2022;
2. noted the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment;
3. recommended the appropriate Scrutiny Committee consider how Area Committees can influence Grounds Maintenance priorities in their local areas and the financial, resource and policy implications of the Fife Wide Grounds Maintenance Service Level Agreement 2022-23 (Appendix 3) for a one Council approach.

The Committee adjourned at 3.30 pm and reconvened at 3:50 pm

25. COMPLAINTS ANNUAL UPDATE

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities, providing an overview of complaints received, relating to the Kirkcaldy area, for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Decision

The Committee considered the report on complaints received noting the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

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26. COMMON GOOD POLICY STATEMENT

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presenting a draft Common Good Policy Statement that would form the basis of a public consultation exercise.

Decision

The Committee noted and commented on:

1. the draft Common Good Policy Statement; and
2. the community consultation process.

27. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Committee noted the draft forward work programme for the Kirkcaldy Area Committee.