

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – REMOTE MEETING**

15<sup>th</sup> February, 2022

10.00 a.m. – 11.35 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors David Alexander (Convener), David Ross and Dave Dempsey, Steve Grimmond, Chief Executive, Fife Council; Carol Potter, Chief Executive, Joy Tomlinson, Director of Public Health, Tricia Marwick, Chair of NHS Fife Board, NHS Fife; Nicky Connor, Director of Health and Social Care Partnership; Iain Brocklebank, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mark McMullen, Interim Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise; Gordon MacDougall, Head of Operations, Skills Development Scotland; Anna Herriman, Senior Partnership Manager, SESTran; Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland and Hugh Hall, Principal, Fife College; Kenny Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Voluntary Action.

**ATTENDING:** Keith Winter, Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment; Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation & Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business & Employability, Economy Planning and Employability Services; Tim Kendrick, Community Manager (Development), Communities; Gavin Smith, Service Manager (Housing Management Executive), Housing Services; Paul Gillespie, Community Inspector, Police Scotland and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**121. MINUTE**

The Board considered the minute of the Fife Partnership Board Meeting of 26th October, 2021.

**Decision**

The Board approved the minute.

**122. COVID-19 UPDATE - VERBAL UPDATE ON RECOVERY ACTIVITY BY PARTNERS**

Partners provided the board with respective updates on service delivery surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic, noting that services were focusing on recovery and renewal.

Services continued to note high levels of staff absences due to the Omicron variant, this had caused increased pressures on delivering and maintaining services during 2021/2022.

All services noted that they continued to focus on the recovery framework following the publication of the Scottish Government revised strategic framework.

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**123. PLAN FOR FIFE DELIVERY UPDATE**

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which provided partners with an update on the progress to date in delivering the Plan for Fife recovery and renewal priorities, in taking forward work on people and place leadership and organisational change.

**Decision**

The Board: -

- (1) noted the progress update on the delivery of recovery and renewal priorities as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) agreed on the updated proposal for taking forward local people and place leadership across the Partnership;
- (3) noted the progress to date in taking forward joint work on organisational change across the Partnership; and
- (4) agreed that a further Plan for Fife report outlining the priority actions for the next 3 years would be presented at the next board meeting.

**124. PLAN FOR FIFE – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021**

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities which presented to partners the draft annual report on the Plan for Fife for 2020/2021.

**Decision**

The Board endorsed the draft annual report.

**125. PREVENTION OF HOMELESSNESS DUTY CONSULTATION**

The Board considered a report by the Head of Housing Services, which asked partners to consider the Scottish Government Consultation on the prevention of homelessness duties, noting that additional duties would be placed on the Council and Partners from the Scottish Government Administration.

The consultation was the most significant reform to homelessness and related legislation since 2012. Partners were asked to agree to submit a fife wide response based on contributions from across all levels of the partnership.

**Decision**

The Board: -

- (1) approved the development of a coordinated Fife Partnership response to the Prevention of Homelessness Duty Consultation by 31st March 2022; and
- (2) agreed on a process to coordinate partnership engagement.

**126. PRESENTATION ON IMPROVING LEVENMOUTH TOGETHER**

The Board considered a report by Chief Inspector, Police Scotland which provided partners with an update on the progress of the Levenmouth Together initiative.

**Decision**

The Board: -

- (1) welcomed and noted the presentation on improving Levenmouth Together;
- (2) thanked Paul Gillespie, Police Scotland for all his hard work and inspirational work within the community;
- (3) noted the importance of improving safety and wellbeing of people, places and communities within Fife
- (4) agreed that partners would support Police Scotland to look at new ways of linking into other services within the board as part of a wider response.

**127. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Decision**

A date for the next meeting would be agreed and issued to board members after May 2022, following local government elections.