

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - ECONOMY TOURISM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND
TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE – REMOTE MEETING**

4th February, 2021

10.00 am – 10.45 am

PRESENT: Councillors Altany Craik (Convener), John Beare, Ian Cameron, Bill Connor, Sharon Green-Wilson, Jean Hall-Muir, Jane Ann Liston, Mino Manekshaw, Ross Paterson, David J Ross, Alistair Suttie, Ann Verner and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Keith Winter, Executive Director - Enterprise and Environment; Ken Gourlay, Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment; Pam Ewen, Head of Planning, Alastair Hamilton, Service Manager - Development Management, Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Jackie Johnstone, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; and Lesley Robb, Lead Officer (Committee Services), Legal & Democratic Services.

**APOLOGY FOR
ABSENCE:** Councillor Dave Coleman.

URGENT BUSINESS BEING BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

The Convener advised of an additional item which he had agreed to take as urgent business in terms of Standing Order No. 3.8, relating to COVID-19 Response Activity, providing an update on the work of Officers in relation to the ongoing situation surrounding the pandemic.

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

No declarations were made in terms of Standing Order No. 7.1.

154. MINUTE

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee meeting of 10th December 2020.

Decision

The Sub-Committee approved the minute.

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155. URGENT ITEM – COVID-19 RESPONSE ACTIVITY

The Head of Business and Employability provided the Sub-Committee with a verbal update on recent activity by officers in relation to the response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The update included an overview on the support provided to local businesses including the administering of various grants and support payments to businesses, as a result of the recent Scottish Government restrictions imposed due to the current pandemic.

The Sub-Committee Members was also provided with up to date figures on the unemployment rate for Fife and those claiming out of work benefits, with a brief outline of the work being undertaken to support jobseekers.

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted:

- (1) the update provided; and
- (2) that Members would shortly be provided with a briefing note including up to date statistics on the recent work carried out by officers.

156. PLANNING PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 9 (2019-2020): MINISTER'S FEEDBACK

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Planning briefing members on the performance of the Planning Authority, as set out in the Planning Performance Framework (PPF9) over the period 2019-20 and the feedback received from the Scottish Government.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

- (1) scrutinised the performance of the Planning Authority as set out in the Planning Performance Framework 9; and
- (2) acknowledged progress on that performance.

157. 2020/21 REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment providing members with an update on the projected outturn financial position, as at October for the 2020/21 financial year, for the areas in scope of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

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

158. 2020/21 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN - ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Enterprise and Environment providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position, as at October, for the 2020/21 financial year for areas in scope of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.

Decision

The Sub-Committee considered and noted the current performance and activity across the 2020/21 financial monitoring, as detailed in the report.

159. ECONOMY TOURISM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Sub-Committee:-

- (1) noted the forward work programme for the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee; and
- (2) agreed to contact the Convener to discuss any items of business they would like added to the forward work programme.