

FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD – REMOTE MEETING

26th October, 2021

2.00 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors David Ross (Convener) and David Alexander, 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; Joseph Fitzpatrick, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Mark McMullen, Interim Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise; Joanne Allen, Skills Development Scotland; Anna Herriman, Senior Partnership Manager, SESTran; Laura McMahon, Department of Work and Pensions; Sue Reekie, Chief Operating Officer, Fife College; Kenny Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Voluntary Action and Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan, Police Scotland.

ATTENDING: Carrie Lindsay, Executive Director - Education and Children's Services, Stuart Booker, Improvement Officer (Strategy and Knowledge Management), Education Services; John Mills, Head of Housing Services, Housing Services; Tim Kendrick, Community Manager (Development), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Economy, Planning and Employability Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services

ALSO Dr Lorna Watson, NHS Fife

ATTENDING:

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Dave Dempsey, Gordon MacDougall and Keith Winter.

114. MINUTE

The Board considered the minute of the Fife Partnership Board Meeting of 17th August, 2021.

Decision

The Board approved the minute.

115. COVID-19 UPDATE -VERBAL UPDATES ON RECOVERY ACTIVITY BY PARTNERS

Partners provided the board with respective updates on service delivery surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic which focused on recovery and renewal.

NHS Fife, Public Health continue to monitor the Covid-19 testing programme and uptake of vaccinations within Fife.

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Residents of Fife are now being offered Covid-19 booster vaccinations, to date 23,521 booster vaccinations had been administered and there continues to be good uptake on vaccinations.

Services were reminded of the importance of continuing to wear face coverings and adhere to social distancing to help protect against the transmission of Covid-19.

Staff from respective services were thanked for their hard work and continued efforts throughout the recovery from the pandemic.

116. **AFGHANISTAN REFUGEES IN FIFE - VERBAL UPDATE**

The Board considered a presentation by John Mills, Head of Housing Services, Fife Council relating to Afghanistan refugees in Fife.

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) welcomed and noted the presentation;
- (2) noted a copy of the presentation slides would be circulated to Board members.

117. **PLAN FOR FIFE DELIVERY - UPDATE FROM THE RECOVERY AND RENEWAL LEADERSHIP GROUP**

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities, Fife Council which updated members on the progress to date in establishing new arrangements for the Plan for Fife leadership, delivery and organisational change across the Partnership.

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) noted the progress made to date in implementing the updated Plan for Fife;
- (2) approved the proposed leadership, delivery and reporting arrangements outlined in sections 2-3 of the report;
- (3) considered the change strategy proposals as the basis for taking forward a joint approach to organisational change across the partnership as outlined in Section 4 of the report, which included:
 - (a) the four proposed principles for public service renewal;
 - (b) the proposals to take forward local people and place leadership across the partnership, and
 - (c) the establishment of a partnership organisational change group to plan and deliver joint activity across the board.

118. FIFE CHILDREN'S SERVICES PLAN 2021-23

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director, Education and Children Services, Fife Council which presented to members the Fife Children's Plan 2021-23, as a basis for improving the outcomes and experiences of children, young people and families across Fife during the period of recovery and renewal from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Decision

The Board endorsed the Fife Children's Services Plan 2021-23.

119. FIFE CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT 2020-2021

The Board considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Education and Children's Services, Fife Council and the Director of Public Health, NHS Fife which presented to partners the Fife Child Poverty Action Report 2020-21.

Decision

The Board endorsed the Fife Child Poverty Action Report 2020-21.

120. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Board Meeting shall take place on Tuesday 15th February, 2022 at 10.00am.

The meeting shall be held remotely, as necessary, and subject to Scottish Government advice on Covid-19.

AOCB - PRESENTATION ON REGIONAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY

The Board considered a presentation by Anna Herriman, Senior Partnership Manager, Sustran regarding the regional transport strategy consultation.

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) welcomed and noted the presentation;
- (2) were encouraged to take part in the consultation process.