

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

8th April, 2021

10.00 am – 11.35 am

PRESENT: Councillors Altany Craik (Convener), John Beare, Ian Cameron, Dave Coleman, Bill Connor, Colin Davidson, 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, Derek Crowe, Senior Manager (Roads & Transportation Services), John Mitchell, Service Manager, Sustainable Transport & Parking, Derek Beveridge, Lead Consultant - Bus Network & Stations, Steven Sellars, Lead Consultant, Road Safety & Travel Planning, Assets, Transportation and Environment; Gordon Mole, Head of Business and Employability, Sandra Montador-Stewart, Service Manager - Economy, Tourism and Town Centres, Adam Dunkerley, Opportunities Fife Partnership Manager, Economy, Planning & Employability Services; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer (Committee Services), Legal & Democratic Services.

160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Verner and Suttie declared an interest in Para. 165 - 'Support for Voluntary Organisations'. Councillor Verner due to being a Fife Council appointed Member of Opportunities Fife Partnership and Councillor Suttie due to being a Fife Council appointed Member of Fife Employment Access Trust.

Both Councillors advised that as their interests were insignificant they would remain in the meeting and participate when the item was discussed.

161. MINUTE

The Sub-Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee of 4th February 2021.

Decision

The Sub-Committee approved the minute.

162. AREA PLACE MAKING AND PARKING TRIAL FINAL REPORT

The Sub-Committee considered a joint report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment and the Head of Business and Employability detailing the findings of the Area Placemaking and Car Parking trial in the Kirkcaldy Area.

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The Sub-Committee:

1. noted the findings of the Area Placemaking and Car Parking Options trial in the Kirkcaldy Area that identified placemaking as the key factor in town centre regeneration;
2. agreed that the next phase of placemaking would focus on the delivery of Town Centre Strategies with Area Committees;
3. agreed that the Parking Pilot was now concluded; and
4. noted that Area Committees would be key stakeholders in the development of the new Local Transport Strategy for Fife and subsequent Area Transport Plans would be aligned with the local Town Centre Strategies.

163. BUS PARTNERSHIP FUND

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment providing an update on partnership work in preparing bids to the Scottish Government Bus Partnership Fund from Fife and through the City's Region Deal's Transport Appraisal Board.

Decision

The Sub-Committee agreed that:

1. Fife Bus Partnership bids to the Scottish Government's Bus Partnership Fund, as endorsed by the Public Transport Working Group on 24th February 2021, be submitted to the Scottish Government by 16th April 2021;
2. Fife Council would contribute to the Tayside Bus Alliance bid to the Bus Partnership Fund, as endorsed by the Public Transport Working Group on 24th February 2021; and
3. City's Deal's Transport Appraisal Board, of which Fife Officers are members, would prepare a collective South East of Scotland regional bid for submission to Transport Scotland for funding from its Bus Partnership Fund, subject to agreement by the six individual Councils.

164. LOCAL TRANSPORT STRATEGY FOR FIFE

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment updating the Sub-Committee on the need to review the Local Transport Strategy for Fife and the proposed timescale and measures.

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The Sub-Committee:

1. noted the current development of key local, regional and national strategies relating to the economic, environmental, transportation and land-use sectors and the need accordingly to review Fife's Local Transport Strategy;
2. agreed that officers proceed with the development of the Local Transport Strategy for Fife with a view to completing by late Summer/Autumn 2022; and
3. noted that update reports on progress would be presented to this Committee as appropriate during the process.

165. SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability detailing recommendations for the level of support to voluntary organisations within the Enterprise and Environment Directorate for the period 2020-2022.

Decision

The Sub-Committee:

1. approved the level of funding to voluntary organisations by the Assets, Transportation and Environment Service, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report;
2. approved the allocations given through Service Level Agreements from Business and Employability, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report; and
3. noted the allocation awarded by the Opportunities Fife Partnership, for delivery of Employability Pathway activities to be used as part of the match for the final year of the European Programme, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

166. FIFE ROAD CASUALTY STATISTICS 2020

The Sub-Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising of the numbers and severity of casualties on Fife's roads in 2020 and the performance against the Scottish Government Road Safety Casualty Reduction targets.

Decision/

The Sub-Committee:

1. noted Fife's road casualty statistics for 2020 and the performance in respect of the Scottish Government reduction targets for 2020;
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2. considered and commented on the 2020 road casualty statistics and noted that road safety partners would continue to innovate to meet the casualty reduction targets in the revised Scottish Government Road Safety Framework from 2021 onwards;
3. agreed that a further report be presented on the recently published Scottish Government Road Safety Framework to 2030 and the impacts on Fife Council;
4. noted with much concern the upward trends in fatalities since 2017, in serious injuries since 2015 and serious injuries to children since 2012; and
5. requested Officers to provide a briefing note to Members of the Sub-Committee detailing further information and data on the ten most common contributory factors for crashes over recent years and how this data benchmarks against similar Local Authorities.

167. **ECONOMY TOURISM STRATEGIC PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

Decision

The Sub-Committee noted the forward work programme for the Economy, Strategic Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee.
