

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

**Committee Room 2, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes**

**31 May, 2023**

**9.30 am – 12.40 pm**

**PRESENT** Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams, Ken Caldwell David Alexander, Eugene Clarke, David Graham, John O'Brien, and Alistair Suttie.

**ATTENDING:** David Paterson, Community Manager (Area), Communities and Neighbourhoods; Kevin O'Kane, Greenspace Partnership Officer; Paul Coleman, Safer Communities Team Manager, Sara Gray, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Jacquie Stringer, Locality Planning Co-ordinator, Health and Social Care Partnership; Scott Clelland, Service Manager - Parks, Streets & Open Spaces; Alexander Anderson, Service Manager (Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing), Waste Operations; Shelagh McLean, Head of Education & Children's Services (Early Years and Directorate Support), Education and Children's Services and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Committee Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Christine McLean, Head of Cultural Heritage and Wellbeing, Museum & Heritage Service, Fife Cultural Trust; Susan Anne Knight, Scottish Ambulance Service; Fiona Mcguire, NHS Fife; Niall Miller, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Chris Dow, Chief Inspector and Matthew Spencer, Inspector, Police Scotland.

During the committee business, the Convener intimated the intention to vary the sequence of items from that on the agenda, to take item 11 (para 67) directly after item 9 (para 66) due to the presenting officer requiring to attend urgent business.

**59. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ken Caldwell declared an interest in Para. 75 – Supporting the Levenmouth Local Community Plan – Terras Hall Project – Community Recovery Fund as he was a board member at Terras Hall.

**60. MINUTE**

The Committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 5 April, 2023.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to approve the minute.

**61. HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE LOCALITY PLANNING – LEVENMOUTH**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Community Care Services (Senior Team Lead for Levenmouth Health & Social Care Locality Planning Group) asking members to consider funding an innovate approach to supporting people who contact emergency services with a mental health need/emotional distress.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed: -

- (1) to fund £91,857.00 from the community recovery fund to allow the implementation of the test of change as noted in section 2 of the report; and
- (2) that officers would undertake some further exploration work to possibly extend the test of change for a longer period than 6 months.

**62. OPERATIONAL AND COMMUNITY BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEVENMOUTH**

The Committee considered a report by the Local Area Commander, Police Scotland, providing an update on matters impacting on and involving Police Scotland, which had relevance to Community Safety within the Levenmouth Area.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to note the action taken to date and support Police Scotland moving forward in addressing priorities within the Levenmouth Area.

**63. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Station Commander for Levenmouth Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS), providing an update on incident information within the Levenmouth Area for the period 1st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the progress across a range of key performance indicators as detailed in the report.

**64. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services, providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Levenmouth Committee Area during the twelve-month period 1st April, 2022 to 31st March, 2023.

**Decision**

The Committee noted the activity to date as detailed in the report.

**65. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES 2021/22**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Education & Children's Services, providing members with the details of the attainment

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outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2021/22.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted:

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2021/22; and
- (2) the strategies being implemented to raise attainment.

### **66. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE, DOMESTIC WASTE AND STREET CLEANSING SERVICE ANNUAL REVIEW 2022-23**

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

### **Decision**

The Committee noted: -

- (1) the improvement in grounds maintenance, domestic waste collection and street cleansing services in 2022; and
- (2) the plans to deliver local priorities and help communities shape their environment.

*The meeting adjourned at 11.40 am and reconvened at 11.50 am.*

### **67. PLAY SPACES CATEGORISATION – LEVENMOUTH AREA**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking approval of the Play Spaces Categorisation for the Levenmouth Area to create better quality and more inclusive play spaces.

### **Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) approved the play spaces categorisation for the Levenmouth Area; and
- (2) agreed to review the implementation plan at a future meeting (if required) which would specify how the categorisation and improvement of play spaces would be programmed and progressed.

### **68. LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking final agreement on the noted priorities for the 2023-2026 Levenmouth Local Community Plan.

### **Decision**

The Committee: -

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- (1) agreed the current draft priorities that would form the basis of the Levenmouth Community Plan for 2023-2026;
- (2) noted the supported statement of improvement actions and current activities that were aligned to the priorities as detailed in the report; and
- (3) noted the content of the vision statement document that highlighted further detail on current activities within Levenmouth.

### **69. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – ONFIFE METHIL HERITAGE CENTRE - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND.**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking agreement to contribute £44,153 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the cost of employing a Community Engagement Officer at Methil Heritage Centre.

#### **Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed to contribute £44,153 towards the cost of employing a Community Engagement Officer at the Methil Heritage Centre to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024; and
- (2) noted that a further report would be brought back to the Committee to secure £65,268 from the Community Recovery Fund, as a continuation of the funding for the Community Engagement Officer post to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025.

### **70. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – GREENER KIRKCALDY FUEL POVERTY APPROACH - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND.**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking agreement for a contribution of £30,000 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the cost of providing ongoing assistance and advice on fuel poverty concerns within the Levenmouth Area.

#### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to contribute £30,000 to cover the costs relevant to the package of work as detailed in the report.

### **71. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – FIXED ELECTRICAL CONNECTION UNEXPECTED GARDEN - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking agreement for a contribution of £6,323.37 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the cost of installing a fixed underground electrical connection to the event space at the Unexpected Garden at Leven Centre.

**Decision**

The Committee agreed to contribute £6,323.37 to cover the costs of installing an electrical connection to the event space at the Unexpected Garden at Leven Centre.

**72. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – PUMP TRACK KENNOWAY ADDITIONAL COSTS - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking agreement to contribute £28,950 from the Community Recovery Fund, towards the additional costs relevant to the pump track development in Kennoway.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed to contribute £28,950 to cover the extra costs relevant to the pump track development at Kennoway; and
- (2) noted the reasons for the additional costs as detailed in the report.

**73. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – CASTLE FURNITURE LEVENMOUTH INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE (LII) - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND.**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, seeking agreement to contribute £30,000 from the Community Recovery Fund, to allow Castle Furniture Levenmouth Independence Initiative to deliver an enhanced package of help through the provision of furniture and white goods to households in need.

**Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed to contribute £30,000 to cover the costs relevant to the enhanced package of assistance to provide furniture and white goods to referred households in need;
- (2) noted that most items distributed would be reused and reconditioned items, which supports the aims in progressing activity to help the positive impact on climate change concerns; and
- (3) noted that the proposal would be subject to regular progress reports at future ward meetings.

**74. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – KENNOWAY DEN GROUND REMEDIATION - COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to contribute £10,000 from the Community

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Recovery Fund towards the cost of proposed remediation work at Kennoway Den.

### **Decision**

The Committee: -

- (1) agreed to contribute £10,000 to cover the costs relevant to the required ground remediation work at Kennoway Den;
- (2) noted that £5,000 match funding had been earmarked by the Parks Development Team; and
- (3) noted that the final costs had not been finalised at this stage, however the estimated cost of works was based on similar works undertaken within Kennoway Den previously.

*Having earlier declared an interest, Councillor Caldwell left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

### **75. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – TERRAS HALL PROJECT – COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND.**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to contribute £28,200 from the Community Recovery Fund towards the cost of an improvement package for the internal configuration at the Terras Hall in East Wemyss.

### **Decision**

The Committee agreed to contribute £28,200 to cover the costs relevant to the package of works as detailed in the report.

*Councillor Caldwell re-joined the meeting following consideration of the above item.*

### **76. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Committee considered a report by the Head of Assets, Transportation and Environment advising members of action taken using the list of officer powers in relation to property transactions.

### **Decision**

The Committee noted the content of the report.

### **77. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services in support of the Committee's consideration of the Levenmouth Area Committee Forward Workplan.

### **Decision**

The Committee reviewed and agreed on the content of the forward work plan for the Levenmouth Area Committee.