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THE FIFE COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

Committee Room 2 , 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes

28 November, 2023

10.00 am – 1.50 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Tom Adams, Naz Anis-Miah, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Rod Cavanagh, Al Clark, Jean Hall-Muir, Stefan Hoggan-Radu, Andy Jackson, Derek Noble, Nicola Patrick, Darren Watt and Daniel Wilson.

ATTENDING: Ken Gourlay, Chief Executive; John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services, Susan Keenlyside, Service Manager, Jane Findlay, Lead Consultant, Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant, Alistair Donald, Service Manager, Roads and Transportation Services; Nigel Kerr, Head of Protective Services, Kenny Bisset, Lead Officer, Protective Services; Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager, Housing Services; Pam Ewen, Head of Planning Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services; John Rodigan, Head of Environment and Building Services; Barry Collie, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Scott Fraser, Scottish Water Representative and Karen Dee, Scottish Water Representative.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Graeme Downie and Gavin Ellis

58. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted in terms of Standing Order No.22.

59. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 12 September 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

60. DISCHARGE OF SEWAGE WATER IN FIFE - SCOTTISH WATER

Following a motion agreed at the meeting of Fife Council of 11 May 2023, representatives from Scottish Water provided a high level overview of the Scottish Water infrastructure and the challenges faced. Representatives provided an overview of strategies and investments to mitigate and prevent future issues.

Decision

The committee noted the content of the presentation.

61. FIFE COUNCIL ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on progress made in developing an Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy for Fife.

Decision

The committee considered and noted the information and approach detailed in the report.

62. DECRIMINALISED PARKING ENFORCEMENT - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2022/2023

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services updating members on the performance of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement (DPE) operation in Fife for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Decision

The committee considered and noted the current performance and activity as detailed in the report for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 am and reconvened at 12.00 pm

Cllr Darren Watt left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

63. AIR QUALITY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2023

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services outlining progress made in delivering the aims and objectives of Fife's Air Quality Strategy 2021-2025.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) considered and noted the content of the report;
- (2) Notes with concern increases in PM10 in Bonnygate, Cupar and Appin Crescent, Dunfermline, over the past two years and asks Cabinet Committee to consider this when making a decision on Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs); and
- (3) agreed to support an ongoing commitment to improving and maintaining good air quality across Fife.

64. ENVIRONMENTAL VANDALISM STRATEGY UPDATE

The committee considered a joint report by the Head of Protective Services, Head of Environment and Building Services and Head of Housing Services updating members on progress made since the approval of the Environmental Vandalism Strategy 2022-2024 in February 2022.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report;
- (2) agreed to remit the Head of Protective Services to engage with Scottish Government, SEPA and other partners to maximise benefits by aligning actions and resources to deliver common outcomes identified in the Fife and National Strategies; and
- (3) noted the delay to the Citizen Charter which will be developed and promoted within the next six months.

65. ENTERPRISE AND ENVIRONMENT DIRECTORATE: PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021/22

The committee considered a report by the Chief Executive presenting the performance scorecard for the Enterprise and Environment Directorate Services for 2022/23.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the arrangements set out in Section 1.0 to fulfil the Council's obligation to comply with Audit Scotland's 2021 SPI Direction; and
- (2) considered and noted the performance information in section 2.0, including current challenges/priorities and risks.

66. 2023/24 REVENUE MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Chief Executive updating members on the projected outturn financial position for the 2023/24 financial year for the areas in scope for the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee considered and noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

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67. 2023/24 CAPITAL MONITORING PROJECTED OUTTURN

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Chief Executive updating members on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2023/24 financial year, for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee considered and noted the current financial performance activity as detailed in the report.

68. ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, asking members to consider the forward work programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the forward work programme.