

Glenrothes Area Committee – Blended Meeting

Committee Room 2 (FHM05.002), 5th Floor, Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes



Wednesday 27 March 2024 - 2.00 p.m.

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THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

31 January 2024

2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Craig Walker (Convener), John Beare, Altany Craik, Julie Ford, Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Daniel Wilson and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager (Glenrothes), Communities & Neighbourhoods Service; Donna Christie, Lead Officer - Estates, Joan Lamie, Service Manager, Housing Estates & Safer Communities, Charlotte Stitchell, Housing Team Manager, Housing Operations & Regeneration, Housing Services; Peter Corbett, Lead Officer, Economy Tourism & Town Centre; Laura Robertson, Finance Operations Manager and Diane Barnet, Committee Officer, Legal & Democratic Services, Finance & Corporate Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Karen Taylor, Community Events and Programme Manager, Fife Cultural Trust (for Paragraph 92).

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

91. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee of 22 November 2023.

Arising from the minute, with reference to Paragraph 80 (2) - the committee noted that a representative from Transport Scotland was unable to attend today's meeting in relation to a crossing at Doubledykes, however, acknowledged that discussions were ongoing in other forums.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

92. ONFIFE UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Director of Creative Development and Delivery, OnFife providing an update on OnFife's service offering in the area, reviewing activity in the past six months and outlining plans for the coming year.

Decision

The committee noted the information on how OnFife could better engage with and support the ongoing work within the area, ensuring a joined-up approach to service delivery which would enhance the offer to communities in Glenrothes, expand the return on investment of the public pound and contribute to the Community Wellbeing agenda.

93. SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking approval to allocate funding to various projects from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes Area.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the following amounts from the Community Recovery Fund totalling £299,030.16:-

- (1) High Schools Participatory Budgeting: £130,000 – to enable meaningful engagement with all pupils of high school age in the Glenrothes area;
- (2) Capacity Building Worker: Community Leadership: £114,000 – toward the cost of a Community Education Worker with a Community Capacity Building remit for a two year period;
- (3) Collydean – One Stop Community Hub: £36,971.36 – toward the cost of: a Food Resilience Worker; Family Support Worker; and a Youth Worker for a period of one year, to deliver services that address local community needs (agreed in principle, subject to the Collydean Community Centre Board of Trustees agreeing with the recommendations of the ‘3rd Centre Health Check’); and
- (4) Milton of Balgonie Village Hall: £18,058.80 – toward the cost of repair of the Hall car park area.

Councillor Ford left the meeting following consideration of the above item.

94. COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services advising on the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2022-2023.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good funds and Trust Funds; and
- (2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trust funds to suitable projects which also included the amalgamation of individual trusts and, where appropriate, the dissolution of individual trusts, including transferring the funds to suitable third party organisations who were providing similar support to local priorities.

95. LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES (DECEMBER 2023)

The committee considered a report by the Head of Business and Employability Services providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the Glenrothes area. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to council activity within the area and to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the issues raised from the analysis of the latest available data; and
- (2) acknowledged the ongoing economic challenges.

96. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - SELLING LOCK UPS WITHIN MIXED TENURE BLOCKS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an overview of the proposal to sell lockups in the Glenrothes area where Fife Council was a minority owner within a block, or a sale was straightforward and beneficial in removing all future maintenance obligations for the Housing Revenue Account and council tenants.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) deferred its decision pending an elected member workshop, to be arranged by the Service, with a report back to this committee at a future date to be advised.

97. AREA HOUSING PLAN UPDATE - GLENROTHES

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval of a revised area housing plan which set out area performance, service delivery and highlighted key housing issues. The report provided an updated plan for the coming three years, setting out the activity to be reported back to committee over that period.

Decision

The committee agreed to:-

- (1) approve the Glenrothes Area Housing Services Plan 2023-26;
- (2) consider six monthly updates on progress with the plan and outcomes; and
- (3) requested an elected member workshop, on a date to be arranged by the Service, to consider the draft Lettings Plan 2024-2026.

98. GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services relating to the workplan for future meetings of the Glenrothes Area Committee.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the draft workplan;
- (2) as referenced at paragraph 92 – ‘OnFife update’ - agreed to consider a further update in six months;
- (3) as referenced at paragraph 96 – ‘Housing Revenue Account - Selling Lock Ups Within Mixed Tenure Blocks’ - agreed to consider a further report at a future meeting on a date to be advised by the Service;
- (4) as referenced at paragraph 97 – ‘Area Housing Plan Update – Glenrothes’ – agreed to consider a further update in six months;
- (5) agreed to request a report from the relevant Service on active travel plans/routes for the Glenrothes area; and
- (6) agreed that committee members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to include on the workplan, within the remit of the committee.

27 March 2024

Agenda Item No. 4

Health & Social Care Locality Planning – Glenrothes

Report by: Rona Laskowski, Head of Integrated Complex and Critical Care Services
(Senior Leadership Team Lead for Glenrothes H&SCP Locality Planning Group)

Wards Affected: Wards 13, 14 and 15

Purpose

The purpose of this progress report is to provide the Area Committee with an overview of the Health & Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) Locality Planning Outcomes for Glenrothes during 2023.

Recommendation

Members are asked to agree that the Health and Social Care Partnership will provide an Annual Report to the committee with updates on locality planning and joint areas of interest between H&SCP and community planning partners.

Resource Implications

There are no specific resource implications

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications arising from this report. All working groups for the Key Priorities within the Glenrothes Locality Action Plan 2023 have a risk register, regularly reviewed by the working groups.

Impact Assessment

An equality (EqIA) Impact Assessment is not required as this is a progress report on the performance of Locality Planning in 2023. An EqIA will be undertaken for the Community of Kindness project to ensure the plans, as they develop, are taking full cognisance of all the groups with protected characteri

Consultation

Quarterly H&SCP Locality Meetings have been facilitated throughout the year. The wider stakeholder event took place in November which informs priorities for 2024.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The locality priorities and action plan will deliver on the range of local and national outcomes set in legislation, policy and strategies. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 (the Act) puts in place the legislative framework to integrate health and social care services in Scotland. Section 29(3)9a) of the Act requires integration authorities to work within localities and in Fife we have established seven locality groups which are aligned to the Fife Council local area committees.
- 1.1.2 Integration is about ensuring those who access health and social care services get the right care and support whatever their needs, at the right time and in the right place with a locality focus on community based preventive care. This report highlights areas of work to improve the support for people living in Fife.
- 1.1.3 Localities seek to deliver positive health and wellbeing outcomes for the people of Fife. The overarching goals of localities are to:
- promote healthy lifestyle choices and self-management of long-term conditions.
 - support people to live healthy well independent lives while living in their own home for as long as possible.
 - reducing the number of avoidable emergency admissions to hospital and minimise the time people are delayed in hospital.
 - efficiently and effectively manage resources available to deliver Best Value.
 - support staff to continuously improve information and support and care that they deliver.
 - support unpaid carers, to reduce the impact of their caring role on their own health and wellbeing.
- 1.1.4 The Glenrothes Wider Stakeholder Event held in November 2022 identified the key priorities for each locality for 2023. Key priorities were then developed into a Locality Action Plan. Each key priority outcome was aligned to one or more of the Integrated Joint Board Priorities:
- Local** – A Fife where we will enable people and communities to thrive.
Sustainable – A Fife where we will ensure services are inclusive and viable.
Wellbeing – A Fife where we will support early intervention and prevention.
Outcomes – A Fife where we will promote dignity, equality, and independence.
Integration – A Fife where we will strengthen collaboration and encourage continuous improvement.
- 1.1.5 The Glenrothes Locality Action Plan is aligned with the HSCP Strategic Plan 2023-2026, Plan4Fife and NHS Fife Population Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 1.1.6 The Glenrothes Locality Action Plans has identified outcomes, to ensure meaningful improvement is demonstrated and delivered timeously.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Following the stakeholder event in 2022, Glenrothes Locality Group agreed to focus on the priorities below to take forward in 2023:
- Supporting Positive Mental Wellbeing
 - Supporting Unpaid Carers
 - Community Led Support

2.2 Supporting Positive Mental Wellbeing

- 2.2.1 Rona Laskowski, Head of Integrated Complex and Critical Care Services and Senior Leadership Team lead for Glenrothes Locality was allocated funding of £150,000 for a project “Community of Kindness.” The project is to fund a community kitchen and garden which will be for the benefit of people in our communities who may feel unable to contribute/participate in activities due to issues such as mental health, addictions, social isolation and poverty.
- 2.2.2 To ensure the funding is used effectively a working group was established with Community Led Development and Health and Social Care teams. A mapping exercise was undertaken to identify established and operational community kitchens and gardens within the Glenrothes Locality. The Macedonia area was identified as a potential location for the Community of Kindness project to be delivered. The area has no community provisions and is an area of deprivation therefore meeting the criteria in which the funding has been awarded.
- 2.2.3 A working group with representatives from Housing, Community Led Development Team and Locality Planning created a consultation plan for the proposed development in the Macedonia area. This was approved at Committee on the 22nd November 2023 and the consultation took place shortly afterward with Locality Planning supporting at the consultation session at Southwood Primary School. The community of kindness project will continue to be a priority in 2024.

2.3 Supporting Unpaid Carers

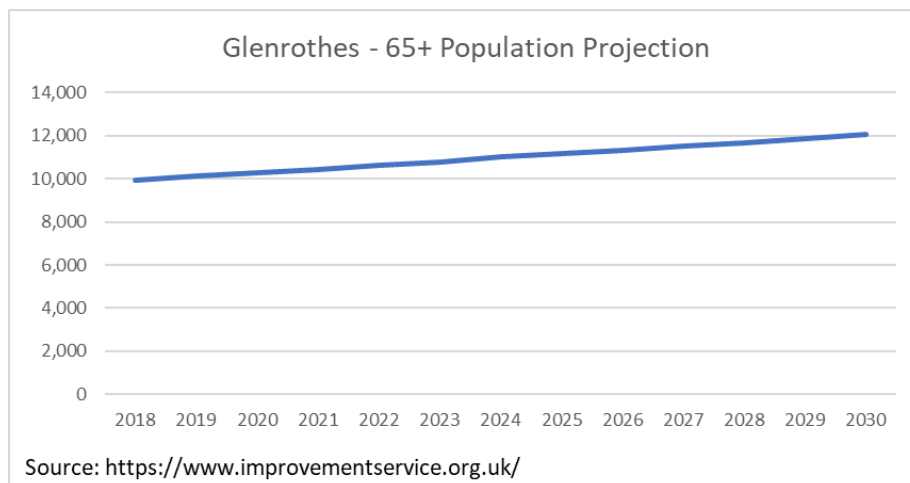
- 2.3.1 A new fund has been set up by Fife Health and Social Care Partnership for the benefit of unpaid carers. The Community Chest Fund (CCF) for Fife Carers was launched June 2023 with each of Fife’s seven locality areas allocated £50,000. In Fife there are over 47,000 unpaid carers who look after friends or family affected by illness, disability, mental health, or addiction. Community Chest Fund will fund projects set up by local groups or charities to create supportive places for these unpaid carers, develop their sense of belonging and improve their wellbeing. The funding is available to any community group or charity based in Fife, who can apply for £1,000 up to £10,000 per project, for up to two years.
- 2.3.2 The aim of this priority is for the increased opportunity for unpaid carers to improve their knowledge and understanding of preventative care and positive choices for their own health & wellbeing. The first round of the community chest closed on the 31st of July 2023. Eight applications were received for Glenrothes with five being successful. Four applications were approved that were Fife wide that will impact Glenrothes. The second round of applications closed on the 15th of January 2024 and will continue throughout the year. For further details please click the Community Chest SWAY link.
<https://sway.office.com/38c2FxHkWsFmCyak?ref=Link>.
- Supporting Unpaid Carers will continue to be a priority for the locality planning group in 2024.

2.4 Community Led Support

2.4.1 What matters to you – Health and Wellbeing in Later Life

2.4.2 Glenrothes Locality Group identified a priority for the Locality, to engage with older adults (65+ years of age). The engagement was to identify what is important to them, in terms of health and wellbeing in later life.

2.4.3 People living in Glenrothes have an average life expectancy of 73.9 for males and 79 years for female (taken from Public Health Scotland data). Population projections for the Glenrothes Locality show a steady increase in the number of people over the age of 65 years old.



2.4.4 The consultation was designed by Participation and Engagement Team supported by psychological services and members of the Locality Group. The Locality Group wanted to engage with people aged 65 and over to understand:

- What is important to them in terms of their health and wellbeing and staying independent.
- What are the barriers they feel they face (if any) in managing their own health and wellbeing.
- What do they think is needed locally to support them to stay healthy and live well.

2.4.5 Engagement took place over a 2-week period from 2nd October - 15th October 2023 with members of the Locality group conducting face to face conversations with people attending local groups, shops, supermarkets, and pharmacies. To reach people who tend to not engage, consultations were carried out on Fife bus. The care at home team in Glenrothes also supported with the engagement supporting people in their homes to complete applications.

2.4.6 We heard from 108 people, 71 individual surveys completed and 37 people attended group sessions where their views were captured.

2.4.7 Participation and Engagement have compiled the results from the survey and created a report for Locality Group members. An action plan has been developed and will be presented to the Glenrothes Locality Group at the March meeting.

2.5.1 Glenrothes Family calendar

- 2.5.2 An online Family calendar has been launched in the Levenmouth Locality, this has been successful as the calendar brings together classes, activities and events which are all free, for families with young children in the Levenmouth Locality. Due to the success of the new initiative, the Glenrothes Locality has decided to establish a Glenrothes Family calendar.
- 2.5.3 Locality Development Officer and Health Promotion Officer identified potential stakeholders who currently host classes/activities and invited them to support and identify other partners who may wish to contribute to the calendar. The calendar will show classes/activities which are free or have a low cost aimed at families with young children in the Glenrothes Locality.
- 2.5.4 There have been technical challenges with populating the calendar which have taken time to overcome but the calendar has sufficient information to launch on 19th February 2024 at Ladybird and Carleton nurseries, with a plan to share more classes and activities following the “go live” date.
- 2.5.5 Health visitors and midwives are incredibly supportive of the calendar and will share in the red books given to families to promote the calendar. In addition, business cards have been created (as shown below) which will also be used to promote the calendar.



2.6 Glenrothes Wider Stakeholder Event – November 2023

This year's Locality Wider stakeholder events took a different approach to the previous year. Lightning talks were presented on current areas of work and locality groups shared what was happening in other areas. The Glenrothes Locality Wider Stakeholder Event held on 7th November 2023 at Fife Voluntary Action, Glenrothes was widely attended.

At the event, attendees were asked to discuss and analyse case studies to identify potential themes for 2024.

The feedback from the Glenrothes event was then collated and analysed by the Locality Development Officer. The findings will be presented at the locality planning meeting in March.

The proposed themes identified for discussion are:

- Accessing Services
- Communication
- Training/Upskilling Staff
- Early Intervention

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The Glenrothes Locality Action Plan for 2023 illustrates the successful outcomes achieved as detailed in section 2. The 2024 Delivery Plan will incorporate Phase 2 of actions carried over from 2023, and the new identified priorities from the November 2023 Stakeholder Event.
- 3.2 The Locality Delivery Plan 2024 for the Glenrothes Locality will be reviewed/agreed by the Locality Core Group members at the meeting on 15th March 2024.
- 3.3 The Glenrothes Locality Planning Group has gone from strength to strength in 2023, critical to the success has been the collaborative/systems working together approach. Going forward in 2024 the group members will continue to play a powerful role by applying the insights, experience, and resources to enable local networks, develop robust, productive professional relationships, and improve outcomes for people living in the locality.

List of Appendices

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Equality Impact Assessment Summary Report

(to be attached as an Appendix to the committee report)

Which Committee report does this IA relate to (specify meeting date)?

Glenrothes Area Committee

What are the main impacts on equality?

The report outlines work that aims to address health and wellbeing outcomes.

What are the main recommendations to enhance or mitigate the impacts identified?

Section 2

If there are no equality impacts on any of the protected characteristics, please explain.

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27 March 2024

Agenda Item No. 5

Public Health Report and Young People Health and Wellbeing Survey Results

Report by: Shelagh McLean, Head of Education and Children's Services

Wards Affected: Glenrothes

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to inform elected members of the director of public health report 'Children and Young people in Fife - the Building Blocks for Health' and provide the results of the Fife Young People's Health and Wellbeing Survey, carried out in March 2023.

Recommendation(s)

Members are invited to:

- (1) note and comment on the survey results, as provided through the Fife Young People's Health & Wellbeing Survey; and
- (2) endorse the next steps outlined in response to the Survey results.

Resource Implications

There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no direct legal/risk implications arising from the report.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA has not been completed and is not necessary because this report does not propose introduction of a policy or a change to existing policy.

Consultation

Prior to implementation of the Fife Survey, a national pilot took place in March 2019, with three Community Planning Partnerships, to test the technology, national census administration and the questions as drafted at that stage. This provided helpful feedback on question content, which enabled revisions to be made. The questionnaire content group made revisions. The final amended questionnaires were checked by the content group for fluency, readability and ethical considerations, before going live. Amended questions, for Fife, were implemented, following consultation with members, to suit the needs of our Young People.

1.0 Director of Public Health Report

1.1 Situation

The Director of Public Health annual report provides a mechanism to present the key issues relating to health and wellbeing for local areas and enable more targeted local responses to be developed. This year's report is focussed on 'Children and Young people in Fife- the Building Blocks for Health.'

1.2 Background

1.2.1 The Report has two sections- a text section, with chapters and topic specific summaries, and an information supplement. These are available at <https://www.nhsfife.org/services/support-services/public-health/director-of-public-health-report-2023/>

1.2.2 The Report highlights the importance of The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and children's rights across all services, not just children's services; The Promise to care experienced children and young people; inequalities in health outcomes and in health behaviours; the social determinants of health, including poverty, housing, diet, exercise and mental health; and the early impact of the pandemic.

1.3 Assessment

1.3.1 UNCRC and The Promise

The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) Scotland Act was given Royal Assent on 16 January 2024, and the provisions will be in force on 16 July 2024. This is a landmark for children's rights, which applies up to the age of 18, and recognises the impact of decisions across public services which may impact on children directly or indirectly. Similarly, implementing the recommendations in The Promise to care experienced children and young people requires a fundamental rethink in how public services are delivered to this group to improve outcomes.

1.3.2 Population

The Report shows that the number of under 18s in Fife is currently declining, with 71,746 estimated in 2021, 19% of the population in 2021. Children aged 0-4 contributes most to this reduction. The proportion of children recorded as having additional support needs in Fife has increased, and meeting the needs of those with disability and Neurodiversity is central to realising children's rights.

1.3.3 Maternal health and births

The birth rate in Fife is declining, in a similar pattern to Scotland, with 3157 births in 2021. Aspects of maternal and reproductive health impact on the mother, but also on child health outcomes in the longer term. This applies for example to smoking, obesity and alcohol use in pregnancy. There are marked inequalities in health behaviours such as smoking and breastfeeding between areas of most and

least deprivation. Smoking in pregnancy at maternity booking in appointments, in Scotland is among the highest in Europe, and Fife has one of the highest rates in Scotland, although these are declining over the whole of the country.

1.3.4 Child poverty

Child poverty rates in Scotland and Fife have risen recently from 17% in 2020 to 23% in 21/22 before housing costs. This rate varies across Fife from 11% to 35.9%, and many of the health indicators in the report show variation with deprivation and poverty.

1.3.5 Fife action on child poverty is reported annually, focussing on six priority group which comprise 90% of families with child poverty: *lone parents, families affected by disability, mothers under 25, children under one, more than 3 children and ethnicity*. Actions for the NHS include income maximisation and Anchor institution ambitions around employment, for example.

1.3.6 Other aspects relevant to health include housing and food insecurity. 390 children were living in households in temporary accommodation in Fife at 31 March 2022, and according to the Trussell Trust, in Fife 5,506 foodbank parcels were given out to children in 2021/22, a reduction on the previous year.

1.3.7 Child development and wellbeing

Preventive and mitigating action around adversity childhood experiences (ACEs), and trauma informed approaches are important protective interventions that can strengthen the impact of services in meeting needs of the population. Prevention of factors associated with abuse and neglect, including domestic abuse, and appropriate responses when this is identified is crucial for child wellbeing.

1.3.8 The Heckman curve demonstrates the cost effectiveness of interventions in early life and is highlighted to demonstrate the known importance of investment early in the life course, tying in with the science of child development. Bonding, social connection and environment shape long term future physical and mental health and wellbeing.

1.3.9 Mental health and wellbeing in children and young people has been a concern before the pandemic, but this has been exacerbated by withdrawal of usual activities and support at that time. In Fife the Our Minds Matter Framework aims to implement the vision of supports available from universal to specialist level.

1.3.10 Alcohol and drug related admissions for young people in Fife are higher than the rate in Scotland, an indicator of serious harm. Children and young people also experience significant harms through loss of a parent to drug deaths, as well as risk to their own health in the short and long term, including fetal exposure. Tackling these requires specific preventive measures, but also universal measures tackling poverty, housing, education and employment, as well as specialist services to support those with greater or more complex needs.

1.4 Service aspects

- 1.4.1 Across health and partnership agencies, universal and targeted approaches are in place and are being developed further, for example in immunisation and dental health. Examples of good practice include perinatal mental health, the Family Nurse Partnership, and the work being undertaken through the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund. Positive areas for promoting wellbeing include access to green space, the contribution of the third sector and Youth Work.
- 1.4.2 The Fife partnership Children Services Plan sets out the multiagency aims and objectives to address the concerns identified through both the Director of Public Health report and the survey.

2.0 Fife Young People Health & Wellbeing Results

- 2.1 The survey was designed to help promote and/or improve the wellbeing of children and young people in Fife, which is a specified duty within the Local Government in Scotland Act 2003.
- 2.2 The survey was designed to help us to understand the wellbeing needs of children and young people across Fife and to inform our work to improve services for children and families. Gathering the information is especially important, at this time, to help form an accurate picture of young people's wellbeing after the pandemic and to help support their recovery.
- 2.3 **Implementation**
 - 2.3.1 Young People (YP) had an opportunity to complete the survey in a school setting between 13th – 31st March 2023. Due to some local circumstances, such as staff absence, an extension was provided for some schools to complete the survey up to one week following the easter break, 17th-21st April 2023.
 - 2.3.2 Learners undertaking the survey were assigned a code that was linked to the following individual characteristics: geographical area, sex, stage, additional support need (ASN) and SIMD. This approach meant that no learners could ever be individually identified but that some information was available about how outcomes differed according to individual characteristics within the wider school cohort.
 - 2.3.3 The survey was carried out within Primary School classrooms and Personal, Social Education (PSE) classes for stages S1-S4. S5/6, where PSE, is not delivered were given opportunities within the school day to complete the survey.
 - 2.3.4 Children & Young People have previously participated in individual topical Survey's prior to Covid, including the Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS), but this was the first time a Health & Wellbeing Survey has been carried out in this way with a range of different topics covering all aspects of wellbeing. Questions previously asked within the SALSUS survey had differences in wording therefore comparative data is limited.
- 2.4 **Participant Response**
 - 2.4.1 63% of our Young People completed the Survey; this is a very positive response. As a comparison, the National Census received a 58% response rate and, locally, the last Pupilwise survey (completed in 2017) received a 55% response rate.

2.4.2 In total 21,607 responses were included in the dataset for stages P5 – S6. The response rate decreased with stage, particularly so for S4 - S6.

Table 1 – Response Rate by Stage

Stage (Year Group)	Number of Responses	Response Rate Fife	Response Rate in 2021/22 National Survey
P5	3347	82.54%	70.64%
P6	3250	78.69%	69.25%
P7	3178	74.44%	72.33%
S1	2962	70.29%	65.47%
S2	2795	64.79%	61.02%
S3	2752	63.56%	56.35%
S4	1766	42.67%	45.30%
S5	1103	36.10%	38.50%
S6	454	24.96%	30.02

High Level Findings

- 2.5.1 Across the reported measures, analysis indicates attitudes to school; views on neighbourhood and life at home; physical health and mental health and wellbeing, differ by stage, sex and deprivation.
- 2.5.2 This being the first time completing this Survey, where possible we have compared Fife with National data. For comparison purposes, the results by stage have been weighted to match the Fife school roll, this removes the impact of the varied response rates by stage.
- 2.5.3 Data has been broken into the 7 Areas of Fife and analysis has considered comparisons to the Fife data, where evidence shows if an area of Health & Wellbeing is better than or worse than the overall Fife Results.
- 2.5.4 After analysis of all the responses, results were classified as positive responses or negative. So, at the simplest level a better response is one with more positive or less negative responses than the rest of Fife.
- 2.5.5 The better or worse shows the area's results are "statistically significantly" different to the rest of Fife. That is based on a Z test, looking at the differences between the two groups, using a 95% confidence level and the much better or much worse uses a 99% confidence level. If we picked a random sample of pupils from Fife then 95% of the time they would have a result closer to the Fife average than those labelled better or worse, so these area's results stand out as unusual.
- 2.5.6 If the Fife data has 1% of pupils saying something, then if an area has 3% it will be highlighted as significantly different, whereas a question which has a 50%:50% positive to negative response and one area has a 48%:52% response doesn't stand out as

different, even though the change is 2% in both cases. It is also influenced by the number of responses.

2.5.7 Levenmouth had more worse areas than the rest of Fife, compared to better than.

2.6 Glenrothes

2.6.1 Glenrothes Health & Wellbeing areas that were reported better than the rest of Fife were very limited and only included;

Social Media – Young People reported watching videos online less than the rest of Fife

2.6.2 There were significant areas of Health & Wellbeing which were worse than the rest of Fife these included;

School – Young People reported lower numbers of being happy at school

Community - A high % of Young People reported they did not like the area they lived in or feel safe.

Home – A higher % of Young People reported not eating meals together at home, living with someone with Mental Health & not enjoying spending time with people they lived with.

Eating & Drinking – Young People reported results worse than Fife on frequency of drinking energy drinks

Physical Activity – Young People reported worse results attending sports clubs or taking part in physical activity than the rest of Fife.

Appendix 1 – Provides the full results where Glenrothes showed a significant difference with that of the rest of Fife.

3.0 Conclusion & Next Steps

- 3.1 The results of the survey identify and confirm priority areas for Health & Wellbeing within Education and Children's Services, and the evidence has been used already to help support the development of the Health & Wellbeing [Strategy](#) for Education & Children's Services, 2023-2026. Five Key areas have been identified. Mental Wellbeing, Physical Wellbeing, Health Inequalities, Relationships & Behaviour and Communication.
- 3.2 Analysis of data shared with key strategic partners locally and Fife wide to enable discussion and used to help shape future direction, specifically considering key finding areas and differences in characteristics.
- 3.3 Area data is shared, and time given to discuss and support approaches required within local area planning, including further support to Schools to include priorities within school improvement planning. As an example, Local Improvement Frameworks have protected time to explore the work required to best target Children & Young People within the Glenrothes Cluster.
- 3.4 Data analysis shared with our colleagues in Health, where work will also take place to inform new strategies, adapt planning and respond to the needs of our Children and Young People. As an example – School Nursing will ensure that staff are trained in areas of the results most relevant within areas and consider the pathways required.

- 3.5 The Education & Childrens Services Directorate will consider how this data impacts, and informs, the priorities within the wider areas of improvement, in particular, other aspects of the directorate improvement plan, including Engagement, Positive Destinations and Achievement.
- 3.6 Engagement with young people, parents and carers, in sharing aspects of the results and helping inform future work and support, will be taken forward.
- 3.7 Work is already progressing to address some of the Health & Wellbeing areas of focus. A Glenrothes area group consisting of partners in Active Communities, Active Schools, CLD, Health and Fife Sport Leisure Trust are looking to address Physical Activity & Sport in a collaborative way.

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Full Glenrothes Results - [Glenrothes Area Results.xlsx](#)

For Illustration Purposes Only (Below)

Questions	Question Section	Area	ASN: No	ASN: Yes	Deprivation: Less Deprived	Deprivation: More Deprived	Gender: F	Gender: M	Stage: P5	Stage: P6	Stage: P7	Stage: S1	Stage: S2	Stage: S3	Stage: S4	Stage: S5	Stage: S6	Descr	
I feel like I have a choice in what I am learning	School	Auchmuty	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Auchr
My teachers listen to what I have to say	School	Auchmuty	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Auchr
I am happy with the friends that I have	Relationships	Auchmuty	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better				Auchr
When I do something, I try my hardest	Mental Health	Auchmuty	Better	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better						Auchr
Please say how much you agree or disagree w/	Mental Health	Auchmuty	No signific	Much Wor	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Auchr
How often do you usually have breakfast on w/	Eating and Drinking	Auchmuty	Worse	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	differe	Worse	Worse	Auchr
How often do you eat sweets or chocolate?	Eating and Drinking	Auchmuty	No signific	Worse	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Auchr
Have you attended or are you attending swim?	Physical Activity	Auchmuty	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	Better	No signific	No signific	Auchr
Please read the following statements carefully	Smoking	Auchmuty	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	Much Worse	Worse										Auchr
Do your parents/carers allow you to drink alco	Alcohol	Auchmuty	Worse	Worse	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	Worse								Much Worse			Auchr
Most of the time, I am happy at school	School	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
I feel like my teachers treat me fairly	School	Glenrothes	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Generally speaking, I feel safe in the area wher	Community	Glenrothes	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	Worse	Much Wor	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	Much Wor	Worse	No signific	Worse	No signific	Glenr
Do you think that the area in which you live is	Community	Glenrothes	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	Glenr
I am confident in sharing my opinions with my	Relationships	Glenrothes	Worse	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
I feel supported by my friends	Relationships	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
My friends treat me well	Relationships	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
I feel my friends make me do things I don't wa	Relationships	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
How many close friends would you say you ha	Relationships	Glenrothes	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
How often do you enjoy being with the people	People you live with	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Adults are good at listening to what I say	Adults	Glenrothes	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Adults are good at taking what I say into accou	Adults	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Please say how much you agree or disagree w/	Mental Health	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Worse						No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Strengths and Difficulties Score	Strengths and Diffic	Glenrothes	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Conduct Problems Scale	Strengths and Diffic	Glenrothes	Worse	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr
Prosocial Scale	Strengths and Diffic	Glenrothes	No signific	No signific	Worse	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	No signific	Much Wor	No signific	No signific	No signific	Glenr

Background Papers - None

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27 March 2024

Agenda Item No. 6

Back Burn River Project – Area Capital funding request

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service

Wards Affected: 14

Purpose

To seek agreement from the Area Committee to allocate funds from the Glenrothes Area Capital Budget as match funding to secure significant external funding from SEPA for continued investment in the Back Burn River.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to agree an allocation of £100,000 from Area Capital. SEPA have provisionally allocated £850,000 investment in the Back Burn River based on match funding being identified by Fife Council. A bid will also be made for Back Burn in 24/25 Nature Restoration Fund.

Resource Implications

There is sufficient funding available in the Area Capital Budget should this contribution be agreed.

A dedicated resource will be recruited in 2024 if funding agreed.

Legal & Risk Implications

There is a risk if match funding not approved, Fife Council will not secure investment from SEPA of £850,000.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

Public events were held in November 2023 at Coul Den Nature Reserve on Friday 3rd Nov 3-5pm and another at Balbirnie Park on Monday 6th Nov 1-3pm. Further to these drop in events, an online consultation page with survey was open between 2nd and 27th November 23.

1.0 Background

1.1 The River Leven and its burns and tributaries are a vital part of our local landscape. Throughout history they have played an important role in local industries and our parks and greenspaces. However, historic modifications have impacted on the way these watercourses function. Where practical we are looking to allow them to work more naturally. One way we can do this is by removing or adapting some of these man-made changes. As part of the Leven Programme our aim is to restore 5.8 kilometres of the Back Burn (also known as the Conland, Coul and Balbirnie Burn in these areas!) to a more natural state between Rhind Hill in the Lomond Hills and Newton, north of Markinch. Our vision is to restore the river for the benefit of local people and wildlife.

The Back Burn has been affected by many man-made changes over time. These include artificial narrowing and straightening of the burn with gabions (wire baskets filled with stones) and walls, as well as barriers within the burn, such as weirs.

Restoring water courses to a more natural condition can bring many benefits, helping to:

- provide a space for local people to enjoy;
- improve local resilience to climate change;
- support biodiversity;
- reduce flood risk, for instance through natural flood management;
- gain space for nature in a more urban environment

The wider aspirations are to link the Back Burn project with the River Leven programme to maximise active travel, interpretation and nature network opportunities.

2.0 Proposed Improvements

- 2.1 Remove small redundant barriers such as boundary posts, walls and fences crossing the burn allowing the river to flow unrestricted and sediment to move more freely, as it would in a natural channel.
- 2.2 Removing rock and stone bank protection allowing the burn to reconnect to the floodplain.
- 2.3 At Coul Den rerouting the burn fully down its original natural channel, creating significant ecological benefits. This will involve adapting the weir to allow the burn to reconnect with its original channel around the blue sluice gate. Once water begins to flow down the original channel more will flow into and leave the reservoir. This will improve local ecology and wet woodland habitat around this area.
- 2.4 Wetland planting along the banks and floodplain areas to improve biodiversity. Remove the large gabion baskets (stone filled wire baskets) at Coul Den and replacing them with a more attractive and naturally functioning step pool like alternative.
- 2.5 Remove the large gabion baskets (stone filled wire baskets) downstream of Coul Reservoir replacing them with a more attractive and natural functioning step pool like channel.
- 2.6 Where practical removing small weirs within Balbirnie Park to improve habitat for resident fish populations.
- 2.7 Remove gabion basket bank protection in Balbirnie Park and replace with more natural stone.

Further detailed information can be found at the following link: [Restoring the Back Burn - November 2023 \(youtube.com\)](#)

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 Agreeing funding to secure investment from SEPA will contribute to Fife Councils commitment to addressing climate change and the 'Green Agenda'
- 3.2 Project Proposal & Business case is contained in Appendix 1

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Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

None.

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Project title	<i>Back Burn River Project – Glenrothes</i>
Local Community Plan reference	<i>should match schedule reference</i>
Project Sponsor	<i>Norman Laird</i>
Project Manager	<i>Project Manager to be recruited in 2024</i>
Approval Committee	<i>Glenrothes Area Committee</i>
Date	<i>31.01.2024</i>

Section 1: Proposal

1.1 What is the project going to do?

The River Leven and its burns and tributaries are a vital part of our local landscape. Throughout history they have played an important role in local industries and our parks and greenspaces. However, historic modifications have impacted on the way these watercourses function. Where practical we are looking to allow them to work more naturally. One way we can do this is by removing or adapting some of these man-made changes. As part of the Leven Programme our aim is to restore 5.8 kilometres of the Back Burn (also known as the Conland, Coul and Balbirnie Burn in these areas!) to a more natural state between Rhind Hill in the Lomond Hills and Newton, north of Markinch. Our vision is to restore the river for the benefit of local people and wildlife.

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1.2 Which Local Community Planning priority does it meet?

In the Plan for Glenrothes 23-26 an identified priority/focus is Town Centre, Village & Neighbourhood Redevelopment. More specifically, Balbirnie Park is noted as a *significant and valued green space for local communities and visitors to Fife. The park infrastructure has deteriorated over several years and now requires a significant investment to improve access and safety for park users.*

Thriving Places – Many walking and cycling routes in Glenrothes are being increasingly used. By promoting the work this project will deliver, will further contribute to the local community's health and wellbeing by offering a better connection with natural habitats.

1.3 What consultation/community engagement has taken place on this project?

Public events were held in November 2023 at Coul Den Nature Reserve on Friday 3rd Nov 3-5pm and another at Balbirnie Park on Monday 6th Nov 1-3pm. Further to these drop in events, an online consultation page with survey was open between 2nd and 27th November 23.

1.4. What are the desired outcomes and benefits, and what measures will be used?

Outcome	Benefit	Measures
WFD Water classification data - overall status	More natural, better functioning ecosystem	Water Classification Hub (sepa.org.uk)
WFD Water classification data - morphology status	More natural, better functioning ecosystem, flood resilience	Water Classification Hub (sepa.org.uk)
WFD water classification data - fish ecology status	More natural, better functioning ecosystem	Water Classification Hub (sepa.org.uk)
WFD Water classification data - fish barrier status	More natural, better functioning ecosystem	Water Classification Hub (sepa.org.uk)
Biodiversity change in incidence in channel, riparian corridor, wider ecological	More natural, better functioning ecosystem	Surveys
Many walking and cycling routes in Glenrothes being increasingly used	Improvement in health & wellbeing with easy access to outdoor natural spaces and wildlife	Monitoring use by local community when project is complete.

1.5 What are the known costs and timescale? How will this be funded?

1.5.1 Costs

Total expected one-off cost	Maintenance strategy
£1,050,000	<i>Because the river works include re-naturalisation there will be no maintenance for a significant number of years whilst the woodlands and biodiversity ecosystems establish.</i>

1.5.2 Funding requested

How much funding is being requested?

£100,000

1.5.3 Funding availability

List sources of funding including any match funding

SEPA - £850,000 – match funding
Nature Restoration Funding - £100,000

1.5.4 Resource availability

Identify availability and timescale of contractors

Resources currently in place to deliver the project including project management and site supervision via Roads & Transportation, SEPA link officer and Fife Coast & Countryside Trust colleagues.

1.6 What are the known risks?

1.6.1 Risk assessment

Risk description	Probability score (1-5)	Impact score (1-5)	Overall score (probability x impact)
Funding – if area match funding isn't secured Fife Council will lose out on SEPA £850k investment	4	5	20
Potential to disrupt future investment from SEPA on other river projects already identified	3	5	15
If work not progressed there is a risk that Climate/Environment benefits/impact will not be realised.	3	5	15

1.6.2 Risk mitigation

Risk description	Mitigation Measures
Funding	Consider other funding opportunities or value engineer the scope of project
Risk to future projects	Consider other funding opportunities
Climate/Environment	Impact/benefits may be realised in a significantly increased timescale

1.7 Proposal sign-off

Approved by	Role	Date approved
Andy MacLellan	Client Manager	31.01.2024
Norman Laird	Project Sponsor	31.01.2024

27 March 2024.
Agenda Item No. 7

Supporting the Plan 4 Glenrothes Area: Community Recovery Fund

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service

Wards Affected: 13,14,15

Purpose

To provide members with the necessary information to allocate funding for various projects from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes Area.

To provide members with a summary of funds committed so far from the CRF, and funding proposals under consideration.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to approve the following amounts from the Community Recovery Fund totalling £129,320.

1. Adult Learning Programme Development £15,000;
2. Cadham Neighbourhood Centre £15,000;
3. Stenton Jubilee Community Centre £38,643;
4. Victoria Hall, Coaltown of Balgonie £8000;
5. Warout Stadium £8500; and
6. Gilvenbank Lighting £26,177.

Resource Implications

There are sufficient funds available in the Community Recovery Fund to support the submitted proposals.

This would leave a balance of £404,459 unallocated of the Community Recovery budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no legal or risk implications based on this report.

Impact Assessment

An EqIA is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

There has been extensive consultation in the production of the Plan4Glenrothes Area.

Throughout 2022, a series of officer meetings reviewed the existing plan and established key priorities for Members consideration.

Monthly People and Place Leadership Group meetings were facilitated throughout the year up until November 2022 to support the review of the Plan for Glenrothes.

Elected Members attended a workshop in August 2022 focusing on one of the key priorities, 'Tackling Poverty in Glenrothes', that included briefings from key partners involved in the management and delivery of services aimed at tackling poverty related issues, such as welfare support and food and fuel crisis intervention.

A further Members workshop was facilitated in November on this theme, with the specific aim of discussing and seeking comment on potential projects that could be funded through the Community Recovery Fund.

Consultation with community groups and individuals throughout 2022 helped shape and gather support for the four key themes identified within the Plan.

Throughout 2023 consultation with partners across all sectors on the alignment with CRF and Plan4Glenrothes priorities continued, facilitated by the People and Place Leadership group and the Glenrothes Against Poverty multi agency action group.

Elected members have taken part in 6 workshops to date to discuss CRF priorities. The proposals presented in this report were discussed at the most recent member's workshop.

Towards the end of 2023, a Glenrothes wide consultation took place seeking to highlight what works well, what is needed and what steps can be taken to improve the Community Based Adult Learning offer by Community Planning Partners across the area.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 On 25th August 2022, the Cabinet Committee agreed to allocate £10 million of revenue balances as a Community Recovery Fund. Further to this, the subsequent Cabinet Committee meeting on 22nd September approved the 'Help with Cost of Living: Extending Community Support' report which set out a general approach and criteria for the Fund, including the allocation of £9m across the seven Area Committees. Glenrothes Area has received an allocation of £1.303m as part of this allocation.
- 1.2 The specific criterion for the fund is as follows.
 - Projects should link to Local Community Plan priorities.
 - Projects should take account of Plan for Fife recovery priorities (Community Wealth Building, Tackling Poverty, Economic Recovery, Climate)
 - Projects should provide assessment of benefit to ensure no unintended consequences.
- 1.3 The Community Recovery Fund is available over a two-year period.

2.0 Project Summary Information

2.1 **Adult Learning Programme Development, £15,000:**

Access to good quality Community Based Adult Learning opportunities can help to break the cycle of poverty by providing individuals with the confidence, knowledge, and skills to access further education, learning opportunities and employment.

Adult Learning in the Glenrothes Area is coordinated by the multi-agency partnership group, the Glenrothes Area Adult Learning Planning and Delivery Group, and is well represented by the Third Sector, Fife College, and Fife Council.

The Planning and Delivery Group will use these funds to support local proposals for:

- new community-based adult learning opportunities
- Community Learning Events
- Marketing and Promotion of Adult Learning Opportunities

2.2 **Cadham Neighbourhood Centre, £15,000:**

The Cadham Neighbourhood Centre is a busy local centre, providing group activity, social connection and support for many individuals and families across all demographics.

The Centre is run by a small, dedicated Voluntary Management Committee.

The Centre has a well-used kitchen facility, which is in a poor state, requiring future proofing and upgrading.

These funds would be used to upgrade the current kitchen facility, ensuring the Centre can continue to provide food and drinks in a safe and hygienic environment.

2.3 **Stenton Jubilee Community Centre, £38,643:**

Stenton Jubilee Centre currently provides several group activities and opportunities for the surrounding community and wider area, including the Scouts, keep fit classes, dog training, karate, baby sensory, parent and toddler groups and much more.

The Centre is also used for one off bookings such as birthday parties, art exhibitions and for the use of local discreet services such as Social Work.

The Centre has a kitchen and serving area, which is currently in a state of disrepair and not fit for use.

The funding would provide a new and more efficient heating system, a refurbished and useable kitchen and service area, and replacement windows.

These changes have the potential to generate more income, attract more groups and provide more community support initiatives such as Warm Spaces.

2.4 **Victoria Hall, Coaltown of Balgonie:**

Victoria Hall is the main provider of community activity in the village, and is a busy, well used Centre where a variety of activities and opportunities for residents in Coaltown of Balgonie and the surrounding area take place.

The Centre is run by a very proactive Voluntary Management Committee, who have raised funds to for the centre to replace equipment, provide new curtains and repaint aspects of the interior.

These funds would be used to refurbish the main hall flooring, which is showing signs of age-related damage.

2.5 **Warout Stadium, £8500:**

The Management Committee at Warout Stadium are seeking funding to upgrade the kitchen area, reupholster the public lounge area with new carpets, tables, chairs and curtains, and some minor pitch maintenance.

The Committee will match fund the requested sum for a total of £1417.

The main activity taking place at the stadium involves football related activities run by Glenrothes Football Club. As well as an adult team, the club supports footballing activities that over 350 children and young people participate in on a weekly basis. The function area is used for social events, and the upholstery is in a poor and very worn condition.

At the last CRF workshop, members agreed to support this proposal in principle, with the caveat that the Management Committee would accept support from the local Community Learning and Development Team to build their capacity to engage with more community activity and groups, through the development of a new strategic plan. The Stadium Directors have agreed to this caveat.

2.6 **Gilvenbank Lighting, £26,177:**

To install street lighting works at Gilvenbank Park, which would ensure a safer walking route between the site of Gilvenbank Hub and the Cadham Shopping Centre. Roads and Transportation Services will adopt the lighting. The cost would cover lighting installation, materials, connection to Scottish Power and future maintenance.

2.7 **Future Proposals, £349,870:**

Other submitted proposals currently under review by members and officers total a sum of £349,870.

3.0 **Conclusions**

- 3.1 These proposals meet the broad criteria for the Community Recovery Fund. They also contribute to the 'Plan 4 Fife 2021-2024' and 'Glenrothes Area Local Community Plan' themes "Tackling Poverty", "Develop and Support Community Leadership", "Supporting Positive Mental Wellbeing" and "Town Centre & Surrounding Villages".
- 3.2 The establishment of these projects will assist in developing a response to the cost-of-living crisis and post Covid recovery for individuals, families, and communities across the Glenrothes Area. Learning gained from these projects will be used to influence and direct future service delivery across the area.
- 3.3 Approved proposals of £10,000 and higher are subject to committing to a Service Level Agreement. Other approved proposals will commit to an evaluation process on impact

and outcomes within a timescale and framework agreed between Council Officers and Area Committee Members.

- 3.4 Approving these proposals will leave an allocation of £404,459 in the Community Recovery Fund to support other projects.

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1. Plan4Glenrothes Area

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973: -

- 'Help with Cost of Living : Extending Community Support'. Fife Council Cabinet Committee, 22nd September, 2022.
- [Plan4Fife Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2017 – 2027](#)
- [Recovery and Renewal Plan4Fife 2021 – 2024 Update](#)
- [Plan for Glenrothes Area 2019 - 2022](#)
- [Glenrothes Area Local Strategic Assessment 2022](#)

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Agenda Item No. 8

Play Spaces Categorisation – Glenrothes Area

Report by: Paul Vaughan, Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods.

Wards Affected: 13, 14, 15

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the Play Spaces Categorisation for the Glenrothes Area to create better quality and more inclusive play spaces.

Recommendation(s)

The Committee is asked to;

- 1) approve the play spaces categorisation for the Glenrothes Area; and
- 2) note an implementation plan is being developed.

Resource Implications

The play spaces categorisation standardises the provision of play spaces which improves the play value and inclusivity.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are several risks if the Council does not have a categorisation of play spaces. These include:

- The absence of a clear basis on which to prioritise capital investment for the refurbishment of play parks.
- Inconsistent approach across Fife, meaning that some neighbourhoods will have limited access to good quality play parks.
- Less opportunity for securing external funding.
- Challenges around timelines for delivery of projects

Impact Assessment

An EQIA is not required as this was carried out for the Fife Play Spaces Strategy. A Fife Environmental Impact Assessment was carried out and can viewed on request.

Consultation

A widely advertised [public consultation](#) was held between September and December 2019. It consisted of an evening meeting at Fife House and an online survey.

Community councils were notified of the categorisation. Grounds Maintenance Service staff were involved in the process. Councillors have checked the categorisation.

1.0 Background

1.1 Community and Housing Services sub-committee approved the [Play Spaces Strategy](#) in [August 2021](#). The recommendation was for engagement at local level to implement the strategy to ensure that areas most in need are identified as a priority.

1.2 Play Spaces Strategy

Aim of the play spaces strategy:

- Provide play parks with good play value for children of different ages and needs
- Ensure the public parks and greenspaces continue to provide varied opportunities for outdoor play.
- Ensure the financial sustainability of play park provision in Fife.

1.3 Categorisation

Categorisation is one of the main purposes of the strategy. Sites with play equipment have been added over the years to greenspaces, with no standard approach. Many sites have less than three pieces of equipment and can't really be called play parks. Many cater for pre-school children, with no equipment for primary school children or less able-bodied children. The categorisation has three types of play parks (destination, town, local) and one natural play space.

1.4 Existing situation

Within the Glenrothes Area, there are 84 Fife Council maintained sites with play equipment. This varies from sites such as Thistle Drive, Collydean, which has one piece of equipment, to Riverside Pk which when opened in 2025 will be one of the biggest play parks in Fife with a wide range of equipment, catering for a range of ages.

Much of the play equipment will be at the end of its safe use in the next ten years so there is a need to plan for replacement and refurbishment of sites to secure funds.

In the area there are non-FC sites, which are maintained by private housing factors, that have not been categorised. They have been scored as part of the Play Sufficiency Assessment which is a requirement of the Local Development Plan.

1.5 Natural Play Spaces

Natural Play Spaces are sites with no manufactured play equipment instead they have natural play features such as logging, wooden stepping stones, mounds, wildflowers, wooden sculptures. Sites that are changed to a natural play space will be within a 5-minute walking distance of a local play park.

2.0 Play Space Categorisation

2.1 Categorisation

Each site has been categorised as per the play space strategy. Information on the condition of sites has been included.

FC Grounds Maintenance site name	settlement / neighbourhood	ward	categorisation	strategy proposal	information / comments
Abbotsford Drive	G - Caskieberran	13	local play park	improve	
Barnton Place	G - Newcastle	13	local play park	maintain	
Broom Road	G - South Parks	13	local play park	maintain	
Crinan Place	G - Rimpleton	13	local play park	improve	
Cullen Drive	G - Tanshall	13	natural play space	natural play space	
Forres Drive	G - Tanshall	13	local play park	improve	
Huntly Drive	G - Tanshall	13	local play park	improve	
Ivanhoe Drive (South)	Glenrothes	13	local play park	improve	
Lyle Avenue	Glenrothes	13	local play park	improve	Money has been secured but more is needed to refurbish the play park.
Napier Road	G - South Parks	13	local play park	improve	
Ravenswood Drive	G - Caskieberran	13	natural play space	natural play space	
Scotstarvit Place	G - Finglassie	13	local play park	improve	

FC Grounds Maintenance site name	settlement / neighbourhood	ward	categorisation	strategy proposal	information / comments
Solway Place	Glenrothes	13	local play park	maintain	
Southwood Open Space	G _ Macedonia	13	local play park	improve	
Tanshall	G - Tanshall	13	local play park	improve	
Wellbank Gardens	G - Finglassie	13	local play park	improve	
Kinglassie Park Avenue	Kinglassie	13	natural play space	natural play space	
Sauchie Street (A) Lochty Park	Kinglassie	13	local play park	local play park	
Sauchie Street (B)	Kinglassie	13	local play park	improve	
Town Park - Willow Crescent	G - South Parks	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Aitken Road 1	Glenrothes	14	local play park	maintain	
Balgeddie Firs	G - Balgeddie	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Ballater Green	G - Balgeddie	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Beechwood Avenue	Glenrothes	14	local play park	maintain	
Beechwood Cadham	Glenrothes	14	local play park	maintain	
Beechwood Drive	Glenrothes	14	local play park	maintain	
Bennachie Court	G - Balfarg	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Brae Court	G - Collydean	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Breadalbane Crescent	Glenrothes	15	local play park	improve	

FC Grounds Maintenance site name	settlement / neighbourhood	ward	categorisation	strategy proposal	information / comments
Bucksburn Path	G - Collydean	14	local play park	maintain	Equipment needs painted. Bench required.
Cadham Terrace	G- Cadham	14	local play park	maintain	
Cardean Way	G- Balgeddie	14	local play park	improve	
Colonsay Park	G - Pitcoudie	14	local play park	improve	
Cumrae Park,	G - Pitcoudie	14	local play park	maintain	
Dyce Way	G - Collydean	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Ellon Park	G - Collydean	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Elrick Park	G - Collydean	14	natural play space	natural play space	Path needs resurfaced.
Gilvenbank Park	Glenrothes	14	town play park	maintain	
Huntsman Road	G - Cadham	14	local play park	improve	
John Knox Gardens	G - Pitcairn	14	local play park	improve	
Juniper Hill	G – Leslie Parks	14	local play park	improve	
Magnus Drive Community Park	G - Collydean	14	town play park	improve	
Mamore Road	G - Balfarg	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Murchison Path	G - Collydean	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Pennan Place (C)	G - Collydean	14	natural play space	natural play space	

FC Grounds Maintenance site name	settlement / neighbourhood	ward	categorisation	strategy proposal	information / comments
Piper Drive	G - Collydean	14	local play park	improve	
Ratagan Court	G - Balfarg	14	local play park	maintain	
Sandray Park	G- Pitcoudie	14	local play park	improve	
Somerville Way	G – Forester's Lodge	14	local play park	improve	
Strathdon Park	G - Pitcairn	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Stroma Way	G- Pitcoudie	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Taransay Park	G- Pitcoudie	14	local play park	maintain	
Thistle Court	G - Collydean	14	local play space	maintain	
Thistle Drive	G - Collydean	14	local play park	maintain	
Town Park - Pond End	Glenrothes	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Uist Road	G- Pitcoudie	14	natural play space	natural play space	
Quarry Park	Leslie	14	town play park	improve	
West Park Avenue	Leslie	14	local play park	improve	
Brunton Park	Markinch	14	local play park	maintain	
John Dixon Park	Markinch	14	town play park	maintain	
Markinch Hill	Markinch	14	local play park	improve	
Public Park	Star of Markinch	14	local play park	improve	
King George V Park	Coaltown of Balgonie	15	local play park	maintain	
Altyre Avenue	G - Pitteuchar	15	local play park	improve	

FC Grounds Maintenance site name	settlement / neighbourhood	ward	categorisation	strategy proposal	information / comments
Buchanan Road	G - Warout	15	local play park	improve	
Crathes Close	G - Stenton	15	town play park	improve	
David Road	G - Auchmuty	15	natural play space	natural play space	
Dovecot Park	G - Auchmuty	15	local play park	improve	
Dunbeath Drive	G - Pitteuchar	15	natural play space	natural play space	
Inverary Avenue	G - Pitteuchar	15	local play park	improve	
Queen Margaret Drive	G - Auchmuty	15	local play park	maintain	
Ruthven Green	G - Stenton	15	natural play space	natural play space	
Town Park - Paddling Pool	Glenrothes	15	destination play park	improve	Change to destination play park will be finished in 2025.
Warout Walk	Glenrothes	15	town play area	maintain	
Wemyss Court	G - Pitteuchar	15	local play park	improve	
Bighty Park	G - Woodside	15	natural play space	natural play space	
Carlton Park	G - Woodside	15	town play park	improve	
Laurel Gardens	G - Woodside	15	local play park	improve	
Milton of Balgonie	Milton of Balgonie	15	local play park	improve	Play Park to be refurbished in 2024.
Donald Crescent	Thornton	15	natural play space	natural play space	

FC Grounds Maintenance site name	settlement / neighbourhood	ward	categorisation	strategy proposal	information / comments
Memorial Park	Thornton	15	town play park	maintain	
Rowan Terrace	Thornton	15	natural play space	natural play space	

2.2 Implementation

Implementation is a long-term process due to the range and volume of sites and the costs involved to deliver this. An implementation plan is being developed. Many sites will need refurbishment as equipment reaches end of life in the next ten years.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 Implementation of the play space categorisation will lead to better quality play spaces, that are more inclusive for children of all ages and abilities. It aids investment in refurbishment of play parks.

List of Appendices

None.

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:

- [Play Spaces Strategy](#)
- [Fife Council play parks](#)

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Area Roads Programme 2024-25

Report by: John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services

Wards Affected: 13, 14 & 15

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to identify the projects which are proposed for inclusion in the 2024-25 Area Roads Programme for the Glenrothes area.

Recommendation(s)

Committee is asked to:

- (1) approve the report and appendices 1-3;
- (2) delegate authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme develops, in consultation with the Area Convener, Vice-Convener and Elected Members; and.
- (3) note Appendices 4 & 5.

Resource Implications

The Area Roads Programme is funded from Capital and some ring-fenced budgets. Programmes of work will be adjusted, if required, to ensure that expenditure remains within the Service budget.

Legal & Risk Implications

There are no known legal implications. There is a risk that if capital budgets require to be reduced, we will be unable to deliver all the Area Roads Programme priorities.

Impact Assessment

An Equalities Impact Assessment is not required because the report does not propose a change or revision to existing policies and practices.

Consultation

Committee has been consulted through meetings with Members in the development of the lists of projects.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The operation, management and maintenance of a safe and efficient transportation network has a major impact on the Fife economy and the quality of life of residents. Delivering transportation projects at local level underpins the priorities of the Fife Council Plan. Roads and Transportation Services has a key supporting role in relation to promoting a sustainable society, improving quality of life in local communities and growing a vibrant economy. Roads and Transportation Services also provides support to activities which are part of reforming Fife's public services.
- 1.2 It is important to distinguish between reactive and planned maintenance works on carriageways and footways. Reactive maintenance has its own budget and refers to the need to repair defects considered to be potentially dangerous or to constitute a considerable inconvenience to road users. These tend to be individual potholes. Planned works are those which can be addressed over a longer period and range from limited areas of patching to full width re-surfacing over longer lengths of road. The Area Roads Programme (ARP) covers full-width re-surfacing and has its own capital budget which is devolved to area committees.
- 1.3 The programme has been developed through the assessment and prioritisation of schemes identified by the processes below which follow the guidance identified in Table 5 of the Scheme of Decentralisation and Area Budgets approved by the Executive Committee on 17 November 2015: -
- Feedback from meetings with Elected Members,
 - Scheduled inspections, technical surveys, assessments and interrogation of maintenance management systems,
 - Local Area Transport Plans,
 - Suggestions received from Elected Members, Community Councils and the public.
- 1.4 At its meeting on 1st February 2018 the Economy, Tourism, Strategic Planning & Transportation Committee approved a methodology for allocating devolved budgets (2018, ETSP&T, 13 para 24 refers). The methodology can be summarised as follows: -
- The Area Committees determine local priorities for carriageway projects based on an Area Committee budget allocation commensurate with the Road Condition Index, as reported annually to the ETSP&T Committee,
 - Local priorities for footway projects are decided based on an Area Committee budget allocation commensurate with the proportion of urban mileage,
 - The remaining Road Safety & Traffic Management budget is allocated to local priorities based on an Area Committee budget commensurate with population numbers.
 - The foregoing is managed and reported via the relevant Area Roads Programme.

- 1.5 The current capital plan that the carriageway capital budget of £9.73m in 2024/25 will reduce to £5.02m in 2025/26 and then averages out at £6.1m annually thereafter. The footway budget in 2024/25 is £1.68M reducing to £1.4m in 2025/26 and then averages at £1.72m thereafter.

For the Glenrothes area, the budgets for 2024-25 are as shown below: -

Devolved Budget	2024/25 Allocation
Carriageways	£1.142m
Footways	£249k
Road Safety & Traffic Management	£138k

- 1.6 The level of capital resource allocated for carriageways and footways is concerning for future road condition. However, the Council reviews the Capital Plan every two years so there will be opportunities to consider additional investment going forward.

2.0 Issues and Options

- 2.1 Appendices 1-3 provide a detailed list of the proposed Area Roads Programme projects for budgets devolved to area committee. Category 1 schemes are committed to the programme dependent on available funding. Category 2 schemes will be promoted into the programme should any of the Category 1 schemes need to be deferred or additional funding becomes available.
- 2.2 An on-line system is in place to show how the carriageways and footways programme is progressing throughout the year. Link to webpage [Area Roads Programme](#)
- 2.3 Appendices 4 and 5 provide information on the proposed Street Lighting works and Bridges and Structures works. These budgets are not devolved to area committees, but the works locations are provided for information.

3.0 Conclusions

- 3.1 The attached appendices contain the proposed 2024/25 Area Roads Programme for the Glenrothes area. The type of works, work location and provisional estimates are provided for each project.

List of Appendices

1. Carriageway Schemes
2. Footway Schemes
3. Traffic Management & Road Safety
4. Street Lighting
5. Bridges & Structures

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**Glenrothes Area Committee
Carriageway Scheme List for 2024-25**

APPENDIX 1

CAT1	Proposed for approval by Committee for delivery in 2024/25
CAT 2	Proposed for approval by Committee as 'reserve' schemes which may be promoted to Cat1 if funding becomes available

2024-25 Budget Share	£1,142,347
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Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Estimate	Cumulative total	Cat
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	Rural Road	U023 (formaly K1)	from Ballingall to ward boundary north of West Conland Farm access road	£ 45,714	£ 45,714	cf
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Flemington Road	Queensgate Retail Park Roundabout to Craig Mitchell House	£ 227,084	£ 272,798	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	A911 Queensway Roundabout	Roundabout and approaches	£ 222,578	£ 495,376	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	A911 Queensway (Slip road approach to A92)	Bus Stop Lay by to Preston R/A	£ 75,695	£ 571,071	1
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	Glenrothes	B921 Kinglassie Road	Stenton Roundabout to Bankhead R/A	£ 409,369	£ 980,440	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Foxton Drive (U040)	Finglassie R/A to Brodie Court	£ 172,973	£ 1,153,413	1
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	Glenrothes	Crompton Road	Stirling Road northwards to Crompton Road junction	£ 251,028	£ 1,404,441	2
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	Markinch	B9130 Coaltown Road	High Street to B9130 junction south of the A911	£ 160,673	£ 1,565,114	2
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Newark Road South	Woodside Way to Blackwood Road	£ 147,779	£ 1,712,893	2
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	Glenrothes	Bankhead Park	Woodside Way to B921 Coaltown of Balgonie Road	£ 101,493	£ 1,814,386	2
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	Glenrothes	Caskieberran Road/Drive	mini R/A to Broom Road	£ 217,970	£ 2,032,356	2
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	Glenrothes	C131 Cadham Road	Aitken Road to Cadham Crescent	£ 190,782	£ 2,223,138	2
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Beaufort Drive	Bankhead Roundabout to Glamis Avenue Roundabout	£ 234,808	£ 2,457,946	2
13 & 15	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie & Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	A911 Leslie Road	From Leslie Roundabout to Rothes Roundabout	£ 387,433	£ 2,845,379	2

**Glenrothes Area Committee
Footway Scheme List for 2024-25**

APPENDIX 2

CAT1	Proposed for approval by Committee for delivery in 2024/25
CAT 2	Proposed for approval by Committee as 'reserve' schemes which may be promoted to Cat1 if funding becomes available

2024-25 Budget Share	£249,165
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Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate	Cumulative Total	Cat
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	Glenrothes	C131 Cadham Road	Aitken Road to Cadham Square (North Side)	Footway	£ 50,571	£ 50,571	1
13	Glenrothes West and Kinglassie	Glenrothes	Ravenswood Drive	from house 36 to end of footway at lockups	Footway	£ 23,318	£ 73,889	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Alexander Road	Pinkerton Road to Flats 74 to 90 (south side only)	Footway	£ 20,534	£ 94,423	1
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	Markinch	Balgonie Road	Selkirk Street to Union Street	Footway	£ 34,805	£ 129,228	1
13, 14 & 15	All Wards	Various	Various	Thin Surfacing Programme - Sites to be determined	Footway	£ 120,000	£ 249,228	1

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Proposed Road Safety & Traffic Management Scheme List for 2024/25

CF	Carried forward from 2023/24
CAT 1	Proposed for approval by Committee for delivery in 2024/25

2024-25 Budget Share	113,050
2023/24 Carry Forward	25,000
Available 2024/25 Budget	138,050

Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate	Cumulative total	Category
15	Glenrothes Central & Thornton	Glenrothes	Thornton	Whole village	20mph zones improvements	£ 25,000	£ 25,000	CF
13	Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	Glenrothes	Golf Course Road	North of Forres Drive	Upgrade zebra crossing to puffin crossing	£ 40,000	£ 65,000	1
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie & Markinch	Leslie	High Street		Upgrade zebra crossing to puffin crossing	£ 40,000	£ 105,000	1
All		Various	Various	Unspecified		£ 33,000	£ 138,000	1

**Glenrothes Committee Area
Lighting Scheme List 2024-25**

APPENDIX 4

CF	Carried forward from 2023/24
CAT1	For delivery in 2024-25

Ward No.	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate	Cumulative total	Category
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Glamis Avenue & Beaufort Drive		Lighting	£ 220,000	£ 220,000	CF
13	Glenrothes West & Kinglassie	Glenrothes	Tanshall Ph3	Durris Dr, Alford Dr, Cawdor Dr	Lighting	£ 195,000	£ 415,000	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Poplar Road		Lighting	£ 30,000	£ 445,000	1
14	Glenrothes North, Leslie and Markinch	Glenrothes	Cadham Terrace, Cadham Square, Cadham Court		Lighting	£ 42,000	£ 487,000	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Auchmuty -Braid Drive area		Lighting	£ 66,000	£ 553,000	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Eastfield Industrial Estate	Newark Road North & South	Lighting	£ 57,600		2
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Eastfield Industrial Estate	Woodgate Way North & South	Lighting	£ 61,200		2
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Queensway		Lighting	£ 100,800		2

Glenrothes Area Committee
Proposed Bridges & Structures Scheme List for 2024/25

CAT 1	For delivery in 2024-25
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Ward	Ward Name	Town	Street	Location	Scheme Type	Estimate	Cumulative total	Category
13 & 14	Glenrothes Weast and Kinglassie Glenrothes Noth, Leslie and Marckinch	Glenrothes	B969 Western Avenue	B969 Cable Stay Bridge (aka White Bridge)	Bridge Modifications (Parapets and Lighting)	£ 425,000	£ 425,000	1
15	Glenrothes Central and Thornton	Glenrothes	Woodside Road	Woodside Underpass, Boblingen Way	Bridge Replacement	£ 600,000	£ 1,025,000	1

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Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme

Report by: Eileen Rowand, Executive Director, Finance & Corporate Services

Wards Affected: 13, 14, 15

Purpose

This report supports the Committee's consideration of the workplan for future meetings of the Committee.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that the Committee review the workplan and that members come forward with suggestions for specific areas they would like to see covered in any of the reports.

Resource Implications

Committee should consider the resource implication for Council staff of any request for future reports.

Legal & Risk Implications

Committee should consider seeking inclusion of future items on the workplan by prioritising those which have the biggest impact and those which seek to deal with the highest level of risk.

Impact Assessment

None required for this paper.

Consultation

The purpose of the paper is to support the Committee's discussion and therefore no consultation is necessary.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Each Area Committee operates a workplan which contains items which fall under three broad headings: items for decision, supporting the Local Community Plan and Scrutiny/Monitoring. These items will often lead to reactive rather than proactive scrutiny. Discussion on the workplan agenda item will afford members the opportunity to shape, as a committee, the agenda with future items of business it wishes to review in more detail.

2.0 Conclusions

- 2.1 The current workplan is included as Appendix one and should be reviewed by the committee to help inform scrutiny activity.

List of Appendices

1. Workplan

Background Papers

The following papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973:-

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Glenrothes Area Committee 22 May 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Participatory Budgeting Glenrothes High Schools	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service, Education	Chris Miezitis	To include a potential framework for engaging pupils from the Glenrothes High Schools, eg, participatory budgeting; civic matters (community involvement) - as requested at meeting on 22.03.23 - Para 48. (5) of 2023.GAC.20 refers.
Operational Briefing on Policing Activities within Glenrothes Area - 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024	Police Scotland		Annual report. Previously considered at meeting on 24.05.23, Min Para Ref 53 of 2023.GAC.23 refers. Community Inspector Murray Gibson attending Committee. Community Sergeant David McCabe attending agenda planning meeting.
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Local Plan Annual Performance Report - 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service		Annual report, previously considered at meeting on 23.05.23, min ref para 54 of 2023.GAC.23 refers. Station Commander, Shaun.McGowan attending Committee.
Funding Request - Destination Play Park (Riverside Park)	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Andy Maclellan, Louise Whyte	Programmed with LUF for Riverside Park. Deferred from 27.03.24 - awaiting play strategy approval.
Safer Communities Team Update Report	Housing Services	Brian Westwater, Dawn Jamieson	Previously considered 30.08.23. To include antisocial behaviour update. Attending: Murray Gibson, Police Scotland; Shaun McGowan, Fire Service; Brian Westwater, SCT Lead Officer
Glenrothes Linked Together	Police Scotland		Update report in 9 months following funding approved at meeting on

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Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
			24.05.23, Min Ref Para 57 (3) of 2023.GAC.25 refers. Outcomes in addressing anti-social behaviour and violent crime in Glenrothes. (Inspector Murray Gibson). Deferred from 31.01.24. Convener and Inspector Murray Gibson agreed to defer report to May 24.
Glenrothes Area Committee Work Programme			

Glenrothes Area Committee of 21 August 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
OnFife Six-Monthly Update	Fife Cultural Trust	Karen M Taylor	Previously considered 31.01.24. Minute Ref. Para. 92. of 2024.GAC.40 refers.
Area Housing Plan Update - Glenrothes	Housing Services	Charlotte Stitchell	Six-monthly update - previously considered 31.01.24 - Min Para Ref 97 (2) of 2024.GAC.42 refers.
Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Plan			

Glenrothes Area Committee of 2 October 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Plan			

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Glenrothes Area Committee of 27 November 2024			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Plan			

Glenrothes Area Committee of 22 January 2025			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Local Area Economic Profiles (December 2024)	Business and Employability	Peter Corbett	Previously considered 31.01.24. Minute Ref. Para. 95. of 2024.GAC.42.
Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Plan			

Glenrothes Area Committee of 2 April 2025			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Plan			
Area Roads Programme 2025-26	Roads & Transportation	Vicki Connor-fc	Annual report last considered 27.3.24

Glenrothes Area Committee of 11 June 2025			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Glenrothes Area Committee Forward Work Plan			

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Unallocated			
Title	Service(s)	Contact(s)	Comments
Pupil Equity Fund	Education	Angela Logue, Zoe Thomson	05.03.24 - advised to be included in the attainment reports – there will be an offer of a follow up workshop if required.
Town Centre Masterplan - Glenrothes	Business and Employability	Ronnie Hair	Previously considered 24.03.21. Next update to include the Kingdom shopping centre and Rothesay House. Walkabout to be arranged in August 2023 (Andrew Walker).
Riverside Park Improvement Plan 2020 - 2030: Update	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service, Business and Employability	Kevin Okane, Lisa Edwards-bs	Previously considered 04.03.20. NB: Levelling up budget funding application has gone forward. To include schedule of works. Provide copy of SchofW to Convener/Depute Convener. Walkabout planned for 28.06.23 (Andrew Walker).
Area Capital Update Report	Finance and Corporate Services, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Eleanor Hodgson, Norman Laird	Previously considered 04.12.19.
Report of the Pupilwise & Parentwise Surveys	Education	Deborah Davidson	Usual 3-yearly surveys/reporting delayed due to pandemic - was due 2021. Previously considered 31.10.18. Surveys had not yet been undertaken as at January 2022.
30 mph Speed Limit on B9130 Markinch - Objections NOT set aside	Roads & Transportation	Steven Sellars	Objections to TRO not set aside at GAC on 01.12.21 - Para 245 refers. Committee agreed to consider a future report on alternatives following consultation with the community.

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Local Community Planning Budget/Devolved Budget/ Anti-poverty Funding/ Capital Fund	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Norman Laird	
On-Street Car Parking	Assets, Transportation and Environment, Roads & Transportation	Lesley Craig	
Maintenance of Community Assets in the Glenrothes Area	Assets, Transportation and Environment, Place	Alan Paul	GAC 7 September 2022 Para 10 (2) refers.
Community Recovery Fund Outcome Report	Communities and Neighbourhoods Service	Norman Laird	19.09.23 - outcome report requested by Cllr Vettrano.
Housing Revenue Account - Selling Lock Ups within mixed tenure blocks	Housing Services	Joan Lamie, Donna Christie	Previously considered 31.01.24 - deferred for member workshop. Report back to committee thereafter - Minute Para Ref 96 (2) of 2024.GAC.42.
Active travel plans/routes, Glenrothes Area			Min Ref Para 98 (5) of 2024.GAC.43 refers - meeting on 31.01.24.
Maisonettes in Glenrothes - Longterm Plan for Demolition/Re-development			Relevant report author to be identified