

THE FIFE COUNCIL - FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD - REMOTE MEETING

21 May 2024

10.00 am - 11.05 am

PRESENT: Councillors David Ross (Convener), David Alexander and Linda Erskine; Ken Gourlay, Chief Executive, Fife Council; Joy Tomlinson, Director of Public Health and Alastair Morris, Vice-Chair, NHS Fife; Chief Superintendent Derek McEwan; Sarah Robertson, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; David Watt, Chair and Jim Metcalfe, Chief Executive / Principal, Fife College; Kenny Murphy, Chief Executive, Fife Voluntary Action; Brian Butler, Partnership Director and Beth Harley-Jepson, SEStran; Lesley Caldwell, Senior Community Engagement and Social Responsibility Manager, St. Andrews University; and Deborah West, DWP Customer Service Leader, Department of Work and Pensions.

ATTENDING: Carol Connolly, Executive Director (Place); Pam Ewen, Head of Planning and Ross Spalding, Service Manager, Planning Service; John Mills, Head of Housing and Gavin Smith, Service Manager, Housing Services; Sinead O'Donnell, Policy and Delivery Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; and Michelle McDermott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Fife Council.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Alison Taylor, Place Director, Scottish Government; Carol Potter, Chief Executive and Patricia Kilpatrick, Chair, NHS Fife; Kenneth Barbour, Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; Professor Brad MacKay, St. Andrews University; and Dean Anderson, Department of Work and Pensions.

50. MINUTE

The Board considered the minute of the Fife Partnership Board Meeting of 13 February 2024.

Decision

The Board agreed to approve the minute.

51. PLAN FOR FIFE - THREE YEAR REVIEW

The Board considered a report by the Executive Director (Communities) proposing that the Fife Partnership continued to progress the recovery and renewal priorities for the period 2024-2027, focussing on a collaborative programme for that period and setting out an approach for the development of the next Plan for Fife.

Decision

The Board:-

- (1) noted the summary assessment from the recent annual report, the review work undertaken by the Recovery and Renewal Leadership Group and the emerging findings from the strategic assessment set out in section 2 of the report;

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- (2) agreed to maintain focus and action against the existing recovery and renewal priorities for 2024-2027 and to refocus delivery arrangements;
- (3) approved a review exercise of the current partnership system and delivery arrangements; and
- (4) agreed to explore ways in which to embed an approach to health equity through the Marmot approach as set out in section 3 of the report.

52. ACE DELIVERY PLAN

The Board considered a report by the Head of Planning Services updating partners on the Addressing the Climate Emergency (ACE) Partnership Delivery Plan.

Decision

The Board:-

- (1) agreed the action areas as detailed in Appendix 1 of the Plan;
- (2) noted that the Addressing the Climate Emergency Board would assess and approve business cases for each of the specific projects; and
- (3) considered further opportunities to deliver action on climate, including collaboration across the four Plan4Fife objectives.

53. DISCUSSION

The Board asked partners to consider the following discussion points: -

- How can we have wider partner involvement in the joint Delivery Plan for Climate?
- What are the opportunities for working across the four Plan4Fife objectives to address the climate emergency?
- What if we developed a partnership wide Climate Literacy programme to support climate action?

Decision

The Board:-

- (1) welcomed the discussion topics and noted the continued collaboration work throughout the partnership board;
- (2) supported the ACE Board in (i) considering how to deliver cross-organisational climate literacy training across the partnership and how this could be promoted and (ii) exploring how to pull resources together to identify cross-organisational projects, reporting back to the Partnership Board in six to nine months with an update.

54. DEVELOPING THE HOUSING EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN 2024-27

The Board considered a report by the Head of Housing Services summarising the background to declaring a Housing Emergency in Fife. The report proposed three main themes and outlined the proposed Governance Framework which would provide focus and direction and requested that the Board support the Housing Emergency Action Plan (HEAP).

Decision

The Board: -

- (1) noted the corporate development of a Housing Emergency Action Plan (HEAP) which would be reported to the Cabinet Committee on 6 June 2024; and
- (2) agreed to assist in the development of the Housing Emergency Action Plan (HEAP) going forward.

55. FIFE PARTNERSHIP BOARD FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Decision

The Board agreed that **Tackling Poverty and Health** would be the next priority focus for the August meeting and **Economy** would be the priority focus for the November meeting.

56. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Decision

The next Board meeting would take place on Tuesday, 6 August 2024.