

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

**Small Committee Room, 1st Floor, Town House, Kirkcaldy**

**25 June 2024**

**2.00 pm – 3.35pm**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ian Cameron (Convener), Lesley Backhouse, Alistair Cameron, Rod Cavanagh, Judy Hamilton, James Leslie, Kathleen Leslie, Carol Lindsay, Julie MacDougall and Nicola Patrick.

**ATTENDING:** Andy Paterson, Lead Consultant, Car Parking Strategy and Operations, Roads and Transportation Services; Julie Dickson, Community Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Dawn Jamieson, Safer Communities Team Manager, Suzanne Scobie, Safer Communities Lead Officer, Housing Services; Rob Bowditch, Service Manager, Public and Environmental Protection, Protective Services; Lesley Robb, Lead Officer, Committee Services and Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**ALSO ATTENDING:** Station Commander Niall Miller, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Inspector Kim Stuart, Police Scotland.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors Blair Allan and David Ross.

**102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**103. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTE CONVENER**

**Motion**

Councillor Ian Cameron, seconded by Councillor Lindsay, moved that Councillor Cavanagh be appointed as Depute Convener.

**Decision**

The committee unanimously agreed the motion and Councillor Cavanagh was appointed as Depute Convener of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

*Councillor James Leslie joined the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.*

**104. MINUTE OF MEETING OF KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE OF 30 APRIL 2024.**

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee on 30 April 2024.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

*Councillor Patrick joined the meeting during consideration of the following item.*

**105. DEVOLVED PARKING INITIATIVE IN KIRKCALDY**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval to remove on-street parking charges on Kirkcaldy High Street (between Kirk Wynd and Oswald's Wynd) on an experimental basis and to continue the Kirkcaldy reduced price season ticket in 2024/25.

**Decision**

The committee agreed:

1. to the introduction of an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for a maximum period of 18 months, to remove the parking charges on High Street, Kirkcaldy (between Kirk Wynd and Oswald's Wynd) as detailed in drawing TRO24\_32 (Appendix 2 of the report), with all ancillary procedures;
2. officers would provide a future report to the committee detailing further recommendations towards the conclusion of the ETRO period; and
3. to continue support for the reduced-price season ticket in selected car parks in Kirkcaldy until 31 March 2025.

**106. OPERATIONAL BRIEFING ON POLICING ACTIVITIES WITHIN KIRKCALDY AREA 2023-2024**

The committee considered a report by the Community Inspector, Kirkcaldy and Burntisland Ward Areas, Police Scotland providing elected members with information on matters impacting on, or involving Police Scotland, with relevance to community safety in the Kirkcaldy and Burntisland ward policing area.

**Decision**

The committee considered the report and provided comments on the update.

**107. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE - KIRKCALDY AREA ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2023-2024**

The committee considered a report by the Station Commander for the Kirkcaldy Area, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, providing the committee with incident information for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The incident information enabled the committee to have an overview of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) Kirkcaldy Area against its key performance indicators (KPIs).

**Decision**

The committee considered the progress across a range of KPIs within the report and provided comments on the update.

**108. SAFER COMMUNITIES TEAM ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT - 2023-2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services providing an update on the operational activity of the Safer Communities Team within the Kirkcaldy Committee Area during the 12month period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

**Decision**

The committee noted the report and commented on the activity to date.

**109. REVIEW OF MOSSMORRAN AND BRAEFOOT BAY COMMUNITY AND SAFETY COMMITTEE - GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing the findings of the 2022 general annual report for the operations at the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay facilities, in accordance with the agreed recommendation of the meeting of Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 19 March 2024.

**Decision**

The committee noted:

1. the contents of the general report and, in particular, the large reduction in complaints following the investment in improvement technologies at the complex;
2. the new noise and air quality monitoring arrangements introduced around the complex;
3. the steps taken to improve communications between appropriate parties; and
4. that the Convener agreed to investigate the current elected member appointment from Kirkcaldy Area Committee for the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Community and Safety Committee, to ascertain if the appointment required review following recent political changes within Kirkcaldy Area Committee.

**110. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

The committee considered a report by Head of Property Services advising of action taken using the List of Officer Powers in relation to property transactions.

**Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

**111. KIRKCALDY AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

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

**Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the workplan.