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THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE - BLENDED MEETING

Regency House Halbeath

20 August 2024

9.30 am - 12.45 pm

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Auxi Barrera, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall-Muir, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Stuart Booker, Improvement Officer, Education Service; Shirley Melville, Community Manager (Dunfermline), Lindsay Gilfillan, Anti-Poverty Project Manager and Louise Whyte, Capital Project Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Lisa Hemphill, Lead Officer Community Regeneration, Housing Service; Matthew Roberts, Lead Consultant (Local Transport Strategy) and Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant (Roads and Lighting Asset Management), Roads and Transportation Service; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; Hilary Roberts, Lead Officer (Tourism), Property Services; and Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services, Finance and Corporate Services.

The Convener advised of an additional item which he had agreed to take as urgent business which was relevant, competent and urgent due to a recent decision taken by Cabinet Committee and the consequences of this and moved its consideration, in terms of Standing Order 29.3. This was unanimously agreed. The item was considered after item 14 on the agenda.

The committee expressed their condolences to the family of former Councillor Liz Mogg who had recently passed away and acknowledged her contribution to the community in her time as an elected member.

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

151. MINUTES

- (a) The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee of 18 June 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

- (b) The committee considered the minute of the West Fife Area Common Good Sub-Committee of 3 June 2024.

Decision

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The committee agreed to approve the minute.

152. REPORT ON EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES 2022/23

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education providing details of the attainment outcomes achieved by pupils within the area's schools during the school year 2022/23. The report also provided an overview of the range of strategies that were being developed to support education's key priority to raise attainment.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the overall progress in raising levels of attainment in 2022/23; and
- (2) the strategies that were being implemented to raise attainment.

153. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - TOUCH AND GARVOCK OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a contribution of £14,654.80 from the Dunfermline Local Community Planning budget to support start up costs of after school childcare provision in St. Margaret's Community Church, Dunfermline.

Decision

The committee agreed to allocate £14,654.80 from the Dunfermline Local Community Planning budget to support the project and that the funds for the project would come from the Dunfermline Central portion of the budget due to the geographical location as well as budget remaining.

154. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING BUDGET REQUEST - PLACE BASED COMMUNITY-LED REGENERATION IN TOUCH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a contribution of £10,000 from the Local Community Planning budget for the Place Based Community Led Regeneration in Touch.

Decision

The committee agreed to allocate £10,000 from the Local Community Planning anti poverty budget to support the project.

155. SUPPORTING THE CITY OF DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) PROPOSALS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking approval for a contribution of £5,830 from the Dunfermline Community Recovery Fund (CRF) to support a One Step At a Time (Lego Walk) event. It was recommended that the funds for this project would

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come from the previously agreed Development of Dunfermline's City Status CRF allocation.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £5,830 from the Development of Dunfermline's City Status CRF allocation to support the project.

156. SUPPORTING THE CITY OF DUNFERMLINE LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – ANTI POVERTY WORK UPDATE 2023-24

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service providing an update for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 on the activity and outcomes relating to the anti-poverty work currently being undertaken in the City of Dunfermline area, in alignment with the key priorities of the area contained within the draft City Plan.

Decision

The committee noted the progress in terms of the activity and outcomes for the City of Dunfermline area in relation to the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024 and ongoing anti poverty work.

The committee adjourned at 10.55 am and reconvened at 11.05 am.

157. DUNFERMLINE FREE BUS TRAVEL INITIATIVE 2024/25

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services seeking approval to use the budget allocated to the City of Dunfermline Area Committee for devolved parking initiatives to provide free bus travel within the city on a number of days in 2024/25.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed to commit the budget allocated to the City of Dunfermline Area Committee for devolved parking initiatives in 2024/25 to fund free bus travel in the city on a number of days in 2024/25; and
- (2) authorised officers to confirm dates in consultation with members of the committee and the local business community.

158. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2023/24 – FINAL REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising on the delivery of the 2023/24 Area Roads Programme (ARP).

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report and Appendices.

159. PLAY STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION – DUNFERMLINE AREA

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services detailing the proposed implementation programme for

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the Dunfermline area and seeking approval of the approach adopted, taking cognisance of the issues noted.

Decision

The committee agreed:-

- (1) the suggested play strategy implementation programme; and
- (2) the approach in allocating investment identified.

160. COMPLAINTS UPDATE - 1 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Communities) providing an overview of complaints received relating to the City of Dunfermline committee area for the year from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the contents of the report; and
- (2) the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of service complaints.

161. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE TOURISM ACTION PLAN

The committee considered a report by the Service Manager (Place Programmes and Policies) providing an update on progress of the City of Dunfermline Tourism Action Plan and seeking approval of the actions contained within the Action Plan.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) agreed the actions contained within the City of Dunfermline Tourism Evaluation and Action Plan, a multi-partner five year Tourism Action Plan;
- (2) noted the progress since the Action Plan was produced; and
- (3) noted that the governance for the Action Plan would be part of the City Development Plan framework and the City Development Partnership and City Alliance which would ensure that progress by all partners would be reviewed and reported on.

162. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Service) relating to the committee's Forward Work Programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee reviewed and noted the City of Dunfermline Area Committee Forward Work Programme.

163. URGENT ITEM – EMERGENCY MOTION – DUNFERMLINE’S LEISURE PROVISION

Emergency Motion

Councillor Ellis, seconded by Councillor Boubaker-Calder, moved that:-

"In light of the decision by the Cabinet Committee to approve demolition of the Woodmill and St Columba sites, the City of Dunfermline Area Committee requests an written explanation by the cabinet committee convener of why the decision taken by the City of Dunfermline area committee on the 25th April, 2023 item 15 on the agenda in regard to the motion on Dunfermline’s leisure provision and the request for a feasibility study hasn’t been carried out or added to the forward work programme of the cabinet committee."

Decision

The committee agreed the motion unanimously.