

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
BLENDED MEETING**

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

27 June, 2024

10.00 am – 12.55 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Eugene Clarke (Convener), Blair Allan, Ken Caldwell, Alex Campbell, Brian Goodall, Peter Gulline, Donald Lothian, Lynn Mowatt, Bailey-Lee Robb, Sam Steele, Jonny Tepp, Darren Watt and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Michael Enston, Executive Director - Communities; Fiona Balloch, Lead Officer - The Promise, Family Support Service, Communities Directorate; John Mills, Head of Housing Services, Joan Lamie, Service Manager, Housing Estates and Safer Communities; Patricia Spacey, Housing and Safer Communities, Liz Watson, Partnership and Strategy Officer, Housing Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services, Property Services; Jennifer Rezendes, Principal Social Work Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Committee Services, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Inspector Stuart Allan, Partnerships, Licensing and Events, Police Scotland; Kenneth Barbour, Area Commander and Lee Turnock, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Alistair Cameron and Ann Verner.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

120. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting of 29 February 2024.

Arising from the minute: -

- (1) With reference to (2024 PCS 47), Paragraph 117 (4) – People and Communities Forward Work Programme – Councillor Robb enquired why the Armed Forces Covenant Report was not on the agenda for the meeting today (27 June 2024) and asked that the committee ask relevant officers to provide a report to the next meeting of the committee.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) agreed to ask officers to submit a report on the Armed Forces Covenant to the next meeting of the committee; and
- (2) otherwise agreed to approve the minute.

121. SCOTTISH FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE LOCAL PLAN 12 MONTHS PERFORMANCE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services proving an update on incident information for the period 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the progress of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service across a range of key performance indicators as detailed in the report; and
- (2) agreed that a workshop would be arranged with elected members and officers from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to discuss further operational matters.

122. FIFE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services updating members on the progress of the Fife Community Safety Partnership in delivering the current Community Safety Partnership Delivery Plan 2023-26.

Decision

The committee noted the progress to date.

The meeting adjourned at 11.40am and reconvened at 11.50am

123. OUTCOMES OF CARE INSPECTORATE INSPECTION AND GRADING PROCESS

The committee considered a report by the Director of Health and Social Care Partnership providing an update on the range of inspections that had been undertaken by the Care Inspectorate and highlighted the inspection grades awarded for care services in Fife.

Decision

The committee noted the inspection grades awarded to care services in Fife.

Councillors Campbell, Goodall and Lothian left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

124. FIFE CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

The committee considered a report by the Head of Service, Chief Social Work Officer, updating members on the work of the Fife Corporate Parenting Board (FCPB) and developments planned to improve the Corporate Parenting agenda across Fife.

Decision

The committee noted: -

- (1) the intention of the Corporate Parenting Board to ensure Care Experienced Children and Young People (CECYP) in Fife were supported, with the best offer from their 'corporate parents' to reach their full potential; and
- (2) the progress made within the last 12 months, informing on the current Corporate Parenting plan in developing the expectation across all 'corporate parents' in Fife.

125. SWAN AND MEMORIAL COURT METHIL

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services updating members on the lessons learned from the recladding works carried out in 2012/2013 to improve the insulation of the Swan and Memorial multistorey blocks following a request by the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee on 16 November 2023.

Decision

The committee noted the content of the report and the lessons learned.

126. PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services, asking members to consider the future workplan for the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) considered and noted the future workplan of the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee;
- (2) noted that several outstanding reports on public protection would be amalgamated into one public protection report going forward;
- (3) agreed that a report on the policy, practices and procedures of unauthorised gypsy travelers in Fife be added for further scrutiny at the next meeting of the People and Communities Scrutiny Committee.