

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

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

**2 October 2024**

**9.30 am – 11.00 am**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Colin Davidson (Convener), Tom Adams, David Alexander, Ken Caldwell, Eugene Clarke, David Graham, John O'Brien and Alistair Suttie.

**ATTENDING:** David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Peter Nicol, Housing Team Manager, Catherine Grant, Housing Professional Housing Strategy, Housing Services; Mary McKay, Education Manager, Education Services and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

**164. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**165. MINUTE**

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 21 August 2024.

**Decision**

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

**166. AREA HOUSING PLAN 2024-25**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval for a revised area housing plan for the period 2024-2025 which sets out area performance, service delivery and key housing issues for consideration.

**Decision**

The committee considered the report and agreed : -

- (1) that the Area Housing Plan 2024-2025 required to be further developed;
- (2) that the revised version of the Area Housing Plan 2024 - 2025 would be submitted for approval at the Levenmouth Area Committee of 27 November 2024; and
- (3) to approve the Area Lettings Plan 2024-2027.

**167. EDUCATION - PUPILWISE AND PARENTWISE SURVEYS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Education Services summarising the Parentwise and Pupilwise survey process undertaken across Fife in the academic session 2023/24, with a focus on results in the Levenmouth Area.

**Decision**

The committee noted: -

- (1) the findings of the surveys and the next steps in response to the results; and
- (2) that schools would welcome contact from elected members to discuss their approach to engaging with parents/carers and pupils, as well as how they were responding to the findings of the ParentWise and PupilWise 2023/24 surveys.

**168. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN – CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW 2023-2025 AND ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service advising members of the status of capital works proposals in the Levenmouth area. The report also sought agreement to provisionally allocate £35,000 towards the Herd Park Pavilion proposal, and £77,500 towards the Bishops Court Public Realm Improvement from local capital budgets.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the status relating to a range of capital projects for the Levenmouth area;
- (2) provisionally agreed the allocation of area capital funding to the Bishops Court Public Realm Project of £77,500, pending a more detailed report to the Area Committee in November 2024; and
- (3) provisionally agreed the allocation of funding to the Herd Park Pavilion Renewal project of £35,000, pending a more detailed report to the Area Committee in November 2024.

**169. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN - CONFIRMATION OF FUNDING – BUCKHAVEN ACCESS PATH LIGHTING**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement of a total of £20,000 from the ward 22 budget to carry out the lighting of an access path link between College Street and Erskine Street, Buckhaven.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) agreed a contribution of £20,000 from the ward 22 budget to allow this lighting project to progress; and
- (2) noted that this work would be added onto an existing Transportation lighting contract upgrade at Erskine Street, Buckhaven.

**170. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – CASTLE FURNITURE- LEVENMOUTH INDEPENDENCE INITIATIVE (LII) -ANTI POVERTY YEAR 2**

In order to allow for further information to be included in the report, the committee agreed to defer this item for consideration at the Levenmouth Area Committee of 27 November 2024.

**171. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS**

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

**Decision**

The committee noted the contents of the report.

**172. LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the future work programme of the Levenmouth Area Committee.

**Decision**

The committee: -

- (1) noted the content of the Levenmouth Area Committee forward work programme; and
- (2) agreed that members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items to be included on the workplan, within the remit of the committee.