

**THE FIFE COUNCIL - ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING**

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

3 September 2024

10.00 am – 12.55 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Jane Ann Liston (Convener), Tom Adams, Naz Anis-Miah, John Caffrey (substituting for Aude Boubaker-Calder), Rod Cavanagh, Al Clark, Gavin Ellis, Jean Hall-Muir, Stefan Hoggan, Andy Jackson, Mary Bain-Lockhart, Nicola Patrick, Darren Watt and Daniel Wilson.

ATTENDING: Carol Connolly, Executive Director Place, Ross Spalding, Service Manager, Climate Change and Zero Waste, Planning Services; Jenny Murray, Communications Officer, Communities Directorate; Kenny Bisset, Lead Officer, Environmental Health (Public Protection) and Rob Bowditch, Service Manager - Public and Environmental Protection, Protective Services; John Rodigan, Head of Environment and Building Services and Alexander Anderson, Service Manager (Domestic Waste and Street Cleansing), Environment and Building Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services, Michael O’Gorman, Service Manager - Estates and Asset Management and Liz Murphy, Bereavement Service Manager, Property Services; John Mitchell, Head of Roads and Transportation Services and Sara Wilson, Service Manager, Roads Network Management, Roads and Transportation Services; Jay Wilson, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; Emma Whyte, Committee Officer and Elona Thomson, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE: Councillor Aude Boubaker-Calder.

95. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

96. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee of 28 May 2024.

Decision

The committee approved the minute.

97. PRESENTATION - CLIMATE FESTIVAL AND SUSTAINABILITY WEEK

The committee received an update on the ongoing work relating to the ‘Climate Fife Strategy and Action Plan’.

Decision

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The committee noted the presentation and reaffirmed their commitment to the 'Climate Fife Strategy and Action Plan'.

98. **REVIEW OF MOSSMORRAN AND BRAEFOOT BAY COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE - GENERAL ANNUAL REPORT - 2023**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Protective Services providing the findings of the latest 2023 general annual report for the operations at the Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay facilities.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the contents of the general report (Appendices A-D) and, in particular, the continued large reduction in complaints following investment in improvement technologies at the complex;
- (2) noted the latest noise and air quality monitoring arrangements introduced around the complex;
- (3) provided feedback on what additional information could be included for future annual reports; and
- (4) noted that the 2023 general report had been submitted to Cowdenbeath, Kirkcaldy and South and West Fife Area Committees for their information.

99. **ENVIRONMENT & BUILDING SERVICES – ANNUAL SERVICE REVIEW REPORT 2023/2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Environment and Building Services presenting an overview of the service, detailing the service planning, change and improvement work undertaken in 2023/24 and providing an assessment of performance informing scrutiny and future service planning.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) noted the remodelled 'annual service review' report format and related products;
- (2) scrutinised the progress and performance of Environmental and Building Services for 2023/24 and the activity undertaken in 2024/25 to date; and
- (3) noted the service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the three-year direction of travel.

100. **PROPERTY & BEREAVEMENT SERVICES - ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property and Bereavement Services presenting an overview of the services, detailing the services' planning, change and improvement work undertaken in 2023/24 and providing an assessment of performance to inform scrutiny and future service planning.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) considered and commented on the remodelled 'annual service review' report format and related products;
- (2) scrutinised the progress and performance of Property and Bereavement Services for 2023/24 and the activity undertaken in 2024/25 to date; and
- (3) noted the service planning objectives for 2024/25 and the three-year direction of travel.

The meeting adjourned at 11.45 am and reconvened at 12.00 pm.

101. ASSETS & ESTATES ANNUAL REPORT 2023 - 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services outlining some of the key activities undertaken by the teams responsible for property acquisition, disposal, property management and strategic oversight of council assets over the course of the past year.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) scrutinised the information in the report and appendices; and
- (2) noted the performance in three areas: asset strategy including asset utilisation, vacant property and capital receipts.

Councillors Anis-Miah, Ellis and Clark left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item.

102. ROADS MAINTENANCE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023 - 2024

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services presenting the Road Performance Report for financial year 2023/24 and outlining the range of carriageway maintenance measures to be undertaken in 2024/25.

Decision

The committee noted:-

- (1) the Road Maintenance Performance Report for 2023-24; and
- (2) the proposed carriageway maintenance measures for 2024-25.

103. NEW ROADS AND STREET WORKS ACT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT - 2022/2023

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services providing a summary of Statutory Undertaker performance and Fife Council's performance in relation to New Roads and Street Works Act (NRSWA) activities in Fife in 2022/23.

Decision

The committee scrutinised the current NRSWA performance and activity outlined in the report.

104. 2023/24 REVENUE PROVISIONAL OUTTURN

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Place providing an update on the provisional outturn financial position for the 2023/24 financial year for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

105. 2023/24 CAPITAL PROVISIONAL OUTTURN

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and Executive Director, Place providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the provisional financial position for the 2023/24 financial year for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

106. 2024/25 REVENUE PROJECTED OUTTURN – JUNE

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Place providing an update on the projected outturn financial position for the 2024/25 financial year for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

107. 2024/25 CAPITAL PROJECTED OUTTURN - JUNE

The committee considered a joint report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services and the Executive Director, Place providing an update on the Capital Investment Plan and advising on the projected financial position for the 2024/25 financial year for the areas in scope of the Environment, Transportation and Climate Change Scrutiny Committee.

Decision

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The committee noted the current financial performance and activity as detailed in the report.

108. **ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & CLIMATE CHANGE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Services, relating to the forward work programme for future meetings of the committee.

Decision

The committee:-

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