

THE FIFE COUNCIL - LEVENMOUTH AREA COMMITTEE

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

27 November 2024

9.35 am – 11.05 am

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

ATTENDING: Eleanor Hodgson, Accountant, Finance and Corporate Services; Eva Martinez, Technician Engineer Traffic Management, Roads and Transportation Services; Peter Nicol, Housing Team Manager, Housing Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Information Management & Requests; David Paterson, Community Manager (Levenmouth), Jen Watt, Local Development Officer (Levenmouth), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service and Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Christine McLean, Head of Cultural Heritage and Wellbeing, OnFife

The convener was required to vary the sequence of the reports to take item 6 (para.177) prior to item 5 (para.176).

173. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

174. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Levenmouth Area Committee of 2 October 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

175. LEVENMOUTH ONFIFE UPDATE REPORT

The committee considered a report by the Head of Cultural Heritage and Wellbeing, OnFife, providing members with a summary of the engagement work undertaken across Levenmouth and the activities delivered at Methil Heritage since it's reopening in April 2024.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) noted the content of the report;
- 2) acknowledged the extension of the fixed-term Community Engagement Coordinator contract on a part time basis from March to September 2025; and

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- 3) agreed to release the second and final instalment of funding from the Community Recovery Fund to complete the project and fund the salary costs for the Community Engagement Coordinator.

176. **PROPOSED 20MPH ZONE – A955 & NEW CASTLE GAIT HOUSING ESTATE, EAST WEMYSS**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services outlining a proposal to introduce a 20mph zone on roads constructed within the new Castle Gait housing estate and an extension to the current 20mph zone on the A955, along the west end of East Wemyss.

Decision

The committee in the interests of road safety agreed to: -

- 1) the promotion of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to introduce a 20mph zone as detailed in appendix 1, drawing no. TRO24/48 of the report, with all ancillary procedures; and
- 2) authorise officers to confirm the Traffic Regulation Order within a reasonable period unless there are objections.

177. **COMMON GOOD AND SETTLEMENT TRUST FUNDS ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services, advising members of the current status of the Common Good and Settlement Trust funds in the area and relevant fund activities over the financial year 2023-2024.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) noted the information contained in the relevant appendices for the various Common Good funds and Trust funds; and
- 2) agreed to continue to support the disbursement of Trusts funds to suitable projects which also included the amalgamation of individual trusts and where appropriate the dissolution of individual trusts including transferring the funds to suitable third party organisations who are providing similar support to local priorities.

178. **COMPLAINTS ANNUAL UPDATE**

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

Decision

The committee considered the report and noted the complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

179. AREA HOUSING PLAN 2024 - 2025

Prior to consideration of the following item, the committee were advised of two corrections relating to data contained within the Levenmouth Area Housing Plan 2024-2025. The committee were advised that in relation to page 64, the number of Tenant and Resident Associations should be detailed as '5'; and in relation to page 68, reference to 'Largoward' is to be removed under the Action description column relating to rewiring work.

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services seeking approval for a revised area housing plan setting out area performance, service delivery and key housing issues.

Decision

The committee approved the Levenmouth Area Housing plan for 2024-2025.

180. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – JUSTICE SOCIAL WORK (JSW) WELFARE SUPPORT WORKER

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement from members to the continuation of funding to employ a specialist welfare support worker based within the Levenmouth Justice Social Work team.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) agreed to the continuation of funding from the local community planning budget (LCPB) anti-poverty budget, to fund the role of the specialist welfare support worker for the full two years;
- 2) noted and agreed the request for funding for the current year at £37,500; and
- 3) noted that a further report would be submitted to the area committee in 2025/2026 requesting a total of £21,875 from the LCPB anti poverty budget.

181. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – LEVEN TOWN CENTRE FESTIVE LIGHTS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement from members for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) of £7,500 towards the festive light display specifically relating to funding from the Ward 21 budget.

Decision

The committee agreed: -

- 1) to a contribution of £7,500 from the LCPB budget towards the cost of erecting and dismantling the festive decorations for Leven town centre during November/December 2024; and

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- 2) that additional costs in terms of repairs to fixing points identified during the erection would be covered separately through delegated decision making if under the £5,000 threshold.

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

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) anti-poverty fund of up to £12,000, towards the ongoing delivery of an enhanced package of help to facilitate the provision of furniture and white goods to households in need. The contribution would allow a continuation of the project initially supported by committee in May 2023.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) agreed a contribution of £12,000 in the current financial year to cover the costs relevant to the enhanced package of assistance to provide furniture and white goods to referred households in need;
- 2) noted that a further report seeking a contribution for the 2025/26 financial year would be brought to the 2 April 2025 committee for consideration; and
- 3) noted that most items distributed to households would be reused and reconditioned, which supports the areas stated aims on progressing activity that has a positive impact on climate change concerns.

183. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN – CORRA SUPPORT – ANTI POVERTY FUNDING

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for a contribution of £19,000 from the Local Community Planning Budget (LCPB) anti poverty fund to support the continuation of Corra Foundation officer activity in the Levenmouth Area over the fiscal 2024/2025 year.

Decision

The committee: -

- 1) agreed a contribution of £19,000 from the LCPB anti-poverty fund to support the continuation of CORRA officer activity in the Levenmouth area for 2024/2025; and
- 2) noted that a future report would be brought to committee detailing relevant activity updates in 2025/2026 to secure equivalent funding.

184. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN – GREIG INSTITUTE WINDYGATES - CHANGING ROOM WORK

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement to allocate £10,524 from the Community

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Recovery Fund (CRF) to carry out work to the changing rooms at Greig Park, Windyates.

Decision

The committee agreed to a contribution of £10,524 from the CRF budget to carry out work to upgrade the changing rooms at Greig Park, Windyates.

185. SUPPORTING THE LEVENMOUTH LOCAL PLAN – ALLOCATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods seeking agreement for the allocation of funding from both Local Capital Budgets and Community Recovery Funds towards the Bishops Court Public Realm Project and the Herd Park Pavilion Renewal Project.

Decision

The committee agreed to allocate: -

- 1) £77,500 capital funding to the Bishops Court Public Realm Project;
- 2) £60,000 CRF funding to the Bishops Court Public Realm Project;
- 3) £35,500 capital funding to the Herd Park Pavilion Renewal Project; and
- 4) £65,000 CRF funding to the Herd Park Pavilion Renewal Project.

186. PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS

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

Decision

The committee noted the contents of the report.

187. 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 workplan; and

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- 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.