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THE FIFE COUNCIL - GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED MEETING

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

22 January 2025

2.00 pm – 4.15 pm

PRESENT: Councillors John Beare (Convener), Peter Gulline, Lynn Mowatt, Derek Noble, Ross Vettraino, Craig Walker, Daniel Wilson and Jan Wincott.

ATTENDING: Steven Sellers, Lead Consultant, Road Safety and Travel Planning and Vicki Storrar, Lead Consultant - Roads Lighting and Asset Management, Roads and Transportation Services; David Thomson, Customer Experience Lead Officer, Customer and Online Services; Louise Whyte, Capital Projects Manager, Community Projects Team, Norman Laird, Community Manager (Glenrothes), Chris Mieзитis, Area Community Development Team Manager, Community Development Team (Glenrothes) and Rowan Young, Local Development Officer, Community Development Team (Glenrothes), Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Morag Millar, Service Manager - Place Programmes and Policies, Business and Employability Services; and Michelle Hyslop, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors Altany Craik and Julie Ford.

150. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

151. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the Glenrothes Area Committee meeting of 27 November 2024.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

152. AREA ROADS PROGRAMME 2025-26

The committee considered a report by the Head of Roads and Transportation Services advising on the projects for inclusion in the 2025 - 2026 Area Roads Programme for the Glenrothes Area.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) approved the report and Appendices 1 - 3 (Carriageway Schemes, Footway Schemes and Traffic Management and Road Safety);

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- (2) delegated authority to the Head of Roads and Transportation Services to manage the lists of Category 1 and 2 projects in line with the available resources/funding as the programme developed and in consultation with the Convener, Depute Convener and elected members; and
- (3) noted Appendices 4 and 5 (Street Lighting and Bridge and Structures).

153. CARLETON PARK – AREA CAPITAL FUNDING REQUEST

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking approval to allocate £30,000 match funding from the Area Capital plan for investment into play park equipment at Carleton Park, Woodside.

Decision

The committee agreed: -

- (1) to defer the decision to allocate £30,000 match funding for Carleton Park, Woodside to the next meeting of the Glenrothes Area Committee on 2 April 2025; and
- (2) that an elected member workshop would be arranged to look at the play park strategy for 2025-2026 and to explore the funding process for upgrading playparks when there was community involvement.

The meeting adjourned at 3.10 pm and reconvened at 3.25 pm during the above item.

154. COMPLAINTS UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Communities providing an overview of complaints received relating to the Glenrothes Area for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Decision

The committee considered the report on complaints received, noting complaints responded to in target timescales and the proportionality of Service complaints.

155. 2023/24 LOCAL AREA ECONOMIC PROFILES

The committee considered a report by the Service Manager, Place, Programmes and Policies providing an annual overview of the performance of the local economy and labour market in the Glenrothes area. The information presented was intended to provide background and context to council activity within the Glenrothes area to help inform area committee discussion and decision-making.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the activity undertaken by Business and Employability Services in 2023/24 and 2024/25 to date;
- (2) acknowledged the issues raised by an analysis of the latest available economic data; and

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- (3) agreed that an updated report on the Town Centre Masterplan would be submitted to a future meeting of the committee in 2025.

156. **SUPPORTING THE PLAN 4 GLENROTHES AREA: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND**

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Services seeking approval to allocate £50,402 funding from the Community Recovery Fund (CRF) for the Glenrothes Area to enable the continuation of two temporary Welfare Support Assistant posts until 31 March 2026.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve £50,402 from the Community Recovery Fund for the two temporary Welfare Support Assistant posts until 31 March 2026.

157. **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.

158. **GLENROTHES AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN**

The committee considered a report by the Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Services relating to the workplan for future meetings of the Glenrothes Area Committee.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the draft workplan for the Glenrothes Area Committee;
- (2) agreed that committee members would advise the Convener, Depute Convener, Lead Officer and Committee Officer of any other items within the remit of the committee to be added to the workplan; and
- (3) agreed that a workshop was to be arranged with Housing Officers to follow up on the local area housing plan as agreed at the 2nd October 2024 meeting (para. 133(2) of 2024 GAC 58 refers). Elected members asked to explore at the workshop the housing arrangements for the site at Alexander Road, Glenrothes, with a view of having a follow up briefing note or a report submitted to a future meeting of the committee, to be agreed and determined following the workshop.