

2023 CODAC 42

THE FIFE COUNCIL - CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE – BLENDED

2nd Floor Meeting Room, Regency House, Crossgates Road, Halbeath

12 December, 2023

9.30 am – 10.55 am

PRESENT: Councillors James Calder (Convener), Naz Anis-Miah, Lynn Ballantyne-Wardlaw, Aude Boubaker-Calder, Gavin Ellis, Derek Glen, Jean Hall Muir, Cara Hilton, Jim Leishman and Gordon Pryde.

ATTENDING: Lynne Johnston, Housing Manager, Deborah Stevens, Lead Officer Housing Condition and Supply, Lisa Hemphill, Lead Officer Community Regeneration, Housing Services; Alan Paul, Head of Property Services, Liz Murphy, Bereavement Service Manager, Property Services; Shirley Melville, Area Community Development Team Manager, Communities and Neighbourhoods Service; Kerry Elliott, Committee Officer, Emma Whyte, Committee Officer, Legal and Democratic Services.

ALSO ATTENDING: Michelle Sweeney, Director of Creative Development & Delivery and Chris McLean, Team Manager, OnFife.

98. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Decision

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

99. MINUTE

The committee considered the minute of the meeting of the City of Dunfermline Area Committee on 24 October 2023.

Decision

The committee agreed to approve the minute.

100. TOUCH REGENERATION HOUSING PROPOSALS

The committee considered a report by the Head of Housing Services outlining a proposal to begin Phase 1 of a 10-year Masterplan to demolish the properties at 22-152 Law Road (evens only) and 2-24 & 70-100 Henryson Road (evens only); and to build new affordable housing as part of the Council's Phase 4 Affordable Housing Programme 2024-29.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) approved the option to demolish 22-152 Law Road (evens only) and 2-24 and 70-100 Henryson Road (evens only) as phase one of a wider 10-year regeneration plan;

2023 CODAC 43

- (2) agreed to transfer remaining tenants of aforementioned properties to alternative suitable accommodation and to purchase 18 privately owned properties;
- (3) agreed to pay qualifying tenants and residents home loss and disturbance compensation payments in line with existing Council policy;
- (4) agreed to suspend allocations of aforementioned properties and remove all empty properties from active management and zero the rent due on the properties; and
- (5) agreed to the redevelopment of the cleared sites as new affordable housing.

101. ONFIFE UPDATE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Creative Development updating members on OnFife's service offer in the area, a review of activity in the past six months and outlining plans in the coming year.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the contents of the report; and
- (2) explored how OnFife can better engage with and support the ongoing work within the Dunfermline area.

102. CEMETERY STRATEGY FOR DUNFERMLINE

The committee considered a report by the Head of Property Services advising of the outcome of the consultation on the future provision of cemeteries in Fife and requested support for implementation of the strategy moving forward.

Decision

The committee: -

- (1) noted the key points from the consultation exercise; and
- (2) supported the actions moving forward in the Cemetery Strategy 2023 – 2028, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

103. LCP BUDGET REQUEST: COMMUNITY RECOVERY FUND (CRF) BUDGET REQUEST ECOLOGICAL APPRAISAL OF TOWNHILL LOCH

The committee considered a report by the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Service seeking agreement for a total contribution of £17,622,48 (£7622.48 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget and £10,000 from the Community Recovery Fund) to contribute to the funding of a preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA), bird breeding and wintering bird survey at Townhill Loch.

Decision

2023 CODAC 44

The committee agreed a contribution of £7622.48 from the Local Community Planning Area Budget and £10,000 from the Community Recovery Fund to contribute to the funding of a preliminary ecological appraisal (PEA), bird breeding and wintering bird survey at Townhill Loch.

104. CITY OF DUNFERMLINE AREA COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) reviewed and noted the contents of the forward work programme.
- (2) agreed that an update on the implementation and enforcement of the pavement parking ban should be brought to a future meeting in 2024.