

MINUTE of MEETING of the LINLITHGOW LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 1 MARCH 2022.

Present – Councillors Tom Conn (Chair), Tom Kerr and David Tait

In Attendance

Graeme Struthers, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council

Dougie Grierson, Community Regeneration Team Leader, West Lothian Council

Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland

Gordon McGuire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Craig McCorriston, Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration, West Lothian Council

Gordon Brown, Network Manager, West Lothian Council

Andy Johnston, Service Manager, West Lothian Council

Phyllis McFadyen, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council

David Armstrong, Newton Community Council

Sally Pattle, Linlithgow & Linlithgow Bridge Community Council

1      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2      MINUTES

a      The committee approved the minutes of its meeting held on 2 November 2021.

b      The committee approved the minutes of its meeting held on 13 December 2021.

3      POLICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing an update on performance, activities and issues across the ward for the period up to 31 December 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note the content of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4      FIRE SERVICE WARD REPORT

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within Linlithgow MultiMember Ward for the period up to 31 December 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note and provide comment on the Linlithgow Multi-member Ward Performance Report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5 HOUSING, CUSTOMER AND BUILDING SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Housing, Customer and Building Services providing an overview of the service activities within the Linlithgow ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 3 – 1 October to 31 December 2021.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6 SERVICE UPDATE: NETS, LAND & COUNTRYSIDE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising members of the recent activity of the NET's, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 October 2021 – 31 December 2021.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the work carried out by the service within the local area; and
2. Advise of any areas that require further information or investigation.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7 NEWTON VILLAGE - PROPOSED TEMPORARY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TRIAL

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on the progression, in association with the community council, of a trial traffic management scheme for the centre of the village which had been noted in the Linlithgow LAC report of the 24 August 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents of the report and support the promotion of a six-week temporary traffic management trial scheme in the village commencing Summer 2022. The effectiveness

of the trial would be reported back to the Local Area Committee in the Autumn.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

### 8 UPDATE ON DEVELOPER FUNDED IMPROVEMENTS TO ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE IN LINLITHGOW

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration providing an update on progress with securing developer funded improvements to roads infrastructure in Linlithgow, including an all-ways junction at Junction 3 on the M9 and improvements in the town centre.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note that the West Lothian Local Development Plan set a framework for housing development in Linlithgow and identified the infrastructure improvements necessary to secure those improvements;
2. Note that two of the six potentially contributing housing sites had been granted planning consent and contributions had been secured;
3. Note that supplementary planning guidance had been developed to secure the contributions but that the Scottish Ministers had issued a direction indicating that changes were required to the guidance before it could be adopted; and
4. Note that the Scottish Government's Chief Planner had clarified that notwithstanding the Ministerial Direction contributions could still be sought on a case by case basis.

During discussion, concerns were raised regarding alleviating traffic in Linlithgow high street and clarifications were provided by officers on ways the issue was being addressed. Councillor David Tait wished for his dissatisfaction with the content of the Systra report, as well as with the part of officers' report prioritising slip roads, to be recorded as he deemed they presented no significant evidence to justify findings.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

### 9 PLACE-BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23 AND UPDATE ON THE TOWN CENTRE CAPITAL FUND 2019/20 AND 2020/21

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration

advising members of the launch of the Place Based Investment Programme for 2022–23 that would see an estimated £1,000,000 allocated through two funding streams. One, the Town Centre Capital Fund, had been allocated £500,000 and would be delivered in the same way as the Town Centre Capital Fund in 2019/20 and 2020/21 with applications coming to this committee for approval. The second stream focused the other £500,000 on supporting larger projects aimed at supporting Community Wealth Building and would be of interest to some organisations within the ward. The report also provided an overview of the 2019/20 and 20/21 Town Centre Capital Fund Programme projects.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. The process proposed for 2022/23;
2. That recommendations to approve the Town Centre Capital applications would be made to Local Area Committees (LAC) for their final decision or to the Council Executive should the LAC be unable to agree on part or all of the ward allocation;
3. The Community Wealth Building stream and the potential interest to local organisations;
4. That authority had been delegated to the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration to implement the process;
5. That regular contact would be made with awardees for 2022–23 to monitor project progress; and
6. The update on the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Town Centre Capital Projects.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

### 10 REPORT ON PROGRESS OF REGENERATION PLANNING

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing members of progress on partner activities, regeneration planning and other activities in within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note the report.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

### 11 TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2022-2023

The committee noted the proposed timetable of meetings for the period August 2022 to May 2023 (copies of which had been circulated).

Decision

To endorse the timetable of meetings which would be presented to the Council Executive for approval.

12      WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.