

MINUTE of MEETING of the LINLITHGOW LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within CONFERENCE MEETING ROOM, LINLITHGOW ACADEMY, BRAEHEAD ROAD, LINLITHGOW, EH49 6EH, on 23 AUGUST 2022.

Present – Councillors Sally Pattle (Chair), Tom Conn and Pauline Orr

Apologies – Roy Bradley, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

In Attendance

Graeme Struthers, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council

Dougie Grierson, Community Regeneration Team Leader, West Lothian Council

Sergeant Mike Harte, Police Scotland

Andy Johnston, Service Manager, West Lothian Council

Phyllis McFadyen, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council

Scott Hughes, Strategic Property Asset Manager, West Lothian Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda Item 9 – West Lothian Cycle Circuit -

Councillor Conn declared a connection with Linlithgow CDT. Given the report was for noting and no decision required to be made, he would remain in the meeting during discussion of the report.

2. MINUTE

The Committee approved the Minute of its meeting held on 7 June 2022. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

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 3 July 2022.

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

Sergeant Harte undertook to feed back the committee's request for more localised crime figures to be incorporated into future reports as was previously reported to all Local Area Committees.

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 Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 June 2022.

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. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND 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 April to 30 June 2022.

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.

6. 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 1 – 1 April to 30 June 2022.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7. WEST LOTHIAN CYCLE CIRCUIT

The committee considered a joint report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive (Education and Planning Services) and the Head of Finance and Property Services advising of the anticipated timescales for the construction of the West Lothian Cycle Circuit at Kettilstoun Mains, Linlithgow, approved by Council Executive on 16 August 2022 and information of the lease the facility thereafter to Linlithgow Community Development Trust who would be responsible for its operation

It was recommended that the committee notes that the Council Executive's decision to agree to support the project to construct a closed-loop cycling circuit at Kettilstoun Mains, Linlithgow and the anticipated timescale for completion of the works.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on general services capital investment in the ward during 2021/22 and planned investment for the six year period 2022/23 to 2027/28, subject to the review of future expenditure requirements as part of the process for preparing the next ten year capital programme for 2023/24 to 2032/33.

It was recommended that the committee notes:

1. The progress made in delivering the approved general services capital programme within the Linlithgow ward in 2021/22;
2. The approved capital projects planned for the ward in 2022/23 to 2027/28, subject to the review of expenditure requirements as agreed by West Lothian Council on 15 February 2022;
3. That detailed allocations of block budgets for the period 2023/24 to 2027/28 to specific programmes attributable to individual wards would be undertaken as part of the development of the new ten year programme;
4. Progress in delivery of the 2022/23 programme would be reported to Council Executive following detailed budget monitoring exercises during the course of the year; and
5. An updated capital investment programme would be presented to Council for approval in early 2023.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LOCAL 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 Bridgend and the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10. PLACE BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022 TOWN CENTRE CAPITAL FUND

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive, Education, Planning and Economic Development to invite the committee to consider the allocation of an additional £5,214.86 available to support the Place Based Investment Fund Town Centre Fund projects and to agree the allocation as set out in the report.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Notes that the Council Executive on 21 June 2022 agreed an additional £5,214.86 to support projects in the ward;
2. Notes the three-step process to be used to decide the allocation;;
3. Agrees to award funding as set out in the report;
4. Notes that some of the funding costs remained as estimates and delegates the Head of Planning, Economic Development Regeneration to finalise award amounts within the overall value of the funding available within the ward;
5. Notes that as projects were implemented the detail and associated costs might change and so delegates the Head of Planning, Economic Development Regeneration to agree such changes and to re-allocate any money that became available as a result to other projects in the ward, both so long as projects remained within the aims, purposes and overall intent of the original applications and approvals; and
6. Note the terms and conditions associated to the awarding of grants as set out in the report.

Decision

To approve the terms of the report.

11. COVID-19 LOCAL RECOVERY AND RENEWAL FUND

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Lead Officer providing the committee with an update on the projects allocated funding from the £150,000 COVID-19 Recovery and Renewal Fund approved by the committee on 13 December 2021 together with an update on projects from the original list that were to be

funded from resources available under the Town Centre Management Fund.

It was recommended that the committee notes the update on the approved projects.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

12. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.