

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 12 NOVEMBER 2020.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Peter Heggie and Moira Shemilt

In attendance

James Cameron, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Brian Johnston, Livingston Village Community Council
Lesley Keirnan, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
David Lees, Cleaner Communities Manager, West Lothian Council
Chris Nelson, Income Maximisation Manager, West Lothian Council
Elaine Nisbet, Anti-Poverty Manager, West Lothian Council
Sandy Ross, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Sgt Ian Wells, Police Scotland

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2 ORDER OF BUSINESS

Members were reminded that a supplementary agenda item (item 12 - *Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2020/21*) had been circulated.

Substantive items of business would be considered in the following order: 5 (*Police Report Ward 4, Livingston South Update*); 9 (*Service Update - NETS, Land and Countryside*); 8 (*Housing, Customer and Building Services*); 10 (*West Lothian Response to Covid-19*); 11 (*Workplan*); 12 (*Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2020/21*); 6&7 (*Livingston South Multi-Member Ward Performance*).

3 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 23 January 2020 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4 POLICE REPORT WARD 4, LIVINGSTON SOUTH UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Police Scotland providing members with an update on performance, activities and issues across the Ward for the period up to 28 October 2020.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents of the 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 NETs, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 January 2020 – 30 September 2020.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the work carried out by 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 Livingston South 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 & 2 – 1 April to 30 September 2020.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7 WEST LOTHIAN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing members of the work done to support communities across West Lothian and in the ward during the COVID-19 crisis.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the role and partnership work carried out between West Lothian Council and the Third Sector to support communities through COVID-19;
2. Note the funding directed to support the Third Sector in its response;
3. Note the opportunities to build on this partnership working in the future; and

4. Note the work to support local business and employment support.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8 WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

9 PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND 2020/21

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing members of the final allocation of the Pensioners Fund for 2020 in the Livingston South ward and the effect the COVID-19 has had on the process. The committee was also asked to note the additional option developed to provide a pre-prepared meal to groups who had indicated their interest.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the effect of COVID-19 on the arrangements in 2020; and
2. Note that seven groups within Livingston South had been contacted and four had declined due to COVID-19, two had requested a grant towards a hamper or similar and one had requested a prepared meal for distribution.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10 LIVINGSTON SOUTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE - Q1

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updating members on the activity within Livingston South Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 June 2020.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

11 LIVINGSTON SOUTH MULTI-MEMBER WARD PERFORMANCE - Q2

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updating members on the activity within Livingston South Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 September 2020.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.