

MINUTE of MEETING of the DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSPORT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND SCRUTINY PANEL held within WEBEX VIRTUAL MEETING, on 1 JUNE 2021.

Present – Councillors Cathy Muldoon (Chair), David Dodds, Tom Conn, Robert De Bold, Chris Horne, Tom Kerr and Dom McGuire

In Attendance – Malcolm Hill (Joint Forum of Community Council's Representative)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Councillor Cathy Muldoon declared an interest in that she was employed by a train operator. In addition, she declared an interest in that she was a council appointed member of the Edinburgh & South East City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee and of SESTran
- Councillor Chris Horne declared an interest as a council appointed member of SESTran; and
- Councillor Tom Conn declared an interest as a council appointed member of the Edinburgh & South East City Region Deal Elected Member Oversight Committee

2. MINUTE

The panel approved the minute of its meeting held on 30 March 2021.

3. BUS PARTNERSHIP FUND

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulate) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the launch of the Bus Partnership Fund (BPF). An update was also provided on the establishment of Transport Partnerships on both a regional and local level and to advise on the next steps required in submitting a West Lothian submission to the fund.

The panel was asked to note :-

1. Launch of the Bus Partnership Fund and the timescales for applications;
2. Formation of the South East Scotland Partnership and the West Lothian Bus Alliance;
3. April submission of the South East Scotland Partnership bid to the BPF; and
4. Proposed timeline for reporting to committee on a West Lothian specific submission.

The Head of Operational Services also advised the panel that the report would also require Council Executive approval even though this has not

been specifically outlined in the report recommendations.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the report;
2. To retain the subject matter on the panel's workplan so regular updates could be provided to members; and
3. To agree that the report be forwarded to a future meeting of the Council Executive for approval.

4. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PROVISION UPDATE

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services providing an update on the Community Transport Provision project and to outline the approach for utilising the £300,000 fund allocated for Community Transport within West Lothian.

It was recommended that the panel note the:-

1. Update on existing community transport operations;
2. Requirement to complete a wide scale community engagement exercise and TRACC analysis refresh;
3. Recommended allocation of funding for 2021/22; and
4. Next steps and timeline.

The Head of Operational Services also advised the panel that the report would also require Council Executive approval even though this has not been specifically outlined in the report recommendations.

Decision

4. To note the contents of the report;
5. To retain the subject matter on the panel's workplan so regular updates could be provided to members; and
6. To agree that the report be forwarded to a future meeting of the Council Executive for approval.

5. SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION: PROPOSALS FOR REGULATIONS ON LOCAL PLACE PLANS

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the proposed response to a Scottish Government consultation on proposals for regulations on the content, preparation, submission and

registration of Local Plan Plans (LPPs). The panel were asked to note that Local Place Plans were a new type of community led plan, giving people an opportunity to develop proposals for the development of use of land in the place where they live.

It was recommended that the panel notes and considers the following recommendation which were intended to be submitted to Council Executive for approval :-

1. Notes the terms of the consultation from the Scottish Government and the reasons for it;
2. Approves the proposed response to the consultation as set out in Appendix 2 to this report; and
3. Agrees to submit the report and the Appendix 2 to Scottish Government as the council's response to the consultation.

Decision

1. To note the content of the report; and
2. To agree that the report be presented to a future meeting of Council Executive for approval

6. PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021/22

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration Management Plan 2021/22, a copy of which was attached to the report.

It was recommended that the panel note the terms of the report and the content of the management plan.

Decision

1. To note the content of the report and the Planning, Economic Development Regeneration Management Plan 2021/22; and
2. To record a note of thanks to all the staff who had continued to pull out all the stops during the past twelve months in what had been very difficult and challenging circumstances during the pandemic.

7. OPERATIONAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT PLAN 2021/22

The panel considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the Operational Services Management Plan 2021/22, a copy of which was attached to the report.

It was recommended that the panel note the terms of the report and the

content of the management plan.

Decision

3. To note the content of the report and the Operational Services Management Plan 2021/22; and
4. To record a note of thanks to all the staff who had continued to pull out all the stops during the past twelve months in what had been very difficult and challenging circumstances during the pandemic.

8. WORKPLAN

The panel noted the contents of the workplan (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration.

Decision

1. To note the contents of the workplan; and
2. To agree the inclusion of regular updates on the Bus Partnership Fund and Community Transport Provision.