

MINUTE of MEETING of the EAST LIVINGSTON AND EAST CALDER LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 2 DECEMBER 2021.

Present – Councillors Damian Doran-Timson (Chair), Frank Anderson, Carl John and Tom Ullathorne

In Attendance

David Maule, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council

Douglas Benson, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

Andy Johnston, Operational Services, West Lothian Council

Graeme Malcolm, Operational Services, West Lothian Council

Phyllis McFadyen, Housing Customer and Building Services, West Lothian Council

Paul Kettrick, Finance and Property Services, West Lothian Council

Christopher Nelson, Finance and Property Services, West Lothian Council

Jonathan Bertram, Almond Housing Association

Paul Harvey, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

Iain Wells, Police Scotland

Eleanor Blair, Mid Calder Community Council

Chris Davidson, East Calder & District Community Council

John Sives, Kirknewton Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ullathorne declared an interest as he was a member of Roman Camps Community Association and resident in the village which featured later in the meeting. He did not feel in a position to make decisions taken on matters locally which he was involved in.

Councillor Ullathorne also declared an interest in that he was an Autism Service Manager for Autism Initiatives during discussion on agenda item 5.

Councillor John declared an interest in agenda item 12 as he was invited to pensioners' Christmas parties within the ward.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the minute of its meeting held on 9 September 2021 as a correct record. 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 October 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note the contents 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 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service providing an update on the activity within East Livingston and East Calder Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 September 2021.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5. ANTI-POVERTY SERVICE UPDATE

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services advising of the work undertaken by the Anti-Poverty Service from April 2020 to March 2021.

It was recommended that the committee notes:-

1. The Anti-Poverty Service provision in the ward; and,
2. The impact provision is having in terms of supporting the outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership's Anti-Poverty Strategy 2018-23.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. ALMOND HOUSING UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by Almond Housing Association providing an update on housing and community activity in the Craigshill area, including maintenance works and a number of initiatives to support tenants.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7. 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 East Livingston and East Calder ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 2 | July to 30 September 2021.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. 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 August to 31 October 2021.

It was recommended that the committee:

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9. COVID-19 LOCAL RECOVERY AND RENEWAL FUND

During consideration of the following item of business, Councillor Ullathorne reiterated that he would step back from the decision making if Roman Camps was proposed to be allocated funding.

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration inviting members to consider and agree the allocation of the £150,000 budget from the Covid-19 Recovery and Renewal Fund for East Livingston & East Calder Ward as set out in the report.

It is recommended that Local Area Committee (LAC):

1. Considers the list of proposed and potential expenditure as set out in the report;
2. Agrees what work should be delivered from the list to the value of

£150,000; and

3. Notes that any balance remaining in the ward would be reported back to Council Executive for a decision.

#### Decision

To agree the terms of a motion by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor John, that the sum of £150,000 be allocated to the following projects as set out in the appendix to the report:-

- ELEC11 - £5,000
- ELEC12 - £15,000
- ELEC25 - £40,000
- ELEC21 - £10,000
- ELEC13 - £80,000

The Chair, having moved an alternative position which did not receive a seconder, had his dissent to the decision recorded.

#### 10. PENSIONERS' GROUPS CHRISTMAS FUND ALLOCATIONS 2021/22

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration advising of the final allocations to be made from the Pensioners' Groups Christmas Fund 2021-22 to groups in the East Livingston & East Calder Ward, Livingston-wide groups and West Lothian-wide groups.

It was recommended that the committee notes:-

1. The effect of COVID-19 on the arrangements regarding the Pensioners Groups Christmas Fund in 2021-22;
2. The continued inclusion of a pre-prepared meal option; and
3. Eleven groups in the East Livingston & East Calder Ward were being supported through the Pensioner's Christmas Fund 2021-22.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report

#### 11. 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 providing an update on progress on partner activities, regeneration planning and other activities within the East Livingston and East Calder ward.

It was recommended that the Local Area Committee notes the terms of the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

12. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

(a) To note the workplan.

(b) To include an update report for the next meeting on the Town Centre/Village Improvement projects within the ward and an overview of the community benefit from the monies spent.