

MINUTE of MEETING of the BROXBURN, UPHALL AND WINCHBURGH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within MS TEAMS VIRTUAL MEETING ROOM, on 5 NOVEMBER 2021.

Present – Councillors Angela Doran-Timson (Chair), Chris Horne, Diane Calder, Janet Campbell

In Attendance

Craig McCorriston, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council  
Dougie Grierson, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council  
Eirwen Hopwood, Park & Woodland Manager, West Lothian Council  
Lorraine Donnelly, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council  
Christopher Nelson, Income Maximisation Manager, West Lothian Council  
James Robertson, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service  
Sergeant Iain Wells, Police Scotland  
Irene Bishop (Uphall Community Council)  
Keith McLeod (Broxburn Community Council)

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 3 September 2021 as a correct record.

3. POLICE WARD UPDATE

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 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 the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service updating on the activity within Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 September 2021.

It was recommended that the committee note and provide comment on

the Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh 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 Broxburn 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, 1 July 2021 to 30 September 2021.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6. SERVICE UPDATE - NETS, LAND AND COUNTRYSIDE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services advising of the recent activity of the NETs, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 July 2021 – 30 September 2021.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the work carried out to date and future planned work; and
2. Advise of any areas that required further investigation or inclusion in future work plans.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

7. REPORT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION ACTIVITY

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration informing of some of the work of the Economic Development and Regeneration Team within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note the report.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8. 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 Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh 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. Five groups in the Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Ward were being supported through the Pensioner's Christmas Fund 2021-22.

Decision

To note the terms of the report

9. 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.

10. WORKPLAN

A copy of the workplan had been circulated.

Decision

1. To note the workplan; and

2. To include an update report on Winchburgh Partnership Centre on the workplan for discussion at the next meeting with representatives from NHS Lothian, Winchburgh Developments, Winchburgh Community Council and Winchburgh Community Development Trust to be invited to attend.