

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON NORTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within CONFERENCE ROOM 3, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, on 10 JUNE 2022.

Present – Councillors Anne McMillan (Chair), Alison Adamson, Robert De Bold and Andrew Miller

In Attendance

Jim Jack, Lead Officer / Head of Operational Services

Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council

David Cullen, Open Space & Cemeteries Manager, West Lothian Council

Sandy Ross, Housing Manager, West Lothian Council

Andy Meikle, Police Scotland

James Robertson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Stevie Egan, Eliburn Community Council

Julie Henderson, Knightsridge Community Council

Diane Loughlin, Livingston Village Community Council

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 7 – Place-Based Investment Programme 2022/23 Town Centre Capital Fund

Councillor Alison Adamson stated that she had been present on several community council meetings when the Town Centre Capital Fund applications were discussed and had taken part in discussion but had not made any comments; she would therefore participate the item of business.

Councillor Robert DeBold stated that he had been present on several community council meetings when the Town Centre Capital Fund applications were discussed and had taken part in discussion but had not made any comments; he would therefore participate the item of business.

Julie Henderson stated that she had been involved in the submission of the Knightsridge Community Council application but would participate in the item of business.

Stephen Egan stated that he had been involved in the submission of the Eliburn Community Council application but would participate in the item of business.

Diane Loughlin stated that she had been involved in the submission of the Livingston Village Community Council application but would participate in the item of business.

2 ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled in terms of Standing Order 11 that agenda item 11 (Workplan) would be considered after agenda item 12 (Schedule of Local Area Committee Venues).

The Committee agreed, in accordance with Standing Order 8(3), that all items of business would be considered.

3      MINUTES

The committee approved the minute of its meeting held on 18 March 2022 as a correct record. The minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4      FIRE AND RESCUE 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 the Livingston North Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31 March 2022.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

5      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 31 March 2022.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

6      PLACE-BASED INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2022/23 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 inviting members to consider the applications to the Place Based Investment Fund Town Centre Fund and to agree the allocation of funding for the settlements within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note that 13 applications had been received for projects within the ward;
2. Note the recommendations provided by officers within each town

within the ward;

3. Agree to award funding as set out in the report;
4. Note that some of the funding costs remained as estimates and delegate the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration to finalise award amounts within the overall value of the funding available within the ward;
5. Note that as projects were implemented the detail and associated costs might change and so delegate the Head of Planning, Economic Development & Regeneration to agree such changes and to re-allocate any money that becomes 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

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To agree to award funding as set out in the report subject to the following amendments:
  - a. To agree that any funds remaining from the DEA22-01 (Wi-Fi Project - Livingston Station Community Centre) project once its actual costs have been identified, be reallocated towards projects DEA22-02 (Community Litter Picking Equipment - West Lothian Litter Pickers) and KNI22-02 (Community Litter Picking Equipment - West Lothian Litter Pickers). It was agreed that any funding which were to go to the West Lothian Litter Pickers in Knightsridge (KNI22-02) would be subject to the same conditions specified in their DEA22-02 award.
  - b. To allocate £2,444 underspend to project ELI22-01 (Improved Disabled Access - Eliburn Community Council) from Eliburn's allocation subject to officers reviewing and confirming the applicable legislation.

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#### COMMUNITY REGENERATION UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive, Education, Planning and Economic Development providing an update on Economic Development and Regeneration activity to support communities across the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note updates on:

1. the Vennie's Food Outlet

2. youth provision in the ward;
3. other activities the Vennie are providing within the Knightsridge area;
4. Carmondean Library activity;
5. access2employment provision; and
6. the council's Business Gateway service.

#### Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To provide an update report on the Livingston North Partnership Centre at a future meeting of the committee.

### 8 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 North Ward.

It was recommended that the committee note Housing, Customer and Building Service activity as detailed in the ward report for the period Quarter 4, 1 January 2022 – 31 March 2022.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

### 9 SERVICE UPDATE - OPERATIONAL SERVICES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Operational Services appraising members of the Operational Services activities for Livingston North from 1 January 2022 to 31 March 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 required further information or investigation.

#### Decision

To note the terms of the report.

10      WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan, subject to including (either as standalone items or as part of reports):

- Regular updates on Deans South estate.
- Ability Centre update.
- Crossing at Peel Primary update.
- Public access to Deans Community High School facilities.

11      SCHEDULE OF LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE VENUES

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Lead Officer informing members of the process of agreeing venues for Local Area Committee meetings from August 2022 onwards.

It was recommended that the committee:

1. Note the options available to the committee; and
2. Agree suitable venues for all meetings in the calendar from August onwards.

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To agree that Livingston North Local Area Committee meetings default location remain the Civic Centre on the condition that meetings be held elsewhere in the community if a specific need arises.