

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 5 MAY 2023.

Present – Councillors Lawrence Fitzpatrick (Chair), Peter Heggie and Maria MacAulay

Apologies – Councillor Moira McKee Shemilt

In Attendance

Greg Welsh, Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Scott McKillop, Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
Sergeant Lee Brodie, Police Scotland
James Robertson, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Sandy Ross, Area Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
David Lees, Operational Services, West Lothian Council
John Hughes, Bellsquarry Community Council
Diane Loughlin, Livingston Village Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2. MINUTE

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 2 February 2023. 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 31 March 2023.

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

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

4. FIRE SERVICE UPDATE

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 the Livingston North Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 31 March 2023.

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.

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 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 4 – 1 January to 31 March 2023.

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 members of the recent activity of the NETs, Land & Countryside Services teams for the period 1 January to 31 March 2023.

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

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To ask officers to include in future reports further details on the path scoring survey that was currently underway by the Ranger Service

7. REPORT ON PROGRESS OF LOCAL REGENERATION PLANNING

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Planning and Economic Development) informing members on locality planning within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. The progress of the two locality plans.
2. The progress and development of actions.

3. Updates on Access2Employment and Business Gateway

Decision

1. To note the terms of the report.
2. To ask officer's to review the data associated with the support provided by the Scottish Government for Access2Employment (over 25's) so more relevant and updated information could be provided in future reports.

8. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.

9. TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2023/24 (HEREWITH)

The committee considered a timetable of proposed meetings (copies of which had been circulated) for the period 2023/24.

The committee was asked to note the timetable of meetings for 2023/24.

Decision

To note the timetable of meetings for 2023/24.