

MINUTE of MEETING of the EAST LIVINGSTON AND EAST CALDER LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 29 AUGUST 2024.

Present – Councillors Danny Logue (Chair), Carl John and Veronica Smith

Apologies – Councillor Damian Doran-Timson

In attendance

David Maule – Lead Officer, West Lothian Council
Dawn Roden – Community Regeneration Officer, West Lothian Council
APS Liam Arbuthnott – Police Scotland
Paul Harvey – Scottish Fire and Rescue
David Lees – Operational Services, West Lothian Council
Phyllis McFadyen – Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
Chris Davidson – East Calder and District Community Council
John Sives – Kirknewton Community Council
Penny Leivesley- Craigshill Community Council

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

2. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Chair ruled, in terms of Standing Order 11, that agenda item 9 (*Housing, Customer and Building Services*) would be the first substantive item of business considered, and the agenda would continue as detailed thereafter.

3. MINUTES

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 13 June 2024 as a correct record. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

4. 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 1; 1 April to 30 June 2024.

Decision

To note the contents 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 30 June 2024.

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

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

6. 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 the East Livingston and East Calder Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 June 2024.

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 contents of the report.

7. GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services which provided an update on general services capital investment in the ward during 2023/24 and planned investment for the four year period 2024/25 to 2027/28 as part of the new ten year capital programme.

It was recommended that the committee note:

1. the progress made in delivering the approved general services capital programme within the East Livingston and East Calder ward in 2023/24;
2. the approved capital projects planned for the ward in 2024/25 to 2027/28;
3. that detailed allocations of block budgets for the period 2028/29 to 2032/33 to specific projects attributable to individual wards would be undertaken on a rolling basis as part of the annual update;
4. progress in delivery of the 2024/25 programme would be reported to Council Executive following detailed budget monitoring exercises

during the course of the year; and

5. an updated capital investment programme would be presented to Council for approval in early 2025.

Decision

To note the contents 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 of the recent activity of the NET's Land and Countryside Services teams for the period 1 April 2024 – 30 June 2024.

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

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

9. LOCALITY PLANNING – LIVINGSTON AREAS UPDATE REPORT

The Committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Planning, Economic Development and Regeneration updating on the progress of delivering the Locality Plan and linked community action plans in Craigshill and related activity.

It was recommended that the committee note the update provided on delivery and development of Locality Plans and community action plans.

Decision

To note the contents of the report.

10. WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.