

MINUTE of MEETING of the LIVINGSTON SOUTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE held within COUNCIL CHAMBERS, WEST LOTHIAN CIVIC CENTRE, LIVINGSTON, on 7 SEPTEMBER 2023.

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

Apologies – Councillor Moira McKee Shemilt; Diane Loughlin (Livingston Village Community Council)

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
Nicola Hughes, Area Housing Manager, West Lothian Council
David Lees, Operational Services, West Lothian Council
Tracy Tonner, Accountant, West Lothian Council

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

2 MINUTES

The committee confirmed the Minute of its meeting held on 5 May 2023. The Minute was thereafter signed by the Chair.

3 POLICE WARD REPORT - REPORT BY POLICE SCOTLAND (HEREWITH)

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 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 on the activity within the Livingston South Multi-Member Ward for the period up to 30 June 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.

6 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 1 – 1 April 2023 to 30 June 2023.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

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) providing information on locality planning within the ward.

It was recommended that the committee note updates on:

1. The progress of locality planning and its associated activities in Dedridge and Ladywell; and
2. The recent funding awards to, and activity of, key community organisations within those communities.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

8 GENERAL SERVICES CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE

The committee considered a report (copies of which had been circulated) by the Head of Finance and Property Services providing an update on general services capital investment in the ward during 2022/23 and planned investment for the five-year period 2023/24 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 Livingston South ward in 2022/23;

2. The approved capital projects planned for the ward in 2023/24 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 2023/24 programme would be reported to Council Executive following detailed budget monitoring exercises during the course of the year;
5. An updated capital investment programme would be presented to Council for approval in early 2024.

Decision

To note the terms of the report.

9 WORKPLAN

A workplan had been circulated for information.

Decision

To note the workplan.