

North West Locality Committee

6.00pm, Thursday 25 April 2018

Present

Councillors Aldridge (Convener), Mitchell (Vice-Convener), Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Brown, Jim Campbell, Douglas, Gloyer, Gordon, Hutchison, Lang, Osler, Frank Ross, Whyte, Work, and Young.

1. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the North West Locality Committee of 9 February 2018 as a correct record.

2. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The North West Locality Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period to June 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan and that going forward this would be incorporated into the Committee's work programme.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Committee's Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

To note that Actions 1 and 2 were subject to reports at this meeting and to recommend both for closure at the next meeting of the Committee if appropriate.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted)

4. Committee Work Plan

The Committee had requested details on the process for elected members to submit items of business for inclusion in the work programme.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.

2) To note the Work Programme process.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

5. Your Service, Your Voice – A Consultation on the Safe and Planned Future of the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service

A brief update was provided by Jimmy Melvin, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on the public consultation currently being undertaken on the proposed transformation of the service.

Decision

To note the presentation.

6. North West Locality Improvement Plan – Action Plan Update

An update was provided on the development of the action plans contained within the North West LIP and on a number of actions which were underway to address the priorities in the plan. The next stage would include engagement events in May and June involving elected members, community representatives, community planning partners and service providers. It was hoped to present final action plans to the Locality Committee in June 2018.

During discussion the following points were raised:

- Determine priorities and how all partners would be held to account effectively
- Thought to be given to how successful areas were communicated to the public going forward
- Engagement with young people
- Council specific actions and actions to be carried out by partner providers to be identified and areas where the Council could provide support to partners

Decision

- 1) To note the draft Action Plans as set out in Appendices 1 to 10 of the report.
- 2) To note the proposals for consultation with a wide range of stakeholders on the content of the draft Action Plans

(References – North West Locality Committee 9 February 2018 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

7. North West Locality Policing Report

The first North West Locality Policing Update was presented, outlining the work officers had undertaken alongside various partners within the locality over the last two months.

The report also provided an indication of local crime trends, antisocial behaviour, summarised ward activity and work of Community Policing Teams.

Additional detailed reports around funded ward officer activity were submitted separately to the Local Authority and Community Safety Partnership as part of the Edinburgh Partnership Agreement.

Other planned community safety work relating to policing would be covered in the Locality Improvement Plan updates.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by Police Scotland, submitted.)

8. Neighbourhood Environment Programme and Community Grants Fund

Information was provided of funding streams, together with key considerations in developing an allocation model for the neighbourhood environment programme and community grants fund for the North West locality.

Options for developing a new model, to maximise the impact and achieve greater efficiencies through combining budgets were presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that a report would be submitted to Culture and Communities Committee regarding proposed changes to the Community Grants Scheme as set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report.
- 2) To approve Option 2 and Option 3 as set out in paragraphs 3.20 to 3.23 of the report.
- 3) To note that workshop sessions on participatory budgeting were being arranged for members.

(References – Act of Council No.8 of 23 November 2017; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

9. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/15/48 Proposed Parking Restrictions at Barnton Avenue West

The Committee considered a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal to introduce parking restrictions in Barnton Avenue West. Forty seven objections had been received following the public advertising stage and approval was sought to make the Order with significant amendments.

Decision

- 1) To note the objections received to the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2) To make the Traffic Regulation Order as amended.
- 3) To agree that (a) the effectiveness of the new parking restrictions should be reviewed 12 months after the implementation of the Traffic Regulation Order in order to determine whether any additional action was required and (b) the results of the review should be reported to Committee within two cycles of that 12 month period.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Proposed Parking Restrictions at Cramond Glebe Road and Cramond Village

The Committee considered a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal to introduce 24 hour parking restrictions on Cramond Glebe Road. Four objections had been received following the public advertising stage and approval was sought to set aside the objections and make the Order as amended.

Decision

- 1) To note the objections received to the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2) To make the Traffic Regulation Order as amended.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

11. North West Edinburgh Health and Social Care Update

An overview was provided of the services delivered by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership in North West Edinburgh. The key challenges and examples of actions being taken to improve service delivery were submitted.

Services delegated to the North West locality included:

- North West Hub Services – assessment, urgent response, plan to facilitate discharge from hospital and provide support in the community to prevent avoidable hospital admission
- The Bridge and Tower Clusters – provision of ongoing or longer term health and social care support for people in their geographical area and development of preventative services to support community resilience.
- Mental Health and Substance Misuse Services – provision of ongoing support for people across the locality with mental health and/or substance misuse problems who could not be supported in other services

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To request a report back to Committee on the backlog of people waiting for an assessment across the City broken down by locality together with information on waiting times.

(Reference – report by the Interim Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted)

12. Edinburgh Partnership – Review and Consultation of Governance and Partnership Working Arrangements

An update was provided on progress on the review and consultation of community planning governance arrangements. This included details of the scope and timescale for the review and consultation, together with proposals for the development of the new community plan.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to receive further reports on progress.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

13. Community Engagement with Locality Committees

Options were presented on the locality committee could best engage with the community and key stakeholders.

Decision

- 1) To agree Options 3.7.1, 3.7.2 and 3.7.3 as set out in the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To continue consideration of Option 3.7.4 until the outcome of the meeting with community councils referred to in the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell at item 18 below was known.

(References – North West Locality Committee 9 February 2018 (item 5); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

14. Locality Performance Reporting

Proposals were outlined of performance measures for the service areas within the Locality Committee's delegated powers and the proposed performance framework which would be developed to ensure oversight was provided in other areas.

Decision

- 1) To agree the performance measures for the service areas where, as detailed in the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee had been delegated power to monitor performance.
- 2) To agree that reporting against these measures would commence within one cycle via a 'locality dashboard'.
- 3) To agree the principles of the proposed Locality Committee performance framework as presented and that these would be developed further via a workshop led approach.
- 4) To agree that the wording for the third level of delegated functions be amended to read "To scrutinise, oversee and recommend adjustments to delivery of the Locality Improvement Plans."

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

15. Convener and Vice-Convener Appointments

A report was presented which set out the rules agreed by Council regarding the appointment of the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Locality Committee.

Decision

To agree to appoint the Convener and Vice-Convener in May 2019.

(References – North West Locality Committee 9 February 2018 (item 6); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

16. Locality Committee Meetings and Webcasting

Options relating to timings, location, webcasting and public accessibility to locality committee meetings were presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree option 3 as outlined in the report by the Chief Executive (regular meetings in the City Chambers, with one-off meetings in the locality) recognising that further discussions would take place at a later date regarding portable webcasting.
- 2) To agree to monitor, on an ongoing basis, the numbers of people accessing the live and archived webcast and members of the public attending the meetings in person.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

17. Future Meeting Arrangements

Decision

- 1) To agree that the next meeting of the Locality Committee would be held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 6.30pm in the City Chambers.
- 2) To note that the Chief Executive would prepare a schedule of Locality Committee meetings and agenda planning meetings in consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener for the period to June 2019 and published on the Council's website.

18. Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell – North West Partnership

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee instructs officers to invite a representative from each Community Council in the NW for an informal round table meeting so members of the North West Locality Committee and Community Council representatives can meet each other, and discuss what kind of forum might be established to ensure a good working relationship between Community Councils and Councillors in the North West Locality.

Officers are asked to arrange this meeting as soon as practical, within 3 months, out of step with the North West Locality Committee meeting cycle, of an evening and in the Locality.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell.

19. Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell – Spending Decisions in North West

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee:

Notes the answer given to Question 23 at Council on 24 August 2017.

Instructs officers to bring forward a report with proposals for involving the North West Locality Committee in the distribution of Council funds in the Locality in one cycle.”

Decision

To note that the motion had been withdrawn.

20. Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell - Waterfront

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee:

Notes the Granton Waterfront Regeneration Strategy report to the Housing & Economy and Finance & Resources Committees in March.

Instructs officers in one cycle to produce an update report to the North West Locality Committee, including options for the role of the North West Locality Committee in the oversight and project governance of this vital program in the North West Locality.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell.

21. Motion by Councillor Lang – Barnton Junction and Queensferry Road

The following motion by Councillor Lang was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee notes:

1. The strategic importance of both the Barnton junction and Queensferry Road as key access routes into the City of Edinburgh.
2. The significant congestion at the Barnton Junction and on Queensferry Road at peak times which affect traffic flow and impact on the reliability of public transport services.
3. The designation of HSG19 and HSG20 for significant housing developments within the Local Development Plan, as well as speculative interest in the development of other sites near to the Barnton junction which would, if approved, likely add further pressure on the local road network.

4. The paper submitted to Council officers by members of the Cramond and Barnton Community Council, setting out a range of suggested improvements at the junction, and welcomes the recent discussions which have taken place between the community council and council officers.

Committee recognises its new and important role in scrutinising the development of transport infrastructure in the North West locality.

Committee therefore requests a report in one cycle which builds on the Local Development Plan and sets out the current plans and proposed changes to the Barnton junction and the length of Queensferry Road including how public transport flow can be improved.”

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Lang:

Committee notes:

1. The strategic importance of both the Barnton junction and Queensferry Road as key access routes into the City of Edinburgh.
2. The significant congestion at the Barnton Junction and on Queensferry Road at peak times which affect traffic flow and impact on the reliability of public transport services.
3. The designation of HSG19 and HSG20 for significant housing developments within the Local Development Plan, as well as speculative interest in the development of other sites near to the Barnton junction which would, if approved, likely add further pressure on the local road network.
4. The paper submitted to Council officers by members of the Cramond and Barnton Community Council, setting out a range of suggested improvements at the junction, and welcomes the recent discussions which have taken place between the community council and council officers.

Committee recognises its new and important role in scrutinising the development of transport infrastructure in the North West locality.

Committee therefore requests a report in one cycle that sets out the current plans and requests the Transport and Environment Committee reports to the Locality Committee on the proposed changes to the Barnton junction.

22. Motion by Councillor Young – Kirkliston Traffic Study

The following motion by Councillor Young was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee:

1. Notes the commitment from the Convener of Transport & Environment at the 29 June 2017 meeting of the Council to initiate a new traffic study on the traffic and congestion issues in Kirkliston.

2. Recognises the desire of local transport officers to widen the scope of the study to cover other transport issues in rural west Edinburgh, particularly in light of new issues which have emerged around the school catchment review.
3. Nevertheless regrets that, almost 10 months on from the Convener's original commitment, no monitoring has yet been carried out and no definitive timetable for the study has been presented to councillors.
4. Believes it is important to ensure the monitoring element of the study is initiated and completed before the commencement of the school summer holidays.
5. Requests an email briefing for committee members within two weeks, setting out the scope and timetable for the study, ahead of a fuller report to the next meeting of the committee."

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Young.