

## North West Locality Committee

6.30pm, Tuesday 19 June 2018

### Present

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

## 1. Barnton Junction and Queensferry Road Update Report

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### 1.1 Deputation

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Cramond and Barnton Community Council in relation to the report by the Executive Director for Place on the Barnton Junction and Queensferry Road Update.

The deputation highlighted the following:

- Barton junction became congested from four main access points at peak times, with traffic coming from Whitehouse Road from the north, Queensferry Road from the west, from town and from Maybury Road.
- There would be new pressures in the junction due to houses being built at Cammo under HSG 20 and at Maybury under HSG 19 as part of the Local Development Plan 1, as well as house building at Queensferry and Fife.
- There was a clear need to improve safety and to eliminate the restrictions in the traffic flow.
- In the report by Council officers, there was one specific proposal to install smart traffic lights. The deputation felt that smart traffic lights would not work because every access point at peak hours was congested and there was no spare space to manipulate the traffic. The proposal to spend approximately £1m was a misuse of public money and would not resolve the issue.
- There was nothing in the Council's report that stated how they would deal with the issues raised, even in the short term.
- The deputation made several suggestions on improvements that could be made to improve traffic congestion and safety at Barton Junction.

The Convener thanked the deputation and invited them to remain for Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

### 1.2 Report by the Executive Director of Place

Committee considered a report that was in response to a motion that was raised by Councillor Lang at the Locality Committee of the 25 April 2018. The report provided an update that related to planning interventions near Barnton junction, identified transport

actions noted in the current Local Development Plan “Action Programme” and a summary of proposals currently being undertaken by the Public Transport Team to engage with public transport providers to improve traffic flow on the A90 Queensferry Road corridor, including Barnton junction.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the update on the various proposals and improvements to Barnton junction.
- 2) To note the current Local Development Plan – Action Plan and the status of ongoing Planning Applications.
- 3) To note the proposed “Public Transport Priority Action Plan” would be considered by the Transport and Environment Committee in August 2018.
- 4) To agree that a report should be brought back to Committee that addressed the issues raised by the deputation.
- 5) To agree that consideration should be given to carrying out a full strategic review of the A90 corridor by the Transport and Environment Committee.

(References – North West Locality Committee, 25 April 2018 (item 21); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

## **2. Minutes**

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### **Decision**

To approve the minutes of the North West Locality Committee of the 25 April 2018 as a correct record.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted).

## **3. Work Programme**

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The Committee’s Work Programme was presented.

### **Decision**

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted).

## **4. Rolling Actions Log**

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The Committee’s Rolling Actions Log was presented.

### **Decision**

- 1) To close actions 1,5,6,7 and 8.
- 2) To agree to add timelines to each action.
- 3) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted).

## 5. Business Bulletin

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The North West Locality Committee Business Bulletin for 19 June 2018 was presented.

### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted).

## 6. Petition for Consideration: Blackhall Traffic

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Committee considered a petition on Blackhall Traffic.

### Decision

- 1) To note the petition on Blackhall Traffic.
- 2) To agree to clarify with the petitioners the action that they would like to be taken and to bring a report back to Committee.
- 3) To agree that officers would visit the site to identify the issues raised by petitioners.

(Reference - report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

## 7. Community Grants Fund and Neighbourhood Environment Programme

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Approval was sought for the Neighbourhood Partnership recommendations on the award of Community Grants and selection of Neighbourhood Environment Programme projects made by Almond, Forth, Inverleith and Western Neighbourhood Partnerships.

### Decision

- 1) To approve the recommendations from the Neighbourhood Partnerships (NPs) on the award of Community Grants and selection of Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) projects as detailed in Appendices 1 to 4 of the report.
- 2) To note the response of each NP to the suggestion that a proportion of the Community Grants Fund (CGF) be used for Participatory Budgeting (PB).
- 3) To note that Workshops on Participatory Budgeting were being arranged for elected members, and that a report would be brought back to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee that considered Neighbourhood Partnerships making decisions on mainstream funding using participatory budgeting, and the report would be referred to all Locality Committees for consideration.
- 4) To note that officers were investigating internal and external match funding for the £20,000 approved in principle by the Almond Neighbourhood Partnership for a pedestrian crossing on Boness Road.
- 5) To agree that a letter on behalf of the Community Councils and elected members supporting the in principle sum of £20,000 allocated by Almond Neighbourhood Partnership and the identification of match funding for a new pedestrian crossing at Boness Road would be presented to the Executive Director of Place for endorsement and then sent to the relevant organisations that would be approached regarding match funding.

- 6) To agree that clarity would be provided at the next meeting of the Committee on who would be responsible for taking forward the Queens Road Maidencraig Steps project.
- 7) To agree to confirm with the Neighbourhood Partnership Board whether Blackhall Lawn and Tennis Club had been awarded Community Grant Funding and report back to the next Committee.

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

## **8. Community Centres and Schools in the North West – Outcomes of Organisational Reviews**

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Details were provided of the position in community centres and schools in the North West as a result of the organisational reviews in Lifelong Learning, Business Support and Facilities Management.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the position as detailed in the report.
- 2) To agree to receive a business bulletin or an update report in early 2019 after the implementation of the janitorial review of Facilities Management had had time to embed.
- 3) To ensure that in future reports schools and community centres were in the correct wards.
- 4) To agree to clarify whether overtime would be paid to staff from Facilities Management that were asked to work at Community Centre events that were out with core hours.
- 5) To agree that further discussions would take place with Community Centre Management Committees, and specifically the Rannoch Community Centre about rearranging/relocating activities that would fall out with the reduction in opening hours and reductions in available staff.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted).

## **9. North West Locality Improvement Plan – Action Plan Update**

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An update was provided on the progress with consultation and engagement on the draft Action Plans, as considered by Committee at its April 2018 meeting.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress of the consultation on the draft Action Plans.
- 2) To note that a report with amended Action Plans would be brought to the September 2018 North West Locality Committee meeting.

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

## 10. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – North West Locality Committee Performance Report – January – March 2018

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The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service North West Locality Committee Performance report for January to March 2018 was presented.

### Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, submitted).

## 11. North West Locality Policing Update Report

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An overview was provided of the recent policing activity within the North West Locality over the last 2 months. Details were provided of local crime trends, antisocial behaviour, summarised ward activity and the work of Community Policing Teams.

### Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that further information would be reported to Committee on call waiting times.

(Reference – report by Police Scotland, submitted)

## 12. Granton Waterfront Regeneration

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Committee considered a report that responded to a motion agreed at the North West Locality Committee on the 25 April 2018 by Councillor Jim Campbell to produce an update report on Granton Waterfront regeneration, and included options for the role of Committee in the oversight and governance of the programme.

### Decision

- 1) To discharge the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell agreed at the North West Locality Committee of 25 April 2018 that instructed officers to in one cycle to produce an update report that included options for the role of the Committee in the oversight and project governance of the regeneration of the Granton Waterfront.
- 2) To agree to establish a working group that engaged across the community to provide a localised scrutiny and oversight role in relation to future development Plans and in accordance with the remit outlined in section 3.9 of the report.
- 3) To agree to receive bi-annual update reports on the progress of the delivery of the programme of regeneration and to ensure, where appropriate, that locality views were represented at relevant Executive committees.
- 4) To appoint Councillor Jim Campbell as the Convener of the working group.

(References – North West Locality Committee, 25 April 2018 (item 20); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

### 13. Kirkliston and Queensferry Traffic Study

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Committee considered a report that responded to a motion agreed at the North West Locality Committee on 25 April 2018 by Councillor Young requesting that a traffic study was carried out in the Kirkliston and Queensferry area.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress to date to tender professional services to deliver the study.
- 2) To note the proposed project timeline.
- 3) To note that updates would be included in future Business Bulletins and a formal report would be presented to Committee when the study was complete.

(References – North West Locality Committee, 25 April 2018 (item 22); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### 14. Locality Performance Dashboard

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An overview was provided of locality performance measures for the services areas where power had been delegated to Locality Committees to monitor performance. The overview had been presented as a dashboard which had been developed with Locality Managers.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the locality performance measures detailed in the dashboard.
- 2) To agree that the dashboard would be produced to reflect bi-annual performance and the next dashboard would cover the period April 2018 to September 2018.
- 3) To note that the Committee welcomed having themed Locality Committee meetings.

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