

Minutes

North East Locality Committee

5.00pm, Tuesday 4 September 2018

Present

Councillors Child (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Booth, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Donaldson, McLellan, Munro and Staniforth.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the North East Locality Committee of 27 June 2018 as a correct record.

2. North East Locality Committee Work Programme

The North East Locality Committee Work Programme for September 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – North East Locality Committee Work Programme, submitted.)

3. North East Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log

The North East Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log for September 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the outstanding actions.

(Reference – North East Locality Committee Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The North East Locality Committee Business Bulletin for September 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted)

5. Petition for Consideration: Petition for Road Calming Measures within the Bonnyhaugh Estate

A petition had been received which called for road calming measures to be implemented within the Bonnyhaugh Estate. The petitioner, Annabel Eccles, attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the petition.

The points raised included:

- The number of children resident in the street and the likelihood of children playing outside near roads;
- That the petition had been supported by many families in the community who had requested action to be taken;
- A recent accident which had resulted in the death of a pet due to a car travelling above the speed limit; and
- The importance of children, the elderly and vulnerable people being able to cross roads safely.

The petitioner requested that the Council consider implementing road calming measures to reinforce the speed limit in the estate, such as additional signage.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the Local Transport and Environment Manager would arrange a meeting with residents and ward Councillors and would consult Police Scotland where necessary to develop a solution.
- 2) To agree that the outcome would be communicated to ward Councillors and a Business Bulletin update be provided to the Committee.

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

6. Place Locality Improvement Planning – Progress Update; Locality Improvement Plan Place Action Plan

Evelyn Kilmurry, North East Locality Manager, provided an overview of the Place theme of the North East Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) and the importance of partnership working to deliver the action plan.

Darren Ryan, Local Transport and Environment Manager then provided an update on the work undertaken to deliver the outcomes set out in the LIP since it was agreed by the Culture and Communities Committee in December 2017. The action plan which contained individual actions for achieving these outcomes was presented to the Committee.

Key actions included working with Changeworks to support an anti-flytipping campaign, workshops which had been held with community groups and partners to discuss the action plans, engagement events with the community which explored how budgets could be spent, and the use of a YouthTalk model to engage with young people about the use of community assets and facilities.

Decision

To note the presentation and action plan.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 5 December 2017 (item 1); Locality Improvement Plan Place Action Plan, submitted.)

7. North Cairntow Travellers Site

Libby Strong, Housing Operations Manager delivered a presentation on the improvement project which was underway at the North Cairntow Site. The Council-owned site consisted of 21 bays rented to residents with access to utilities. Annual resident surveys had been carried out, the latest of which in 2017 highlighted the need for a space for residents to socialise. A Community Hub had since been placed at the site and numerous events and workshops had been held. The project was continuing to identify further improvements which could be made.

Decision

To note the presentation.

8. Portobello and London Road Street Audit

A presentation was delivered by Darren Ryan, Local Transport and Environment Manager on a project which was in progress to improve the streetscape, create a more integrated environment incorporating better provisions for pedestrians and cyclists, and a stronger sense of place around the Portobello and London Road area. The project to date had involved public consultation events and the development of an action plan. The action plan themes were improved provision for pedestrians and cyclists, structuring landscape elements, reducing street clutter, and locally relevant artworks and area branding.

Decision

To note the presentation.

9. Magdalene Matters

Information was presented to the Committee by Libby Strong, Housing Operations Manager and Susan Carr, Project Manager at the Neighbourhood Alliance on Magdalene Matters which was a community initiative. It aimed to improve the environment for residents of the Magdalene area through working with the community and various partners and organisations.

Decision

To note the presentation.

10. Police Scotland North East Locality Update

A report by Police Scotland was presented which outlined the work officers had undertaken alongside various partners within the locality. The report included statistics for the period 2 April 2018 to 27 August 2018, grouped into themes of public safety, domestic abuse and hate crime and antisocial behaviour. Recent ward activity by the

Community Policing and Family Household Support Teams and details of ongoing operations were also highlighted.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by Police Scotland, submitted.)

11. Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Performance Report

The Committee considered a report by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which included statistics on each of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the north east locality for the period April to June 2018. The KPIs included deliberate fires, accidental fires, fire casualties, special services and false alarms.

Decision

To note the report.

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

12. Local Events Fund

A Local Events fund had been established to support cultural development across Edinburgh. A budget of £15,000 had been allocated to each of the four localities to spend on events during 2017/18, which allowed local groups to make applications for funding for projects and events. A report was presented which highlighted successful projects which had received support from the Local Events Fund.

Decision

To note the success of the Local Events Fund in the North East Locality.

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

13. Investment in Communities and Localities Budget 2018/19

The Council had allocated a budget of £62,500 to each of the four localities to support investment in communities and localities for 2018/19. Approval was sought to allocate these funds to support the locality team and communities to deliver actions and initiatives as set out in the Locality Improvement Plan.

Decision

- 1) To note that a budget of £62,500 had been allocated to the North East Locality as part of the Investment in Communities and Localities budget for 2018/19.
- 2) To agree to allocate a sum of £10,000 from this budget to match fund the allocation of £10,000 from the Culture budget to establish a Local Events Fund as described in the report on the Local Events Fund (item 12 refers) to support artistic and cultural activity.
- 3) To agree that the fund would be administered through an application process as in 2017/18, with a Funding Panel comprising of local Councillors, officers, community representatives and third sector representatives.

- 4) To agree that the remaining budget total £52,500 would be used to develop and deliver a range of actions and activities to support delivery against the priorities as set out in the North East Locality Improvement Plan.

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

14. Community Grants Fund – referral from the Culture and Communities Committee

At its meeting on 19 June 2018, the Culture and Communities Committee agreed proposals for the future operating model for the Community Grants Fund, in line with the decision by the Council in November 2017 to transfer responsibility for decision-making on the allocation of these funds from Neighbourhood Partnerships to Locality Committees.

The report was referred to the North East Locality Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Act of Council No. 8, 23 November 2017; Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

15. Neighbourhood Environment Programme/Community Grants Fund Update Report 2018/19

A report was presented which updated the Committee on the Neighbourhood Environment Programme and Community Grants Fund funding streams, following a decision by the Committee in April 2018 to continue with the existing arrangements for allocation of funding.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that officers should investigate options for improving the environment for pedestrians under the rail bridge at Newcraighall Road and present these to the Transport and Environment Committee for consideration.

(References – North East Locality Committee, 26 April 2018 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

16. Budget Commitment to Cycling in 2016/17 and 2018/19 Cycling Programme – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

At its meeting on 9 August 2018, the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report on the Council's budget commitment to cycling for the year 2016/17 and the Cycling Programme for 2018/19. The report was referred to the North East Locality Committee for information.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to add future updates to the Work Programme on the work being undertaken to improve conditions for cyclists in the locality.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 9 August 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)