

# Item 4.1 - Minutes

## South West Locality Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 13 September 2018

### Present

Councillors Dixon (Convener), Henderson (Vice-Convener), Arthur, Bruce, Corbett, Doggart, Fullerton, Gardiner, Graczyk, Johnston, Key, Rust, Webber and Wilson.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the South West Locality Committee of 19 June 2018 as a correct record, subject to Councillor Bruce's declaration of interest at Item 7 being amended from non-financial to financial.

### 2. Committee Workplan

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Details were provided of the process by which elected members could submit items of business for inclusion in the Committee Workplan.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the report and the work programme process.
- 2) To note the presented draft workplan.

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

### 3. South West Locality Committee Work Programme

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The South West Locality Committee Work Programme was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – South West Locality Committee Work Programme, submitted.)

### 4. Rolling Actions Log

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The Rolling Actions Log was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree not to close action 2 as a meeting was still to be arranged.

- 2) To agree that a meeting should be arranged with Councillor Dixon, Fullerton and the Parks, Greenspace and Cemeteries Manager to discuss living landscaped areas and to do to a walk around, and to add this action to the Rolling Actions Log.
  - 3) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.
- (Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

## 5. Business Bulletin

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The South West Locality Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

### Decision

- 1) To agree to extend the invite to the next meeting with Network Rail to Councillors Corbett, Johnston, Key and Dixon.
- 2) To agree that the Council should continue to pursue their working relationship with Network Rail.
- 3) To note the verbal update on Dalmahoy Signalised Junction advising that Morrisons had agreed in principle to the sale of land to enable the land assembly required for the project to progress.
- 4) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – South West Locality Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

## 6. Presentation – South West Locality Improvement Plan – Health and Social Care

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An update was provided on the Health and Social Care workstream of the South West Locality Improvement Plan.

### Decision

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To agree that officers would provide details of the scope to pilot pharmacists to prescribe instead of GPs.
- 3) To agree that a presentation would be given to a future meeting of the South West Locality Committee on Child and Adolescent Mental Health and would be added to the Work Programme.

### Declaration of Interests

Councillor Bruce declared a financial interest in the above item as a staff member of Police Scotland.

(Reference – Locality Improvement Plan – Health and Social Care workstream, submitted.)

## **7. Presentation – South West Locality Improvement Plan – Safer Communities**

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An update was provided on the Safer Communities workstream of the South West Locality Improvement Plan.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To agree that the South West Community Alcohol Partnership presentation to Committee in November 2018 would take cognisance that any solution to reducing teenage drinking should come from young people themselves.
- 3) To agree that a separate update would be provided regarding the development of the Community Speed Monitoring Initiative being developed in the South West Locality.

(Reference – Locality Improvement Plan – Safer Communities workstream, submitted.)

## **8. South West Locality Policing Update**

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Details were provided of the recent policing activity within the Locality over the last 2 months and provided an indication of local crime trends, antisocial behaviour, and summarised ward activity and work of Community Policing.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To agree that a report would be brought to Committee on the domestic abuse pilot that had taken place and the good work that had been carried out in the South West Locality.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Bruce declared a financial interest in the above item as a staff member of Police Scotland.

(Reference – report by the Local Area Commander, South West Edinburgh, submitted.)

## **9. Motion by Councillor Webber – Reinstatement of Balerno Police Station**

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

“Committee:

- 1) Welcomes the increased use of Balerno Police Station between June, July and August 2018.
- 2) Notes the effective monitoring of CCTV and the interaction with officers stationed in Balerno.

- 3) Welcomes the reduction in crime in the Balerno area during the period the station was opened.
- 4) Requests Police Scotland to provide a report within one cycle indicating the benefits and costs of improving local officer availability.
- 5) Requests Police Scotland, within the same report, to identify other under-utilised stations in the Locality and to elaborate as to whether the positive action in Balerno can be reproduced in other areas.”

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Webber and to agree that if the outcome of the report was that it was not possible to increase utilisation of local police stations then mitigating actions should be recommended.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Bruce declared a financial interest in the above item as a staff member of Police Scotland.

(Reference – Motion by Councillor Webber, submitted.)

## **10. Locality Committee Performance Report – Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

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An update was provided by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service on South West Locality Incident Data and Community Safety Activity in the period April to June 2018.

### **Decision**

To note the report.

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

## **11. Investment in Communities and Localities Budget 2018/19**

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Approval was sought to allocate the budget to support activity undertaken by the Locality to support local priorities through the delivery actions set out in the South West Locality Improvement Plan (LIP).

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that a budget of £62,000 had been allocated to the South West Locality as part of the investment in Communities and Localities budget for 2018/19.
- 2) To approve the allocation of £10,000 from the budget to match fund the allocation of £10,000 from the Culture budget to the Local Events Fund to support local artistic and cultural activity as outlined in the report.
- 3) To agree that the Local Event Fund was managed locally as previously established for the Local Events Fund Pilot to ensure local knowledge, access and an even spread of funding across and within the Locality.

- 4) To agree that the fund would be administered through an application process, with a panel comprising of cross party Councillors as previously established for the Local Events Fund Pilot.
- 5) To approve the allocation of £1,500 from the budget to supplement £5,000 already allocated from the Active Travel budget to promote and support a South West Active Travel event as outlined in the report.
- 6) To approve the allocation of £6,000 from the budget to deliver a Health and Well-Being Awareness event in each of the defined small areas as outlined in the main report.
- 7) To approve the allocation of £6,000 from the budget to support and extend the programme of community pop-up recycling events as outlined in the report.
- 8) To approve the allocation of £7,000 from the budget to develop the South West Youth Talk model as outlined in the report.
- 9) To approve the allocation of £6,000 from the budget to support and expand the programme of Community Clean Ups as outlined in the report.
- 10) To approve the allocation of £7,000 from the budget to develop a local programme of Community Engagement/Participation events to promote, support and develop community engagement with Locality Committees, delivery of an implementation plan for the new Community Planning model, and the Local Improvement Plan annual review process as outlined in the report.
- 11) To approve the allocation of £5,000 from the budget to match fund the allocation of £5,000 from the Waste and Cleansing budget to fund #Our Edinburgh campaigns as outlined in the report.
- 12) To approve the allocation of £5,000 from the budget to assist with the promotion and support of Friends of Parks and Green Spaces Groups within the South West Locality as outlined within the report.
- 13) To approve the allocation of £4,000 from the budget to assist with the delivery of a Hate Crime awareness programme culminating with a multicultural event.
- 14) To approve the allocation of £5,000 from the budget to support the development of a range of Community Food Growing projects throughout the South West Locality as outlined in the report.
- 15) To agree that if there was slippage in the budget in the future, options would be considered that would have more of a visible impact, for example, community growing.

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

## 12. Grounds Maintenance in the South West Locality

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An update was provided on the grounds maintenance practices and operations in South West Edinburgh.

### Decision

- 1) To note the update on grounds maintenance operations that was prepared in response to the questions raised at Committee on 19 June 2018.
- 2) To agree officers would investigate why grass verges in some areas in the South West locality had not been cut and to inform the Committee.
- 3) To agree that the relevant teams would work together to identify hotspots where litter accumulated in grassy areas, to identify if these areas were pedestrianised areas and to inform the Committee.
- 4) To agree that the outcome of the review on Living Landscapes would be shared with the Committee and that officers would look at the current location of floral meadows and the potential to move them elsewhere.
- 5) To agree that a report on community growing initiatives in the South West Locality would be brought to a future Committee and to invite representatives from the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust to a future meeting of the Committee and to add these items to the work programme.

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

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

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On 9 August 2018 the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place 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 South West Locality Committee for consideration.

### Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note the regret of the Committee regarding the low numbers of funded active travel projects in the South West locality.
- 3) To note that an officer had not been in attendance to answer questions on the report.
- 4) To agree that officers would clarify why there were no cycling projects in the South West locality being funded from the capital budget, how the budget allocation for cycling projects in all localities was determined and to inform the Committee.

- 5) To agree that the Active Travel Team would attend the next Committee meeting to provide a presentation on the cycle network and to clarify why there had not been investment in active travel projects in the South West locality.
- 6) To agree that the Convener would liaise with the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee about the issues raised by members regarding the lack of funding for active travel projects in the South West Locality.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 9 August 2018 (item 7); report by the Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted.)

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

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On 19 June 2018 the Culture and Communities Committee considered a report that set out proposals to enable Locality Committees to determine the future operating model for the Community Grants Fund. The report was referred to the South West Locality Committee for information.

### **Decision**

To note the report.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 17); report by the Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted.)