

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of MEETING of the COMMUNITY PLANNING AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, OLD VIEWFORTH, STIRLING, on THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2020 at 10 am

Present

Councillor Chris KANE (Convener)

Councillor Neil BENNY (Substitute)
Councillor Scott FARMER
Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON

Councillor Jim THOMSON (Substitute)
Councillor Ross OXBURGH (Substitute)

In Attendance

Jim Boyle, Chief Finance Officer
Lorraine Don, Project Manager
Lesley Gallagher, Service Manager, Regeneration and Wellbeing
Mark Henderson, Media Officer
David MacKay, Accounting Team Leader
Isabel McKnight, Chief Operating Officer Communities and Performance
Fiona McLean, Culture and Events Manager
Elaine McNicol, Team Leader - Quality Assurance Programme Officer
Stuart Oliver, Senior Manager, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism
Sheila McLean, Governance Officer (Clerk)
Louise McDonald, Committee Officer (Minutes)

Also In Attendance

Pauline East, Sistema
David Sinclair, Sistema
Peter Nicholson, Sistema

The Convener intimated his intention to alter the order of the Agenda. The items were taken in the order minuted below.

CR154 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Maureen Bennison, Councillor Jeremy McDonald and Councillor Douglas Dodds. Councillor Jim Thomson was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Bennison, Councillor Neil Benny was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Dodds and Councillor Ross Oxburgh was in attendance as substitute for Councillor McDonald.

CR155 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CR156 URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD BY THE CONVENER

There were no items of urgent business.

CR157 MINUTES – 7 NOVEMBER 2019

Decision

The Committee agreed to approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 7 November 2019 as an accurate record of proceedings.

CR158 ROLLING ACTION LOG

Following a Member query, officers advised the following regarding actions:

CR140 05/09/19 – The Drug Related Deaths report was required to be presented to the Community Planning Partnership but the meeting was cancelled due to the Election. A report would be presented to Committee once this had taken place.

CR149 07/11/19 – The Locality Action Plans were being reviewed and would be submitted to a future Committee Meeting.

CR151 07/11/19 – A list of all opportunities would be circulated to all Elected Members.

CR152 07/11/19 – Officers confirmed that representatives from McLaren Leisure would be in attendance at the March 2020 Committee Meeting.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the Rolling Action Log

CR159 PERFORMANCE & STRATEGIC PRIORITIES PROGRESS REPORT

The report presented the recommended performance indicators to be reported to Community Planning & Regeneration Committee, in line with Council Priorities.

A Member highlighted the differing data from the Local Government Benchmarking Framework survey and noted that this data should not be dismissed. Officers confirmed that the service always engage and learn from every survey to identify where improvements could be made.

A Member queried employability outcomes and officers confirmed that work with the Department of Working Pensions has improved and work is ongoing with employers to ensure they understand the programme.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the performance of reported indicators within the Committee Scorecard.

(Reference: Report by Chief Operating Officer – Communities & Performance, dated 21 January 2020, submitted).

CR160 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

The report provided a summary of recent activity within the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

Following a Member query regarding the challenges around digital upskills it was agreed that the Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities would meet with Councillor MacPherson to discuss the Smart Villages Programme.

A Member queried the income maximisation activity within GP practices and officers confirmed that a briefing note would be issued to all Elected Members to update on the Financial Inclusion Work within GP Surgeries.

A Discussion took place around City Fibre and officers agreed that the City Fibre Schedule and Council action plans would be provided to all Elected Members.

Following a discussion around the lack of rehabilitation beds and the impact this had, it was agreed that officers would provide figures to Councillor Benny regarding the rehabilitation beds.

Members raised concerns around Community Action Plans and the wider communities understanding of these. It was highlighted that a lot of communication was required and noted that although this was a different plan from the Community Plan they would have to marry together. Officers agreed that there was a wider piece of work required and this would be reported back to Corporate Management Team.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the information provided within the report and appendix 1.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 14 January 2020, submitted).

CR161 CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 2019

Stirling Council's ongoing work to tackle poverty and inequality was highlighted during Challenge Poverty Week (7-13 October 2019). The report provided an update on the aims of the week, summarised the activities that took place and highlighted some learning points.

Taking part in Challenge Poverty Week 2019 had provided the opportunity for the Council to highlight local initiatives, extend its reach and forge new partnerships in its ongoing work. Participating in Challenge Poverty Week 2020 would consolidate the learning from 2019 and crucially, would offer the chance to work more closely with local communities to garner their feedback and hear suggestions about the work the Council was doing, particularly with regard to the Stirling Local Child Poverty Action Report where this type of engagement was being strongly encouraged by the Poverty and Inequality Commission and by the Improvement Service.

Following a Member query, officers agreed that a Members Briefing would be arranged regarding the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) figures.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. note the range of activities that took place over Challenge Poverty Week 2019 and the learning from them;
2. participation in Challenge Poverty Week 2020 so that work initiated in 2019 can be developed to better demonstrate the ongoing work of the Council in tackling poverty throughout the year;
3. delegate to officers to determine on an annual basis whether to participate in each future year; and
4. a briefing note being provided to all Elected Members in advance of each Poverty Week to obtain feedback and ideas on the plans set out.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 20 January 2020, submitted).

CR162 STIRLING FOOD FRAMEWORK

The purpose of the report was to seek approval of the draft Food Framework for Stirling, as set out in Appendix 1. The Framework had been developed initially in partnership with NHS Forth Valley, and was intended to set the strategic framework for action against three evidenced priorities. Approval was sought at this stage on the draft document, to then enable a final Framework to be agreed following wider engagement. The report also provided an update on the Fare Share food distribution project, an early action within the draft Framework.

The overall ambition of the Framework was for partners to work together to make sure that all Stirling's residents could access a range of quality and affordable food; be able to make positive informed choices about food and nutrition; and where possible and appropriate; source and/or grow food locally.

Work was already underway to deliver elements of the draft Framework, driven by need and opportunity. Fare Share, the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste, had recently been funded by Scottish Government to distribute certain types of surplus food to community organisations free of charge. This was in addition to their normal distribution of food via local partners via their membership scheme.

Following a discussion around supermarket and local business input, officers agreed to contact supermarkets and local businesses to query whether they would champion this framework.

A Member queried what data and evidence underpinned this framework and what level of people had issues with diet etc. Officers agreed to share the research data and evidence with Councillor Benny.

Decision

The Committee agreed to:

1. approve the draft Food Framework for wider partner engagement, and;
2. that the final Framework including action plan is reported for approval in May 2020.

(Reference: Report by the Senior Manager – Economic Development & Communities, dated 20 January 2020, submitted).

*At 11.50am the Committee agreed to adjourn
in terms of Standing Order 74*

*The Meeting reconvened at 12.00 noon
with all Elected Members (previously noted) present*

The Committee resolved under Section 50A (4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6, of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

CR163 SISTEMA SCOTLAND UPDATE

The report provided an update on actions remitted to Sistema Scotland following decisions made by Committee at its meeting in November 2019. The report summarised the information received from Sistema Scotland for consideration and comment. The information provided was included in the appendices.

Officers and Sistema responded to a number of questions from Members and provided further detail on items within the report. Members felt that there still required to be additional information provided within the report and it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged with the Convener, Vice Convener, Sistema and Officers of the Council to discuss and identify further information required by Committee. A revised report would then be submitted to either March or May Committee Meeting.

Decision

The Committee agreed:

1. to note the information provided; and
2. that a further report to be brought to Committee at its meeting in March or May 2020.

(Reference: Report by Chief Operating Officer – Communities & Partnerships, dated 20 January 2020, submitted).

Councillor MacPherson left the meeting.

CR164 ACTIVE STIRLING

The purpose of the report was to seek approval for key elements of Active Stirling's business recovery and sustainability plan.

The Convener advised that the Chief Governance Officer had advised that the report as presented could not be considered by the Committee and would therefore be deferred. A revised report would be submitted to a Special Community Planning & Regeneration Committee meeting for consideration before submission to the 5 March 2020 Council meeting.

Decision

The Committee agreed not to consider the report as presented and that a revised report be brought to a Special Meeting of the Committee, in advance of the full meeting of Council on 5 March 2020.

(Reference: Report by Chief Operating Officer – Communities & Partnerships, dated 20 January 2020, submitted).

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 1.05pm