

STIRLING COUNCIL

MINUTES of SPECIAL MEETING of the ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE held as a VIRTUAL MEETING via MICROSOFT TEAMS on WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2021 at 10.00 am

Present

Councillor Jim THOMSON (in the Chair)

Councillor Neil BENNY
Councillor Douglas DODDS
Councillor Martin EARL
Councillor Graham LAMBIE

Councillor Alasdair MACPHERSON
Councillor Christine Simpson
Councillor Alasdair TOLLEMACHE
Councillor Evelyn TWEED

In Attendance

Kevin Argue, Transport Development Team Leader (Environment & Place)
Charlie Haggerty, Legal Manager (Governance)
Mark Henderson, Senior Media Officer (Communities & Performance)
Drew Leslie, Senior Manager Infrastructure
Kevin McCormick, Waste Services Manager (Environment & Place)
Bruce Reekie, Senior Manager - Environment & Place
Brian Roberts, Chief Operating Officer – Infrastructure & Environment
Karen Swan, Committee Officer (Governance)
Michelle MacDonald, Governance Officer (Governance) (Clerk)

Prior to the start of the meeting, Councillor Thomson as Convener of the Environment & Housing Committee welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the meeting via MS Teams. He updated the meeting on the procedures related to MS Teams and the protocols that both Members and Officers should adhere to throughout the meeting.

The Convener asked the Clerk to carry out a roll call of all Members participating in the meeting.

EH231 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillor Danny Gibson, Councillor Alastair Majury and Councillor Ross Oxburgh. Councillors Christine Simpson, Neil Benny and Douglas Dodds were in attendance as substitute members for Councillors Gibson, Majury and Oxburgh respectively.

EH232 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations on interest.

EH233 SPACES FOR PEOPLE DELIVERY OF PROJECTS

The Senior Manager – Infrastructure submitted a report that advised the Environment and Housing Committee of the outcomes of the recent consultation on the Spaces for People fund, and inform members of the project list for delivery.

In May 2020 in partnership with the Scottish Government, Sustrans announced a £30million fund named 'Spaces for People'. The fund was created to aid the local government response to the current public health emergency.

The fund was aimed at making journeys safer for walking, cycling, and wheeling, during, and in recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. It was designed to improve our public spaces, such as town centres, through the delivery of temporary and semi-permanent infrastructure and speed reductions to support safe active travel and assist in the recovery of our places.

Stirling Council successfully received £513,000 from Sustrans Spaces for People fund for identified interventions. These interventions would use the funding to improve public health protection in core areas where footfall was particularly high.

In response to a Members question, the Transport Development Team Leader confirmed that Stirling Council had been engaging with Sustrans on whether the infrastructure of the bike racks could be developed into permanent structures rather than temporary ones. Should it be confirmed as permanent, confirmation on ongoing maintenance would need to be considered.

The Committee noted that some elements of some projects would require further engagement with communities e.g. Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO's). The Transport Development Team Leader confirmed to Members that over the next few weeks, clarity on the breakdown on these projects would be circulated to All Elected Members.

Following discussion by Members and concerns raised, the Committee agreed that officers would monitor all the interventions delivered in accordance with points 1-3 of the Legal & Risk Implications within the submitted report; thereafter report back to Environment and Housing Committee 12 months, rather than 18 months, after completion of the implementation phase that provided committee with an update on the operation of the delivered interventions.

Members also agreed that should there be underspend on any projects it would be brought back, as a report to Environment & Housing Committee, to review the project and requirements.

Decision

The Environment & Housing Committee agreed:

1. to note the content of the report;
2. to note that officers would monitor all the interventions delivered in accordance with points 1-3 of the Legal & Risk Implications within the submitted report; thereafter report back to Environment and Housing Committee 12 months after completion of the implementation phase to provide committee with an update on the operation of the delivered interventions;
3. that delivery of projects would be reported to All Elected Members through the Information Bulletin and Members Briefings; and

4. that any underspend on projects would be brought, as a report, to the Environment & Housing Committee to allow for Members to review projects and requirements.

(Reference: Report by Senior Manager – Infrastructure, dated 5 January 2021, submitted).

EH234 STIRLING COUNCIL HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION POLICY

Following discussion by the Environment & Housing Committee, it was agreed that further information on the changes within the submitted policy had to be clearly identified before consideration of Household Waste and Recycling Policy could be reviewed at Committee.

All Members agreed to defer decision to the next Meeting of Environment & Housing Committee on 11 February 2021.

Decision

The Environment & Housing Committee agreed to **defer** decision of this item to the scheduled Meeting of Environment & Housing Committee on 11 February 2021.

The Convener declared the Meeting closed at 12.25 pm.