

10.00am, Thursday, 24 November 2016

South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership – referral from the Culture and Sport Committee

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Executive summary

The Culture and Sport Committee on 25 October 2016 considered the attached report by the Executive Director of Place detailing a proposed statement of co-operation between the Archaeology Services of City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council and the Scottish Borders Council. The statement outlined how the individual Local Authority Archaeological Services would co-operate on joint projects and events at a regional level but continue to adhere to their own individual policies and plans.

The report has been referred to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

Links

Coalition pledges	See attached report
Council priorities	See attached report
Single Outcome Agreement	See attached report

Terms of Referral

South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership

Terms of referral

- 1.1 On 25 October 2016, the Culture and Sport Committee noted a proposed statement of co-operation between the Archaeology Services of City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council and the Scottish Borders Council. The statement outlined how the individual Local Authority Archaeological Services would co-operate on joint projects and events at a regional level but continue to adhere to their own individual policies and plans.
- 1.2 The Culture and Sport Committee agreed:
 - 1.2.1 To note the co-operation statement and proposals for the creation of the South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership (SESAP), and to refer this to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.
 - 1.2.2 That a consultation and engagement plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

For Decision/Action

- 2.1 The City of Edinburgh Council is asked to approve the co-operation statement and the creation of a South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership (SESAP).

Background reading / external references

Minute of Culture and Sport Committee of 25 October 2016

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Links

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Appendices

See attached report

Culture and Sport Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 25 October 2016

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise Committee of the co-operation statement and proposals for the creation of the South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership (SESAP), and to refer this to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

This statement of co-operation (appendix 1) formalises the evolving and growing relationship between the three Local Authority Archaeology Services for the purposes of delivering joint projects and events across the South-East Scotland Region including the annual Archaeology Conference and South East Scotland Archaeological Research Framework (SESARF).

The statement outlines how the individual Local Authority Archaeological Services will continue to co-operate on projects at a regional level but still adhere to their own individual council policies and plans.

Links

Coalition Pledges

[P15, P28, P31, P40](#)

Council Priorities

[CP5, CP6, CP7, CP8, CP9, CP12](#)

Single Outcome Agreement

N/A

South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the co-operation statement and proposals for the creation of the South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership (SESAP), and to refer this to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

2. Background

- 2.1 Since 2010 the Local Authority Services for the City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council and Scottish Borders Council have worked together to deliver the Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeology Conference in November of each year. The successful conference attracting on average 150 members of the public and profession grew out of the annual conference established in 2002 by the City of Edinburgh Council and East Lothian Council.
- 2.2 The annual conference has grown to be one of Scotland's largest regional and national archaeological conferences, giving an overview of recent archaeological fieldwork and research being carried out within the South East of Scotland (Appendix 2). The conference provides an important platform for the three Local Authority Services, professionals and community groups to discuss and promote the results of their work to a wide audience.
- 2.3 There is now a drive nationally to develop regional archaeological research frameworks to help deliver the benefits of the historic environment and archaeology and to open up opportunities for people to engage with heritage. The areas covered by the three Local Authority Archaeology Services encompass an obvious regional grouping in terms of archaeological research.

3. Main report

- 3.1 In conjunction with the Archaeological Services of East Lothian Council and the Scottish Borders Council, funding has been secured from the Society of Antiquities of Scotland to take forward and develop an initial project design for an archaeological research framework covering the south east of Scotland.
- 3.2 Following a competitive tendering process, Northlight Archaeology has been appointed to develop this detailed project design. This will be the initial step in

developing the SESARF. This framework will link each of the three Council's individual policies as well as national policies and guidance covering the Historic Environment as well as exploring other links to Place Making and Wellbeing agendas. A regional symposium with key stakeholders will be held in early 2017 to discuss the proposed project design and how to implement its development.

- 3.1 To enable the delivery of the Research Framework and to apply for future grants, the working relationship between the three Local authorities needs to be formalised and a partnership statement of co-operation has to be drawn up.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Delivery of the annual Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeology Conference and the development of the SESARF.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 There are currently no direct financial implications arising from the signing of the collaborative co-operation statement however any future costs will be contained within the relevant service budgets.
- 5.2 If approved, the collaborative statement will allow for the application of grants to further develop the SESARF which will help to promote future research and engagement opportunities in Edinburgh and the regions heritage.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 The work of SESAP and the development of the SESARF will contribute to the Council's wider delivery of its Equality Act 2011 responsibilities by encouraging engagement and understanding of our archaeological heritage.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The signing of the SESAP collaborative co-operation statement will help to sustain the current partnership work being undertaken by the three Local Authority Archaeological Services and will help to promote and develop new opportunities for research and engagement in Edinburgh's and the South East of Scotland's rich archaeological heritage.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 The work described in this report is central to the Council's Archaeology service's outreach and promotion of the City's heritage, and builds upon over 15 years of discussions arising from the annual conference. The development of the Regional Research Framework will require engagement across the heritage sector, public bodies, stakeholders and the public.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P15: Work with public organisations, the private sector and social enterprise to promote Edinburgh to investors P28: Further strengthen our links with the business community by developing and implementing strategies to promote and protect the economic wellbeing of the City P31: Maintain our City's reputation as the cultural capital of the world by continuing to invest in our cultural infrastructure P40: Work with World Heritage Trust and other stakeholders to conserve the City's built heritage
Council Priorities	CP5 – Business growth and investment CP6 – A creative, cultural capital CP7 – Access to work and learning CP8 – A vibrant, sustainable local economy CP9 – An attractive city CP12 – A built environment to match our ambition
Single Outcome Agreement	SO1: Edinburgh's economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all SO2: Edinburgh's citizens experience improved health and wellbeing with reduced inequalities in health
Appendices	Appendix 1: SESAP Concordant Appendix 2: 2016 Edinburgh, Lothians & Borders Archaeology Conference Programme

APPENDIX 1

South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership (SESAP)

The South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership (SESAP) aims to promote, care for and enhance our understanding of the archaeology of South East Scotland. The partnership between the region's three Local Authority Archaeology Services, City of Edinburgh, East Lothian (also covering Midlothian) and Scottish Borders Councils, will provide opportunities to develop projects that will deliver benefits for the archaeology and historic environment of the area, as well as opportunities for people to engage with the heritage of the area. The three Archaeology Services have been working together since 2010 to put on the annual Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeology Conference, building upon the earlier joint conference established in 2002 between city of Edinburgh and East Lothian Councils.

The annual archaeology conference has grown to be a significant regional and national conference, giving an overview of recent archaeological projects in South East Scotland. The conference is open to all and provides professionals and members of the public an important opportunity to hear and discuss firsthand accounts of the archaeological fieldwork and research being undertaken in the area. SESAP aims to build on this successful partnership working and regional perspective to deliver benefits for the archaeology and historic environment of South East Scotland.

SESAP will continue to hold the annual regional archaeology conference in November. The partnership will also develop a South East Scotland Archaeological Research Framework, to help archaeological and heritage projects in the area to maximise their research potential and to help enhance our understanding and benefits of the rich archaeological resource in this part of Scotland.

The partnership will hold three formal meetings per year. Any of the members can withdraw from the partnership at any time by providing notice to the other parties. There will be a review of the partnership in June 2019.

Vision

The Vision of the South East Scotland Archaeology Partnership is to promote, care for and enhance our understanding of the archaeology and historic environment of South East Scotland.

The Archaeology Services of City of Edinburgh, East Lothian and Scottish Borders Councils have committed themselves to working co-operatively to support the aims of the partnership, and to deliver at a regional level the aims of *Our Place in Time* - the Historic Environment Strategy for Scotland.

Aims

The partnership aims to promote, care for and enhance our understanding of the archaeology and historic environment of South East Scotland. The partnership will:

- Work together to continually develop our understanding of the archaeology and historic environment of South East Scotland
- Explore ways to promote the heritage of the area and increase opportunities for people to enjoy it and protect it
- Share expertise and knowledge
- Explore examples of best practice and develop joint funding proposals

In addition, the partnership is committed to:

- Providing the annual Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeology Conference
- Developing a South East Scotland Archaeological Research Framework

Concordat

The organisation undernoted has agreed to work in partnership to promote, protect and enhance the archaeology and historic environment of South East Scotland.

I, the undersigned, on behalf of my organisation, am committed to supporting the objectives of the partnership by working together to provide and co-ordinate high quality programmes and projects which will provide benefits to the archaeology and historic environment of the area and link into other initiatives within the public, private and voluntary heritage sector.

Name.....

Position.....

Organisation.....

Address.....

Email.....

Tel. no.....

Signed.....Date.....

Booking Form

Edinburgh, Lothians & Borders
Archaeology Conference 2016
Saturday 19th November 2016
9.00am - 4.45pm

Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh

I wish to book in advance:*

..... places at £15 each

..... buffet lunches at £10 each

Please indicate any special dietary requirements:

Vegetarian Gluten Free

Other

Total enclosed £

I wish to pay by debit/credit card

Name

Address

Email Address

Daytime tel. no

Please tick if you would like to be sent information about future archaeology events.

Tickets £15, Buffet Lunch £10

Buffet Lunch MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

Conference only tickets available on the day.

For bookings please phone with details of your debit/credit card or send a cheque payable to **East Lothian Council** to:

Irene Burnett,

**Community Partnerships, East Lothian Council,
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Tel: 01620 827408 or Email: bookings@eastlothian.gov.uk**

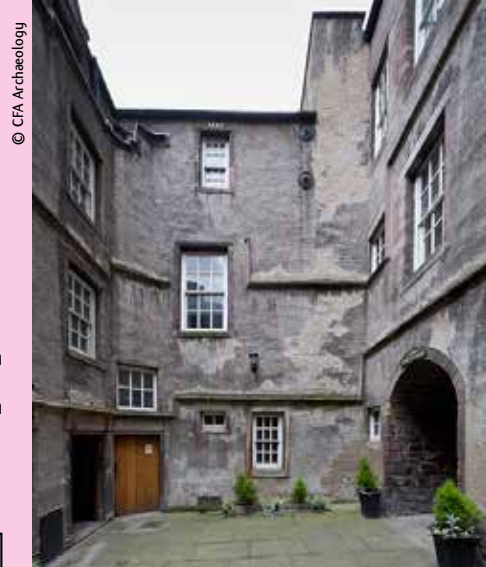
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Programme

Saturday 19th November 2016 (9.00am - 4.45pm)
Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh

Programme

- Chairs** *Morning:* Stephanie Leith (ELCAS). *Afternoon:* Christopher Bowles (SBC).
- 0900-0930 Registration, tea & coffee
- 0930-0940 **Welcome & SESARF the Future!**
John A Lawson (CECAS)
- 0940-1005 **Aberlady Angles: Recent work in the Glebe Field**
Ian Malcolm (Aberlady Conservation and Historical Society) & Andy Heald and Ross Murray (AOC Archaeology Group)
- 1005-1030 **The Almost King Near a Car Park: Geophysics Results from the Auld Kirk and Philiphaugh, Selkirk**
Christopher Bowles (Scottish Borders Council)
- 1030-1040 Discussion
- 1040-1110 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**
- 1110-1135 **Around the Town: The excavation of a medieval Burgh-ditch at East Market Street Edinburgh**
Jessica Lumb (AOC Archaeology Group)
- 1135-1200 **Disease, death and burial in post-medieval Leith**
Richard Newman (Wardell Armstrong)
- 1200-1225 **Scottish soldiers in Durham: scientific identification of the skeletons from Palace Green**
Andrew Millard (Durham University)
- 1225-1240 Discussion
- 1240-1340 **LUNCH**



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- 1340-1405 **Riddles Court, a Merchants House fit for a King**
Mike Cressey (CFA Archaeology)
- 1405-1430 **Interpreting Hume Castle and Deserted Village using 3D data from a UAV survey**
Piers Dixon & Georgina Brown (Historic Environment Scotland)
- 1430-1455 **The evolution of settlement at Roslin from prehistory to the 21st century**
Kevin Paton (AOC Archaeology Group)
- 1455-1510 Discussion
- 1510-1540 **COFFEE/TEA BREAK**
- 1540-1605 **The Archaeology of Edinburgh's 18th Century Botanic Garden**
Tom Addyman or Andrew Morrison (Addyman Archaeology)
- 1605-1630 **Shootinglee: Hunting Lodge, Forest Stead or Toun – survey and excavation**
Joyce Durham (Peeblesshire Archaeology Society) & Piers Dixon (Historic Environment Scotland)
- 1630-1645 Discussion
- 1645 **CLOSE**

This is the annual conference organised by the City of Edinburgh Council, East Lothian Council and Scottish Borders Council. It provides an important opportunity to hear and discuss first hand accounts of the archaeological fieldwork and research being undertaken in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders. Abstracts available online at www.eastlothian.gov.uk/archaeology and on the day.

A buffet lunch is available but must be pre-booked.
Tea and coffee will be provided at registration, morning and afternoon breaks.

How To Find Us

Queen Margaret University is on the eastern fringe of Edinburgh, right beside the seaside town of Musselburgh, and is easily accessed from the city and beyond. The area is bordered by the main east coast rail line to London and the A1. It also neighbours the city by-pass. The university is very easy to reach by train, as it is situated right beside Musselburgh Station. The rail service from Edinburgh Waverley to Musselburgh takes around six minutes.

- Parking** Parking available at the venue.
Traveline Telephone: 0871 200 2233 for bus information.

More information about the venue and travel can be found at: www.qmu.ac.uk

