

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 23 November 2017

Appointments to Outside Organisations/Committees

Item number	7.1
Report number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	None

Executive summary

The Council has been asked to appoint one member to chair the Edible Edinburgh Steering Group.

The Gorgie War Memorial Community Centre Management Committee has recently achieved Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status, and has invited the Council to appoint the four ward members for Sighthill/Gorgie to the Management Committee.

Appointments to Outside Bodies/Committees

Recommendation

- 1.1 To appoint one member to serve as chair of the Edible Edinburgh Steering Group.
- 1.2 To appoint Councillors Dixon, Fullerton, Graczyk and Wilson, the four members for the Sighthill/Gorgie ward, to the Gorgie War Memorial Community Centre Management Committee.

Background

- 2.1 Appointments to Outside Bodies for 2017 – 22 were approved by Council on 29 June 2017.

Main report

- 3.1 Edible Edinburgh is a cross city partnership aimed to inspire and motivate everyone in the city to work together to build new approaches to food. It helps individuals make healthy food choices, bringing social, economic and environmental benefits for the whole community.
- 3.2 A cross-section steering group was established following the publication of the Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 framework. This oversaw widescale public consultation, leading to the publication of the [Edible Edinburgh Sustainable Food City Plan](#).
- 3.3 Former Councillor Hinds took the political lead, and chaired the steering group. A replacement Council appointee is now sought, who will also chair the steering group.
- 3.4 The Council has also been invited to appoint to the Gorgie War Memorial Community Centre Management Committee. The invite is for the four ward members for Sighthill/Gorgie to join the Committee, namely Councillors Dixon, Fullerton, Graczyk and Wilson.
- 3.5 The Committee has confirmed that it has recently acquired Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation registration.

Measures of success

An appointment to the Edible Edinburgh Steering Group will support this Council-led initiative.

Membership of the Management Committee will assist local members to address community interests, and will also give political oversight of an important local resource.

Financial impact

Staff costs associated with support to the steering group will be contained within existing budgets.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

A Steering Group appointment will ensure political oversight of the Sustainable Food City Plan. The Management Committee has recently obtained Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation status, mitigating any risk to the Council and any individual elected members.

Equalities impact

There are no equalities issues arising from the appointments.

Sustainability impact

Edible Edinburgh's activities are consistent with the Council's sustainability policies. There are no sustainability issues relating to the Management Committee appointments.

Consultation and engagement

The Steering Group will support the implementation of the Sustainable Food City Plan, developed following comprehensive public consultation which attracted over 400 responses.

Council representation has been formally requested by the Management Committee.

Background reading / external references

['Sustainable Edinburgh 2020'](#)

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