

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 6 November 2012

Present

Councillor Burns (Convener), Cardownie (Vice-Convener), Brock (substituting for Councillor Lewis), Burgess, Chapman, Child, Nick Cook, Edie, Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Mowat, Rankin, Rose and Ross (substituting for Councillor Buchanan).

1. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Business Bulletin 6 November 2012

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Business Bulletin for 6 November 2012 was presented.

Decision

To note the business bulletin.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

2. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan November 2012 to February 2013

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for November 2012 to February 2013 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for November 2012 to February 2013.
- 2) To note that updated web casting figures for October/November 2012 would be provided (Note: 1183 (466 live, 717 archive)).

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

3. Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 and Edinburgh Food For Life Pilot Project

Approval was sought to progress a project developed in partnership with NHS Lothian and Edinburgh University to pilot the Soil Association's Food for Life (FFL) Catering Mark as a standard for public sector catering in Edinburgh and to support the development of Edinburgh as a sustainable food city.

Decision

- 1) To approve participation and funding for the Edinburgh FFL pilot project.
- 2) To note the range of Council services required to deliver the pilot project and to contribute to developing a sustainable food city strategy.
- 3) To approve the work of the Carbon Climate and Sustainability Team to progress the development of Edinburgh as a sustainable food city.
- 4) To agree to officer only representation at the conference in Copenhagen demonstrating a sustainable food city model.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

4. Quality Assurance for Care Provided in People's Home and in Residential Care

Details were provided on the current quality assurance mechanisms in place for the provision of social care, with particular emphasis on care in people's home and residential care for adults. Proposal for further developments to the system were outlined.

Decision

To note the report by the Chief Social Work Officer.

(Reference – report by the Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

5. The Future Management and Ownership of Easter Craiglockhart Hill Local Nature Reserve (LNR) – Motion by Councillor Burns

The following motion by Councillor Burns was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.1:

"Committee:

- 1) Notes that, an opportunity has arisen to transfer ownership and management of the woodland and open space within the 'Craighouse site' to the Council (or

- appropriate body in the community) to create a single woodland and open space.
- 2) Agrees that, in principle, it would be desirable, for the first time in the city, to consider community ownership and management of the woodland and open space in the area for the longer term.
 - 3) Calls for a report, within four cycles, that describes how this might be achieved, with ownership transferring to the Council as an interim measure, with a view to the eventual transfer of ownership and management, to a community organisation.
 - 4) That report to explore, as a secondary option, joint ownership between Council and community, with community and Council working together.
 - 5) That report to include the results of a wider community consultation, on the various options, to be undertaken via the Edinburgh South West Neighbourhood Partnership Office and with the 'Parks and Greenspace' Team. That consultation to be conducted in a transparent manner with all relevant stakeholders consulted, and with strong local community involvement including Common Ground Association and The Friends of Craighouse, and all documentation made available to the public.
 - 6) That report to address funding and liabilities issues that a community organisation in the future would have to address, as well as an analysis of potential community capacity, and what benchmarks and quality controls would need to be in place to ensure confidence that the land could be managed to the appropriate standard for the wider benefit of the people of Edinburgh.
 - 7) Notes that this motion and any transfer of land shall not affect in any way the existing planning designations and protections on the site, whether under community or private ownership."

Decision

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Burns
- 2) To add at point 5 at the end of the first sentence "and the Edinburgh South Central Neighbourhood Partnership".
- 3) To insert an addition sentence in point 7 "and notes that any decision on or process towards potential community ownership of Easter Craiglockhart Hill is completely separate from any application for planning consent to develop the buildings and adjacent land on the former Craighouse campus; and that agreement, in principle, by the Craighouse Partnership to transfer land into alternative ownership shall have no bearing on how any such planning application is viewed or dealt with".

- 4) To add in an additional point after point 5 “That any agreement about the geographical areas to be so vested shall be agreed upon by open and transparent discussion between all relevant stakeholders and with strong community involvement”.
- 5) To add at the end of point 7 “or infer that access can be prohibited or boundaries erected across the rest of the site”.