



Item No 6.1 Business bulletin

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10am, Tuesday, 4 December 2012

Dean of Guild Courtroom, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

Convener:	Members:	Contact:
<p>Councillor Andrew Burns</p>  <p>Vice Convener:</p> <p>Councillor Steve Cardownie</p> 	<p>Councillors: Burns (Convener), Cardownie (Deputy Convener), Buchanan, Burgess, Chapman, Child, Nick Cook, Edie, Godzik, Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Lewis, Mowat, Rankin, Rose</p>	<p>Kirsty-Louise Campbell Governance Manager Tel: 0131 529 3654</p> <p>Allan McCartney Committee Manager Tel: 529 4246</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Governance and Committee Updates</p> <p>Policy Development and Review Work Programmes</p> <p>Two policy development and review work programmes have been agreed by executive committees.</p> <p>Once approved, all policy development and review work programmes will be published on the Council's website and regularly updated.</p> <p>e-motions pilot – paperless Council meeting</p> <p>The Council meeting on 13 December 2012 will be the first meeting to pilot email circulation to all elected members of</p>	<p>Information on Committee Business.</p> <p>Kirsty-Louise Campbell, Governance Manager 0131 529 3654</p>

motions and amendments during the debate.

Following a trial period all Council and Committee meetings will be paperless providing sustainability and financial savings for the Council.

Webcasting and Cover It Live Pilot – Petitions Committee

The first meeting of the Council's new Petitions Committee was held on 3 December 2012 and webcast as an initial extension of the Council's webcasting pilot.

In addition, cover it live commentary for all key stakeholders and members of the public to comment on the debate was available for the first time as the start of a new trial using social media to enhance public engagement with our democratic processes.

Better Regulation Bill

The Scottish Government consulted on the Better Regulation Bill with a deadline for responses by 26 October 2012.

The intention of the Bill, to reduce the bureaucratic burden on businesses, is largely welcomed. All services within the Council were approached for comment on the Bill with an officer response made to meet the deadline. Specific service areas within the Council commented on the Bill where it was particularly relevant to their service area.

The Bill's specific measures to reduce bureaucracy include:

- 'Sunsetting Clauses' on regulation where this ceases to be effective or is reviewed at a specified time;
- Common commencement dates for the introduction or application of new regulation;
- The introduction of national standards on prompt payments;
- Allowing transferable certificates of compliance for mobile food businesses;
- Provision for a duty to promote economic and business growth in regulatory activity;
- Planning Reform: Linking planning application fees to the performance of the Planning Authority;
- Extending statutory review mechanisms to challenges against Scottish Ministers' decisions in infrastructure

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projects; and

- Other Issues, where there is scope to introduce items that relate to this Bill that the Scottish Government would wish to consider but are not specified in the consultation.

Forthcoming activities:
