



Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10am, Tuesday, 26 February 2013

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), Burgess, Chapman, Child, Nick Cook, Edie, Godzik, Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Lewis, Mowat, Rankin, Rose, Ross</p>	<p>Kirsty-Louise Campbell Governance Manager Tel: 0131 529 3654</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Edible Edinburgh Group</p> <p>The first meeting of the Edible Edinburgh Group (sustainable food city steering group) met on 30 January 2013.</p> <p>The group agreed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a vision for Edinburgh as a sustainable food city; 2. a transformative approach; 3. a one-year work plan; and 4. to establish long term governance for this area of work. <p>Councillor Lesley Hinds, Convener - Transport and</p>	<p>Nick Croft, Corporate Policy and Strategy Development Manager, Policy and Public Affairs</p>

Environment Committee, has agreed to champion this initiative.

Edinburgh Food for Life pilot project

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee agreed a partnership funding contribution of £21,000 for the FFL pilot. One of the Council's key partners in this initiative, the University of Edinburgh, has achieved the FFL bronze catering mark standard.

[Nick Croft, Corporate Policy and Strategy Development Manager, Policy and Public Affairs](#)

Webcasting Update

Since the launch of webcasting six meetings of the Council and two meetings of the Petitions Committee have been webcast. A new look website was launched in December 2013 in time for the December Council meeting which enables viewers to watch webcasts on mobile devices.

Cover it live commentary was provided for the first time at the Council meeting on 31 January 2013. The commentary can help members of the public follow the debate and provides an opportunity to comment in a moderated chat. The cover it live chat is also available to view in archive footage of the meeting.

The viewing figures for meetings are as follows:

Council

Date	Live	Archive	Total
19/09/12	623	1284	1907
25/10/12	466	993	1459
22/11/12	351	471	822
13/12/12	429	949	1378
31/01/13	612	783	1395 (at 19/02/13)
07/02/13	513	624	1137 (at 19/02/13)

Petitions Committee

Date	Live	Archive	Total
03/12/12	24	410	434
22/01/13	0	292	292 (at 19/02/13)

[Webcast website](#)

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Business non-domestic rates consultation

The Scottish Government is currently consulting on

[Steven Bunch, Business Intelligence Service,](#)

business (non-domestic) rates. The consultation paper seeks views on how the business rates system can better support sustainable economic growth, whilst still delivering the same level of income for service provision.

The consultation seeks ideas for continually improving the business rates system and this is welcomed. The deadline for responses to the consultation is 22 February 2013. An officer response will be submitted after wide consultation across the council and with elected members.

The final submission will be retrospectively approved by the Economy Committee on 22 April 2013.

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Forthcoming activities:
