



**Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**

**10am, Tuesday, 16 April 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><a href="#">Kirsty-Louise Campbell</a>            Governance Manager            Tel: 0131 529 3654</p>

Recent news	Background
<p><b>Webcasting Update</b></p> <p>The Council meeting on 14 March 2013 was webcast live and attracted 1128 viewers during the meeting, almost double the amount of viewers who had previously watched a live webcast. There were 623 live viewings at the Council meeting in September 2012. The webcast of the meeting of 14 March 2013 is available to watch in the archive on the Councils website.</p> <p>Cover it live commentary was provided during the meeting to help explain the meetings proceedings and to update the public about when the meeting was likely to restart</p>	<p><a href="#">Kirsty-Louise Campbell, Governance Manager</a></p>

following the adjournments. Comments were received from a number of members of the public which were mainly in relation to the agenda item on Castlebrae Community High School.

The next meetings which will be webcast are the Petitions Committee on 18 April 2013 and the Council meeting on 3 May 2013. The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee will also be webcast, starting with the meeting to be held on 15 August 2013.

### **Sustainability Impacts**

The purpose of the Sustainability Impacts section in committee reports is to enable the Council to demonstrate that it is in compliance with the statutory duties on public bodies set by the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009. These duties state

"A public body must, in exercising its functions, act -

- a) in the way best calculated to contribute to the delivery of national carbon reduction targets;
- b) in the way best calculated to help deliver any national climate change adaptation programme;
- c) in a way that it considers is most sustainable."

The Act does not specify how compliance might be measured and no formal external reporting requirements have been imposed, but because these duties apply to every Council activity the Sustainability Impacts section has been designed by the CPST (Carbon, Climate and Sustainability) so that committee reports can provide the Council with corporate oversight at key decision-making level. Guidance for report writers, available on [the Orb](#), advises officers on noting how the proposals in their report impact on carbon emissions, climate change adaptation and the three elements of sustainability - social justice, economic wellbeing and environmental good stewardship.

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### **Sustainable Timber – Guidance for Staff**

Guidance has been produced on how Council staff can comply with the Council's new Sustainable Timber Policy. The guidance is for staff in service areas responsible for purchasing timber or wood products. These products are

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anything which includes content from trees (e.g. paper, furniture, wood fuel, site works and materials such as signage and hoardings supplied by contractors).

The Council has also signed up to a WWF initiative to help protect the world's forests. There are three levels of pledge – gold, silver and bronze – we were the first Scottish local authority to sign up to the gold WWF pledge and currently hold the Silver award.

For any queries about the guidance please contact [Corporate Procurement](#) or the [Carbon, Climate and Sustainability](#) section in CPST.

### **New Sustainable Procurement CECiL Course**

A new [CECiL](#) course on sustainable procurement has been developed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Team (Carbon, Climate & Sustainability) to help Council staff buy goods and commission services in line with the Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy. It explains what sustainable procurement is, what the Council's Policy says and how the Policy can be implemented.

### **SE2020 Food Programme**

#### 1. Edinburgh Food For Life Partnership.

Claudia Beamish MSP (opposition spokesperson on food and rural affairs) highlighted the work of the Edinburgh Food for Life Partnership in a parliamentary debate on Scottish Government food policy on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2013. "The food for life partnership in Edinburgh has been working in conjunction with the City of Edinburgh Council, Nourish Scotland and Whitmuir farm in West Linton to develop a sustainable food strategy that has at its heart a commitment to healthy food promotion, environmentalism and joint procurement."

Governance arrangements for the Partnership are currently under review to ensure that the project has sufficient strategic guidance and profile with the city. The Chairman of Lothian Health Board has invited Cllr Lesley Hinds to represent the Council on the Partnership Governance Group.

All three Council pilot locations (Currie High School, Buckstone Primary School and Clovenstone Care

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Home) have submitted applications for the Food for Life Catering Mark Bronze standard. Audits will be carried out within the next few months.

## 2. Edible Edinburgh - City-wide steering group for a sustainable food city

The Scottish Government has invited Edible Edinburgh to make a presentation on its work to Foodlinks, an EU knowledge exchange project in which the Scottish Government is participating. The meeting will be held on April 24th.

## Edinburgh's Fairtrade Fortnight

This year's [Fairtrade Fortnight](#) (25 February to 10 March) was very successful with an increasing number of organisations getting involved and community events being run across the city. The winners of the Lord Provost's Fair Trade Awards again showed the wealth of fair trade activity.

The Council also did its bit for Fair Trade, running the annual Fair Trade Schools' event which showcased the work of Edinburgh schools, there was a fair trade stall in Chesser and fairtrade products were promoted in staff cafe and restaurants.

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## Earth Hour

[Earth Hour](#) is an international event created by WWF and held annually on a Saturday at the end of March. Households, businesses and public bodies are asked to turn off their non-essential lights and electric appliances for one hour to raise awareness of the need to take action on climate change. This year's Earth Hour will be on Saturday 23 March between 8.30 and 9.30pm.

The Council endorses the aims of Earth Hour and will be supporting the initiative by turning off the lights of major Council owned buildings and city monuments. We have been awarded "Super Authority" status in recognition of our work to support Earth Hour.

The Council's [Darker Skies policy](#) has already reduced some of the energy used to light city monuments and we are investing in initiatives to make our properties more energy and water efficient.

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## **Forthcoming activities:**

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