



Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10am, Tuesday, 14 May 2013

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

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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>By-election:</p> <p>Electoral Ward No. 16 Liberton/Gilmerton</p> <p>Following the death of Councillor Buchanan on Wednesday 3 April 2013, a by-election will take place for Electoral Ward No.16 Liberton/Gilmerton. It is the responsibility of the Returning Officer to run the by-election, which must be called within 3 months of the vacancy occurring. Arrangements are being made for it to take place on Thursday 20 June 2013, allowing the successful candidate to attend the Council meeting on 27 June.</p> <p>A Notice of Election will be published on Tuesday 30 April 2013; nominations can be lodged from that point on and</p>	<p>Chris Highcock, Depute Returning Officer</p>

will close on Friday 17 May. This ward is one of the largest in the city with, as of 1 March, **24,127** electors of whom **5,052** are registered for a postal vote. Voting will take place in 9 Polling Places. Most of these are regular venues but due to local accommodation issues and availability a small number of voters will be using a different polling place from previous polls. Any changes have been discussed with local members and a programme of communications is in place to ensure that electors are aware of the change. The ballot papers will be counted on the day following the poll, Friday 21 June, in a manual count in the Council Chamber. Experienced council staff will be used who are familiar with the complexities of the STV system. A two phase communications plan is also in place, with an initial focus on registration which, once the deadline for that passes, then switches to encouraging turnout. This will involve traditional leaflets, posters and print adverts but also utilise a range of new and social media to maximise participation.

With a demanding programme of electoral events in the City over the coming year this by-election is being used by the Governance Service to test a re-engineered set of processes, improve our focus on the interests of the voter, train additional staff in the complexities of the polling and count processes and develop enhanced resilience in Elections Team.

Capital Coalition Pledges – Performance Report

After the local government election in May 2012, the Capital Coalition set out its commitment to build a cooperative, more prosperous, Edinburgh in which every resident and community benefits. In August 2012, the Council agreed the Capital Coalition Pledges, noting arrangements for delivery and reporting on the 53 pledges every six months.

The next performance report will be reported to Full Council on 30 May 2013.

[Sarah Mackenzie, Business Intelligence Manager](#)

Edinburgh Food for Life Partnership

On 14 March, the Council approved a motion calling for a report into the standards and transparency of the Council's food supply chains and exploring "what measures could be taken to accelerate and expand the current Food for Life (FFL) pilot which is seeking to increase the use of fresh, local and organic food in partnership with NHS Lothian and the University of Edinburgh." A report is being

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drafted by Services for Communities for full Council on 30th May.

Clovenstone Care Home will be the first of the Council's 3 pilot sites to be audited for the FFL bronze catering mark standard.

Edinburgh Community Energy Co-operatives

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Team (CPST) is remitted to support the development of community energy co-operatives in Edinburgh and in doing so will promote and encourage community renewable.

The Community Energy Co-operative (EC)² and Changeworks, under their existing energy project remit with the Council, convened a first meeting of the 'Edinburgh Community Energy Project Group' on 23 April. The meeting discussed the potential role and remit of the Group as a sub-group of the new Edinburgh Sustainable Development Strategic Partnership, and the opportunities for the development and expansion of community energy projects across the city.

A report on the outputs from this meeting will be given at the next meeting of the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Strategic Partnership, currently scheduled for 7 May 2013.

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Forthcoming activities:
