

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 21 January 2014

Present

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

1. Sex Work in Edinburgh – A Harm Reduction Framework

a) Scot-pep – Deputation

The deputation welcomed the approach to be taken by the Council on the new Harm Reduction Framework for Sex Workers in Edinburgh. However, they raised concerns as to why the Council would investigate why people bought and sold sex and asked that the Council consider how sex workers were to be consulted on the Framework and how their views would be taken into account

b) Report by the Chief Social Work Officer

The Regulatory Committee had agreed to develop work on harm reduction with regard to saunas and massage parlours in the city.

Details were provided on the work that had been completed and approval sought for a new Harm Reduction Framework and associated delivery and governance arrangements.

Decision

- 1) To note the multi-agency harm reduction work, which had been identified since 15 November 2013.
- 2) To agree the Harm Reduction Framework as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report by the Chief Social Work Officer to take this work forward.
- 3) To note that officers would engage in discussions with the Scottish Government on national policy and legislative implications.
- 4) To note that officers would submit a progress report in March 2015 to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee.
- 5) To recommend to the Men and Women Involved in Sex Work Multi-Agency Group, that they expand the project group to include representation from sex workers.

(References – Regulatory Committee 15 November 2013 (item 2); report by the Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

2. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 3 December 2014 as a correct record.

3. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan February to May 2014

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for February to May 2014 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for February to May 2014.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan for February to May 2014, submitted.)

4. Energy Services Companies

Details were provided on the use of Energy Services Companies (ESCO's) as a means of delivering energy programmes and meeting carbon targets which included a range of services aimed at addressing energy efficiency, the increased use of renewable, and carbon emission reduction which would then create a number of socio-economic benefits.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress towards the development of Energy Services Companies and that a further report would be submitted to Committee in April 2014.
- 2) To note that paragraph 2.5 of the report by the Director of Economic Development stated "that at a European level, cities with ESCO's such as Munich and Berlin generated millions of euros in direct revenue".
- 3) To ask that the progress report include the options for an Energy Services Company that by providing energy and energy services, could generate this sort of significant revenue for the Council.

(Reference – report by the Director of Economic Development, submitted.)

5. Festival and Events Core Programme for 2014 – referral from the Culture and Sport Committee

The Culture and Sports Committee had referred for strategic overview, a report which summarised the city, national and international themes and anniversaries in 2014 and detailed the range of established events and festivals in the Council's core programme.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.

- 2) To note that future reports on events which were likely to have significant impact on stakeholders or the Council's reputation would be submitted to this Committee before being referred to the appropriate Committee for decision.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 17 December 2013 (item 7); referral report from the Culture and Sport Committee, submitted.)

6. Education, Children and Families Policy Development and Review sub-Committee: Work Programme – referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee

The work programme for the Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee of the Education, Children and Families Committee was presented.

Decision

To note the Education, Children and Families Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme until May 2015.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee 10 December 2013 (item 20); referral report from the Education, Children and Families Committee, submitted.)