

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

**10.00am, Tuesday, 10 June 2014**

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend

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## **1. Order of business**

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- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

## **2. Declaration of interests**

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- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

## **3. Deputations**

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- 3.1 If any

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 Minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 13 May 2014 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record.

## **5. Forward planning**

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- 5.1 Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan August to October 2014 (circulated)
- 5.2 Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Rolling Actions Log (circulated)

## **6. Business Bulletin**

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- 6.1 Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Business Bulletin 10 June 2014 (if any)

## **7. Executive decisions**

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- 7.1 Public Bodies (Joint Working ) (Scotland) Act: Update – report by the Director of Health and Social Care (circulated)
- 7.2 Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 Annual Report and Improving the Delivery of Carbon, Climate and Sustainability Outcomes – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.3 Achieving Excellence Performance Report October 2013 to March 2014 and Complaints Management 2013/14 - report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.4 Corporate Performance Framework – Annual Update 2014 – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

- 7.5 Nuclear Free Local Authorities - Membership – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.6 Strategy for Open Data – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.7 Pensions Auto-enrolment Update – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.8 Crackdown on Legal Loan Sharks – Payday Lending – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.9 Krakow Partnership Agreement Re-signing – report by the Director of Economic Development (circulated)
- 7.10 Communities and Neighbourhoods Policy Development and Review Sub Committee Work Programme 2014-15 - referral from the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee (circulated)

## **8. Routine decisions**

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If any

## **9. Motions**

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- 9.1 By Councillor Burgess – Discretionary Housing Payments for Bedroom Tax

“Committee;

Notes that the Scottish Government has undertaken to fully fund Councils for the cost of Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) paid to mitigate the Bedroom Tax (Underoccupancy);

Further notes that the UK Government has agreed to enable the Scottish Government to achieve this undertaking and that therefore, subject to the legal process being completed, there is no budgetary limit for the Council for such payments;

Recognises that whilst there is a delay in the legal process there is continuing concern and confusion amongst tenants some of whom believe that the “Bedroom Tax” has been “abolished” from 1 April 2014 and that many council and housing association tenants are accumulating rent arrears and many of these have not yet made applications for DHP;

Therefore agrees that the Council’s DHP policy is amended accordingly such that all qualifying Bedroom tax (Underoccupancy) DHP applications are appropriately backdated and paid in full without the need for a financial assessment, noting that this will greatly streamline the application process for

tenants, housing associations and the Council and increase take up of DHP amongst some groups of tenants.”

## **Carol Campbell**

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

## **Committee Members**

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

## **Information about the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy consists of 15 Councillors and is appointed by the City of Edinburgh Council. The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee usually meets every four weeks.

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee usually meets in the Dean of Guild Court Room in the City Chambers on the High Street in Edinburgh. There is a seated public gallery and the meeting is open to all members of the public.

## **Further information**

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If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Louise Williamson, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council, Business Centre 2.1, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG, Tel 0131 529 4264, e-mail [louise.p.williamson@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:louise.p.williamson@edinburgh.gov.uk) .

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For remaining items of business likely to be considered in private, see separate agenda.