

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

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Memorial to Nelson Mandela

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Executive summary

Following the death of the former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela, on 5 December 2013 the Lord Provost submitted a Motion to Council on 12 December calling for “a report which explores how Edinburgh can create a lasting tribute to Nelson Mandela in order to commemorate his contribution to creating global multi racial democracy in South Africa and his long association with Edinburgh.”

The Motion was proposed by the Lord Provost and agreed by the Council on the basis that the report called for would include the possibility of renaming Festival Square.

This report summarises progress to date and seeks a recommendation from elected members as to the preferred location for a lasting memorial.

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Recommendations

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to select a preferred location for a lasting memorial to Nelson Mandela to allow further engagement with the site owner and or developer.

Background

- 2.1 On the death of Nelson Mandela, the Lord Provost proposed a Motion to Council on 12 December 2013 “for a report which explores how Edinburgh can create a lasting tribute to Nelson Mandela in order to commemorate his contribution to creating multi racial democracy in South Africa and his long association with Edinburgh, including consideration to the renaming of Festival Square.”
- 2.2 The Motion was approved on the basis that the report called for would include the possibility of renaming Festival Square.
- 2.3 Research has been conducted into various potential locations for the memorial. This report will outline some of the various options.
- 3.1 The former President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela was awarded the freedom of the City in 1997 after visiting Edinburgh for the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting. Additionally a meeting room in the City Chambers was named after him.
- 3.2 As a tribute the City flew the South African flag on July 18 2008 to celebrate Mandela’s 90th birthday and opened a commemoration book for the public to sign over a four week period.

Main report

- 3.3 Following Mandela’s death on 5 December 2013, the Council called for exploration into the creation of a lasting memorial to commemorate his contribution to multi racial democracy globally and to recognise his association with Edinburgh.
- 3.4 The Economic Development service was asked to consider the Motion in relation to the delivery of an ongoing Improvement Plan for The Exchange District in collaboration with the stakeholders and in relation to activity with the City’s major development sites.

- 3.5 Five potential sites are being considered, namely: Festival Square, Fountainbridge, The Haymarket Edinburgh, New Waverley and Edinburgh St. James.
- 3.6 **Festival Square** lies within a high profile location in the Exchange Business district which is home to some of the City's major financial and professional services companies and Edinburgh's International Conference Centre. The Council is working with the key stakeholders to deliver public realm improvements and to animate the Festival and Conference Squares. A statue entitled "Woman and Child" by Anne Davidson is sited on Festival Square to mark Edinburgh's stand against apartheid in South Africa. Refer to Appendix 1.
- 3.7 **Fountainbridge** is a prime city centre development bordering the Union Canal being developed by The EDI Group Limited. The site is a key part of the 'Canal Quarter' vision for the area and offers several opportunities to incorporate a memorial. Refer to Appendix 2.
- 3.8 **The Haymarket Edinburgh** is a mixed use development by Interserve and Tiger Developments in close proximity to a prominent transport hub at the west gateway to the City. Refer to Appendix 3.
- 3.9 **Edinburgh St. James** is a project to redevelop St James shopping centre and New St Andrew's House, creating a landmark development which will deliver a world class retail, residential and leisure offer. TIAA Henderson Real Estate is the site developer.
- 3.10 **New Waverley** is located off the Royal Mile and is to be a mixed use development comprised of residential, retail and leisure with a civic square. The site is being developed by Artisan Real Estate Investors, which represents a number of investment interests, primarily from South Africa.
- 3.11 The portfolio of potential locations presented in this report is not exhaustive. It should be noted that if the Committee select a site then detailed discussion will be required with the individual developer or owner to establish the nature, location, delivery and funding of the tribute. No funding has been identified by the Council for the memorial.
- 3.12 Where there is an existing street name, there are challenges associated with renaming. The Council's Charter prescribes a name change can be supported if there is a public safety issue caused by properties being hard to locate, for example, by the emergency services. The loss of historical names or changing of names for commercial or aesthetic purposes is generally not supported due to the considerable time and cost associated with updating all relevant legal documents, street signage, maps etc. There is a five year rule, whereby normal practice requires a five year period after someone's death before commemorative naming takes place.

- 3.13 The process for renaming involves consultation with the relevant Local Neighbourhood Partnerships, ward Councillors and stakeholders such as businesses and residents in the street.
- 3.14 The information from the consultation, plus any responses must be collated into a report which would be submitted to the Planning Development Management Sub Committee. The Councillors on the committee would vote on the proposal.

Measures of success

- 4.1 To be determined pending final decision on location.

Financial impact

- 5.1 Financial impact will depend on final decision on location. No Council funding has been identified.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact will depend on final decision on location.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 Equalities impact will depend on final decision on location.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Sustainability impact will depend on final decision on location.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 The Business Partnerships team work closely with a wide variety of public and private sector stakeholders. Dependent on the location, the appropriate consultation and engagement will be arranged.

Background reading/external references

None.

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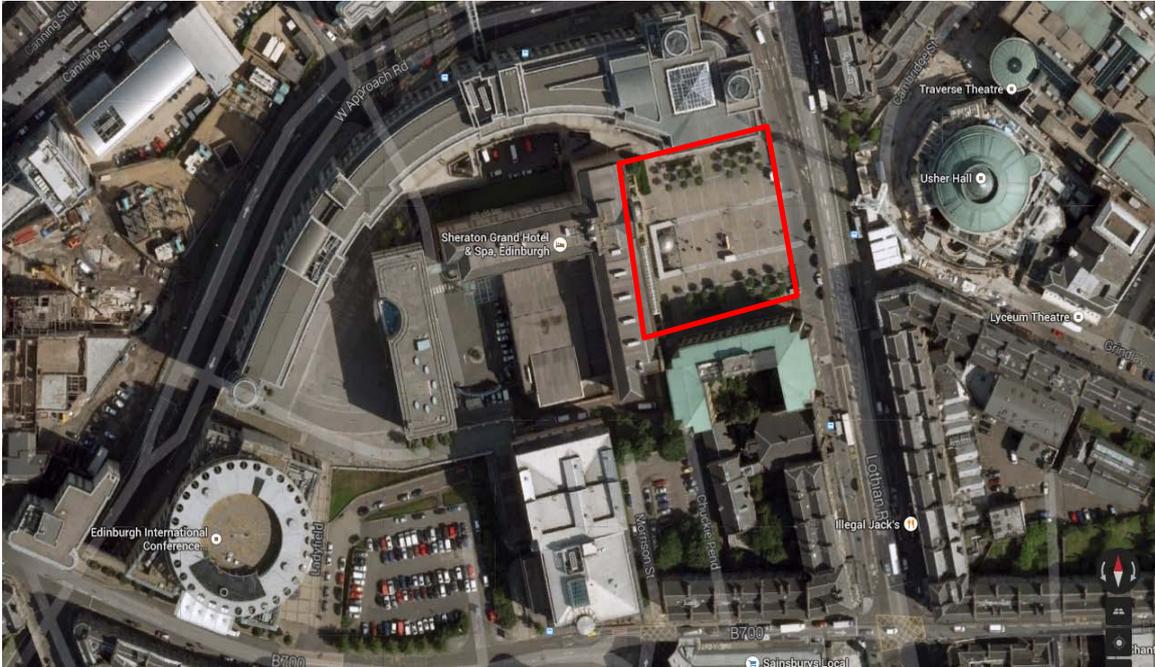
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Links

Coalition pledges	P17 – Continue efforts to develop the city’s gap sites and encourage regeneration P31 – Maintain our City’s reputation as the cultural capital of the world by continuing to support and invest in our cultural infrastructure
Council outcomes	CO19 – Attractive places and Well Maintained – Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards and maintenance of infrastructure and public realm
Single Outcome Agreement	SO1 – Edinburgh’s Economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all
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Appendix 1: Festival Square



Site Background

Festival Square lies within a high profile location in Edinburgh's city centre and is home to one of Edinburgh's premier hotels, The Sheraton Grand Hotel and Spa. The square is located in the heart of the City's Exchange business district, where companies such as Standard Life, Aberdeen Asset Management, Clydesdale Bank and the Edinburgh International Conference Centre are located.

The Council is working with the stakeholders in the area to deliver improvements to the public realm and to attract footfall into the district by holding events and attractions such as a recent market and picnic area during Edinburgh Fringe Festival

There is already a statue entitled "Woman and Child" by Anne Davidson which commemorates Edinburgh's stand against apartheid in South Africa. The statue was unveiled in July 1986.

Appendix 2: Fountainbridge



Site Background

The Fountainbridge site was acquired by The City of Edinburgh Council in 2011 in order to develop a new Boroughmuir High School.

The EDI Group and 7N Architects have been drawing up plans for the remainder of the site. EDI have undertaken a wide-ranging process of engagement and consultation has taken place with a community groups and local stakeholders, with the result being plans which put high quality placemaking at the very heart of ambitions for the area.

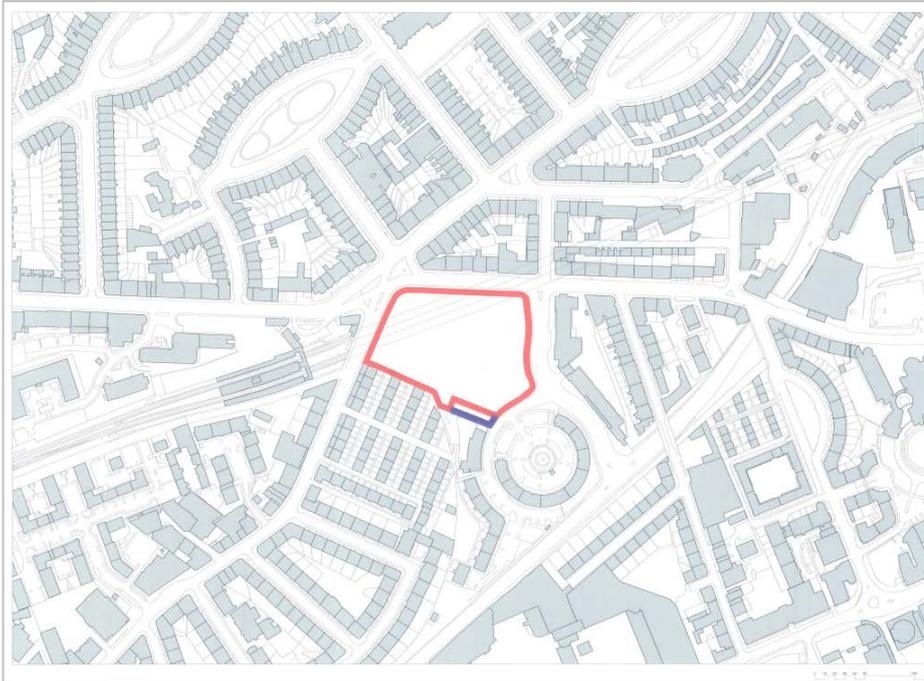
The Edinburgh Printmakers are pursuing plans to redevelop the former North British Rubber Company Headquarters building on Gilmore Park. They were recently awarded £4.5m from the Heritage Lottery Fund to help deliver their ambition for a world-class print making and arts facility within the Grade 2 listed structure.

The site has an active Community Garden with over 200 people now actively engaging in gardening and horticulture within the Fountainbridge area which will be replaced by a permanent community garden.

The Fountainbridge site is currently in Council ownership. There is an agreement that The EDI Group Limited will progress the development of this site and therefore they are key partners in any proposals.

The site is to be developed in phases over an estimated period of 5-7 years.

Appendix 3: The Haymarket Edinburgh



Site Background

The Haymarket Edinburgh is a £200 million mixed use development in close proximity to the prominent transport hub of Haymarket Train Station. The development will deliver Grade A office space, leisure and retail space including an aparthotel and a 381 space underground car park.

Construction on the first phase (office space, retail space and aparthotel) will commence in Spring 2015, and potentially conclude mid 2017.

Appendix 4: Edinburgh St. James



Site Background

The site occupies approximately 13 acres in the core of Edinburgh's city centre. Planning permission in principle (previously outline planning) was granted in 2009 for a mixed use development comprising retail, residential, hotel, offices and leisure. The first application for approval of matters reserved by condition was submitted in May 2014 for the approval of the location and extent of the proposed uses.

The site is owned by TIAA Henderson Real Estate.

A programme of infrastructure improvements has been identified for the physical environment at James Craig Walk, designed to increase the accessibility, permeability and user experience of the areas; new public realm at Picardy Place, together with the provision of a multimodal transport interchange at the junction of Leith Walk, Leith Street and York Place.

Appendix 5: New Waverley



Site Background

The site is adjacent to The Royal Mile and will deliver a mixed use development comprised of residential accommodation, retail and leisure facilities and a civic square.

Construction of affordable housing is underway. Demolition works have commenced for the main component of the site.

The site is wholly owned by Artisan Real Estate which represents a number of investment interests, primarily from South Africa.