

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

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

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<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>Update on Events Governance Actions</p> <p>As reported in August 2014, four actions from the Events Governance Review have been completed and have made significant improvements to the Council’s management of events. The five remaining actions are:</p> <p>Revise Events Strategy (scheduled to be completed by December 2014). A consultation seminar in November 2014 produced substantial feedback, which requires to be fully analysed to inform the new draft Events Strategy. The consultant has submitted a draft interim report with a number of recommendations to inform the final Strategy document, which will be presented for approval during the course of 2015.</p>	<p>Update on the Events Governance Review, report to Corporate Policy and Strateg Committee, 5 August 2014</p> <p>Contact Lynne Halfpenny, Head of Culture & Sport, 529 3657, <i>email</i> lynne.halfpenny@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Produce a manifesto for high profile and city centre public spaces (scheduled to be completed by December 2014). In the same vein, extensive work with stakeholders and services across the Council has been done towards the delivery of the manifesto. During this process, it became clear that more time would be needed for this complex piece of work – for example, some testing of new events governance arrangements for public spaces has been carried out in the West End and George Street. Local community councils and Business Improvement Districts in the city centre have been made aware of the work, with agreement across the board that adopting a more prescriptive approach to the use and management of public spaces is desirable and necessary. The scope and scale of the consultation involved is significant. A separate report on this action will be presented to the Committee in due course.

Revise Application Form (scheduled to be completed by December 2014). Since the application form will be available to complete online, as part of the renewed website, this action will be completed when improvements have been made to the website, as discussed below.

Improvements to website and central database (scheduled to be completed by September 2014). It has become evident that the improvements previously identified to the Events Edinburgh website would benefit from more extensive input and resource from a number of service areas. Resources are being identified to progress this work, to ensure that the website is fit for purpose for all users.

Establish a comprehensive charging policy (scheduled to be completed by April 2015). On schedule.

Forthcoming activities:
