

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 3 November 2015

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

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

Convener:	Members:	Contact:
Councillor Andrew Burns 	Councillors: Burns (Convener), Howat (Vice Convener), Burgess, Child, Rust, Edie, Godzik, Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Lewis, Mowat, Main, Rankin, Rose, Ross	<u>Kirsty-Louise Campbell</u> Governance Manager Tel: 0131 529 3654
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Recent news	Background
<p><u>Annual review of Working Groups</u></p> <p>The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 3 December 2013, considered the number of working groups and a series of proposals to improve the governance arrangements surrounding them.</p> <p>The Committee agreed that the membership and remit of working groups should be appointed by committee and the membership should be re-appointed annually. The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee would receive annual overviews.</p>	<p>For further information, please contact <u>Gavin King</u>, Committee Services Manager</p>

In December 2013 there were a total of 43 working groups in operation. Subsequently efforts were made to rationalise this figure and by August 2014 this figure had been reduced to 30. Currently all committees have now re-appointed their working groups and there is now a total number of 32 active working groups. This was made up by 7 new working groups and 5 having completed their workload since August 2014.

Many working groups are now short term, with a documented and specific work programme. The outcome of their discussions is then reported to committee directly or contributes to the content of a report to committee. The change from 30 to 32 working groups shows that their use has been broadly maintained at that rationalised level but it is still recognised that working groups can be an appropriate vehicle to help develop policy, consult and engage on certain areas of Council business.

Forthcoming activities:
