



Item 6.1 - Business Bulletin

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

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

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

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<p>Councillor Adam McVey</p>  <p>Vice Convener: Councillor Cammy Day</p> 	<p>Councillor Adam McVey (Convener)</p> <p>Councillor Cammy Day (Vice-Convener)</p> <p>Councillor Robert Aldridge</p> <p>Councillor Steve Burgess</p> <p>Councillor Phil Doggart</p> <p>Councillor Lesley Macinnes</p> <p>Councillor Melanie Main</p> <p>Councillor John McLellan</p> <p>Councillor Ian Perry</p> <p>Councillor Alasdair Rankin</p> <p>Councillor Iain Whyte</p>	<p>Allan McCartney Committee Services</p> <p>Jamie Macrae Committee Services</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Register of Common Good Assets: Update</p> <p>Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places new duties on local authorities in relation to common good property. The Scottish Government consulted on statutory guidance related to these processes during 2017 and final guidance is due to be published later this year, anticipated before the summer.</p> <p>In advance of the Community Empowerment legislation, the Capital Coalition budget motion, approved by Council on 21 January 2016, included an instruction to the Chief Executive to allocate funding to develop and maintain a common good asset register.</p> <p>The initial focus of the team of Council staff, comprising a solicitor, surveyor, property research officer and archivist, has</p>	<p>For further information:</p> <p>Peter Watton, Head of Property and Facilities Management</p> <p>Tel: 0131 529 5962</p>

been on those properties historically considered by the Council to be common good. The focus now is on research related to parks and other assets with a public function and it is proposed to add these assets to the provisional draft register as they are confirmed.

The approved budget allocation set in 2016 anticipated a spend of £100,000 during 2016/17 rising to £250,000 in 2017/18 and 2018/19, then £150,000 in 2019/20. At that time, it was anticipated that Scottish Government Guidance on common good property would be issued in summer 2017. Owing to the ongoing uncertainty regarding the content and timing of the guidance the expected spend has been re-profiled as follows:

Approved funding allocation	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Total
	£250,000	£250,000	£150,000	£650,000
Reprofiled funding	£110,000	£180,000	£360,000	£650,000

The underspend against budget will be carried forward in the funds for specific investment reserve to be used explicitly against the reprofiled spend, as required and when required. This will be reported to Finance and Resources Committee as part of the Risks and Reserves report.

This will enable due consideration to be given to public consultation responses once the draft register is published in accordance with the guidance.

This update was provided to the Finance and Resources Committee in [March 2018](#).

Managing likely impact of Brexit on Edinburgh

Work is being carried out by colleagues across the Council to assess and respond to the likely impact of Brexit on council services, citizens, and businesses in Edinburgh.

A report is in preparation summarising findings of this analysis, council actions and responses already in place, and recommended next steps. The report will be presented to the

Councillor Cammy Day raised a motion at the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 3 October relating to the UK's decision to leave the EU and likely impacts on Edinburgh

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 7th August and will include detail on actions to:

- Provide support and advice to Council colleagues affected by the decision to leave the EU
- Ensure welcome, support, and advice is available for EU nationals who come to Edinburgh to live, work, study or visit
- Maintain Edinburgh's ability to attract and retain skilled workers needed for our key sectors, and
- Ensure Edinburgh retains close links with cities and institutions across Europe.

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Forthcoming activities:
