

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

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Appointments to Working Groups 2018/2019

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Executive Summary

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2018/19. The proposed membership structures and remits of each are detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To appoint the membership of the Working Groups as set out in Appendix 1.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Committee is required annually to appoint the membership of its Working Groups.
- 2.2 The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 8 August 2017 appointed membership to the Welfare Reform Working Group, the Brexit Working Group and the Redford Barracks Working Group for 2017/18, respectively.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to reappoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2018/19 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 3.2 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice. The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Working groups are appointed to review any areas of interest to the Committee.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 [Minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee – 8 August 2017](#)

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Appointments to Working Groups

<p>Brexit Working Group – 7 members – 2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD</p>
<p>Proposed Membership – Councillors</p> <p>This group did not meet in 2017/18.</p> <p>Remit</p> <p>The current remit of the Working Group is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the impact of the result on Edinburgh residents and Council customers particularly vulnerable households and communities. • To consider the impact of the result and related uncertainty on the Council workforce, Council partners and key suppliers/contractors. • To consider the impact of the result on planned Council projects and service delivery. • To consider the impact of the result on Council budgets and finances. • To receive reports and updates from the Community Forum established by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee at their meeting on 27 September 2016.
<p>Redford Barracks Working Group – 7 members - 2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD</p>
<p>Proposed Membership – Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Kate Campbell, Corbett, Duggart, Gardiner and Rust.</p> <p>The Working Group previously appointed Co-Chairs, one of whom was Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee. Committee is asked to endorse this approach for 2018/19.</p> <p>This group met twice in 2017/18.</p> <p>Remit</p> <p>The current remit of the Working Group is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the future of Redford Barracks and surroundings, including alternative land uses should the Barracks close. • In doing so, to ensure that locally elected members, Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership, local community councils and other constituted groups are regularly updated on developments.

- The Working Group will meet as appropriate. Its final conclusions and recommendations will be submitted to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for consideration.

Welfare Reform Working Group – 7 Members – 2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD

Proposed Membership – Councillors Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Doggart, Gordon, Henderson, McLellan, Rae.

This group met three times in 2017/18.

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

- To monitor the implementation and impact of various benefits changes and to contribute to consideration of further measures to support tenants and recipients of benefits
- To keep under review the implementation and impact of the Council's 'no evictions' policy
- To consider the application and impact of the Discretionary Housing Payments policy
- To monitor the position in respect of rent arrears and any implications
- To monitor the implementation of the Scottish Welfare Fund
- To monitor the implementation and impact of PIP (Personal Independence Payments) and Universal Credit