Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 26 February

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



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Councillor Adam McVey



Vice Convener: Councillor Cammy Day



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Recent news Background

Common Good

Public Consultation on Register of Common Good Assets and Project Update

Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a duty on local authorities to prepare and consult on a draft Common Good Register. In compliance with the Act and Scottish Government guidance this was carried out and the draft register was published and consulted on between 1 October - 31 December 2018. The consultation was publicised in the Evening News, in public libraries, on the Council's website, social media and consultation hub, with notifications being sent out to all MP's, MSP's, Councillors, Community Councils as well as other interest groups such as the Cockburn Society and Edinburgh World Heritage.

Lesley Turner

Property & Facilities

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Resources

This resulted in representations being received from 12 identifiable respondents, plus four additional representations from persons not wishing to leave a name or contact details. 54 assets were queried plus additional representations were made for wider ranging subjects such as 'all cemeteries', the Water of Leith walkway, Edinburgh cycleways or general Common Good queries for whole neighbourhoods of the city. Assets queried include city centre statues, recent public works of art and open spaces, many of which the Council has adopted for maintenance purposes but are not assets owned by the Council.

Work is well underway to research the many titles for all Council owned assets that have been queried and the Council's Legal Team is determining whether any additions to the Common Good Register are required. The aim is to publish the first version of the Common Good Register in the summer of 2019 in accordance with Scottish Government Guidance. This will be a living document which will be amended if any changes to an asset's Common Good status arise. The guidance accepts that there will be some cases requiring further investigation in which case a note is to be added to the register making it clear that some representations are still being followed up. It is intended to report the first version of the Common Good Register to the Finance and Resources Committee in the Annual Common Good Performance Report.

Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) Champion Mayors Initiative

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) launched the Champion Mayors initiative in 2016 as part of the OECD Inclusive Growth programme.

In March 2018, Committee agreed to accept an invitation, extended through the Scottish Cities Alliance (SCA), for Edinburgh to join the initiative and support OECD goals around promoting inclusive growth in cities.

Benefits from membership include opportunities to gather information on strategic approaches to addressing inclusive growth in other global cities, and the opportunity, through the SCA, to work with OECD data and analytical experts on shared inclusive growth challenges faced by Scottish cities.

Chris Adams,
Strategy &
Communications

During the past 12 months work has been underway in all seven member authorities of the Scottish Cities Alliance to accept the invitation and begin arrangements for joint working with OECD colleagues on these issues. As a part of this, Glasgow City Council will represent the SCA at a meeting of the OECD initiative in March 2019 to explore options for further discussion with city colleagues and development as part of the SCA work programme for 2019/20.

Further updates will be reported to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on this emerging workstream during 2019.

Forthcoming Activities:
