



Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 14 May 2019

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

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Convener:	Members:	Contact:
<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 Chas Booth</p> <p>Councillor Jim Campbell</p> <p>Councillor Mary Campbell</p> <p>Councillor Phil Doggart</p> <p>Councillor Lesley Macinnes</p> <p>Councillor Ian Perry</p> <p>Councillor Alasdair Rankin</p> <p>Councillor Iain Whyte</p>	<p>Allan McCartney, Committee Manager</p> <p>Louise Williamson, Assistance Committee Officer</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Council Health and Safety Policy</p> <p>No changes are proposed to the Council Health and Safety Policy. Consultation has taken place with the Trades Unions.</p> <p>Council Water Safety Policy</p> <p>No changes are proposed to the Council Water Safety Policy. Consultation has taken place with the Trades Unions.</p>	<p>Susan Tannahill Senior Manager Health and Safety</p>
<p>Council Brexit Working Group - Update</p> <p>The Working Group, chaired by the Council Leader, oversees Brexit planning to ensure relevant issues are being addressed, including those associated with business continuity, procurement, funding and support to EU colleagues who work for the Council.</p>	<p>Mary-Ellen Lang, Resilience Manager Tel: 529 4686</p>

A cross-Council officers' working group, led by the Council's Resilience service, has developed a contingency plan in preparation for a potential No Deal Brexit, including response arrangements.

The situation continues to be monitored and the plan will be revised accordingly, should this be required.

CoSLA is supporting Councils to ensure that Local Government is adequately prepared for Brexit, particularly in the event of a No Deal scenario. CoSLA is working at political and officer levels, with all member Councils, UK local authority associations, Scottish and UK Governments to identify, manage and mitigate risks to services and our local communities. Information on local government preparedness issues related to Brexit may be found at:

www.cosla.gov.uk/about/cosla-europe/brexit/local-government-preparedness

Edinburgh Poverty Commission

Edinburgh Poverty Commission was launched in November 2018 and is working throughout this year to define the steps the city needs to make to reduce, mitigate, and prevent poverty in Edinburgh.

The Commission is an independent group, chaired by Jim McCormick of Joseph Rowntree Foundation and made up of 12 people with experience of tackling poverty and its effects, including citizens who have direct experience of living in poverty in Edinburgh.

The commission's process of inquiry is structured around three phases of work:

- Phase 1: Pockets – addressing the pressures that keep incomes low and living costs high for people in Edinburgh
- Phase 2: Prospects – exploring what we can do to improve the wellbeing and life chances of people in poverty
- Phase 3: Places – defining steps the city can take to create well-designed, affordable, and sustainable places for people who are struggling to get by in Edinburgh.

During phase 1, in February to April this year, the commission started its work to visit and hear from citizens and organisations in the city to gain a first-hand insight into the reality of low income in Edinburgh.

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Commissioners heard from organisations such as the Carnegie UK Trust and Scotcash about affordable credit; from CHAI and the Granton Information Centre about advice services; and about how the social security system is working for people in Edinburgh. They also heard from citizens working within the hospitality and arts industry; one of the biggest employers in Edinburgh, and met volunteers at, and citizens who rely on, foodbanks in the city.

The findings from this first phase of work are published and available for feedback on the [consultation hub](#). More detailed interim recommendations on its work to date will be developed by Commission members after the next session with a view to publication in the summer. Full findings and recommendations from the work of the commission, including actions and next steps for the Council and other partners will be published following the Commission's Autumn session in November 2019.

Over the next few months the Commission will be continuing its work, exploring challenges and solutions for the city around early years provision, education and attainment, further and higher education, and employability and career progression. In support of this work, a new research programme will also begin, delivered by the Poverty Alliance, to listen to and capture the voices of citizens experiencing poverty across Edinburgh.

Further information on all this work is available on the Council [website](#).

MIPIM International Investment Conference and Exhibition, Cannes, 12-13 March 2019

Over the last year, the Council has been working with the Scottish Government and other Scottish cities to deliver a new, three year strategy to maximise Scotland's presence and value from engagement at the event.

The new approach delivered a Scotland pavillion for the first time at MIPIM, funded jointly by the public and private sectors through partner contributions and sponsorship.

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The overall aims of the Scottish Pavillion were to:

- attract global capital investment to Scotland;
- raise the profile of Scotland as a place to invest;
- strengthen existing relationships with global companies who are currently active in Scotland; and
- to meet Scottish developers and their existing/potential investors.

A Scotland programme of events, including Ministerial keynotes and panel sessions formed part of the overall MIPIM programme.



Edinburgh participated / led in five panel sessions. The opportunity to work on a Team Scotland basis, sharing resources to extend the city's profile and reach in terms of investment promotion. Understanding and sharing intelligence on investor interests and challenges and inward investment decision-making with a view to working with investor partners to help deliver the Council's Economy Strategy.

Forthcoming activities:
