

# Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10am, Tuesday 14 May 2019

## Appointments to Working Groups 2019/2020

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### 1. Recommendation

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- 1.1 To appoint the membership of the Working Groups as set out in Appendices 1 to 6.

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# Report

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2019/20. The proposed membership structures and remits of each are detailed in Appendices 1 to 6 of this report.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Council, at its meeting on 28 June 2018, approved revised political management arrangements.
- 3.2 The Council, at its meeting on 23 August 2018, established the cross-party Equalities Working Group and agreed that it would report to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee.
- 3.3 The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 established the West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group and the Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The Committee is requested to reappoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendices 1 to 6.
- 4.2 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.

### 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 Not applicable.

### 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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7.1 Not applicable.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 [Review of Political Management Arrangements 2018](#) – report by Chief Executive

8.2 [Minute of Council Meeting of 28 June 2018](#)

8.3 [Minute of Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 7 August 2018.](#)

8.4 [Act of Council No.16 of 23 August 2018](#)

8.5 [Minute of Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee – 2 October 2018](#)

## **9. Appendices**

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Appendix 1 – Brexit Working Group

Appendix 2 – Redford Barracks Working Group

Appendix 3 – Welfare Reform Working Group

Appendix 4 – Equalities Working Group

Appendix 5 – West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group

Appendix 6 – Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group

## Appointments to Working Groups 2019/20

### Brexit Working Group

#### Membership – 7 members

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge	Councillor Miller
Councillor Day	Councillor Rankin
Councillor Doggart	Councillor Whyte
Councillor McVey (Chair)	

#### Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To consider the impact of the result on Edinburgh residents and Council customers particularly vulnerable households and communities.
2. To consider the impact of the result and related uncertainty on the Council workforce, Council partners and key suppliers/contractors.
3. To consider the impact of the result on planned Council projects and service delivery.
4. To consider the impact of the result on Council budgets and finances.
5. To receive reports and updates from the Community Forum established by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee at their meeting on 27 September 2016.
6. To agree the Brexit Working Group review actions currently in place and report on future options to provide support for Non-UK EU nationals within the Council workforce and the wider city population.

### Redford Barracks Working Group

#### Membership - 7 members

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Daggart (Co-Chair)

Councillor Arthur

Councillor Gardiner

Councillor Kate Campbell (Co-Chair)

Councillor Rust

Councillor Corbett

#### Remit

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 2019/20.

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To consider the future of Redford Barracks and surroundings, including alternative land uses should the Barracks close.
2. In doing so, to ensure that locally elected members, Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership, local community councils and other constituted groups are regularly updated on developments.
3. 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

#### Membership – 7 members

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor McLellan

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor Rae

Councillor Doggart

Councillor Watt

Councillor Gordon

#### Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. 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
2. To keep under review the implementation and impact of the Council's 'no evictions' policy
3. To consider the application and impact of the Discretionary Housing Payments policy
4. To monitor the position in respect of rent arrears and any implications
5. To monitor the implementation of the Scottish Welfare Fund
6. To monitor the implementation and impact of PIP (Personal Independence Payments) and Universal Credit

### Equalities Working Group

#### **Membership – 5 members**

(1 SNP, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge                      Councillor Laidlaw

Councillor Cameron                      Councillor Rae

Councillor Gordon

#### **Remit**

The current remit agreed by the Council on 23 August 2018 is:

1. To support the inclusion and innovation aims of the Council's Economic Strategy
2. To improve citizens' access to Council services, including services operated on the Council's behalf
3. To improve citizens' access to events, meetings and visits to Council owned buildings, parks and land.
4. To improve citizens' access to employment and training opportunities within the Council.

### West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group

#### Membership – 9 members

Council Leader (Chair), Convener or Vice Convener of Housing and Economy, Convener or Vice Convener of Transport and Environment, Convener or Vice Convener of Planning, Convener or Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families, Convener or Vice Convener of South West Locality, Convener or Vice Convener of North West Locality; and a representative from the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat Groups (if not included in the representation outlined above).

Councillor Aldridge	Councillor Dixon
Councillor Kate Campbell	Councillor Gardiner
Councillor Day	Councillor Macinnes
Councillor Dickie	Councillor McVey (Chair)
1 Green Group member	Councillor Mitchell

#### Remit

The current remit agreed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 is:

To oversee the development of the strategic vision for West Edinburgh and to advise on major policy issues like inclusive growth, development mix, transport infrastructure, schools provision and wider social, economic and spatial issues.



### Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group

#### Membership – 11 members

Council Leader, Depute Leader (Chair), Convener or Vice Convener of Housing and Economy, Convener or Vice Convener of Transport and Environment, Convener or Vice Convener of Culture and Communities, Convener or Vice-Convener of Planning, Convener or Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families, Convener or Vice Convener of North East Locality, Convener of North West Locality; a representative from Granton Regeneration Locality Group; a representative from the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat Groups (if not included in the representation outlined above).

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Gardiner

Councillor Jim Campbell

Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor McVey

Councillor Child

Councillor Miller

Councillor Day (Chair)

Councillor Perry

Councillor Doran

#### Remit

The current remit agreed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 is:

1. To provide a forum for cross party political leadership of the Waterfront regeneration programme.
2. To discuss significant issues and projects arising from the development of the Waterfront.
3. To provide advice and guidance to officers on the implementation of decisions.
4. To monitor progress.