

## Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday 26 February 2019

### Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Booth, Jim Campbell, Mary Campbell, Doggart, Macinnes, Perry, Rankin and Whyte.

### 1. Minute

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 4 December 2018 as a correct record.

### 2. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Work Programme February 2019

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Work Programme for February 2019 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the work programme.

(Reference – Work Programme February 2019, submitted).

### 3. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Rolling Actions Log

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Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - Action 6 - Edinburgh Schools Inquiry
  - Action 8 - Champion Mayors Coalition for Inclusive Growth
  - Action 20 -Work Programme – Redford Barracks Working Group
  - Action 22 - Sustainability Audit
- 2) Action 5 - Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children – to request a report to be presented to Committee in May 2019 on proposed action.
- 3) Action 9 - Attracting and Retaining Carers – to be included in update report to the next meeting.

- 4) Action 13 – Corporate Complaints Policy – briefing to be re-circulated to Members
- 5) Action 16 - Internal Audit Opinion and Annual Report for the year Ended 31 March 2018 – to note the intention to provide a progress report to the next meeting and adjust the completion date accordingly.
- 6) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted).

#### **4. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Business Bulletin**

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

##### **Decision**

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Business Bulletin, submitted).

#### **5. Colleague Opinion Survey 2018 - Interim Update**

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An update was provided on actions being undertaken to improve the rate of return to the staff survey amongst colleagues.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To note that the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee had considered the Colleague Survey results on 15 January 2019.
- 2) To note that the actions taken and those that were planned would address issues raised in relation to the results of the Colleague Survey 2018.
- 3) To note that the activities that were underway or that were planned to engage colleagues would build on the action plan.
- 4) To agree that a full Council action plan was provided to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in May 2019.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 4 December 2018 (item 6); report by the Chief Executive, submitted).

#### **6. Equality, Diversity and Rights Framework 2017-21**

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The two-year progress report on the Council's equality, diversity and rights framework for 2017-19 was presented to Committee.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To note that the report responded to requirements of the Equality Act 2010 "Specific Duties (Scotland) Regulations 2012".
- 2) To note the progress being made by the Council against the priorities set out in the Council's Equality, Diversity and Rights Framework.

- 3) To agree to the next steps proposed for the final two years of the framework as set out in paragraph 3.14 of the report.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **7. Sustainability Audit**

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Following a report to Committee in December 2018, recommendations outlining how the Council would progress ambitious targets for sustainability were presented. The proposals would position Edinburgh as a leading place for sustainability.

### **Motion**

- 1) Having considered the options proposed in paragraphs 3.3-3.9, to agree that the Council should pursue Option 2 and accept the full recommendations of the Sustainability Audit.
  - 2) To agree that the Council explore opportunities to work with expert partners to progress and develop a Sustainability and Climate Change Delivery Plan.
  - 3) To note the timescales for progress in paragraph 3:12.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note with concern the absence of detail behind the "ambitious approach" signalled in the paper by the Chief Executive which did not detail any proposed targets, delivery mechanisms, timescales or financial or other resources requirements.
  - 2) To further note that this approach was set against a background where the Council was failing on a number of key services areas and where resources were constrained and capacity for project and change management were very limited.
  - 3) Council therefore agreed that no decision would be taken over which to progress within the report until the scoping work indicated in paragraphs 3.12 to 3.16 was complete at which point the Council would take an informed decision.
- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

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| For the motion    | - | 7 votes |
| For the amendment | - | 3 votes |

(For the motion – Councillors Booth, Mary Campbell, Day, Macinnes, McVey, Perry and Rankin.

For the amendment – Councillors Jim Campbell, Doggart and Whyte)

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(Reference - report by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **8. Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan and Annual Progress Report**

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The Council had a statutory duty to further the aims of biodiversity via the Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan (EBAP) and the Edinburgh Biodiversity Partnership (EBP). Progress on the EBAP from 2016-18 was presented alongside a new EBAP for 2019-2021.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made by the EBP in the last year in delivering the EBAP 2016-18.
- 2) To approve the replacement EBAP 2019-2021.
- 3) To note the contributions made by members of the EBP, including the significant contributions delivered through joint working by Council service areas.
- 4) To note that a celebration event to promote the new Action Plan involving partners, stakeholders and local communities was planned to take place on or around Wednesday 22 May 2019, International Day of Biodiversity.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

## **9. Veterans' Champion – Armed Forces Covenant Policy Development**

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Proposals associated with development of the Armed Forces Covenant were presented.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree that the Council sign the Armed Forces Covenant for Business before 27 March 2019.
- 2) To agree that the Council apply for the Defence Employer Recognition Scheme Gold Standard by 27 March 2019.
- 3) To agree to support the establishment of a Lord Provost's Commission on The Strategy for Our Veterans in Edinburgh.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **10. Office of the Lord Provost – International and UK Engagement**

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The report set out the proposed engagements in the promotion of Edinburgh at home and abroad associated with the Office of the Lord Provost.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the intention to develop a new International Strategy for the city in due course.
- 2) To note the key role of the Lord Provost as the City's "First Citizen" in the active promotion of Edinburgh at home and abroad.

- 3) To approve the programme of civic engagements in 2019 set out in Table 1 of the report.
- 4) To agree to consider further external civic engagements as they arose.

#### **Amendment**

- 1) To replaced 1) above with:  
“To request a new International Strategy for the city within two cycles that took into consideration the Council’s desire to set a Climate Emergency 2030 target in the reduction of climate changing pollution for Edinburgh in-line with the latest UN IPCC advice on remaining within a global average temperature rise of 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels.”
  - 2) To replace 3) above with:  
“To approve the programme of civic engagements and requested that transport by train was considered as the preferable options for travel arrangements, in line with the Councils Sustainable Travel plan, which placed flights as the least preferable option for council travel.”
- moved by Councillor Mary Campbell, seconded by Councillor Booth

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

#### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To request a new International Strategy for the city within two cycles that took into consideration the Council’s desire to set a Climate Emergency 2030 target in reduction of climate changing pollution for Edinburgh in-line with the latest United Nations IPCC advice on remaining within a global average temperature rise of 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels.
- 2) To note the key role of the Lord Provost as the City’s “First Citizen” in the active promotion of Edinburgh at home and abroad
- 3) To approve the programme of civic engagements and requested that transport by train was considered as the preferable options for travel arrangements, in line with the Councils Sustainable Travel plan, which placed flights as the least preferable option for Council travel.
- 4) To agree to consider further external civic engagements as they arose.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted).

### **11. Redford Barracks Progress Report**

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An update was provided on the development of a draft masterplan for the Redford Barracks site following a community consultation. The Redford Barracks site was scheduled for disposal by the Ministry of Defence.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the work that had taken place in relation to the re-development of Redford Barracks.
- 2) To agree that Council officers should continue to work with the Defence Infrastructure Organisation to maximise the benefits to Edinburgh from any redevelopment of the site.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

## **12. Welfare Reform Update**

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An update was given on the Council's ongoing welfare reform activities, including information on Universal Credit and the projected spend for Discretionary Housing Payment, Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the Scottish Welfare Fund.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the ongoing work to support Universal Credit and Welfare Reform in Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the current spend projections for Discretionary Housing Payments, Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the Scottish Welfare Fund.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted).

## **13. Care Inspectorate Progress Review Findings- referral from the City of Edinburgh Council**

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The City of Edinburgh Council had referred a report which provided an update on progress with the implementation of the findings from the Care Inspectorate progress review which was published on 4 December 2018. This included an earlier motion by Councillor Doggart expressing concern about the failure to deliver improvement. The matter was referred to this Committee for discussion and scrutiny.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and the Health and Social Care Partnership (the Partnership) in implementing the recommendations made in the Care Inspectorate's progress review.
- 2) To note that the action plan in relation to the review report would come to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board for approval following scrutiny by its Audit and Risk Committee.
- 3) To agree to consider detailed progress of both IJB performance and financial improvement plans at the next Committee meeting with specific reference to the Care Inspectorate recommendations and measures to attract and retain care staff.

(References – Act of Council (No. 17) of 7 February 2019; report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted).

## **14. Contact Centre Performance – October to December 2018**

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Contact Centre performance for the period October to December 2018 was presented together with information on associated service improvement activities.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the performance trends within the Contact Centre.
- 2) To note that ongoing service and performance improvement activities which would ensure that Council services were easy to access, and citizen queries and complaints were dealt with effectively.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted)

## **15. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Code of Practice -referral from the Culture and Communities Committee**

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On 29 January 2019 the Culture and Communities Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place that presented a Code of Practice for the Council's CCTV scheme, setting out the overarching principles, procedures, roles, and responsibilities governing all CCTV systems operated by the Council.

The report had been referred to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for approval.

### **Decision**

To approve the Code of Practice.

(Reference - report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted).

## **16. Safecall CEC 01/14 – Report on Management Action**

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To consider and note the content of this report, in terms The Committee, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3, 12 and 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

An update was provided on management action relating to Safecall CEC 01/14.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report in terms of its general conclusions.
- 2) To note that all matters relating to earlier reports by Safecall dated 12 May 2014, 28 May 2014 and 29 May 2014 had concluded including defence to litigation which had arisen and connected management action.
- 3) To note that this report brought all matters to a conclusion.

(Reference - report by the Chief Executive, submitted).