

# Minutes

## Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 9 June 2015

### Present

Councillors Burns (Convener), Howat (Vice-Convener), Burgess, Chapman, Child, Edie, Godzik, Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Lewis, Main (substituting for Councillor Chapman for Item B1.1 on the agenda), Mowat, Rankin, Rose and Ross.

### 1. Minute

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 12 May 2015 as a correct record.

### 2. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan August to September 2015

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for August to September 2015 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for August to September 2015.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan August to September 2015, 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:

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| Action 4 | - | Contact in the Capital – Community Communication Pilots Update        |
| Action 6 | - | Scotland's Climate Change Declaration – 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Report |
| Action 7 | - | Review of Community Accessible Transport – Phase 1 Report             |

2) That completion dates be provided for Actions 8, 9 and 11.

3) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

## 4. Business Bulletin

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Business Bulletin for 9 June 2015 was presented.

### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

## 5. Extraction of Unconventional Gas, Fracking and Coal Gasification – Response to Motion

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In response to a motion by Councillor Booth, the Council had agreed to receive a report reviewing the emerging Edinburgh Local Development Plan in relation to health concerns over unconventional gas, fracking and coal gasification and in relation to sustainability policies and climate change targets.

Details were provided on the wider context of these forms of mineral extraction together with a summary of the regional and local planning context including appropriate provisions on sustainability and climate change targets.

### Decision

- 1) To note that the policies of the emerging Edinburgh Local Development Plan provided no support for the extraction of unconventional gas or oil in the Council's area, and that the emerging Strategic Development Plan 2 presented an opportunity to review the policy context for unconventional gas and oil extraction.
- 2) To refer the report to the Planning Committee to consider whether the entire Edinburgh Council area should be an area that was not supported for unconventional gas and oil development (including shale gas, coalbed methane and underground coal gasification) in the forthcoming Strategic Development Plan 2, and to consider making representations to the SESPlan Joint Committee in this regard.

(References – Act of Council No 16 of 5 February 2015; report by the Director of Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## 6. Safecall CEC 114 – Update Report on Management Action

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An overview was provided of the recommendations of Safecall Report CEC114 together with the management actions to date.

### Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To agree to receive a further report in September 2015.

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

## 7 Council Planning and Performance Framework – Annual Update 2015 and Complaints Analysis 2014-15

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The Council had approved a revised Corporate Performance Framework aligned to political, partnership and operational outcomes.

An annual update of the Corporate Performance Framework was provided which included a revised Council Business Plan 2015-18, a revised Council performance framework, a six month update on performance against corporate performance measures and targets and an annual report on Council complaints covering the period 2014/15.

### Decision

- 1) To agree the revised Council Business Plan for 2015-18 and associated Council performance framework.
- 2) To note Council performance for the period to end March 2015 on delivery of outcomes reported via the revised Corporate Business Insight Dashboard.
- 3) To note the complaints analysis for the period 2014/15.
- 4) To agree that the breakdown of complaints be presented to each Executive Committee in the same format at regular frequencies.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 24 October 2013; report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted)

## 8. Carbon Management Plan 2015-16 to 2020-2021

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Details of the revised Carbon Management Plan (CMP) for the Council were provided.

### Motion

- 1) To approve the Carbon Management Plan 2015-2020.
- 2) To agree to receive annual reports on the implementation of the plan outlining progress made against carbon reduction targets and annual updates on projects and actions being taken forward to be included as part of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan (SEAP) reporting cycle.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Howat

### Amendment

- 1) To note that the Council's Annual Climate Change Declaration agreed by this Committee and reported to the Scottish Government in November 2014 stated that the Council's climate-changing emissions in 2013/14 were 159,765 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, which was a 17.2% reduction since 2005/6.

2) To note that the annual emissions reduction reported was:-

Year	2005/6	2006/7	2007/8	2008/9	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14
tCO <sub>2</sub> e	192,911	197,754	188,338	183,087	181,133	171,565	163,744	165,454	159,765
% reduction:	0	0.95	2.4	5.1	6.1	11.0	15.1	14.2	<u>17.2</u>

3) To note that this was an average reduction of 2.15% each year.

4) To note that the current report stated that 2013/14 emissions were calculated using a new RES methodology to be 132,032 tCO<sub>2</sub>e rather than the 159,765 tCO<sub>2</sub>e reported in November 2014.

5) To recognise that 132,032 tCO<sub>2</sub>e may be a more accurate figure for actual emissions, however because baseline 2005/6 and year-2013/14 data used to calculate this figure **were calculated using different methodologies** reject the conclusion that emissions had therefore reduced by 31.5% since 2005/6 (3.9% pa).

6) To note that a more realistic emissions reduction since 2005/6 was 17.2%; that the remaining reduction to hit a 42% target by 2020 was therefore 24.8% (rather than 10.5% proposed) which was 4% reduction per annum.

7) To therefore call on the Carbon Management Plan 2015/16 to 2020/21 to be revised to achieve an annual emissions reduction target of 4% rather than 1.75% proposed in the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Chapman

### Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	13 votes
For the amendment 1	-	2 votes

### Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

## 9 Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 Annual Report 2014-15

The Council had approved the “Sustainable Edinburgh 2020” policy framework which set out the aims, objectives and targets for the sustainable development of the Council and the city to 2020.

The Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 Annual Report for 2014/15 was presented which outlined the progress over the last year together with proposals for the next steps.

## **Decision**

- 1) To approve the Annual Report and note the significant progress made across the Council and partner organisations to meet the objectives of Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 (SE2020).
- 2) To approve the Council's contribution to the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership's (ESDP's) SE2020 work plan for 2015/16 as set out in pages 8 and 9 of Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.
- 3) To note that future SE2020 Annual reports would be prepared by the ESDP.
- 4) To note that an annual report on Council progress towards increased sustainable development would continue to be submitted to this Committee for approval.
- 5) To note that Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 (SE2020), the strategic framework setting out aims, objectives and targets for the sustainable development of the Council and City, was in transition towards a stronger partnership approach.
- 6) To note that the last SE2020 Action Plan was for the period 2012-2014.
- 7) To acknowledge the work programme for SE2020 for the coming year 2015/16, and add a request to the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership that a clear Action Plan setting out aims, objectives, targets, timescales and responsibilities from the present to 2020 be developed and presented as soon as possible.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 27 March 2012 (item 4); report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

## **10. Social Care and Social Work Supervision Policy**

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Details were provided on the Council's proposed Social Care and Social Work Supervision Policy, whose purpose was to articulate the importance placed on effective professional supervision by the City of Edinburgh Council.

### **Decision**

To approve the Social Care and Social Work Supervision Policy as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Social Work Officer.

(Reference – report by the Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Edie declared a financial interest as Chair of the Care Inspectorate and left the meeting during the Committee's consideration of the above item.

## **11. Update – Review of Community and Accessible Transport Stage 2**

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The Committee had agreed that a further report be submitted in Spring 2015 detailing the outcomes of the next stage of the Community Accessible Transport Review.

An update was provided on Phase 2 of the Community and Accessible Transport Review which detailed progress on engagement with service users; development of a travel procurement plan including a group travel framework; the establishment of a corporate transport service; and the procurement of a booking and scheduling system to manage all passenger journeys.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note progress to date.
- 2) To note the engagement with service users.
- 3) To agree to proceed with the review programme as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 4 November 2014 (item 12); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **12. Edinburgh’s Christmas and Edinburgh’s Hogmanay – Key Performance Indicators 2014-15 referral by the Culture and Sport Committee**

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The Culture and Sport Committee had referred a report detailing the key performance indicators of Edinburgh’s Christmas and Edinburgh’s Hogmanay for 2014/15 to this Committee for information.

#### **Decision**

To note the report.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 26 May 2015 (item 7): report by the Culture and Sport Committee, submitted.)

### **13. Edinburgh’s Christmas and Edinburgh’s Hogmanay – Extension of Contract - referral by the Finance and Resources Committee**

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The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on the performance of the Edinburgh’s Christmas and Edinburgh’s Hogmanay contract and summarising research into the positive economic impact of the programmes for the city to this Committee for information.

#### **Decision**

To note the report.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee 4 June 2015 (item 12); report by the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

### **14. Review of Corporate Debt Policy – referral by the Finance and Resources Committee**

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The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on the main findings of the member-officer working group which had been established to examine all non-statutory notice-related aspects of the Corporate Debt Policy for approval of a number of minor changes to the current policy.

## **Decision**

To approve a number of minor changes to the current Corporate Debt Policy as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee 4 June 2015 (item 11); report by the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

## **15. McCrae's Battalion Trust – Commemorative Service at Contalmaison**

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Approval was sought for the Council to be represented at the commemorative service at Contalmaison, France, on 1 July 2015.

### **Decision**

To approve the attendance of the Depute Convener or substitute at the Commemorative Service at Contalmaison on 1 July 2015.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

## **16. Safecall CEC 114 – Update Report on Management Action**

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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 1, 2 and 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Details were provided of an overview of the recommendations of Safecall Report CEC 114 and the management and police actions to date.

### **Decision**

- 1) To recognise that without the use of Safecall by the Whistleblower it was likely that the incidents discovered and investigated would not have been uncovered and that Safecall had provided a way to bring serious problems to light and tackle wrongdoing.
- 2) To express serious concerns at the contents of the interim report.
- 3) To agree to receive a further update at the meeting of Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 1 September 2015 detailing progress and outcomes of the ongoing management actions, including the ongoing work of the Chief Social Work Officer and a response to the outstanding concerns expressed by members.