

Item 4.1 - Minutes

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 19 June 2018

Present

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Brown, Ian Campbell, Doran, Graczyk, Howie, Mitchell, Osler, Rae (substituting for Councillor Miller) and Staniforth.

1. Deputation

Edinburgh Road Club

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Matt Jackson (Head of Track Cycling) on behalf of Edinburgh Road Club regarding a proposal to build a new velodrome on the site of the Jack Kane Centre.

The main points raised by the deputation were:

- The proposal for a new velodrome at Hunter's Hall (the site of the Jack Kane Centre) would be a replacement for the velodrome at the now closed Meadowbank Stadium.
- The proposed new velodrome would not have a minimum speed requirement as the proposal was to develop a 30 degree track, thus making it more suitable for beginners, young people and people with disabilities, compared to more steeply banked velodromes.
- The new development would be made of tarmac, rather than wood (like Meadowbank), making it useable for a much greater amount of time.
- This proposal represented an opportunity to maintain Edinburgh's position as a centre for excellence for track cycling.

The Convener thanked the deputation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Resources.

2. Development at the Jack Kane Centre – Motion by Councillor Staniforth

The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee:

- 1) Notes that the project to build 3G pitches, a velodrome and to renovate the Jack Kane centre was delayed.
- 2) Notes that owing to taking overspill from the closure of the old Meadowbank Stadium it is not possible to renovate Hunters Hall in the short term.
- 3) Notes that does not prevent development of the 3G pitches or the velodrome.
- 4) Notes that section 75 funding is sufficient for the immediate development of the 3G pitches and that if they are to be developed this year the project must be finished by winter and is likely to take around 12 weeks.
- 5) Therefore resolves that a report will be delivered to committee within one cycle giving options for immediate development at the Jack Kane site.”
 - Moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Osler.

Decision

- 1) To note the motion had been amended to replace “Hunter’s Hall” with “Jack Kane” in paragraph 2 and to replace “Jack Kane” with “Hunter’s Hall” in paragraph 5.
- 2) To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth.

3. Deputation

Underbelly Ltd/Edinburgh’s Hogmanay Ambassadors Programme

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Ed Bartlam (Director) on behalf of Underbelly Ltd, and Sarah Holding, Jimmy Stewart and Tony Anderson, volunteers who took part in Edinburgh’s Hogmanay Ambassadors Programme, in relation to the report at Item 7.2 – Code of Practice on the Use of Volunteers at Festivals and Events.

The main points raised by the deputation were:

- This was the first year that Underbelly Ltd had the contract for Edinburgh’s Hogmanay and attracted just under 166,000 attendees.
- Underbelly employed just under 3,000 people for the event, all on National Living Wage or more.
- The Ambassadors Programme was the first volunteer scheme that Underbelly have used. The 55 volunteers did not replace any paid jobs at the Festival.
- Experiences of the Ambassadors Programme were overwhelmingly positive.

The Convener thanked the deputation and invited them to remain for the Committee’s consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Resources.

4. Code of Practice on the Use of Volunteers at Festivals and Events

A proposed Code of Conduct on the Use of Volunteers at Festivals and Events was presented. The Code of Conduct had been developed with Festivals

Edinburgh and the 11 major Festivals to ensure that a consistent code of practice could be proposed across all events and Festivals. It combined existing volunteering policies from across the Festivals and aligned them with good practice guidelines from Volunteer Edinburgh and Volunteer Scotland.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Code of Conduct.
- 2) To refer the report to City of Edinburgh Council to approve the Code of Conduct as policy for inclusion, where relevant, within procurement exercises.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 30 January 2018 (item 12) and 20 March 2018 (item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors McNeese-Mechan and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as board members of the Edinburgh International Festival.

5. Deputation - Unite

Decision

The Committee declined to hear a deputation from Des Loughney and Carmen Simon on behalf of Unite in relation to Item 9.6 – Recommendations of Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 2 May 2018 on the grounds that the Social Work Complaints Review Committee was quasi-judicial and considered matters relating to individuals and was held in private.

6. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 20 March 2018 as a correct record.

7. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Culture and Communities Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted.)

8. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of Items 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13 and 16.

2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

9. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

10. Community Outreach Projects – Presentation by Edinburgh International Book Festival

Nick Barley (Director) and Sophie Moxon (Executive Director) provided an overview of the work of the Edinburgh International Book Festival in supporting community outreach projects and on the theme of the Festival for 2018.

Decision

To thank Nick Barley and Sophie Moxon for their presentation.

11. Plans for Diwali 2018 Celebrations – Presentation by Edinburgh Diwali

Mohindra Dhall and Abdul Reyaz of Edinburgh Diwali gave a presentation on the Diwali festival of lights and the plans for the Diwali 2018 celebrations.

Decision

To thank Mohindra Dhall and Abdul Reyaz for their presentation.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor McNeese-Mechan and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as a board members of Edinburgh Diwali.

12. Cultural Grant Recipient – Presentation by Edinburgh International Festival

Fergus Linehan (Festival Director) and Joanne Baker (Managing Director) provided details of the values, strategy and principles of the Edinburgh International Festival and how it would develop in the coming years.

Decision

To thank Fergus Linehan and Joanne Baker for their presentation.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors McNeese-Mechan and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as board members of the Edinburgh International Festival.

13. Armed Police – Presentation by Police Scotland

Chief Superintendent Richard Thomas outlined the impact of the change to Police Scotland's policy in relation to armed police and provided details of relevant incidents.

Decision

To thank Chief Superintendent Richard Thomas for his presentation.

14. Calton Hill Management Plan

Details were provided of the new Calton Hill Management Plan, which had been produced in partnership with Edinburgh World Heritage and other principal stakeholders. The Plan presented a vision for the future state of Calton Hill and set out a series of objectives and actions, which would be implemented by a newly formed Calton Hill Management Forum.

Decision

- 1) To recognise the need to produce a management plan for the care and maintenance of Calton Hill as a unique public park of national significance.
- 2) To welcome the support of Edinburgh World Heritage in helping to produce the Calton Hill Management Plan.
- 3) To formally adopt the Calton Hill Management Plan.
- 4) To agree to the establishment of a Calton Hill Management Forum to drive implementation of its objectives and actions.
- 5) To appoint Councillor Wilson to chair the Calton Hill Management Forum.

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

15. Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay Key Performance Indicators 2017/18

Details were provided of the 2017/18 Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay event, which had been delivered for the first time by Underbelly Ltd. under a new contract awarded by the Finance and Resources Committee. An update was provided on performance against the Key Performance Indicators which were developed to measure the success of the new contract. The results for 2017/18 were positive and details of the highlights were provided.

Decision

To note the outcomes of the 2017/18 event.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 12 September 2018 (item 14); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

16. Sport and Outdoor Learning

Details were provided of the work of the Sports and Outdoor Learning Unit (S&OLU), part of the recently created Lifelong Learning service, providing front line service delivery for children, young people and adults engaging in sport and physical activity both in schools and in community settings.

Decision

- 1) To note the scope of work and the impact on key outcomes.
- 2) To note the importance of the connecting links and pathways between physical education, active schools and community sport and the success of this approach in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note the high level of external funding secured by the Sports and Outdoor Learning Unit and the fine example of transformational change shown by the self-funding success of the Residential Outdoor Centres.
- 4) To agree the intention to create a new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for the city from 2019 onwards following full assessment of the emerging priorities from the Local Improvement Plans and other key funding arrangements.
- 5) To agree that this report would be referred to the Education, Children and Families Committee for information.
- 6) To agree a further and more detailed report on Community Asset Transfer of sports facilities would be presented to this Committee in 2018-19.
- 7) To agree a subsequent report to address the issues of sport for all ages as a key part of citizens' health in communities and a separate report to consider the scheme of charges and the impact this would have on club use of school sports facilities.
- 8) That members would advise the department of any other issues that they would wish the further report on sport for all ages to cover.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Osler, Staniforth and Wilson declared non-financial interests in this item as board members of Edinburgh Leisure.

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

17. Community Grants Fund Report

Proposals were outlined which would enable Localities Committees to determine the future operating model for the Community Grants Fund, in line with the decision by

Council in November 2017 to transfer responsibility for decision-making on the allocation of these funds from Neighbourhood Partnerships to Locality Committees.

Decision

- 1) To agree the proposals for the operation of the Community Grants Fund as set out in paragraphs 3.7 to 3.12 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To refer the report to the Locality Committees for information.

Declarations of interest

Councillor Staniforth declared a financial interest in this item as he worked in tourism.

(References – Act of Council No. 8 of 23 November 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

18. Edinburgh City Archives Consultation

Approval was sought for a consultation exercise on Edinburgh City Archives to understand changing public expectations and to identify opportunities to collaborate and innovate. The results of the consultation would inform a development plan that would provide a clear vision and strategic direction.

Decision

- 1) To approve an Edinburgh City Archives consultation with stakeholder groups to inform a development plan for the service.
- 2) To note the intention to bring the archives development plan back to committee for approval.

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

19. Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland 2018/19

An overview of the existing Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland, in respect of community policing, was provided. Proposals for a refreshed Partnership Agreement for 2018/19 were also outlined, reflecting the importance of a shared approach to delivering positive outcomes for communities, as well as the additional benefits to be achieved by supplementing the Edinburgh Division's establishment of community police officers.

Decision

- 1) To approve the new Partnership Agreement for 2018/19 between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland to replace the current Partnership Agreement.
- 2) To endorse the new performance framework and key performance indicators to support the monitoring and assessment of the effectiveness and impact of the Partnership Agreement and associated funding.

- 3) To agree to receive and scrutinise a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander from Police Scotland, or their designated deputy, on a quarterly basis.
- 4) To agree that the next review of the agreement would commence no later than 30 September 2018, to ensure that this could be aligned to respective business and budget planning cycles within both organisations.

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

20. CCTV Working Group Update

An update was provided on the newly formed CCTV Working Group, which had been set up to develop a strategy for the upgrade and integration of CCTV services in Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To approve the update of the multi-agency CCTV Working Group for the upgrade and integration of CCTV services in Edinburgh.
- 2) To request an update on the CCTV Working Group progress in six months' time.
- 3) To approve the pilot upgrade of 12 cameras within the Public Space CCTV network.
- 4) To approve a visit to Bristol City Council for research purposes with regard to the City Operations Centre project.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 30 January 2018 (item 9); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

21. Invitation to Shanghai

Details were provided of an invitation received by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to return to Shanghai in May 2018, following his previous visit in September 2017. The invitation had been accepted under urgency provisions and the Convener was accompanied by the Vice-Convener.

Decision

- 1) To note the action taken by the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Convener and with the support of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, in approving acceptance of the invitation by Councillor Wilson, Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee and Councillor McNeese-Mechan, Vice-Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee, under the urgency provisions set out at paragraph 4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference.
- 2) To note that the invitation was issued by Jing'an District Government, rather than AEMI and that the visit was in relation to the Jing'an Drama Valley Festival.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 12 September 2017 (item 20); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

22. Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments

An update was provided on the performance framework development work carried out since the Programme for the Capital was presented to Council in November 2017. The aim was to define, where possible, measurable actions and performance indicators with defined targets for each of the 52 Coalition Commitments. Details were provided of the final set of indicators relevant to the Culture and Communities Committee.

Decision

To note the set of indicators in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – Act of Council No. 7 of 23 November 2017; Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 27 February 2018 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

23. Community Justice Update - Prison Community Integration Working Group

Details were provided of work ongoing to improve prisoner reintegration into local communities and reduce the risk of further offending, and examples of relevant community justice improvement actions as set out in Edinburgh Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-18.

Decision

To note the work ongoing to improve prisoner reintegration and reduce reoffending.

(References – Act of Council No. 13 of 23 November 2017; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

24. Community Payback Order Annual Report 2016/17

The Community Payback Order annual report was presented along with details of the range of interventions carried out to support behavioural and lifestyle change, including types of unpaid work undertaken and specialised programmes.

Decision

To note the Community Payback annual report.

(References – Health Social Care and Housing Committee 18 April 2017 (item 8); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

25. Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2016-2019 – Update Report

An update was provided on the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2016-2019, including details of key initiatives and working practices to deliver on the strategy's main aim of preventing antisocial behaviour and by resolving it effectively at an early stage when it occurred.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report.
- 2) To request a further update on the progress of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy in March 2019.
- 3) To receive the new Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for 2019 – 2022 in March 2019.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 14 November 2017 (item 14); Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 15 November 2016 (item 6); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

26. Recommendations of Social Work Complaints Review Committee of 2 May 2018

Recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee held on 2 May 2018 on a complaint against the social work service within Health and Social Care were detailed.

Decision

To note the recommendations of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee.

(Reference – report by the Chair of the Social Work Complaints Review Committee, submitted.)

27. Community Grants Third Sector Interface funding

Details were provided of the awarding of grant funds under urgency provisions to EVOC and Volunteer Edinburgh, as part of their continued role as the Third Sector Interface and for the management of the Equality and Rights Network. An update was also provided on the review of grant funding to the three Third Sector Interface organisations (EVOC, Volunteer Edinburgh and Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network), which was underway.

Decision

- 1) To note the grant funds awarded under urgency provisions.
- 2) To note that work was underway to carry out the review of grant funding to the three Third Sector Interface organisations, as agreed by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee in March 2017.

3) To note that a report detailing the outcome of the review would be provided to the committee in September 2018.

(References – Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee 28 March 2017 (item 13); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

28. Accounts Commission – Local Government in Scotland – Challenges and Performance 2018

Committee considered a report referred by the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 5 June 2018 which provided details of the Accounts Commission's report assessing councils' readiness to confront the growing challenges that lay ahead, following its earlier Scotland-wide review of 2016/17 local government financial performance.

Decision

To note the Challenges and Performance 2018 report.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 5 June 2018 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)