

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 11 September 2018

Present

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

1. Deputation

The Federation of Edinburgh and District Allotments and Gardens Association

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Stuart McKenzie (President) on behalf of The Federation of Edinburgh and District Allotments and Gardens Associations regarding allotment strategy.

The main points raised by the deputation were:

- The objectives of The Federation of Edinburgh and District Allotments and Gardens Association.
- Their concerns regarding the Allotment and Food Growing Provision report.
- The challenges that come with increased demand for allotments.
- To request the Committee consider a tailored waiting list, based on the needs and demands of individuals desiring allotments.
- To request the Committee consider reopening 'Pansy Walk' as a model allotment site for waiting applicants to get an idea of their needs with regards to allotments.

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

2. Allotment and Food Growing Provision

A report was submitted to the Committee on the current level of food growing provision supported by the Council, the existing legislation, policy and strategy in place to increase this provision, and related barriers to further expansion.

Decision

- 1) To note the current scale and range of allotment and food growing provision across the city supported by the Council.
- 2) To note the measures in place seeking to increase allotment provision and support and expand the network, and the number of community gardens and food growing initiatives.
- 3) To refer this report to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.
- 4) To agree that an update report would be provided in six months.

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

3. Minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 19 June 2018

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 19 June 2018 as a correct record.

(Reference – Minute of the Culture and Communities of 19 June 2018, submitted.)

4. Work Programme

The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

5. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of Items 1, 2, 9, 11, 12, and 15.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

6. 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.)

7. Sportscotland – Presentation

Dougie Millen (Partnership Manager) provided an overview of the work of Sportscotland in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council on encouraging more physical activity and addressing the inequalities in sport participation in Scotland.

Decision

To thank Dougie Millen for his presentation.

8. Inch Park Community Sports Hub – Presentation

Paul Reddish gave a presentation on the work of Inch Park Community Sports Hub in revitalising the facilities in the area and encouraging greater participation amongst people from different economic backgrounds and diverse groups within the community.

Decision

To thank Paul Reddish for his presentation.

9. Physical Activity and Sport Strategy

Details were provided of the likely drivers, factors and influences on the new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for the period 2019-2023 and the recommended approach to consultation.

Decision

- 1) To note the contents of this report and the intention to hold a series of consultations in Edinburgh with key partners, sports clubs and other community organisations.
- 2) To agree to a further report on options regarding the establishment of a grants scheme for voluntary sports organisations to support their work in areas of deprivation for next financial year 2019-20.

Declaration of Interests

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

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 16); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

10. Hunter's Hall Park – Update Report

An update was provided on the Hunter's Hall Park project. The construction of new cycling and pitch facilities was highlighted as a strategic priority for the Council and

plans had been developed along with the submission of a planning application. Progress over the last year had stalled primarily due to the decision to pause and consider possible synergies with the new secondary school planned for Craigmillar.

Decision

To note the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.

Declaration of Interests

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

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 2); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

11. Meadowbank Sports Centre

A report was submitted to Committee in response to a motion approved at the City of Edinburgh Council meeting on the 31 May 2018, which agreed that details about decisions made previously by the Council or any of its Committees relating to the strategic vision for the new Meadowbank Sports Centre would be submitted to the next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee.

Decision

To note the approvals which were in place to allow the delivery of a new major sports centre at Meadowbank.

Declaration of Interests

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

(References – Act of Council No. 22 of 31 May 2018; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

12. Edinburgh Leisure Annual Report

The annual report on Edinburgh Leisure's performance for 2017/18 was presented, along with a presentation, during which two short films were shown to demonstrate the types of programmes that Edinburgh Leisure had been involved in within the past year.

Decision

- 1) To note the performance of Edinburgh Leisure (EL) during 2017/18.
- 2) To agree that a briefing for members would be provided on the income target from community use of schools.

Declaration of Interests

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

Councillors Brown and Doran declared non-financial interests in this item as directors of Spartans Community Football Academy.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 14 November 2017 (item 16); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

13. Child Poverty Action Unit

An overview was provided of new responsibilities for Local Government and Health Boards arising from the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act. These included new requirements for publication of an annual report describing existing and new planned actions, or measures taken, to reduce and mitigate the effects of child poverty.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the Council be part of a Child Poverty Action Unit to co-ordinate action to address Child Poverty in Edinburgh and provide a Council lead for delivery of new Local Government responsibilities arising from the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act.
- 2) To note that the Child Poverty Action Unit would take the form of a cross-council and Partnership working group rather than a new dedicated team of staff and resource.
- 3) To note that the Child Poverty Action Unit was distinct from, but would provide a point of liaison with, the Edinburgh Poverty Commission on issues relating to child poverty.
- 4) To note that the progress and outcomes of the working group will be reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5) .To refer this report to the Education, Children and Families Committee and the four Locality Committees for noting.

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

14. Appointments to Working Groups 2018-19

The Culture and Communities Committee were asked to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2018-19.

Decision

To appoint the membership of the Working Groups as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to the replacement of Councillor Graczyk with Councillor Mitchell on the Graffiti Working Group.

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

15. Visit to Shanghai – Feedback Report

Details were provided of a visit by the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to Shanghai in May 2018.

The purpose of the visit was to participate in the International Forum for the Shanghai Modern Drama Valley Festival, to develop cultural links between Jing'an and Edinburgh, and to sign a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Culture and Communities Committee and the Culture Bureau of Jing'an District, Shanghai.

Decision

To note the outcomes of the visit.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 21); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

16. Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy

An overview of the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy 2018-2028 was provided, produced by a sub group of the Forth Bridges Forum, the Tourism Project Group. The strategy sought to build on the Forth Bridge's UNESCO World Heritage status and the three bridges as a unique national asset to establish the Firth of Forth as a key visitor destination.

Decision

- 1) To note the work to date of the Forth Bridges Forum and endorse the aims of the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy.
- 2) To note the strategic fit with the Edinburgh 2050 City Vision and Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- 3) To note the need to align this strategy with the wider work of the Council, Edinburgh Tourism Action Group and partners in the development of a revised Edinburgh Tourism Strategy 2020-2030.
- 4) To note the work to date, and the intention moving forward, to include fair representation of residents' issues and concerns in the delivery of the Forth Bridges Area Tourism Strategy.
- 5) To refer this report to the Housing and Economy Committee.

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

17. Edinburgh People Survey – Culture Results

An update was provided on the culture results of the Edinburgh People Survey from 2012 to 2017, with appropriate comparisons for non-Council surveys.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of this report.
- 2) To request an annual report on the cultural specific survey results from 2019.
(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

18. Internal Audit Report

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 31 July 2018 had referred a report which detailed the Internal Audit progress for the period 1 January to 31 July 2018, highlighting in particular the high and medium risk findings from audit reports.

Decision

To note the attached audit reports with high and medium risk findings concerning CCTV Infrastructure.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, 31 July 2018 (item 5); report by the Internal Auditor, submitted.)