

# Culture and Communities Committee

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## Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments six monthly progress update

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### Executive Summary

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The Council Business Plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) was approved by the Council in August 2017. The plan has been built around 52 commitments the Council Administration have pledged to deliver over the next five years. This report sets out the progress against the six coalition commitments where Culture and Communities has responsibility.

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that Culture and Communities Committee:
  - 1.1.1 note the progress against the six coalition commitments;
  - 1.1.2 note that the coalition commitments form part of the wider Council Performance Framework, which includes corporate performance indicators covering corporate performance and council service delivery;

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 The Council Business Plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) was approved at City of Edinburgh Council in August 2017. The plan sets out the administration's priorities and what will be achieved over the five-year period.
- 2.2 Given the importance of holding ourselves to account on delivery of commitments, a Performance Framework has been developed to support their implementation. The framework was approved by City of Edinburgh Council on 23 November 2017 and referred to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for further scrutiny.
- 2.3 As described in the Performance Framework report, Executive Committees will scrutinise performance relevant to their remit on a six-monthly basis.
- 2.3 A refined set of all commitment measures and actions was presented to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 27 February 2018. These were agreed, on the understanding that a final set of indicators would be submitted to the relevant Executive Committees for scrutiny and approval.
- 2.4 Culture and Communities considered the final set of commitments actions and measures on 19 June 2018.

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 Since the Business Plan was agreed in August 2017, work has begun to ensure that plans are in place to deliver on the commitments, a number of which are longer term and are planned to be delivered over the course of the administration.
- 3.2 The first six monthly progress update will be presented to the relevant Executive Committees in December 2018 and January 2019.
- 3.3 Culture and Communities Committee has responsibility for six commitments:
- C42. Build a new sports centre at Meadowbank by 2021.
  - C44. Increase allotment provision and support and expand the network and the number of community gardens and food growing initiatives.
  - C45. Establish a Child Poverty Action Unit to address the inequalities faced by children in poverty in our city. Its remit will look at food security and nutrition, tackle food poverty and holiday hunger and enhance nutrition in schools. Ensure that a Poverty Assessment section features in all Council reports.
  - C46. Continue to support the city's major festivals which generate jobs and boost local businesses and increase the funding for local festivals and events. Support the creation of further work spaces for artists and craftspeople.
  - C51. Improve community safety by protecting local policing and empowering communities to tackle long term safety issues and hate crime in all its forms including supporting restorative justice initiatives and other projects.
  - C52. Devolve local decisions to four Locality Committees. Establish the membership of each Committee and how devolved decision making will work to encourage the maximum participation for local groups. Explore the effectiveness of community councils and how they can be enhanced to represent their local communities.
- 3.4 Appendix 1 of this report provides a detailed update on the six monthly progress against delivery of these commitments. All of these commitments are 'on track' with relevant actions and measures in place to monitor progress.

#### **4. Measures of success**

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- 4.1 A suite of performance measures and actions has been developed to assess progress towards commitments. The monitoring of commitment progress forms part of the Council's performance framework.

#### **5. Financial impact**

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- 5.1 The financial impact is set out within the individual commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact is integrated within the commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **7. Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 Equalities impact is integrated within the commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **8. Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 Sustainability impact is integrated within the commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **9. Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 The commitments actions and measures have been developed and updated in collaboration with Elected Members, Senior and Service Managers.

## 10. Background reading/external references

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- 10.1 [Programme for the Capital: City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22](#)
- 10.2 [Implementing in Programme for the Capital – Council Performance Framework 2017-22](#)
- 10.3 [Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Council Performance Framework 2017-22 – referral from City of Edinburgh Council](#)
- 10.4 [Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments, Culture and Communities Committee 19 June 2018](#)

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## 11. Appendices

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1. Coalition Commitments progress update to January 2019



# *Coalition Commitments Progress Update January 2019*

The Council Business Plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) was approved by the Council in August 2017. The plan has been built around 52 commitments the Council Administration have pledged to deliver over the next five years. The commitments have been made to ensure that we continue to provide services to a high standard and quality, while still responding to the wider environment in which we operate.

The commitments are structured around six themes:

- **Delivering an economy for all** – local jobs, growth, and affordable housing
- **Building for a future Edinburgh** – a planning system that works to protect and develop our city
- **Delivering a sustainable future** – a better environment and transport system that works for all
- **Delivering for our children and families** – improving lives and futures
- **Delivering a healthier city for all ages** – strong and vibrant communities
- **Delivering a Council that works for all** – more empowered, transparent, and improved public services

The Council Performance Framework describes the reporting approach with commitment progress updates presented to Executive Committees every six months and to Council and Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee annually. This report provides Culture and Communities Committee members with a progress update to January 2019.

Six commitments out of 52 are within Culture and Communities Committee remit and these are 'on track'.

## Commitments – Culture and Communities Committee

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**Convener:**

**Councillor Donald Wilson**



**Vice-Convener:**

**Councillor Amy Mcneese-Mechan**

The Culture and Communities Committee is responsible for: Community Justice, Community Safety, Scrutiny of Health (except IJB), Culture development, festivals and events, Sport and Recreation, Arts and Museums, Community and Locality Planning, Community Empowerment, Neighbourhood Partnerships and Community Councils

Lead Committee for:

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## Commitment 42

*Build a new sports centre at Meadowbank by 2021.*

Commitment Status **On track**

### Summary

[Progress on the project to deliver a new Meadowbank stadium](#) was reported to the Culture and Communities Committee on 30 January 2018 and following public consultation, planning applications for the site were considered and approved at the Development Management Sub-Committee on 29 June 2018. An [update on the current position](#) of the funding package for the new stadium was presented to Finance and Resources Committee on 11 October 2018. Approval was also given to award the contract for the construction of the new stadium.

Key actions and measures	Achievements	Status
Key actions are monitored through the project to deliver a new Meadowbank sports centre and the wider regeneration of the area.	Graham's construction has been appointed as the main contractor for the new sports centre.	Ongoing
New sports centre built, subject to planning approval	Planning permission has been secured and the contractor appointed.	Ongoing



## Commitment 44

*Increase allotment provision and support and expand the network and the number of community gardens and food growing initiatives.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

Actions to increase allotment provision are identified in the [Allotment Strategy 2017-2027](#). A report detailing the current level of food growing provision supported by the Council and the policy and strategy in place to increase this provision was reported to [Culture and Communities on 11 September 2018](#). The report detailed the number of different food growing activities across the city, including allotment provision and community run garden projects, many of which are on council owned land.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Increase provision at current sites	Suitable plots have been split to increase provision, providing an additional 91 plots.	Ongoing
Review potential new sites and funding mechanisms for allotments	By 2020 a new site at Newcraighall and an extension to Leith Links funded through developer contributions will be operational and is expected to provide 26 plots. Discussions are on-going to adopt a site at Piershill Square with 12 plots.	Ongoing
	37 sites have been identified through consultation and have been scored against a priority matrix and are being considered for asset transfer.	

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Number of allotment plots	1,815 plots across 44 sites	Increasing long term trend	The number of plots has increased to 1,815 across the city.
Reductions in waiting lists	2,814 people on the waiting list	Decreasing long term trend	There is increasing demand across the city with the current list showing 2,814 people waiting. A record validation is to be complete by February 2019.

## Commitment 45

***Establish a Child Poverty Action Unit to address the inequalities faced by children in poverty in our city. Its remit will look at food security and nutrition, tackle food poverty and holiday hunger and enhance nutrition in schools. Ensure that a Poverty Assessment section features in all Council reports.***

Commitment Status      **On track**

### Summary

A report recommending the establishment of a Child Poverty Action Unit was agreed at the [Culture and Communities Committee on 11 September 2018](#). The unit will take the form of a cross Partnership working group, led by Communities and Families. The purpose of this unit will be to:

- Build on existing partnership and reporting arrangements and co-ordinate Council action to address Child Poverty in Edinburgh
- Identify a Council lead for the development and publication of annual Local Child Poverty Action Reports (beginning in June 2019)
- Identify a point of liaison with the new Edinburgh Poverty Commission on issues and actions relating to Child Poverty.

A number of projects and initiatives are already underway across the city with the aim of increasing awareness, reducing poverty related stigma, tackling the attainment gap and reducing school and holiday costs. These include the '1 in 5 Project', 'Discover!' and targeted income maximisation projects.

Future reporting on the progress of the Child Poverty Action Unit will be reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Creation of the Child Poverty Action Unit with a defined remit.	Agreement for the creation of the Unit was given at the Culture and Communities Committee on 11 September 2018.	Ongoing
Create the first annual Local Child Poverty Action Report.	The first report is due for publication in June 2019.	Ongoing

  

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
The first Local Child Poverty Action Report will set out information on the measures to take to contribute to the meeting of the national child poverty reduction targets.	Baseline to be established	June 2019	Within the City of Edinburgh, significant action is already in place to address Child Poverty and good partnership relationships already exist to support the meeting of the new reporting requirements.

## Commitment 46

*Continue to support the city's major festivals which generate jobs and boost local businesses and increase the funding for local festivals and events. Support the creation of further work spaces for artists and craftspeople.*

Commitment Status **On track**

### Summary

The recommended core programme of [Festivals and Events for 2018/19](#) was reported to the Culture and Communities Committee in March 2018. The report describes the approach to support events on three tiers, or levels, of international, national and city importance. It also details the £100,000 allocation to a Local Festival and Event Programme Budget.

The first details of the major new investment programme for the Edinburgh Festivals were announced in November 2018. The unique three-way partnership between the Scottish Government, the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Festivals, the PLACE [Platforms for Creative Excellence] programme will provide £15 million over the next five years for a range of creative and community projects which will renew the Festivals' ambition and purpose.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Support local festivals and events through a newly created £100,000 fund	Six festivals and events have been identified and funded £60,000. Localities have been invited to match £10,000 budget each for local events. All Localities have confirmed their commitment and are progressing their funding programmes.	Ongoing
Deliver the major Festivals Place Programme in partnership with the Scottish Government and the 11 major Festivals	The PLACE programme has been agreed and the funding package for the first three years of a five year programme commitment in principle have been achieved. Panel recommendations were made in August 2018. The funding application process has been delivered with Creative Scotland and festivals partners. The three year in principle awards have been made, confirmed and announced October 2018.	Ongoing

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Contribute to the delivery of the IMPACT Scotland cultural venue in St Andrew Square to support Edinburgh's festivals and communities	The Planning Application has been submitted. The response to socio-economical and cultural impact paper is complete. The Edinburgh and South East Scotland Joint Committee Meeting considered and approved the IMPACT business case on 17 December 2018.	Ongoing
Improve access to work spaces for artists and craftspeople	The Culture Service has funded development of a website to easily access affordable rehearsal spaces for the first time. The website was launched in July 2018 - <a href="https://epad.space/">https://epad.space/</a>	Ongoing

Key measures	Target	Achievements
Fund creation for local festivals and events.	£100,000 set for 2018/19 budget	£100,000 has been committed to the events programme in 2018/19.

## Commitment 51

*Improve community safety by protecting local policing and empowering communities to tackle long term safety issues and hate crime in all its forms including supporting restorative justice initiatives and other projects.*

Commitment Status **On track**

### Summary

Services have worked closely to bring together the key strands of both community justice and community. For example, the 12 Police Officers embedded within the new Family and Household Support service are more closely aligned to the work of the service, sharing elements of practice that focus on restorative approaches, mediation based techniques and assessment of need and risk that extend to both victims and perpetrators of crime and offending behaviour. Within Community Justice we continue to develop restorative justice practice and preventative community based problem-solving approaches in the work of local criminal justice social work teams, particularly with regard to hate crime. This will be incorporated into a Community Justice Early Intervention Strategy as part of the Community Justice Outcomes improvement plan for 2019.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Actions are contained within the Partnership Agreement between Police Scotland and Council.	The Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland was approved in June 2018 will be the subject of further review in 2019 reflecting the importance of a shared approach to delivering positive outcomes for communities.	Ongoing

  

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Percentage of criminal justice orders successfully completed	70.1%	65%	The target has been met every month for the last year, demonstrating that staff are engaging successfully with service users.
Levels of hate crime	Police will provide hate crime reoffending data for offenders subject to a Restorative Justice process.		A restorative justice approach to hate crime has an agreed start date of 1 February 2019. Evaluation measures for Restorative Justice will include victim and offenders satisfaction rates as well as reoffending rates.

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Percentage of people who feel safe in their neighbourhood after dark (EPS)	84%	Increasing trend	Edinburgh's Community Safety Partnership is co-ordinating an upgrade of public space CCTV to ensure it remains efficient and effective in deterring and preventing crime, reducing antisocial behaviour, and reducing the fear of crime. Additionally, the Partnership continues to support local city centre initiatives such as taxi marshals, to keep people safe when enjoying the night time economy.
Number of antisocial behaviour complaints per 10k population	41.39	Decreasing trend	New screening and direct allocation approach adopted within Family and Household Support for cases where non-referred mediation complaints can be used to intervene quickly as to avoid escalation and delay. Reducing the prevalence of repeat complaints and allowing early assessment of additional need and support to both victim and perpetrator.
Reoffending rates	25.6%	Scotland's average for 15/16 is 27%, aim to be below the national level	Edinburgh continues to provide high quality, innovative criminal justice services and continues to work towards reducing reoffending rates below the national average.

## Commitment 52

*Devolve local decisions to four Locality Committees. Establish the membership of each Committee and how devolved decision making will work to encourage the maximum participation for local groups. Explore the effectiveness of community councils and how they can be enhanced to represent their local communities.*

Commitment Status      **On track**

### Summary

Locality Committees have been established and are making decisions on the areas as agreed by Council. A full review of the committees first year in operation is due to Council on 7 Feb 2019.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Devolve decision making to encourage the maximum participation for local groups	Each committee has looked at the different circumstances in each locality to decide how they can best engage with local groups.	Ongoing

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Established and first meeting held	First meetings held in February 2018	By March 18	All 4 Locality Committees held their first meetings in February 2018. <a href="#">North West Locality Committee 9 February 2018</a> <a href="#">North East Locality Committee 19 February 2018</a> <a href="#">South West Locality Committee 19 February 2018</a> <a href="#">South East Locality Committee 21 February 2018</a>
Monitor frequency of Locality Committees	Monitoring in place	Meetings to take place every 8 weeks (5 per year)	All 4 Locality Committees have met as per the agreed frequency.