

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 29 January 2019

Present

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

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 13 November 2018 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of Items 2(2) and 3.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. 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.)

5. Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society – Presentation

Shona McCarthy and Oliver Davies presented on the work of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society in promoting the Fringe. Their five year plan for the future of the Fringe was provided.

Decision

To thank Shona McCarthy and Oliver Davies for their presentation.

6. The Craggs Centre – Presentation

Simon Turner presented on the work done to refit and refurbish the facilities of the Crag Centre. The members also heard about the move towards a community led approach for the centre which had proven to be a more cost effective approach to management.

Decision

To thank Simon Turner for his presentation.

7. Community Sports Facilities: Developing an Enabling Approach

The Empowerment (Scotland) Act of 2015 allowed for greater influence over community planning, local service provision and the use of land and buildings. This report covered some of the enabling approaches that had been developed over recent years, summarising the new asset transfer process that had been put in place and exploring some of the emerging considerations and issues.

Decision

- 1) To note the report as part of the pending new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy and the intention to commence work on a new Sports Facility Strategy within that.
- 2) To request a future report which would detail progress being made across the city.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Mark Brown declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Board Member of the Spartans Community Football Academy.

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

8. Sport for Change: A new grant scheme for Physical Activity and Sport

On 11 September 2018 the Committee agreed to bring back a report on establishing a new grants scheme for voluntary sports organisations to support new work in areas of deprivation.

This report set out the rationale for the introduction of a new grants scheme and covered the recommended financial limits and some key conditions.

Decision

- 1) To approve the continued work on the creation of a new grants scheme totalling £500,000 per annum in the first three or four year cycle.
- 2) To request a further report in two cycles on options for securing the funds required including the possible contributions from across Council Service areas and from partner organisations.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 11 September 2018 (item 9); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

9. Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 October – 31 December 2018

In June 2018 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing, and requested a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander from Police Scotland on a quarterly basis.

The Performance and Activity report for the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018 was presented by Police Scotland.

Motion

To note the detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland 1 covering the period 1 October – 31 December 2018.

- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Amendment

To add to the motion by Councillor Wilson:

- 2) To agree that Committee, nonetheless, regretted that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) were unable to accept the invitation to attend this Committee, following Council's decision in August 2018 that they be invited. The City of

Edinburgh contributed £2.6M to the budget of the Police, which was believed to be the largest source of public funds to Policing in Scotland after the Scottish Government. Committee was keen to discuss funding levels and local officer provision in the Edinburgh division, in comparison with other divisions across Scotland, and to ensure fair value was achieved.

- 3) To agree that officers would write to the SPA in these terms, pointing out that Council's continued funding of the Police at this level was currently in question.

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

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

Decision

- 1) To note the detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland covering the period 1 October – 31 December 2018.
- 2) To agree that Committee, nonetheless, regretted that the Scottish Police Authority (SPA) were unable to accept the invitation to attend this Committee, following Council's decision in August 2018 that they be invited. The City of Edinburgh contributed £2.6M to the budget of the Police, which was believed to be the largest source of public funds to Policing in Scotland after the Scottish Government. Committee was keen to discuss funding levels and local officer provision in the Edinburgh division, in comparison with other divisions across Scotland, and to ensure fair value was achieved.
- 3) To agree that officers would write to the SPA in these terms, pointing out that Council's continued funding of the Police at this level was currently in question.

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

10. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Code of Practice

The Code of Practice for the Council's CCTV scheme was presented, setting out the overarching principles, procedures, roles, and responsibilities governing all CCTV systems operated by the Council. The Council's CCTV scheme consisted of a network of cameras owned and/or administered by the Council.

Decision

- 1) To agree the Council's CCTV Code of Practice.
- 2) To refer the report and the accompanying Code of Practice to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for its approval on 26 February 2019.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 13 November 2018 (item 10); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

11. Museums and Galleries – Six Month Review of Extended Opening Hours

In October 2016 the Museums and Galleries Service implemented a change to opening hours to six of its museums and galleries in response to the Council's Transformation programme, moving from a six and seven day a week operation to five days a week throughout the year.

Following a review of opening hours the Culture and Communities Committee agreed on 20 March 2018 to extend opening hours to seven days a week, 10.00am – 5.00pm from 1 June 2018 for a one year pilot.

It was also agreed that a progress report would be brought to this Committee for review after six months of operation. This report detailed the impact of the extended hours to date.

Decision

- 1) To note the increase in visitor numbers and income following the introduction of extended opening hours.
- 2) To agree to the continuation of extended opening hours.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 20 March 2018 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

12. Festival and Events Core Programme 2019/20

An update was provided on the recommended core programme of festivals and events for 2019/20, including a new multi-cultural event delivery model.

The programme was aligned with the Council's Events Strategy which was reported and approved at the Culture and Sport Committee on 31 May 2016. The Strategy was designed to provide a positive mix of new and well established cultural and sporting events which would promote Edinburgh as a vibrant, contemporary, international city.

Decision

- 1) To approve in-principle the following proposed allocations from the Events budget:
 - i) £80,000 towards the European Climbing Championships (including £10,000 additional contingency if needed.)
 - ii) £15,000 towards the Women's Tour of Scotland.
 - iii) £5,000 towards the Scottish Diving Championships.
 - iv) £5,000 towards the Scottish Short Course Swimming Championships.
 - v) £10,000 towards the Edinburgh International Swimming Meet.
 - vi) £5,000 towards an open water swimming event in Portobello.
 - vii) £6,000 towards two netball home nation events.

- viii) £10,000 towards a new Fair Trade fiesta event.
 - ix) £30,000 towards the Scottish Album of the Year Awards 2019.
 - x) £5,000 per annum for three years from 2019/20 to 2021/22 towards the delivery of Edinburgh International Culture Summit events in 2020 and 2022.
- 2) To approve the third party cultural grants budget allocation of £33,600 towards a new multi-cultural event model, utilising funding previously allocated to Edinburgh Mela Ltd.
- 3) To note the continued in-principle commitment to the following events from the Events budget:
- i) £15,000 towards Armed Forces Day from the 2019/20 financial year.
 - ii) £10,000 towards the Edinburgh Award.
 - iii) £5,000 towards the Remembrance Day Service.

(Reference – Culture and Sport Committee, 31 May 2016 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

13. Code of Practice for Filming in Edinburgh

The Code of Practice set out the Council's policies and procedures for filming in Edinburgh. Film Edinburgh would use this document to promote Edinburgh as a "film friendly" city to filmmakers.

The Code of Practice was first approved in 1999 and updated versions were approved in 2008 and 2014. Following consultation with relevant stakeholders within the Council and receiving feedback from residents and businesses, the Code of Practice had again been updated.

Decision

- 1) To approve the revised Code of Practice for filming in Edinburgh: A-Z Guidelines.
- 2) To approve that the procedures and policies relating to use of drones could be reviewed after six months to ensure they were fit for purpose.
- 3) To refer the report to the Transport and Environment Committee for their joint approval given the relevance of some of the Code of Practice to their remit in regards to place management.

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

14. Graffiti Working Group Findings Report

The Committee was updated on the key findings of the Member/Officer working group on graffiti. Priority actions that should be pursued in order to improve the Council's approach to managing graffiti in the city were recommended.

Councillor Rose spoke to the Committee under special interest. He highlighted the impact of graffiti on the lives of local residents and businesses and requested that officers take into account three suggestions to tackle graffiti: the implementation of a tagging database, the use of community payback for the removal of graffiti and the use of authorised sites for murals. It was noted that the implementation of a tagging database and the use of authorised sites for murals were included in the report as proposals for officers to take forward.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the working group.
- 2) To approve the progression of the findings as part of a Graffiti Action Plan.
- 3) To agree that the Graffiti Action Plan would take account of the proposed use of community payback for the removal of graffiti, as raised by Councillor Rose.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee, 20 March 2018 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

15. Adelaide Cultural Co-operation Project

Details were provided of an invitation to participate in a Cultural Co-operation project with the city of Adelaide, Australia. The Director of Culture would attend a 13 day programme of meetings with key festivals, events and cultural operators within Adelaide to share best practice and develop cultural exchanges between Edinburgh and Adelaide.

The report asked the Committee to note acceptance of the invitation and to endorse the development of city to city cultural partnerships between Adelaide and Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To note acceptance of the invitation by the Director of Culture, under the delegated authority of the Executive Director of Place, to visit Adelaide in February 2019.
- 2) To endorse the partnership between the Councils of the City of Adelaide and City of Edinburgh to promote cultural co-operation as set out in the draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at Appendix 1, subject to further consideration of the Council's forthcoming international strategy.
- 3) To note that a further report on the outcomes of the visit and next steps would be prepared for a future meeting of this Committee.

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

16. Community Grants Third Sector Interface Funding

The City of Edinburgh Council's proposed 2019/20 contribution to funding of Edinburgh's Third Sector Interface (TSI) and Equalities and Rights Network was set

out, including work that would be undertaken to support partners to manage the impact of reductions and agree the outcomes that would be delivered within that context.

The report proposed the Council pursue a partnership approach to future investment in Edinburgh's TSI, and described further work that would be carried out to inform approaches to wider third sector support over the medium to longer-term.

Decision

- 1) To agree to the financial proposals.
- 2) To agree officers work with the third sector partners to manage any immediate impact of this and agree the outcomes to be delivered over the next 12-24 months.
- 3) To endorse the Council pursuing a shared approach to future investment in Third Sector Interface infrastructure with our statutory community planning partners as part of the Edinburgh Partnership review.
- 4) To note the intent to carry out further work to inform partnership approaches to third sector support beyond 2020/21.

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

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

On 24 August 2017, the Council approved the Council Business Plan, built around 52 commitments the Council Administration had pledged to deliver over the next five years.

The report set out the progress against the six coalition commitments where Culture and Communities had responsibility.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress against the six coalition commitments.
- 2) To note that the coalition commitments form part of the wider Council Performance Framework, which included corporate performance indicators covering corporate performance and council service delivery.

(Reference – Act of Council (No. 7), 24 August 2017; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

17. Motion by Councillor Munro – Custom House and Museum for Leith

The following non-member motion by Councillor Munro was submitted in terms of Standing Order 30.1 and ruled urgent by the Convener in terms of Standing Order 16.2:

“Committee calls for a report to committee providing an update on work done to date and planned work for the future on Custom House. This report should also include a progress report on work towards a Museum for Leith.”

- moved by Councillor Munro, seconded by Councillor Wilson

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Munro.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Osler declared a non-financial interest in this item as a former employee of Scottish Historic Buildings Trust.