

Item 4.1 – Minutes

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 14 November 2017

Present

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

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 12 September 2017 as a correct record.

2. Key Decisions Forward Plan

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

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for November 2017.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan November 2017, submitted.)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log for November 2017 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of actions 3 and 6.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log 14 November 2017, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin for November 2017 was presented.

Decision

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

Declaration of interests

Councillor Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in this item as Treasurer of Edinburgh Horror Festival and a financial interest as a performer at the event in 2017.

(Reference – Business Bulletin 14 November 2017, submitted.)

5. Domestic Abuse – Motion by Councillor Arthur

The following motion by Councillor Arthur was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29:

“Recognises the significant impact domestic abuse in all its forms has on families and individuals.

Recognises the significant role Council Officers, Police Scotland and third sector groups play in protecting individuals from domestic abuse.

Notes that Edinburgh’s Domestic Abuse Strategy and Improvement Plan has cross party support, and was developed following extensive consultation with staff, service providers and service users across the city, and taking account of national and international research and best practice.

Recognises that some abusers will continue to attempt to exert unwelcome power and influence over their victims even after the relationship has ended.

Congratulates Heather Nicol (a 15 year old Boroughmuir High School pupil) for her work in undertaking to raise awareness of domestic abuse and the legal means abusers use to hold power over their victims.

Acknowledges the support Ian Murray MP, Gordon MacDonald MSP and almost 500 other people have given to Heather Nicol’s campaign to have the Scottish Government consider a risk based approach taken to reducing parental rights if there is a proven background of abuse.

Instructs the Convener to write to the relevant Minister of the Scottish Government to supply any evidence from Edinburgh that could help inform the aspirations of the campaign.”

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Ian Campbell.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Arthur.

6. Leith Creative – Presentation

Morvern Cunningham and Duncan Bremner, Leith Late, provided an overview of the work of Leith Creative and the People and Places: Make Leith Better project, which was supported by the Scottish Government, Creative Scotland and the City of Edinburgh Council.

Decision

To thank Morvern Cunningham and Duncan Bremner for their presentation.

7. Creative Carbon Scotland – Presentation

Ben Twist, Director of Creative Carbon Scotland, gave a presentation on climate change and its impact on culture, and the work of Creative Carbon Scotland and their work with the cultural sector, including Creative Scotland, the Edinburgh Festivals and the Council's Culture Division.

Decision

To thank Ben Twist for his presentation.

8. Festival City Theatres Trust – Company Performance Report 2016-17

The annual performance report on the Festival City Theatres Trust was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the positive performance of the Festival City Theatres Trust during 2016/17.
- 2) To refer the report by the Executive Director of Place to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.

Declarations of interest

Councillors Wilson, McNeese-Mechan and Mitchell declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of the Edinburgh Festival Theatres Trust.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 23 August 2016 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Locality Improvement Plans

On 12 September 2017, the Committee agreed to continue consideration of the report on Locality Improvement Plans to this meeting.

An update was provided on subsequent amendments made and approval sought for the revised plans for each of the four localities.

Motion

To continue consideration of the report to an Additional Meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee to be held on 5 December 2017.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Wilson.

Amendment

- 1) To note that the LIPs are intended to be 'living' and evolving documents and that:
 - a) the changes made to the Locality Improvement Plans since September are minor and fail to address many of the issues which were identified at committee or at local neighbourhood partnerships.

- b) The plans continue to be deficient in their lack of specificity and their failure to address particular communities other than, in many cases, providing only a passing reference to those communities being within the boundary of the locality.
 - c) These issues make it more difficult to achieve active support from local communities and organisations in terms of the delivery of these plans.
- 2) Committee therefore agrees to a further report in one cycle specifying:
- a) When LIPs will be formally reviewed;
 - b) How they can be amended and improved before the formal review;
 - c) Expected outcomes for the issues identified as priorities in the LIPs; and
 - d) How progress towards achieving the agreed outcomes will be reported.

- moved by Councillor Osler

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the motion as adjusted.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 12 September 2017 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Locality Committees – Referral from the City of Edinburgh Council

The Council had referred a report by the Executive Director of Place on locality committees including details on the work of the four Working Groups, together with proposals for establishing Locality Committees to the Culture and Communities Committee for noting and discussion of the review and consultation process.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Act of Council No 6 of 26 October 2017; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

11. Festivals and Events Core Programme 2017/18

The Festivals and Events Core Programme for 2017/18 was presented, along with information on partner funding for the 70th Anniversary Festivals Celebration. The programme of events and festivals for 2017/18 was aligned with the Council's Events Strategy (as approved by the Culture and Sport Committee on 31 May 2016), which was agreed in consultation with the previous Festivals and Events Champion.

Decision

- 1) To note the remaining expenditure and update of the agreed 2017/18 events calendar.

- 2) To note the summary of the programme of events commissioned to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Edinburgh as the Festival city in 2017, alongside the funding from public sector partners for the 70th Anniversary celebrations.
- 3) To instruct the Executive Director of Place to provide a report on the 2018/19 events programme at the January 2018 meeting.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 31 May 2016 (item 8) and 14 December 2016 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

12. Third Party Cultural Grants Funding – Review Update

Details were provided of a proposed final work programme for a new cultural funding framework, along with recommendations to progress the third party cultural grants review to conclusion.

Decision

- 1) To approve the continuation for one year (2018/19) of the existing third party cultural grant funding arrangements.
- 2) To approve the continued development and delivery of the Council's third party cultural grants programme described in the report by the Executive Director of Place recommending the establishment of three levels of Council funding through a Strategic Partners Funding Programme (Level 1) and a new Open Fund (Level 2). Level three would be the small Project Grants introduced in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 3) To approve the establishment of a Reference Group made up of representatives of both funded and unfunded organisations to contribute to further testing and finalisation of the proposed funding framework and associated assessment and award processes.
- 4) To instruct the Executive Director of Place to provide a final update and report by mid-2018.
- 5) To approve the timeline of the introduction of the final new funding programme in the 2019/20 financial year, with new application, assessment and funding recommendation processes commencing in October 2018.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee 25 October 2016 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

13. Princes Street Gardens – 11th Century Runestone

Proposals to relocate an 11th century Swedish runestone from its current location in Princes Street Gardens to 50 George Square and to seek legal opinion for the purpose of determining legal title were submitted.

Decision

- 1) To approve the relocation of the 11th Century Swedish Runestone located in Princes Street Gardens to 50 George Square, University of Edinburgh in partnership with the Society of Antiquities of Scotland, the University of

Edinburgh, National Museums Scotland (NMS) and Historic Environment Scotland (HES).

- 2) To determine legal title of the Runestone and to agree transfer of ownership to the NMS if necessary and that it becomes part of the national collections.

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

14. Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2016-2019 – Update Report

An update was provided on the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for 2016-19, which had been approved by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on 15 November 2016. The strategy consisted of four core elements: Prevention; Intervention; Enforcement; and Communication and community engagement. The Strategy was being delivered through the new Family and Household Support Service, the Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland, the development of the Locality Improvement Plans, the input of Community Improvement Partnerships, and the oversight of the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Interim Head of Safer and Stronger Communities.
- 2) To request a further update on the progress of the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy in six months' time.

(References – Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 15 November 2016 (item 6); report by the Interim Head of Safer and Stronger Communities, submitted.)

15. Partnership Performance Framework Update

An update was provided on the new Partnership Performance Framework, part of the Partnership Agreement for 2017/18 between the Council and Police Scotland, which had been agreed by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on 18 April 2017.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Interim Head of Safer and Stronger Communities.
- 2) To receive the first performance report under the Partnership Agreement 2017/18 for April to July 2017.

(References – Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 18 April 2017 (item 6); report by the Interim Head of Safer and Stronger Communities, submitted.)

16. Council Companies – Edinburgh Leisure Annual Report 2016-17

The annual report on Edinburgh Leisure's performance for 2016/17 was presented, along with a presentation on the work of Edinburgh Leisure, the benefits of physical activity and Edinburgh Leisure's financial position.

Decision

- 1) To note the performance of Edinburgh Leisure during 2016/17.
- 2) To refer the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.

Declaration of interests

Councillors Wilson, Ian Campbell, Osler and Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Edinburgh Leisure.

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

17. East of Scotland U18 and U16 Boys and Girls Hockey Squads – Motion by Councillor Osler

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

“Congratulates the East of Scotland U18 and U16 boys and girls hockey squads on four fantastic performances in the Notts Sport Inter District Hockey, 3 wins and a second place.

Council further notes the increase in the numbers of East of Scotland-based hockey players securing places at the Scotland Hockey U16/18 assessment days and trials and welcomes that this is higher than it has been in a number of years

Council records its appreciation and thanks to the coaching squads and volunteers without whom this would not be possible.”

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Mitchell.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Osler.