

Education, Children and Families Committee

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Prince's Trust – Potential Accommodation Options

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Executive Summary

Prince's Trust is looking for suitable premises to establish an employment and enterprise hub for young people in the east of Scotland. This report is to seek approval, working with Property and Facilities Management officers, to investigate these options.

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Prince's Trust – Potential Accommodation Options

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Request that Property and Facilities Management evaluate estate-wide options for Prince's Trust.

2. Background

- 2.1 In 2015, the Prince's Trust Wolfson Centre opened in Glasgow, creating a one-stop-shop where those young people furthest from the job market can find a fresh start. So far, over 5,000 young people from across the west of Scotland have attended the centre to enquire about support, participate in a programme or meet with a partner organisation. The size of the venue allows Prince's Trust to provide all its services in one place. In addition, the hub is multi-agency, so other organisations working with similar client groups are able to offer their services from the same venue. Given the success of this work, Prince's Trust is looking to create a similar centre in Edinburgh.

3. Main report

- 3.1 Prince's Trust's ambition is to open a 10,000 – 15,000 square foot Centre within a 15-20 minute walk from Waverley Station and the bus station. Ideally, it would like to be able to access new premises by the end of 2017.
- 3.2 In 2015/16, the Prince's Trust supported 1,617 young people across the east of Scotland. This support included: personal development programmes; financial and practical support to find a job; support in school; and access to knowledge, funding and mentoring to start their own business. 80% of the young people who take part in Prince's Trust programmes go on to a positive destination.
- 3.3 Their vision is to create the largest employment and enterprise hub for young people in the east of Scotland, consolidating activity across the public, private and third sectors. The multi-agency dimension is central to the vision because of the potential benefits to young people of offering different services from one venue.
- 3.4 Prince's Trust estimates that the project will cost in the region of £2.5m to which the Scottish Government may provide a contribution. A dedicated committee will be appointed to raise the further funding required.
- 3.5 Communities and Families Service is keen to support this proposal. Such a facility will make a major contribution to supporting young people to find employment and move into positive destinations, a main priority for the Council. It will also allow the

co-location of important services working, or seeking to work, with a similar client group, thus potentially maximising their accessibility for, and impact on, young people.

- 3.6 Additionally, this would potentially involve the sale of a Council property. Appropriate properties would be assessed against Council and partner agency priorities.
- 3.7 This project would be undertaken jointly by officers from Communities and Families and Property and Facilities Management, and the Prince's Trust.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Positive destinations, particularly into employment, continue to improve and increase for young people in Edinburgh.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Any property sale would generate a capital receipt.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Risks will be assessed and managed appropriately through a risk register.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Improved positive destinations for young people.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The establishment of this hub would contribute to social justice and economic wellbeing.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation and engagement will be undertaken with all identified affected parties.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [The Prince's Trust](#)

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11. Links

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Council Priorities

CP1 Children and young people fulfil their potential
CP7 Access to work and learning

Single Outcome Agreement

SO1 Edinburgh’s economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all
SO3 Edinburgh’s children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential

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