



Item 5.1 - Business bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 3 November 2016

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Recent news	Background
<p>Warp-It</p> <p>Recognising the potential to deliver both significant environmental benefits and substantial cost savings, earlier this year the Council subscribed to the <i>Warp-It</i> web portal which facilitates the re-use of surplus office furniture, equipment and other resources across the public sector.</p> <p>While the majority of existing items, including ICT equipment, classroom and library equipment have been transferred to the new premises, in early August the portal was used on a pilot basis to publicise remaining items from the former Portobello High School initially to the wider school community. Close working between Commercial and Procurement Services and members of the Accommodation Planning Team saw many of these quickly claimed by other schools looking to replace worn or broken items. Re-use of items in this way reduces spend on new equipment, decreases the volume of waste sent to landfill (and associated landfill tax) and lessens the Council’s wider carbon footprint.</p>	<p>Contact: Tammy Gillies, Acting Commercial and Procurement Services Manager, tammy.gillies@edinburgh.gov.uk tel: 0131 529 4930</p>

Working with city-based charity *Chance for Africa*, 1,000 surplus chairs and 1,000 tables have been transported to Ghana where they will greatly improve pupils' learning experience. A further 1,300 items, including smart boards and projectors, have been claimed by schools across the city, with 280 more, mainly tables and chairs, distributed to local voluntary groups. Taken together, re-use of these existing items has saved the Council and other organisations over £325,000, as well as avoiding over 208 tonnes of CO₂ emissions associated with the manufacture and delivery of new items and diverting over 55 tonnes of waste from recycling and landfill.

Building on the success of the pilot, the portal will shortly be launched to users across the Council. It is also planned to use it to support the decommissioning of Boroughmuir High School in 2017, publicising surplus equipment to a wider range of partners across the city.

Forthcoming activities
