Transport and Environment Committee

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



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Recent news

Community Policing Service Level Agreement (SLA); Performance Update

The Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on 4 December 2015 considered an update on the joint working activities and detailed performance carried out under the service level agreement with Police Scotland from August to September 2015.

The Committee agreed to note the content of the report and agreed that future reports would include information on absence levels broken down into annual leave, court appearances and sickness.

The report was referred to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee and the Community Safety Sub-Groups of the Neighbourhood Partnerships for information.

Background

For further information:

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Forthcoming Activities:

None

Recent news

Street Scene Update

In October 2014 Council approved a new city-wide policy to minimise trade waste stored or presented for collection on public space by introducing a timed window collection approach. Phase 1 of the roll-out of the policy, the Street Scene Project, commenced in the City Centre in April 2015 and was successfully completed on time at the end of September 2015.

Phase 2 (wards out with the city centre) started in October 2015 and to date (11 January 2016) the new trade waste policy has been implemented in Wards 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15. Work starts this week in Ward 10. The project is running on time and due to be completed by June 2016. A reduction of 80% of trade waste bins permanently stored on public land is expected.

As well as making Edinburgh a cleaner, greener and safer city, in line with the Councils five-year strategic plan, the Street Scene project also serves to focus business owners attention on the waste they produce and how they dispose of it. This has helped to contribute to an increase in recycling of commercial waste across the city centre as reported by the 17 waste carriers operating in Edinburgh.

Background

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Forthcoming Activities:

None

Recent news

Conference / Civic Feedback

Councillor Steve Burgess attended the 'Beyond Paris – Climate Change, Systems Change and the Public Sector' Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2015 on 3 November 2015.

Purpose of attending: This year's Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 'Beyond Paris: Climate Change, Systems Change and the Public Sector' was concerned with local, national and international context of current challenges around action on climate change.

It provided an opportunity to learn about the challenges ahead and the implications for Scottish public sector leadership, policy, partnership and performance. Including; how Scotland can move beyond the low-hanging fruit and achieve meaningful progress on climate action; how public sector organisations can operate in a carbon constrained world, and how they will need to adapt to an increasingly chaotic and dangerous level of climate change; what opportunities and challenges arise from these scenarios and how public sector bodies can respond effectively.

Key areas which you found particularly useful: The conference was opened with an address on behalf of Dr Aileen McLeod, Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform delivered by Director of Energy and Climate Change at the Scottish Government, Mary McAllan, which outlined the Scottish Government's approach to tackling Climate Change.

Kevin Anderson, Professor of Energy and Climate Change in the School of Mechanical, Aeronautical and Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester and Deputy Director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research, delivered the morning keynote presentation with a 'wake up call'. He stressed the importance of reducing fossil fuel energy demand in order to keep the global temperature within 2degrees and avoid devastating impacts of climate change.

The morning session also featured input from the Chief Executive of SEPA, Terry A'Hearn.

A key message was there is a critical role for Cities and City-Regions in terms of innovation and action. Glasgow and Aberdeen City Councils, along with their respective city regions, in particular, have innovated at strategic and project level to maximise their impact on climate change and sustainability. The is a similar opportunity for City of Edinburgh.

Benefits of attendance for the Council, including relevance to key Council priorities and Pledges: Councillors and officers can view a 'wake up call' from Professor Kevin Anderson of Energy and Climate Change at the School of Mechanical, Aerospace and Civil Engineering at the University of Manchester. He is Deputy Director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research and is research active with recent

Background

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Anderson stressed the importance of reducing energy demand (which City of Edinburgh Council can play a part through support for energy efficiency and a low-carbon economy).

There was another interesting <u>presentation from Paul Tebo</u>, formally of Du Pont who is currently working with the Scottish Environment Protection Agency to engage with businesses to help turn environmental management from a cost centre into a profit driver; creating more sustainable business models.

The other conference presentations are here can be accessed here - LINK.

Coalition pledges: P50 Meet greenhouse gas targets, including the national target of 42% by 2020.

Council outcomes CO18 Green- we reduce the local environmental impact of our consumption and production.

Forthcoming Activities:

None