

Motions and Amendments

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

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Addendum by the SNP Group

Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Committee

4 August 2022

Item 7.1 – Update on the Housing Service Improvement Plan

Adds

1.1.4 Agrees to a further update on the complaints handling process in the next HSIP, including the progress with the new process and the resolution team.

1.1.5 Agrees that all future HSIP reports will include snap shot data at quarterly intervals of the number of complaints received, the number outstanding, the average time taken to resolve a complaint and whether the point of resolution was stage one or two.

1.1.6 Further agrees that all future HSIPs will include more data about performance on repairs, noting the recently reported significant increase in repairs related complaints, with a focus on enabling performance scrutiny, not just on setting the strategy, and enabling committee to track over time the performance level and whether there is improvement in the service. This should include service spend, vacancies within the service, number of responsive repairs undertaken, timeframes for empty homes to be brought up to a lettable standard, and should take a similar approach in presentation to the dashboard on homelessness statistics.

Moved by **Councillor Kate Campbell**

Seconded by **Councillor**

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Housing Homelessness & Fair Work Committee

4 August 2022

Item 7.1 – Update on the Housing Service Improvement Plan

Committee

Adds recommendation 1.1.4

Agrees to a one-off staff training review as we enter the Cost-of-Living Crisis to ensure all Housing officers and relevant frontline support officers in Corporate Services are enabled to effectively refer and signpost every tenant possible to the appropriate financial assistance, including UK Housing Benefit, Universal Credit and the new benefits provided through Social Security Scotland. This will include working with, signposting to, and sharing best practice with various impartial advice charities including Citizens Advice Scotland, the Granton Information Centre and Edinburgh Tenant's Federation. Progress will be reported on in future HSIP reports.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Seconded by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.2 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Committee:

Notes the tight timeframes required to put the application into the UK Government and therefore recognises there are limitations and constraints on this process. However, committee also recognises that there is extremely limited information in the report about the bids we are being asked to approve.

Further notes that there is no requirement to name specific organisations, or the funding allocated to them, in the application process to the UK government which only requires that we outline the alignment to the outcomes which we aim to achieve.

Committee therefore agrees to delete the recommendations and replace as follows:

- 1.1.1 Notes the partnership engagement activities undertaken in development of recommended SPF project proposals, but recognises time constraints and the number of panel members who were also applicants to the scheme, so agrees that a process to diversify the panel for future funding years would be desirable;
- 1.1.2 Agrees the recommended portfolio of projects to be funded as part of the City of Edinburgh SPF Investment Plan for year one only;
- 1.1.3 Agrees that the outcomes we aim to achieve are submitted to UK Government in advance of the 12 August deadline;
- 1.1.4 Agrees that officers will continue to work with projects starting in year one to establish detailed funding plans and project deliverables within the financial constraints of the SPF allocation;
- 1.1.5 Agrees that a governance review of the panel will be undertaken to consider projects for years two and three, and that this will include the

addition of service users, alongside ensuring representation from minority groups including BAME, care experienced and disabled people on the panel as well as considering whether elected member representation is appropriate;

- 1.1.6 Further agrees to a process to reach out to small, community and grassroots organisations based in Edinburgh to offer support, advice and training on bid writing and funding applications, using SPF funding to enable this.
- 1.1.7 Agrees to review the list of stakeholders which information is regularly sent out to, including a call to elected members to send details of organisations which they think should be included.
- 1.1.8 Agrees to receive a report in early 2023 on the progress with the actions agreed on outreach and panel diversification, including an update on the projects funded this year with outcomes and objectives agreed with the organisations, and detailed information about the percentage of services and projects which will be delivered in each SIMD area, alongside details of the geographical locations of projects and services.
- 1.1.9 Agrees that any project on the rejected list is able to reapply as part of this process.
- 1.1.10 Agrees that this report will also bring back recommendations for future years of funding, with specific funding allocations attached to projects,

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.3 – Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan – Annual Update

Addendum to report

Committee recognises the high pressure on housing services in the city and commends the progress being made in tackling homelessness and rough sleeping.

Committee also recognises that the Council has a responsibility to meet the housing needs of disabled people in the city.

Committee notes detail in the report about pressures on providing accessible homes (Appendix 1; 4.23) and about how most social lets not made to homeless households are offered to applicants assessed for a gold priority due to mobility needs (Appendix 1; 4.19).

Committee therefore also notes with concern the reference to the Integrated Impact Assessment (7.3) in the report which identified the possible negative impacts on other vulnerable groups owing to the strategy of letting more numbers of social lets to homeless households as described in the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.

Therefore, committee requests a briefing after the publication of the Accessible Housing Study (Appendix 1, 4.23) to understand more about:

- i) the detail of the IIA referenced in the report
- ii) the relationship between – and overlap with – housing demand amongst homeless households and disabled households in the city
- iii) the findings and recommendations of the Accessible Housing Study

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.4 – Place Based Investment Fund Allocations

Deletes the recommendations from 1.1.2 and replaces with:

1.1.2 Note that the call for projects for the long list was in November 2021, and that half the council is made up of new councillors who have not had the opportunity to input.

1.1.3 Agrees a new call for projects be issued to all councillors and engagement undertaken on a locality basis.

1.1.4 Note the recommendations for allocations in 2023/24; and 2024/25, as set out below, are provisional and may be subject to change depending on a range of factors.

1.1.5 Agree that future updates on the funding will be reported to Committee annually for approval, including detail on the proposed allocation of the funding for financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26

1.1.7 Agree the allocations as amended in place of appendix 4, for year 2022/23:

Project	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total
1. The Causey	£400,000	£300,000	£0	£700,000
2. Granton Gasholder	£483,641	£231,572	£543,500	£1,449,750
3. Macmillan Hub	£325,000	£175,000	£0	£500,000
4. Portobello Potteries 1906 Kiln restoration	£172,750	£0	£0	£172,750
5. Powderhall civic square	£0	£0	£171,946	£171,946

6. Queensferry Town Centre – public realm and placemaking project	£200,000	£425,000	£425,000	£1,050,000
7. Wester Hailes Regeneration	£50,000	£0	£72,554	£122,554
8. Coalie Park Improvements	£109,609	£81,428		
Total	£1,741,000	£1,213,000	£1,213,000	£4,167,000
Forecast available budget	£1,741,000	£1,213,000	£1,213,000	£4,167,00

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor

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