

# Minutes

## Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday 16 June 2022

### Present

Councillor Watt (Convener), Councillor Biagi, Councillor Bruce, Councillor Doggart, Councillor Griffiths, Councillor Hyslop, Councillor Mumford, Councillor Nicolson, Councillor Neil Ross, Councillor Staniforth and Councillor Younie.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Finance and Resources Committee of 3 March 2022 as a correct record.

### 2. Work Programme

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The Finance and Resources Committee Work Programme for June 2022 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme of 16 June 2022, submitted.)

### 3. Rolling Actions Log

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Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Finance and Resources Committee.

#### Decision

- 1) To note the Service Director - Sustainable Development would provide an update and expected timescale for the work to commence as noted in Item 3 ([Work Programme](#)).
- 2) To note that expected completion dates would be added to Items 2 (Workforce Dashboard) and 4 (Granton Waterfront Phase 1 – Pre- Development Services).
- 3) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log of 16 June 2022, submitted.)

#### 4. Business Bulletin

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The Finance and Resources Committee Business Bulletin for June 2022 was presented.

##### Decision

- 1) To note the Service Director - Finance & Procurement would provide an update on the timescale for the work being done under the G Boyd Anderson Trust.
- 2) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin of 16 June 2022, submitted.)

#### 5. Revenue Budget 2022/27 Framework: progress update

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The report provided updates on the overall budget position for 2022/23, including the provisional outturn for 2021/22, and set out the main implications for the Council's medium-term financial planning framework of the publication of the Scottish Government's Resource Spending Review on 31 May.

##### Decision

- 1) To note the report, in particular, the urgent need to identify savings options to address significant projected funding gaps from 2023/24.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny as part of its work programme.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

#### 6. Demolition of the Former Castlebrae High School, Craigmillar

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The report sought approval from the Committee to note the decision taken to award the contract for demolition of the building, under a waiver of CSOs to Dem Master Demolition, at a value of up to £750,000, via the urgency procedure under 4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

##### Decision

To note the contract awarded to Dem Master Demolition, via a waiver of Contract Standing Orders, for the demolition of the former Castlebrae High School, undertaken as an urgent decision in accordance with section 4.1 of the Council's Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions by the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Chief Executive.

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

## 7. Roads and Transport Infrastructure Construction Framework – Award under Delegated Authority

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The report sought approval to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to award a multi-lot framework agreement to the most economically advantageous organisations to deliver a programme of capital works to support the Council in delivering its roads and infrastructure construction, maintenance and repair programmes.

### Decision

- 1) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to award the framework to the most economically advantageous organisations identified following a competitive tendering process.
- 2) To note that the framework value was estimated to be between £80 - £102m over four years.
- 3) To note the contract values were reflective of historical spend on these services over the previous four financial years, and that the scope of works may fluctuate subject to budget allocation and funding approvals.
- 4) To note that these awards would be reported to Finance and Resources Committee under the half yearly procurement report for Awards of Contract.

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

## 8. Homelessness Services – Use of Temporary Accommodation

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The report sought approval, through a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders, to extend 39 current contracts for the provision of temporary accommodation for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023, totalling £14,374,427 on a spot purchase arrangement. 2 contracts were no longer required (the affected contracts were noted in Appendix 1 to the report).

### Decision

- 1) To approve, through a waiver of the Council's Contract Standing Orders , extending 39 contracts for the provision of temporary accommodation. This arrangement covered the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023, up to a cost of £14,374,427 using a spot purchase arrangement as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2) To note that the values requested per provider were indicative only and were dependent on accommodation requirements, therefore Committee was asked to grant delegated authority to the Executive Director of Place to adjust (within the agreed budget) the values between the named providers as necessary

depending on need, type and appropriateness of properties available from those providers.

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

## 9. Award of Contracts for Winter Festivals

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The report sought approval to award two contracts, to commence on 11 July 2022 for a period of three years with two optional 12 month extensions for the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas to Angels Event Experience Limited at a total estimated rental income value to the Council of £5,473,500 and to Edinburgh's Hogmanay to Unique Events Limited at a total value of £4,062,280.

### Motion

- 1) To approve the award of contracts for Winter Festivals which were provided through two Lots:
    - 1.1) Edinburgh's Christmas (Lot 1) to Angels Event Experience Limited at a total estimated rental income value to the Council of £5,473,500.
    - 1.2) Edinburgh's Hogmanay (Lot 2) to Unique Events Limited at a total value of £4,062,280.
  - 2) To approve the commencement of two contracts on 11 July 2022 for an initial period of three years with two optional 12 month extensions undertaken at the sole discretion of the City of Edinburgh Council.
- Moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

### Amendment

- 1) To approve the award of contracts for Winter Festivals which were provided through two Lots:
  - 1.1) Edinburgh's Christmas (Lot 1) to Angels Event Experience Limited at a total estimated rental income value to the Council of £5,473,500.
  - 1.2) Edinburgh's Hogmanay (Lot 2) to Unique Events Limited at a total value of £4,062,280.
- 2) To approve the commencement of two contracts on 11 July 2022 for an initial period of three years with two optional 12 month extensions undertaken at the sole discretion of the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3) To agree the Events Team would notify members of the Culture and Communities Committee when any approvals, as referred to in paragraph 5.4 of the report, were granted and provide regular briefings on ongoing delivery of the contracts to relevant spokespeople designated by each political group.

- Moved by Councillor Biagi, seconded by Councillor Nicolson

In accordance with Standing Order 22.12, the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Watt:

- 1) To approve the award of contracts for Winter Festivals which were provided through two Lots:
  - 1.1) Edinburgh's Christmas (Lot 1) to Angels Event Experience Limited at a total estimated rental income value to the Council of £5,473,500.
  - 1.2) Edinburgh's Hogmanay (Lot 2) to Unique Events Limited at a total value of £4,062,280.
- 2) To approve the commencement of two contracts on 11 July 2022 for an initial period of three years with two optional 12 month extensions undertaken at the sole discretion of the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3) To agree the Events Team would notify members of the Culture and Communities Committee when any approvals, as referred to in paragraph 5.4 of the report, were granted and provide regular briefings on ongoing delivery of the contracts to relevant spokespeople designated by each political group.

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

## **10. Health and Social Care Contract Extension Report**

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The report set out the current Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) commissioning activity and how this impacted contractual arrangements, including the requirement to waive the requirement of Contract Standing Orders to allow contracts to be extended at the expiry of the current contract duration.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the extension of the Health and Social Care contracts outlined in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
- 2) To approve the award of a contract to Care and Repair Edinburgh as a Direct Award for the care and repair provision for a period of 12 months.
- 3) To note the four block contracts for the provision of Interim Care care home beds.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

## 11. Award of Overnight Responder Service

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The report sought approval to award the Overnight Responder Service contract to Blackwood Homes and Care to commence in September 2022 for a period of three years with the option to extend at twelve month intervals up to a total of 36 months, undertaken at the sole discretion of the Council with a total estimated value of £5,170,745.

### Decision

- 1) To approve the contract for Overnight Responder Services to Blackwood Homes and Care.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the contract on 1 September 2022 for an initial period of 3 years with the option to extend for a further 3 years.
- 3) To note the estimated value of the contract was £5,170,745.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

## 12. Lease of Drumbrae Care Home, 24A Ardshiel Avenue, Edinburgh

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As part the conclusions of the bed-based review for the city, the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board approved that NHS Lothian should proceed to decommission existing services at Drumbrae Care Home and instead provide Hospital Based Complex Clinical Care services from the property. To facilitate this, approval was sought to lease the property to NHS Lothian on the terms and conditions detailed in the report.

### Decision

To approve the lease of 24A Ardshiel Avenue, previously Drumbrae Care Home, to NHS Lothian for the provision of Hospital Based Complex Clinical Care services on the terms and conditions detailed in the report.

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

## 13. Westfield House, Kirk Loan, Edinburgh – Proposed Short Term Lease

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Corstorphine Community Centre submitted a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) request for the former Council office building at Westfield House. The report sought approval to grant a monthly lease of Westfield House, on the terms and conditions outlined in the report, until the sale of the asset could be completed via the CAT process.

### Decision

To approve a monthly lease of Westfield House to Corstorphine Community Centre on the terms outlined in the report and on other terms and conditions agreed by the Executive Director of Place.

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

### **13. Embedding Gender Budget Analysis – Motion by Councillor Mumford**

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

“Committee:

1. Notes that gender budgeting is an internationally recognised tool to expose the gendered impact of public spending and ensures consideration of spending decisions through this lens;
2. Recognises that the First Minister’s National Advisory Council on Women and Girls recommended that local authorities integrate intersectional gender budget analysis into their budget setting procedures;
3. Recognises that the Council’s response to the Scottish Government’s consultation on the Scottish Specific elements of the Public Sector Equality Duty responded to this recommendation stating that “gender budget analysis would be a positive step forward and perfectly feasible at the present time”, while disagreeing with the need for a statutory duty;
4. Notes that the Scottish Women’s Budget Group’s project ‘Gender Budgeting from Theory to Action’ aims to support greater use of gender budgeting tools in local decision making in Scotland to reduce inequalities;
5. Therefore requests a report to this committee within 2 cycles into measures that the Council can take to introduce, embed or improve intersectional gender budgeting including but not limited to:
  - a. A strategy for resource allocation to achieve equality;
  - b. Greater intersectional data gathering;
  - c. An equalities budget statement alongside all submitted budget motions;
  - d. Strengthening IIAs for spending decisions and ensuring greater opportunities for scrutiny by elected members and the public;
  - e. Investing in gender competence of officers and elected members;
  - f. Mechanisms and structures to improve gender budgeting such as working groups, taskforces and champions;

6. And further requests that officers engage with the Scottish Women's Budget Group within the next cycle to explore the possibility of Edinburgh Council undertaking a pilot gender budget analysis project with them."

**Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

**Amendment**

To take no action on the motion.

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

**Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	5 votes
For the amendment	-	6 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Biagi, Hyslop, Mumford, Nicolson and Staniforth.

For the amendment: Councillors Bruce, Doggart, Griffiths, Neil Ross, Watt and Younie.)

**Decision**

To take no action on the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 31.1, the decision was referred to Council for approval.

**Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Mumford made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a previous voluntary member of the Scottish Women's Budget Group.