

Minutes

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 26 April 2022

Present:

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convenor), Booth, Brown, Doggart, Doran, Fullerton, Mitchell, Osler, Staniforth and Ethan Young.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 1 February 2021 as a correct record, subject to the textual change to the recommendation that an update on progress with arrangements for hosting the original Jawbone partners in the next Business Bulletin, to instead reflect that an update on progress with arrangements for hosting the original Jawbone would return to a subsequent Committee.

2. Work Programme

Decision

To note the work programme of the Culture and Communities Committee of 26 April 2022.

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

To agree to close the following actions:

- **Action 2** – King's Theatre Capital Redevelopment Update Report
- **Action 7 (2)** – City Centre Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Measures Update Report
- **Action 9** – Appointments to Working Groups
- **Action 11** - Cemetery Tour Guide Operator Registration Scheme

- **Action 13** - Festivals and Events Core Programme 2021/22
- **Action 14** - Edinburgh Million Tree City
- **Action 16** - Petitions for Consideration: Street Hockey and Skate Park
- **Action 17 (2)** - Parks and Greenspace Investment
- **Action 19** - Anti-Social Behaviour Motion Report
- **Action 20** - Rolling Actions Log
- **Action 21** – Rolling Actions Log
- **Action 24** - Fields in Trust Protected Public Parks and Green Space
- **Action 25 (1)** - Physical Activity and Sports Strategy – Planning Ahead
- **Action 26 (2)** - Public Realm CCTV Update
- **Action 28** - Update on the Cultural Strategy Diversity Programme
- **Action 29** – Business Bulletin
- **Action 30** - Fields in Trust Protected Public Parks and Green Spaces
- **Action 34** - Revenue Monitoring Update – 2021/22 Month Six Position

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log 26 April 2022, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities business bulletin was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to note the business bulletin.
- 2) To agree to explore more ways of circulating the Business Bulletin.
- 3) To agree to celebrate the activities undertaken by volunteers whose goodwill to volunteer supported civic life in the city and to thank the members and all those in the cultural sector who contributed to this.

- 4) To thank librarians and libraries staff for providing vital services during the pandemic.
- 5) To agree to clarify the timeline for the future business bulletin update for the Meadows Jawbone Arch Conservation Project and circulate this information to Elected Members.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin 1 February 2022, submitted.)

5. Presentation – Third Sector Interface

Bridie Ashrowan (EVOC), Claire Pattullo (Edinburgh Social Enterprises) and Paul Wilson (Volunteer Edinburgh) gave a presentation on the Third Sector Interface. The presentation focussed on:

Building Capacity of the Third Sector

- The Assets
- Responsive, Effective, Agile
- Resilience
- Infrastructure

Developing and Enterprising Third Sector

- Social Enterprises in Edinburgh
- People before profit
- Member led network
- Impact

Building the Wealth of Communities

- Governance Support
- Influence
- Agility
- ‘Thriving Local’

Principles for Growing the Wealth of Communities

- Plural ownership of the economy
- Making financial powers work for local places

- Fair employment and just labour markets
- Progressive procurement of goods and services
- Socially productive use of land and property

Examples Progressing:

- SG Community Mental Health: £1.2 million collaborative, innovative
- Schools: Working with local groups for family or young people work
- UB: Plan a PSP/PACT
- Local Communities: Grow resilient networks

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation
- 2) To note that an induction to showcase the Third Sector Interface to newly elected Councillors would be available.

6 Presentation – Creative Edinburgh

Ola Wojkiewicz (Creative Scotland) gave a presentation on Creative Edinburgh. The presentation focused on:

Creative Edinburgh:

- The biggest creative sector membership organisation in Scotland
- Key strands include 1. Creative Development, Research and learning, 2. Advocacy and Support and, 3. Networking and events programme

Creative Freelancers Research

- Research Partners

Research Context

- Covid-19
- Brexit
- Climate Emergency
- Economic Uncertainty

Research Objectives

- Explore and analyse the situation across the creative sector
- Understand the lived experience of creative freelancers
- Gather recommendations for change
- Inform shaping a sustainable, supportive culture across Edinburgh and Scotland

Methodology

- Survey Results Provided

Focus Groups

- Membership & Services Across the City
- Net Zero Economy
- Fair Work & Freelancing
- Freelancer's Wellbeing
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Internationalism
- Connections to wider creative communities and industry

Interim Findings

- Statistics on employment provided

Key Demographics

- Demographic Statistics provided

Early Analysis Recommendations

- The creative sector was critical to the city's current and future success, attracting a young and diverse talent pool who were willing to stay in the sector long term
- Creative Freelancers were in a vulnerable position and there was a need support from government and others to ensure that they're able to continue to support this thriving sector.

Next Steps

- Final Report – end of May 2022
- Project partners meeting and dissemination
- Presentation to the Scottish government, Creative Scotland, and other stakeholders
- To be included in Creative Edinburgh's Business Plan 2022-27
- To inform Creative Edinburgh's Membership development

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation.
- 2) To agree to bring the finalised report back to the Committee.
- 3) To agree to circulate the presentation to the Committee.

6. Core Events Programme 2022/23

The report by the Executive Director of Place provided an annual update on the core sporting events being supported throughout the city, and provided information on the new sporting events that were being supported. The report highlighted new events at the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena in Ratho, such as netball events and work that had been undertaken to support the music sector within the city.

Decision

- 1) To agree the programme of events for 2022/23 as detailed in the report and summarised in Appendix 1.
- 2) To note that there was underspend and that officers would be more proactive in seeking out events in the city which might require funding.

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

7. Custom House: Feasibility Study Report

Withdrawn from agenda at the request of the Executive Director of Place as there was need for further public consultation and further discussion with the Board of the Historic Consultation Trust, and would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

8. Makars' Court: Proposed Additional Inscriptions

This report provides background to the development of Makars' Court as a National Monument to Scottish writers and other key figures, as well as information on Mary MacPherson and George Bruce, the 2 Scottish Poets that had recently been nominated for inclusion in Makars' Court.

Decision

- 1) To agree to the addition of two proposed new inscriptions to Makars' Court.
- 2) To agree to consider further ways to highlight the work of the Makars and Scottish writers and allow members of the public easier access to this.
- 3) To note that all the languages of Scotland would be represented, including Gaelic and English.

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

9. Filming in Edinburgh 2021

An annual report on ongoing work of the City of Edinburgh Council's film office 'Film Edinburgh' including the economic impact of filming in Edinburgh for 2021 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the city's success in attracting and facilitating film and televisions production in Edinburgh in 2021.
- 2) To note the economic impact of filming in the city
- 3) To agree to clarify the training which would take place through Edinburgh College and to provide update to Councillor McNeese-Mechan.
- 4) To note that the breadth of filming activity in Edinburgh was a considerable achievement and to indicate that Film Edinburgh was a great resource in this City for this type of activity.

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

10. Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace 2022/23

The report highlights some of the recommended changes to be made to the management rules for public parks and greenspace, which are set to expire in February 2023. These include but are not limited to the advancement of technology in areas where it could be beneficial (Electric scooters, Hoverboards, Drones, Etc.), and to consider clarity to areas where required.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace expired in February 202.
- 2) To note the proposed amendments and suggested changes to the Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace;
- 3) To agree to commencing a process of public and Elected Member engagement to consider the suggested amendments and to seek additional suggestions.
- 4) To note that a final draft of the proposed Rules would be presented to Committee for approval prior to statutory advertising.
- 5) To agree that when developing management rules, to liaise with Legal Services to ensure clarity of regulations and that they complied with legislation and that signs reflecting the rules for individual parks.
- 6) To agree to clarify which department or service was responsible for handling enforcement and complaints in the follow up report which would be presented to Culture and Communities or a successor committee.
- 7) To agree to work with Active Travel regarding cycle infrastructure and to consider ways to deal with issues such as abandoned cycles.

- 8) To agree to ensure there would be public engagement and an update provided on the issue of barbeques.
- 9) To agree to give consideration to the use of bollards to deter illegal parking at Saughton Park and provide an update to committee.
- 10) To agree to provide an update to Members on CCTV and security in parks.
- 11) To agree to consider controls which would address noise and surface erosion associated with outdoor exercise classes.
- 12) To note that there should be proactive provision for communal activities, that enforcement was under resourced, and that there should be clear delineation of responsibilities for enforcement.
- 13) To agree to update Councillor Fullerton on the staffing at Saughton Park on 25.04.22.

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

11. Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 26 January 2022 – Referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee had referred the report to the Culture and Communities Committee for ongoing scrutiny of relevant overdue management actions. Of the 13 reported overdue actions, since the 26 January 2022, 3 of the actions remained open.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 8 March 2022 (item 5); referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

12. Review of Effectiveness of Scrutiny of the Culture and Communities Committee – Self-Evaluation and Lessons Learnt – report by Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services

A summary of a self-evaluation workshop undertaken by Culture and Communities Committee members on 1 March 2022 to assess the political management arrangements which were in place, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the outputs from self-evaluation workshop undertaken by the Culture and Communities Committee members on 1 March 2022 to assess current political

management arrangements, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term.

- 2) To note the outputs from the self-evaluation workshop would inform the design of political management arrangement proposals and support provided to elected members around the local government election 2022 and following Council term.

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

13. Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces – Response in Motion

A response to the motion by Councillor Neil Ross on the Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces from the Council meeting on 28 October 2021 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to continue to erect notices to indicate and signpost appropriate busking locations, and to ensure that the Environmental Team would be working with the police to identify busking hot spots.
- 3) To agree to revisit Section 79 of the Environmental Protection Act to identify what powers were available and how they could be enforced and to agree to provide a further report or briefing note to the Committee.
- 4) To agree to provide a web form for residents to report busking concerns.
- 5) To agree to adopt learnings for management of busking from other Scottish cities and to work with the Scottish Government to address gaps in legislation.
- 6) To agree to verify with Police Scotland the number of convictions for noise offences after 9.00 pm and to liaise with Councillor Duggart.

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

14. Update on the Culture Diversity Programme

The presentation highlights that Edinburgh is now in fact considered the most diverse city in Scotland, as it has both the highest number of residents born outside of the UK, and the highest number of non-British Residents.

There has also been an increase of representation of ethnically diverse workplaces within Edinburgh, as well as management teams.

Decision

To note the report.

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

15. Edinburgh Million Tree City Update

An update on the Edinburgh Million Tree City (EMTC) project and details progress with tree planting activities, procuring supplies, and establishing contacts with stakeholders and suppliers who wished to contribute to achieving the ambition to reach one million trees by 2030 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To include fruit trees and community orchards in planting and to review the Woodland Trust's offer of fruit trees.
- 3) To ensure that there would be maintenance and water care for newly planted trees and to include that as part of ongoing work, trying to ensure that residents helped with this.

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

16. City Centre Street Hockey and Skating Facility

Following a petition being submitted to Committee on 15 June 2021, Committee requested further information to determine the feasibility, need, coverage and location of skatepark and street hockey facilities. An update presented to Committee demonstrated the feasibility of a safe street hockey and skating facility on an open space site within Edinburgh's city centre. It also considered the suitability of potential peripheral sites. No suitable city centre sites were identified, however beyond the city centre, Burdiehouse Valley Park was considered the best option.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To improve facilities of existing parks, such as Burdiehouse Valley Park and to consider creating facilities in others.

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

Appendix One

Event	Allocation
New music-based street art festival	£10,000
Wide Days £15,000	£15,000
UK Beach Tour Volleyball	£20,000
Scottish Volleyball Finals	£10,000
Netball Superleague Events	£8,000
Armed Forces Day	£5,000
Edinburgh Award	£10,000
Remembrance Day	£8,000
Climbing Events	£5,000
Swimming Events at RCP	£20,000
TOTAL	£111,000
Budget Available	£115,000
Unallocated Budget	£4,000