

Notice of meeting and agenda

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 23rd June, 2022

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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1. Order of Business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

3. Deputations

- 3.1 If any.

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| 8.1 | None. | |
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9. Motions

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| 9.1 | <p>By Councillor Campbell – Housing Service Improvement plan – repairs update</p> <p>“Committee,</p> <p>Notes that the Housing Service Improvement Plan (HSIP) was due in June 2022.</p> <p>Recognises the ongoing issues in relation to the repairs service, and the continuous scrutiny which committee has applied over the last few years. Notes that particular areas where problems seem to reoccur are in relation to complaints handling and completion of works, where often there is no notification that a job has not been completed, resulting in repeated complaints.</p> <p>Recognises that significant improvements are underway but agrees that these need to continue to be monitored.</p> <p>Requests a detailed update, in the next HSIP, on the process around monitoring complaints, and completion of works, including the processes, procedures and responsibilities for ensuring that any complaint raised is monitored until the works are complete, including information on any sign off process.”</p> | |
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Nick Smith

Service Director, Legal and Assurance

Committee Members

Councillor Jane Meagher (Convener), Councillor Graeme Bruce, Councillor Jack Caldwell, Councillor Kate Campbell, Councillor Stuart Dobbin, Councillor Pauline Flannery, Councillor Simita Kumar, Councillor Ben Parker, Councillor Susan Rae, Councillor Mandy Watt and Councillor Iain Whyte

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Minutes

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday 24 March 2022

Present

Councillors Kate Campbell (Convener), Watt (Vice-Convener), Jim Campbell, Child (substituting for Councillor Day), Key, Lang, McLellan, Rae, Staniforth, Webber and Work.

1. Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Business Bulletin

The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Business Bulletin for January 2022 was presented, and a verbal update was provided on the Council's incident response in relation to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees.

The Council was looking to create a dedicated response team on this piece of work, initially for 3 months. A daily Edinburgh Oversight multi-agency group would meet, including sub-groups on housing integration, Welcome Hub, and the City and Civic Aid Response. An overview was also provided on these three key stages.

Decision

- 1) To note the verbal update on the Council's incident response in relation to the arrival of Ukrainian refugees.
- 2) To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

2. Deputations

Deputation by Unite CEC Branch

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Unite CEC Branch in relation to the 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme report.

The deputation indicated that they were happy to see consideration given to in-house provision of some of the capital works. Unison were keen to have discussions on what could be done for retrofitting and other work – they highlighted the importance of union involvement in these discussions as key stakeholders. The deputation were particularly keen to see areas such as gutter replacement, kitchens and bathrooms brought back in-house. Early engagement with unions on retrofitting would be greatly appreciated.

Decision

To note the deputation.

2. 2022/23 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme

Details were provided of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme of £126.819 million for 2022/23. Priority projects in the localities, as previously identified by ward Councillors, formed part of the HRA capital programme and would continue to be progressed in 2022/23.

Decision

- 1) To approve the planned HRA capital programme for investment in 2022/23 of £126.819 million, which included an accelerated budget of £5 million for the fabric upgrade programme, as agreed at Council budget meeting on 24 February 2022.
- 2) To note the significant change in investment approach from 2023/24 onwards, shifting from a focus on individual lifecycle component replacement to a holistic whole house approach, combining energy retrofit and wider building/estate improvements.
- 3) To agree to receive a progress report within three committee cycles on progress with the stock condition survey, mixed tenure area regeneration and the development of the whole house retrofit programme.
- 4) To note the key risks to programme delivery as set out in Appendix 4 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 3 June 2021 (Item 10); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 2 September 2021 (Item 8); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2022 (Item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2022 as a correct record.

4. Work Programme

The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Work Programme for March 2022 was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

5. Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Rolling Actions Log

The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Rolling Actions Log for March 2022 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 4 (1&2) – Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2022-27
 - Action 5 – Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme – Update on Projects
 - Action 6 – Motion by Councillor Howie - Enhancing Employment Opportunities for People with a Disability
 - Action 7 – Housing Service Improvement Plan – Update
 - Action 8 (1, 2 & 3) – Update on Dampness, Mould and Condensation in Council Homes and Asset Management Strategy
 - Action 9 – Employer Recruitment Incentives to Support Fair Work
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

8. Edinburgh Living Annual Update 2020 and 2021

In line with the agreed governance structure set out for the Council's housing delivery Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs), known as Edinburgh Living, an annual update providing an overview of each financial year was required to be submitted to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee. The report was submitted to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee for noting, prior to referral to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, setting out the activities carried out by Edinburgh Living in 2020 and 2021, the financial position at the end of both years and key areas of work for 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Living annual report for 2020 and 2021.
- 2) To note Edinburgh Living's positive impact on tackling housing need through the provision of new affordable homes across the city.
- 3) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee in line with Edinburgh Living's governance arrangements.

(Reference – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 16 February 2021 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Craigmillar Regeneration Update

An update was provided on the key regeneration workstreams being progressed in Craigmillar and priorities for the year ahead. It set the ongoing work required in the context of the recently agreed 20 Minute Neighbourhood Strategy, which focused on improving active travel links and investment in the town centre area. An update was

also provided on ongoing work in relation to future maintenance and community use of open space, as requested in a motion approved by Committee on 18 March 2021.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made with the regeneration of Craigmillar and the priority workstreams to be progressed in the coming months.
- 2) To note the update on ongoing work in relation to future maintenance and community use of open space.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 18 March 2021 (Item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Enhancing Employment Opportunities for People with a Disability

Details were provided of the employability support offered by the Council and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), in response to a motion from 16 December 2021.

Motion

- 1) To note the full range of employability services provided or funded by the Council that disabled people can access.
- 2) To note that the Local Employability Partnership had considered those with a disability when planning services for recommissioning to help mitigate changes to provision from Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) or other agencies.

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment

- 1) To note the full range of employability services provided or funded by the Council that disabled people can access.
- 2) To note that the Local Employability Partnership had considered those with a disability when planning services for recommissioning to help mitigate changes to provision from Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) or other agencies.
- 3) To note that the Scottish Government would pilot Adult Disability Payment (ADP) from 21 March 2022, a new form of financial assistance for disabled people in Scotland. Until now, this had been provided by the UK Government's Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Voting

For the motion	-	7 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Kate Campbell, Child, Key, Rae, Staniforth, Watt and Work.

For the amendment – Councillors Jim Campbell, Lang, McLellan and Webber.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Kate Campbell.

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

11. Employer Recruitment Incentives – Targeted Additional Funds for Young People Living in Poverty

In response to a request from Committee to investigate the possibility of creating a bursary to support young people who were most disadvantaged and living in poverty to take up Modern Apprenticeship (MA) opportunities, committee was presented with a recommendation to pilot an approach with an initial 10 enhanced funding awards.

Decision

- 1) To agree the proposed allocation of £100,000 from the Scottish Government's Young Person's Guarantee funding for a pilot of 10 enhanced funding awards, to fund an uplift in wages for young people who were most disadvantaged to take up Modern Apprenticeship (MA) opportunities.
- 2) To agree the proposed eligibility criteria for the enhanced funding, as set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To note that officers would report back to Committee in Spring 2023 on the profile of participants and interim outcomes delivered by the project.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 14 January 2021 (item 13); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 2 September 2021 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

12. Young Person's Guarantee Delivery 2022/23

Approval was sought for priority groups and activities to be funded for delivery of the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG), and for the allocation of funding for these activities. Delegated authority was requested to award small grants, up to a value of £75,000 each, to enable activities to begin as soon as possible in the new financial year.

Decision

- 1) To note the funding which had been allocated by the Scottish Government for delivery of the Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) in financial year 2022/23.
- 2) To approve the priority groups, activities and framework for future funding, as set out in paragraph 4.8 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, in addition to the eligibility criteria laid out by Scottish Government.
- 3) To approve the proposed activity as detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- 4) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with a spokesperson from each political party, to award small grants up to a value of £75,000 each, as set out in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14 of the report, and to approve continuation of funds for projects as set out in paragraph 4.5 of the report.
- 5) To agree that the small grants process set out in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14 should also include a requirement that the grants are prioritised to organisations based in, and delivering activities in, areas of SIMD 1 and 2. To further agree there should be a geographical spread across the city which meant that provision was accessible to people in all communities.

(Reference – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 2 September 2021 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

13. Prevention Duty Consultation

The findings of the Prevention Review Group were published and submitted to Scottish Government on 18 February 2021. These set out recommendations to identify legal duties on local authorities and other public bodies to prevent homelessness. Scottish Government were now consulting on the Prevention Duty, with responses due by 31 March 2022. The draft response was provided for Committee agreement prior to being submitted to Scottish Government.

Decision

- 1) To agree the draft consultation response for submission to the Scottish Government, subject to a change in the response to questions 27 and 28, which would instead indicate that further clarity was needed on proposals for 16- and 17-year-olds.
- 2) To note that the agreed response would be submitted to Scottish Government by the deadline of 31 March 2022.

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

13. Homelessness Services' Performance Dashboard

Committee agreed the measures to be contained in the performance dashboard on 3 June 2021. The dashboard was provided to Committee with performance information which was linked to the Council's Business Plan, the Poverty Commission Delivery Plan and the delivery of the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan activities. Committee were provided with data related to the first three quarters of 2021/22.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the performance dashboard to quarter three of 2021/22.
- 2) To note that the next Performance Dashboard would be presented to Committee in September 2022.

(Reference – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 2 September 2021 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

14. Gig Economy Task Force

The short-life Gig Economy Task Force was established to seek to understand the real experiences of, and to explore actions that could improve working conditions, rights, and quality of employment for workers in the gig economy in Edinburgh. Details were provided of the findings of that inquiry.

Decision

- 1) To note the final report of the short life Gig Economy Task Force.
- 2) To agree to consider a report by Autumn 2022 on progress on plans for delivery of task force priority recommendations 1 and 2.
- 3) To agree to the development of a forward work programme with proposed timelines and resources needed for implementation of task force recommendations 3 to 7 by Autumn 2022.
- 4) To agree that engagement with the Scottish Government should continue, alongside engagement with other stakeholders in the development of this work.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 4 November 2021 (Item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

15. Review of Effectiveness of Scrutiny of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee – Self-Evaluation and Lessons Learnt

A summary was provided of a self-evaluation workshop undertaken by Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee (HHFW) members on 7 February 2022 to assess current political management arrangements (PMAs), committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term.

Decision

- 1) To note the outputs from self-evaluation workshop undertaken by the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee members on 7 February 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 will be used to 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 – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, 18 January 2022 (item 5); report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

16. Place Directorate - Revenue Monitoring - 2021/22 Month Eight Position

Details were provided of the month eight revenue monitoring position for the 2021/22 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Place Directorate General Fund (GF) for services within the scope of this Committee.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) was forecasting a contribution of £11.448m to the Strategic Investment Fund from revenue generated in year as part of the capital investment programme funding strategy.
- 2) To note that the Place General Fund (GF) 'business as usual' revenue budget forecast was projecting a £0.190m overspend (excluding COVID-19 impact) at month eight. Services within the remit of the Committee were forecasting a balanced position.
- 3) To note that the Place GF COVID-19 impact was projected to cost £12.416m at month eight. Services within the remit of the Committee were forecasting a cost of £0.200m which could be met within the earmarked budget provision.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2022 (Item 15); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

17. Homelessness and Housing Support - Revenue Monitoring 2021/22 – Month Eight Position

Details were provided of the 2021/22 projected month eight revenue monitoring position for the Homelessness and Housing Support service, based on analysis of actual expenditure and income to the end of December 2021, and expenditure and income projections for the remainder of the financial year.

Decision

- 1) To note a net residual budget pressure of £1.967m for the Homelessness and Housing Support service at month eight, a reduction to the £2.8m pressure reported at month six.
- 2) To note the potential recurring aspects of this in-year pressure.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee of 2 February 2021 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

18. Place Services Internal Audit – Actions Update

An update was provided on progress on management actions arising from Internal Audits which specifically related to services within the remit of this Committee.

Decision

To note the progress made on the overdue Internal Audit management actions as they related to services within the remit of this Committee.

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

19. 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 attached report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee for ongoing scrutiny of relevant overdue management actions.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, 8 March 2022 (item 5); report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

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Work Programme

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

23 June 2022

No.	Title / description	Purpose/Reason	Directorate and Lead Officer	Progress updates	Expected date
1	Place and Homelessness – Financial Monitoring	Quarterly and annual report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Susan Hamilton 0131 469 3718 susan.hamilton@edinburgh.gov.uk		August 2022 November 2022 January 2023 March 2023
2	Homelessness Services' Performance Dashboard	Six-monthly report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Nicky Brown 0131 469 3620 nicky.brown@edinburgh.gov.uk		September 2022 March 2023
3	EDI Group	Annual Report and six-monthly update	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: David Cooper 0131 529 6233 david.cooper@edinburgh.gov.uk		November 2022

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4	Appointments to Working Groups	Annual report	Executive Director of Corporate Services Lead Officer: Jamie Macrae 0131 553 8242 jamie.macrae@edinburgh.gov.uk		August 2022
5	Capital City Partnership	Annual report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elin Williamson 0131 469 2801 elin.williamson@edinburgh.gov.uk		September 2022
6	City of Edinburgh Council Assurance Schedule on Housing Services	Annual report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		September 2022
7	Edinburgh Living Annual Report	Annual Report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		March 2023
8	EICC	Annual report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: David Cooper 0131 529 6233 david.cooper@edinburgh.gov.uk		November 2022
9	Empty Homes Annual Update	Annual Report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		November 2022

10	Homelessness – Statutory Returns	Annual Report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Nicky Brown 0131 469 3620 nicky.brown@edinburgh.gov.uk		September 2022
11	Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme	Annual report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		March 2023
12	Land Strategy to Support Delivery of Affordable Housing and Brownfield Regeneration	Annual Report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		November 2022
13	Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan	Annual report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Nicky Brown 0131 469 3620 nicky.brown@edinburgh.gov.uk		August 2022
14	Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP)	Annual Report	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		November 2022
15	Net Increase in Homes and Acquisition	Six-Monthly Business Bulletin	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 2277 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		August 2022 January 2023

16	Support for Rent Collection	Annual Business Bulletin	Executive Director of Place Lead Officer: Elaine Scott 0131 529 6789 elaine.scott@edinburgh.gov.uk		September 2022
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Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Upcoming Reports

Appendix 1

Report Title	Directorate	Lead Officer
August 2022		
Appointments to Working Groups	Corporate Services	Jamie Macrae/Sarah Stirling
Financial Monitoring Report	Place	Susan Hamilton
Housing Service Improvement Plan – six-month update	Place	Sarah Burns
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan	Place	Elin Williamson
No Recourse to Public Funds – B Agenda	Place	Jill Thomson
Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan	Place	Jill Thomson
Land Strategy Update and Private Sector Update - market engagement process	Place	David Cooper
Place Based Investment Programme – 2022/23 to 2025/26 allocations	Place	David Cooper

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Rolling Actions Log

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

23 June 2022

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
1	31.10.19	Edinburgh International Conference Centre Annual Update	1) To agree that a draft Service Level Agreement (SLA) be prepared and reported in two committee cycles.	Executive Director of Place	September 2022		It is a long standing requirement that all Arms-Length External Organisations of the Council should enter into a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the Council.

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
							However, given that there is a Shareholder Agreement in place and the company does not offer a direct service to the Council, it is proposed that Strategic Delivery Agreement (SDA) is put in place.

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
							A draft document has been prepared but some of the terms cannot be finalised until the details of other legal documents are also sufficiently developed. These dependencies are unfortunately not entirely within the control of either the Council or the EICC and require agreement from other parties. It is, however, hoped that this will be completed shortly, and the SDA will then be reported to Committee for consideration.

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
2	18.03.21	Community-Led Factoring	Agrees to receive a progress update on this work within 12 months, including possible solutions for any areas not currently covered by factoring arrangements.	Executive Director of Place	March 2023		An update was included in the Craigmillar Regeneration Update report in March 2022 .
3	03.09.21	Rent Collection and Assistance for Council Tenants	<p>1) Notes the positive inclusion of the additional step, pre court action, of referrals to the multi-disciplinary team. Recognises that 84% of tenants referred have had positive engagement with the team</p> <p>Therefore, asks that consideration is given to how this team can be effectively expanded, with an emphasis on early intervention, and report back through the RRTP.</p>	Executive Director of Place	September 2022		

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			2) To agree to Business Bulletin updates on locality drop in events, as referenced in 4.5.2 of the report. Updates would be circulated to all elected members for information.	Executive Director of Place	August 2022		
4	24.03.22	2022/23 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme	Agree to receive a progress report within three committee cycles on progress with the stock condition survey, mixed tenure area regeneration and the development of the whole house retrofit programme	Executive Director of Place	September 2022		
5	24.03.22	Gig Economy Task Force	1) Agree to consider a report by Autumn 2022 on progress on plans for delivery of task force priority recommendations 1 and 2	Executive Director of Place	November 2022		


No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			2) Agree to development of a forward work programme with proposed timelines and resources needed for implementation of task force recommendations 3 to 7 by Autumn 2022	Executive Director of Place	November 2022		

Business Bulletin

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 23 June 2022

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Convener:	Members:	Contact:
<p>Convener: Councillor Jane Meagher</p> 	<p>Councillor Graeme Bruce Councillor Jack Caldwell Councillor Kate Campbell Councillor Stuart Dobbin Councillor Pauline Flannery Councillor Simita Kumar Councillor Ben Parker Councillor Iain Whyte</p>	<p>Jamie Macrae Committee Officer Tel: 0131 553 8242</p>

Affordable Housing Supply - update

The Council manages grant funding for affordable housing on behalf of Scottish Government. The budget for 2021/22 was £52.418 million and, despite ongoing challenges with supply of materials and labour, the Council and Registered Social Landlords (RSL) spent the budget in full by the end of the financial year. Overall, 1,251 new affordable homes were approved for site start for social rent, mid-market rent and low-cost home ownership (51 more than estimated in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) [2022-27 report](#)). A total of 1,041 homes completed (estimate was 1,218 homes). Delays were due to market conditions; however, it is expected that the majority of these homes will complete in the early part of 2022/23.

The Scottish Government's new grant subsidy benchmarks were confirmed in October 2021, with all applications awarded in the last quarter of 2021/22 at the higher benchmark levels or above due to increases in development and construction costs. The new benchmark levels are between £71,500 and £94,800 for social rented homes. The average cost of developing a new affordable home in 2021/22 was £190,000.

Just over 60% of the grant funded approvals were for social rent; with 40% for mid-market rent. The Council is now able to access grant funding to support development of mid rent homes by Edinburgh Living (the Council's Limited Liability Partnership). 186 Edinburgh Living mid-market rent homes benefited from this change in grant funding arrangements.

Resource Planning Assumptions for the Affordable Housing Supply Programme are in place for the following three years. The 2022/23 Affordable Housing Supply Programme grant funding allocation is £45.182m rising to £45.960m in 2025/26.

A full briefing on the Affordable Housing will be arranged for Committee members in advance of the annual report on the SHIP (which is due to be presented to Committee later in the year).

Contact:

[Lisa Mallon](#), Enabling & Partnerships Operations Manager

Council Housing Acquisitions and Disposals

Around half of the Council's homes are in mixed tenure blocks where the Council shares responsibility with other owners for common repairs. Owner agreement is required to take forward essential repairs and maintenance to common areas with owners responsible for meeting their share of the costs. Since 2018, the Council has been seeking to consolidate ownership within blocks to improve the quality of mixed tenure housing blocks. Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee approved an Acquisitions and Disposals policy to enable officers to purchase homes that become available on the market to achieve majority or full ownership in a block.

Alongside this, approval is in place to dispose of flats where the Council is a minority owner in the block. The strategy aims to increase the overall supply of Council homes and reduce ongoing management and maintenance costs by consolidating Housing Revenue Account assets. Proceeds from the sale of homes are used to purchase additional homes. Scottish Government grant funding is also levered in to support the purchase of homes for social rent.

Since its implementation, 175 homes have been purchased and 107 homes have been sold. This has led to 51 blocks becoming fully Council owned, 82 blocks where the Council has divested its interest and 114 blocks where the Council has further consolidated its majority ownership. The strategy is being taken forward in partnership with Homelessness Services and Registered Social Landlords. The purchase of homes is helping to address demand for temporary accommodation and permanent housing with 22 homes that were identified for disposal to Link Housing Association to provide temporary accommodation.

Contact:

[Lisa Mallon](#), Enabling & Partnerships Operations Manager

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 23 June 2022

Parental Employability Support

Executive/routine Wards Council Commitments	Executive All 7, 31
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee:
 - 1.1.1 Note the update on the Parental Employability Support (PES) programme, which is funded by the Scottish Government for delivery of initiatives to support parents into and to progress in employment;
 - 1.1.2 Approve the recommendations for the core PES programme (as set out in Appendix 1);
 - 1.1.3 Approve the proposal to recruit a team of key workers to develop an employability service to further support parents and to ensure local implementation of the Scottish Government’s plans to implement the “Best Start, Bright Futures” delivery plan to alleviate child poverty;
 - 1.1.4 Approve the development and delivery of a childminder training programme;
 - 1.1.5 Approve the direct award of £268,000 of funding to Capital City Partnership (CCP), as part of their Service Level Agreement (SLA) with City of Edinburgh Council, to commission a Disabled PES programme of services; and
 - 1.1.6 Note the work currently being undertaken by consultants Ekosgen to review the Affordable Childcare for Working Parents Service.

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Parental Employability Support

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report considers the work already undertaken by City of Edinburgh Council and local employability partners to put in place services for parents and seeks approval to extend current services for parents looking to gain or progress in employment and to put in place additional services required as part of the Scottish Government's Best Start, Bright Futures, four year delivery plan from 2022-2026.

3. Background

Parental Employability Support

- 3.1 Late in 2019/20, Scottish Government awarded City of Edinburgh Council £677,000 of Parental Employability Support (PES) funding over three financial years 2019 - 2022.
- 3.2 This funding was provided under the Tackling Child Poverty strategy and was intended to complement the No One Left Behind (NOLB) strategy for the delivery of services to support parents into and to progress in employment.
- 3.3 The client groups who are eligible and benefitting from the PES fund are:
- 3.3.1 Lone Parents who are unemployed or experiencing in work poverty;
 - 3.3.2 Parents with a disability or families who are unemployed or experiencing in work poverty and have a disabled child;
 - 3.3.3 Parents who are unemployed or experiencing in work poverty and have three or more children;
 - 3.3.4 Parents from a minority ethnic background who are unemployed or experiencing in work poverty;
 - 3.3.5 Parents who are unemployed or experiencing in work poverty and have a youngest child under one; and
 - 3.3.6 Parents who are aged under 25 and are unemployed or experiencing in work poverty.
- 3.4 To ensure that delivery could begin quickly to meet the timescales set out by the Scottish Government, funding awards were approved, under delegated authority, by

the Executive Director of Place on 18 September 2020 and subsequently reported to the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on [5 November 2020](#). These awards were administered through a process managed by Capital City Partnership (CCP).

- 3.5 The programmes were all funded for 18 months, and delivery started either in November 2020 or January 2021.
- 3.6 The Council were subsequently awarded £132,390 and £194,000 as 'PES Boosts' in 2020/21 and 2021/22 respectively. And, in 2021/22, an additional award of £268,000 was made specifically to support parents with disabilities into employment.
- 3.7 Boost funds for 2020/21 were awarded to existing well-established providers of PES and through the delivery of Maximise! under the City Region Deal Intensive Family Support Project, as agreed by the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on [14 January 2021](#).
- 3.8 Due to the support already in place, and uptake being low, the Boost funds for 2021/22 and the funding specifically aimed at disabled parents were not utilised therefore permission to carry forward this forward to 2022/23 was sought and received.

Affordable Childcare Service

- 3.9 The Council currently funds an Affordable Childcare Service, which aims to help low-income parents gain or sustain employment. The Affordable Childcare Contracts were awarded at Finance and Resources Committee on [7 March 2019](#). The overall contract size is £876,000 and was agreed for an initial period of three years from April 2019 – March 2022 with the option to extend for a further two periods of 12 months each, at the discretion of the Council.
- 3.10 The four providers of the service are – North Edinburgh Childcare, Smile Childcare, Childcare Connections and Kidzcare and they each receive varying amounts of funding to deliver pre-school nursery and after school (0-12years) care.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Scottish Government has awarded the Council £467,000 in 2022/23 to continue the delivery of the PES services. This is in addition to the £268,000 which was carried forward to provide additional support for disabled parents and the £180,000 'Boost' which was also carried forward.
- 4.2 The Scottish Government also plan to significantly increase employment support services for parents this year. In addition to the PES funding, they have allocated a further £81m for local authorities in Scotland to support the Best Start, Bright Futures delivery plan. Officers are currently awaiting further details on the quantum and delivery requirements for this funding and will report back to Committee once this has been clarified.

Core PES Funding

- 4.3 The Scottish Government have indicated that they are committed to continuing PES funding until “at least 2025”, and officers understand that it is likely that a multi-annual award offer will be made to extend PES beyond 2023.
- 4.4 Committee is therefore asked to approve extending the PES grants which were awarded in September 2020 where services have been successful at engaging the target client group and have been able to support them to achieve the required outcomes.
- 4.5 In order to provide continuity and quality of service, it is requested that these grants be extended, at a cost of £196,250 per annum, until 31 March 2025, subject to Scottish Government funding being made available and satisfactory performance against annual targets.
- 4.6 Details of the proposed award extensions are outlined in Appendix 1.
- 4.7 It is proposed to use the remainder of the core PES Funding (£270,750) to recruit a citywide team of specialist employability key workers to strengthen and increase the capacity of the Joined Up for Families Network.
- 4.8 These roles would be to support parents across the city and to co-ordinate the network of services available so that services are prepared for the implementation of the Scottish Government Best Start, Bright Futures Delivery Plan before March 2023.
- 4.9 This team would follow the person-centred Activity Agreement model of employability delivery that has been successfully implemented for young people. This will ensure that parents who need the services most and may not be aware of what support is available are accessing the support required to be able to gain and progress in employment.
- 4.10 This model of delivery would also complement the specialist services provided through the grant awards (Appendix 1) and by other providers in the Joined Up for Families Network and ensures consistent delivery of services for all areas of the city in line with the 20 minute neighbourhood model. Key workers would operate geographically to monitor outcomes and target delivery as required and ensure that there are no gaps in provision for parents.

PES Boost

- 4.11 Anecdotal evidence indicates that one of the key barriers to employment for parents is access to (affordable) childcare. While one of the criteria for PES funding is that it cannot be used for childcare costs, it can be used for developing childcare provision, so it is recommended that the 2021/22 is spent on developing and implementing a programme for individuals, and especially parents, to set up as childminders.

PES Funding for Disabled Parents

- 4.12 To utilise the additional funding from the Scottish Government for disabled parents, it is recommended that specialist services are commissioned. A coproduction

process to identify the services required and the gaps identified by stakeholders has been initiated by the Council and CCP. With delivery required to be completed by 31 March 2023, it is recommended that the £268,000 funding for this programme be directly awarded to CCP, to commission the services. The programme would be monitored by Council officers along with other services and grants that are part of CCP's SLA with City of Edinburgh Council.

Affordable Childcare for Working Parents

- 4.13 With the introduction and planned expansion of the Scottish Government's 1,140 hours of funded childcare, plans for implementation of free wraparound care for priority school children, as well as the childcare element of tax credits and Universal Credit to help families pay for childcare, the Council needs to review our funding of these services to ensure that we are receiving best value and that the relevant families are benefitting from the current delivery offer. A consultant (Ekosgen) has been secured to carry out this review and should provide their report in late June 2022, with recommendations for the future direction of these services to be made to a future Committee.
- 4.14 The current contracts have been extended to the end of March 2023 to allow time to fully review the services currently being delivered.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If Committee approves the recommendations of this report:
- 5.1.1 Officers will work with CCP Contract Managers to set up grant funding agreements with the successful projects and ensure exit arrangements have been put in place with those projects where funding is not extended;
 - 5.1.2 Officers will also liaise with CCP to commission services to support disabled parents seeking employment, coordinating with existing and new training providers.
 - 5.1.3 Reporting on spend and targets will be conducted via CCP's regular quarterly report to Business Growth and Inclusion and the CCP Board. CCP will also report on spend and targets via the Council's Child Poverty Group; and
 - 5.1.4 Recruitment of the specialist employability key workers will be progressed.
- 5.2 Officers will link with Scottish Government and other local authorities to develop and implement the Best Start, Bright Futures Delivery Plan for Edinburgh. Scottish Government are expected to imminently provide further information on the allocation of funding available specifically for Edinburgh and the conditions of the grant offer that is expected.
- 5.3 A report with recommendations, following the review of the Affordable Childcare Service for Working Parents, will be presented a future Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There is no financial impact to the Council as all delivery costs for the proposals are contained within the grant awards from Scottish Government.
- 6.2 The funding awarded to external organisations and for the programme for disabled parents will be contract managed by CCP under the existing SLA and Council officer time to support this would be supplemented through current No-One Left Behind staffing and the grant award as above.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The impact on this client group will be positive as the projects will enable them to enhance their employability and develop new skills to help them to secure or progress in employment. There is also a link to income maximisation advice which will ensure that these families benefit in real financial terms.
- 7.2 Partnership working is at the heart of the development of this proposal, both between Council departments and other partners and has been designed to complement the current strategic skills pipeline. This includes undertaking Integrated Impact Assessments to ensure no-one is adversely affected by these proposals and programmes.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Council Commitments – Delivering an Economy for All](#)
- 8.2 [Scottish Government's Parental Employment Support Fund](#)
- 8.3 [Scottish Government - Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-26](#)
- 8.4 [Scottish Government's No-one Left Behind policy](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Recommendations for Parental Employability Support Fund Grant Awards 2022 – 2025.

APPENDIX 1

Recommendations for Parental Employability Support Fund Grant Awards 2022 – 2025

Applicant	Project Name	Annual Award	Suggested action/comments
Access to Industry	Access: Data	£40,000	Recommend extension until March 2025, dependent on Scottish Government funding and annual performance evaluation.
Access to Industry	Access: Progress	£72,250	Recommend extension until March 2025, dependent on Scottish Government funding and annual performance evaluation.
The Broomhouse Centre (SPACE)	WorkSpace	£42,000	Recommend extension until March 2025, dependent on Scottish Government funding and annual performance evaluation.
The Datakirk	BAMELYTICS	£42,000	Recommend extension until March 2025, dependent on Scottish Government funding and annual performance evaluation.
Enable Scotland	Progress for Parents	£0	Project has completed and services for parents with disabilities will be provided through the newly commissioned services.
Children 1st	Maximise! Every Chance	£0	Additional funding for Early Years focussed service has been secured via Communities and Families.
Enable Scotland	Progress for Disabled Parents	£0	Project has completed and services for parents with disabilities will be provided through the newly commissioned services.
Canongate Youth	Networks	£0	There was insufficient demand for this service and it has now ended. Officers will continue to work with Family Nurse Partnerships to ensure good referrals into employability support for young parents.
FUSE	Pass Programme	£0	Will be integrated into the Vocational Training Framework so no request for funds
		£196,250	

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Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 23 June 2022

UK Levelling Up Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- 1.1.1 Agree the two projects proposed as Council priorities for application to the UK Levelling Up Fund Round 2 (as detailed in Appendix 2);
 - 1.1.2 Note Edinburgh's conditional allocation from the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) (Appendix 3), and the requirement for submission of an Investment Plan by 1 August 2022 to secure access to those funds;
 - 1.1.3 Agree the proposed approach to development of an Edinburgh UK SPF Investment Plan;
 - 1.1.4 Note that a final draft Investment Plan will be prepared for approval by Committee in August 2022 in advance of submission to the UK Government; and
 - 1.1.5 Agree that if an extension to the deadline for submission of the Investment Plan for SPF is not agreed, delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Council Leader and Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work to submit the Investment Plan on behalf of the Council.

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UK Levelling Up Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the UK Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Round 2 application process, for which applications are due to be submitted by 6 July 2022 and seeks approval to submit bids for two projects (detailed in Appendix 2).
- 2.2 The report also outlines the arrangements for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and sets out a proposed approach to developing the required Investment Plan by August 2022.

3. Background

- 3.1 The UK LUF was announced by UK Government at the 2020 Spending Review as a £4.8bn package of funding to provide capital investment in local infrastructure projects over four years from 2021/22 to 2024/25. Funds are allocated through an annual competitive bidding process open to all UK Local Authorities.
- 3.2 The City of Edinburgh Council can apply for a maximum of six funded projects over the four-year life of the programme. In [June 2021](#) the Council approved a forward pipeline of six projects to be developed for application to the fund. In line with fund criteria, these include town centre regeneration, transport, and cultural infrastructure projects.
- 3.3 For the [second round of UK LUF](#) bids, the UK Government announced a change in criteria to invite the submission of large cultural infrastructure bids over and above the value limits set in the original fund prospectus. In response to this change, this paper outlines an additional project that has been developed by the Council for submission to the fund during the current bidding round.
- 3.4 In addition to the LUF, on 13 April 2022 the UK Government published a prospectus for the new [UK SPF](#). As part of the Levelling Up programme, and as a successor to European Union Structural Funds, the SPF plans to invest £2.6bn in projects across the UK between 2022 and 2025.
- 3.5 This paper sets out Edinburgh's conditional allocation from the SPF over this time period, and a proposed approach to development of an investment plan needed to access the funds.

4. Main report

UK Levelling Up Fund

- 4.1 The prospectus for Round 2 of the LUF bidding process was launched in March 2022, with bid applications to be submitted to UK Government by 6 July 2022.
- 4.2 In preparation for this annual bidding process, as outlined in paragraph 3.2, the Council agreed a forward portfolio of six capital infrastructure projects for submission through the four-year time period of the UK LUF.
- 4.3 Appendix 1 provides an overview of these projects and provides a status update for each, which can be summarised as follows:
 - 4.3.1 Applications for funding for three of the six projects were submitted during Round 1 of the LUF in July 2021;
 - 4.3.2 One of these projects – Granton Gas Holder – was successful in securing £16m of capital investment from LUF;
 - 4.3.3 Two projects – Pennywell/North Edinburgh Arts, and City-wide Active Travel – were unsuccessful. Outstanding elements of these bids have been further developed for inclusion in other projects (where possible);
 - 4.3.4 Two projects – Wester Hailes and Craigmillar Regeneration – are still under development with potential bids planned for application to LUF in the 2023/24 bidding round; and
 - 4.3.5 One project – Inch Park Regeneration – has been developed and is ready for application to this bidding round for submission in July 2022. An overview of this bid is provided in Appendix 2.

LUF - Culture and Heritage Investment

- 4.4 In response to the change in criteria (as outlined in paragraph 3.3), a further proposed project has been developed for submission in Round 2.
- 4.5 The change invited local authorities to consider large bids of up to £50m under the Fund's culture and heritage investment theme. Only two bids across the UK will be successful under this theme in this funding round and the criteria notes that bids should be for flagship projects and be in line with the Fund's focus on highly visible interventions that boost local pride in place.
- 4.6 Development of this proposal has been guided by the fund prospectus and its requirements for a large cultural project which:
 - 4.6.1 Maintains, regenerates, or creatively repurposes existing cultural, creative, heritage and other assets that support the visitor economy;
 - 4.6.2 Has the potential to deliver high visible impact in the city, and meet the need to be of 'exceptionally high quality' in a UK wide competitive bidding process;
 - 4.6.3 Provides an appropriate geographical spread across all areas of the city, while also targeting areas of deprivation;

4.6.4 Has the potential to significantly progress key strategic priorities for the city, and/or provide a catalyst for further future development and investment; and

4.6.5 Is sufficiently well developed to ensure that capital expenditure can be defrayed during the financial year 2022/23.

4.7 The new proposal is detailed in Appendix 2 and has been developed as a bid for investment of an additional £22m (this may increase if the Granton Artworks Project is also included) in a city-wide project that aims to:

4.7.1 Renew and revitalise cultural infrastructure in the UK's leading festival city; and

4.7.2 Enhance access to the culture and the opportunities it creates in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Edinburgh.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

4.8 SPF aims to boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards across the UK, closing inequalities in opportunity, health and wellbeing, and improving sense of community, local pride and belonging. The three identified themes in the programme are Community and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills. A number of interventions reflecting this have been listed in the prospectus and all activity needs to define which intervention they attribute to.

4.9 As part of the fund allocation, a sum is also earmarked for delivery of Multiply, a national programme to increase numeracy skills in adults.

4.10 The Fund can support activity that started from 1 April 2022. All activity should end by March 2025 or have a break clause allowing for closure by March 2025 if required.

4.11 All UK areas have received a conditional SPF distribution, and Edinburgh's allocation is set out in Appendix 3. To access this allocation, places need to submit an investment plan for approval by the UK Government by 1st August 2022.

4.12 The UK Government have confirmed that extensions to the 1 August deadline will be considered on a case by case basis where local elections and timings of recess have made that timeline difficult to adhere to.

UK SPF Investment Plan

4.13 Whilst allocations have been made on a Local Authority level, in Scotland, the SPF "supports delivery through Regional Economic Partnerships, where this is the preference of local areas". In Edinburgh and South-East Scotland, the delivery area described by the SPF prospectus includes: the City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian, West Lothian, and Fife.

4.14 Following conversations with regional partners, the decision has been made that due to the short time frames and local needs, individual investment plans will be submitted for each Local Authority rather than one plan for the region.

- 4.15 Officers are currently working on delivery proposals for Edinburgh but are also continuing conversations with regional partners as to jointly funding regional projects as identified through the Regional Prosperity Framework.
- 4.16 The current approach is to focus on continuing and/or expanding on existing initiatives funded under European Structural Funding in year 1 but to also invite applications from third parties for projects to complement these initiatives. In year 2 and 3 it is envisaged that further third party projects can be funded alongside a number of regional initiatives which are currently in development.
- 4.17 The Council's SPF allocation also includes a minimum of £1,608,217 of capital funding. Consideration has been given to how this funding could potentially be utilised, in line with the investment priorities of the SPF. It is envisaged that this funding could be utilised for investments in keystone community facilities in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Edinburgh that will significantly improve carbon performance; investing in the delivery of new/refurbished business space of which there is presently a structural undersupply, particularly industrial space and flexible space for microbusinesses, in regeneration areas; and strengthening Edinburgh's strategically important technology sector via practical interventions to boost the digital skills of people in Edinburgh and address the undersupply of skilled technology workers. Detail on the proposed utilisation of the capital funding will be set out in the SPF Investment Plan.
- 4.18 The intention is to issue a call for applications to third parties (from the public, voluntary and private sectors) by 23 June 2022. The call will require that projects are aligned to one or more of the interventions, clearly evidencing which outcomes they will bring, as well as with the Council's business plan priorities of Net Zero, Poverty Prevention and Health and Wellbeing. Proposals will need to be clearly developed with a defined costing plan as well as an exit plans for when the funding ends in March 2025.
- 4.19 The delivery programme for Multiply is currently being developed by officers in the Lifelong Learning service.

Governance

- 4.20 While Local Authorities are responsible for the Investment Plan and its delivery, the Prospectus mandates that a Local Partnership Group should be in place to support the development of the Investment Plan and, once plans are approved, to provide advice on strategic fit and deliverability. Members of this group should be "a diverse range of local and regional stakeholders, civil society organisations, employer bodies responsible for identifying local skills plans, and businesses or business representative groups to achieve Fund outcomes in their areas". While MP endorsement is not a pre-requisite for the Investment Plan approval, the Prospectus sets out that engagement with MPs and MSPs is expected.
- 4.21 A series of workshops/engagement sessions have taken place over the last few weeks to get a wide range of views on areas for priority, but the Edinburgh Partnership will be asked to take on the role of the Local Partnership Group, with a

separate consultation group for MPs and MSPs established and one member from that attending the Edinburgh Partnership Board to feedback views.

- 4.22 Given the indication from Ministers that applications can be made for extensions to the deadline of 1 August for Investment Plans to be submitted, officers have enquired about such an extension to allow for a report to next Committee, on 4 August, to allow elected members to sign off the Investment Plan prior to submission. It is recommended that, as an alternative in the unlikely event that such extension is not granted, delegated authority is granted to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work to approve the Investment Plan.

5. Next Steps

UK Levelling Up Fund

- 5.1 It is proposed that two bids are progressed for inclusion in Round 2 of the UK LUF, for submission to UK Government by 6 July 2022:
- 5.1.1 Inch Park Regeneration project, and
 - 5.1.2 City Wide Cultural Regeneration project.
- 5.2 All bids will be assessed by UK Government officials and Ministers, with final announcements of fund allocations for this round expected in Autumn 2022.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

- 5.3 A call for applications to third parties is to open by 22 June 2022, with a closing date three weeks later.
- 5.4 Once bids have been received, a panel consisting of Council officers and independent members of the Edinburgh Partnership will assess the bids based on their fit with the Council business plan priorities, existing provision and deliverability.
- 5.5 The Investment Plan will set out the successful bids and their outcomes and will be presented back to Committee in August for sign off prior to submission. If an extension to the submission deadline is not agreed, Committee is asked to agree to delegate the approval for the Investment Plan for submission to the UK Government to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Council Leader and Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Developing the proposals for submission to the LUF and SPF will be progressed within existing agreed budgets, with any additional requirements taken forward and agreed in line with Council annual budgetary processes.
- 6.2 UK Government guidance on LUF bids encourages a local financial contribution representing at least 10% of total bid costs for each project. Final submission of

bids will be made, subject to approval by the Council's Service Director for Finance and Procurement and assurance that all proposed projects can be accommodated within the Council's existing agreed capital investment plans.

6.3 The Edinburgh allocation for SPF is outlined in Appendix 3.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The LUF bid projects outlined in this report have been developed in consultation with stakeholders and partners, including local community groups, cultural organisations. All LUF bids are submitted with engagement and formal endorsement from Members of Parliament.
- 7.2 For SPF, a series of workshops/engagement sessions have taken place over the last few weeks to get a wide range of views on areas for priority. A separate forum for MPs and MSPs will be established and the Edinburgh Partnership Board are engaged in this process.
- 7.3 In addition, an invitation will be issued by 23 June 2022 to third parties to identify programmes which can replace the existing European Structural Fund provision and meet the SPF criteria.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [UK Levelling Up Fund, Policy and Sustainability Committee](#), 10 June 2021.
- 8.2 [Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Prospectus](#), UK Government, 23 March 2022.
- 8.3 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus](#), UK Government, 13 April 2022
- 8.4 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Interventions](#)
- 8.5 [UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Outputs and Outcomes](#)
- 8.6 [Edinburgh and South East Scotland Regional Prosperity Framework](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: LUF proposed bid pipeline
- 9.2 Appendix 2: Proposed projects for submission to LUF Round 2
- 9.3 Appendix 3: Edinburgh SPF allocation

Appendix 1: LUF proposed bid pipeline

Name	Description	Total bid value	Status
Inch Park Regeneration	Investment in development of a sports and community hub in Inch Park, including improvement to infrastructure for sporting, social, childcare and other facilities.	£20m	In preparation for Round 2 application in July 2022 (see Appendix 2)
City Wide Cultural Regeneration	Investment in cultural infrastructure needed to renew and revitalise the UK's Festival City and improve local community connection to the world class cultural opportunities Edinburgh attracts.	£22.1m	In preparation for Round 2 application in July 2022 (see Appendix 2)
Granton Gas Holder	Restoration of the gas holder structure, removal of the bell and site wide remediation and landscaping.	£18.3m	Project funded and being delivered through a successful Round 1 LUF bid
Westerhailes Regeneration	Phased regeneration of Westerhailes incorporating the aspirations set out by the community in the Local Place Plan	n/a	In preparation for a potential Round 3 (2023) bid. Design work is proposed for interventions along the canal at Wester Hailes which could serve as the catalyst for regeneration. This will also allow time for the Local Place Plan to be submitted to the Council and a wider Development Framework to be agreed.
Craigmillar Regeneration	A proposed project for the regeneration and development Craigmillar Town Centre.	n/a	Project is in development, focusing on interventions around Niddrie Mains Road, public realm, shop fronts and Active Travel. Designs to be discussed with the community, fully costed and progress made with land assembly before bid can be prepared.
Pennywell/ North Edinburgh Arts	Provide a new creative and community hub at MacMillan Square in Pennywell	n/a	Unsuccessful Round 1 LUF bid. Remaining components incorporated within the cultural regeneration bid outlined above for Round 2 application
City Wide Active Travel	A flagship package of active travel schemes across Edinburgh building on the vision and objectives set out in the City Mobility Plan.	n/a	Unsuccessful Round 1 LUF bid. Remaining components under consideration for inclusion in Westerhailes and Craigmillar regeneration projects.

Appendix 2: Proposed projects for submission to LUF Round 2

Inch Park Regeneration Project

This Round 2 LUF bid will be submitted under both the Culture and Regeneration Themes of the LUF prospectus. The bid builds on a Concept Master Plan now finalised following community consultation and engagement, and through close working with key community stakeholders.

The master plan proposes:

- The restoration of Inch House to improve its current function as a community centre, with consideration being given to additional functions such as a cultural space. Significantly, the plan also proposes the restoration of the historic walled garden and associated buildings and integrating them back into the curtilage of the grade A listed Inch House. This will involve relocating the Plant Nursery, including the glasshouse, outside of the historic walled garden into a new location within the wider depot site.
- The Plant Nursery will be re-developed, and its function expanded to include a retail and café space. The restoration of the walled garden and redevelopment of the Plant Nursery will bring much of the depot site back into the public realm and provide a range of volunteer and training opportunities as well as the chance for those needing support and/or suffering mental health issues to carry out meaningful work.
- Inch Park Community Sport Club provides sports activities for children from low social income families and the Master Plan proposes to enhance facilities through the development of an all-weather sports pitch and, budget permitting, extending the existing Inch Community Sports Club facilities to include a gym hall for indoor training. This will meet the asks of the major on-site stakeholder, Inch Park Community Sports Club (representing the football, rugby and cricket clubs), and wider community.
- The project will include a range of improvements and enhancements to greenspace and associated infrastructure (paths, signage, benches etc.) to make the site more welcoming and easier to access. There will also be enhancements in terms of biodiversity, multifunctional Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems and net zero energy solutions. Finally, the playground will be relocated to a more suitable location in the park and significantly upgraded.

A regenerated Inch Park will be a major destination park in the south-east of the city. The development will bring significant improvements to the health and well-being of adjacent communities, some of which suffer significant levels of deprivation. The park will be an important venue for sports, culture and a range of community activities and events. The park will also be an exemplar site for climate mitigation and adaptation through the use of “greenspace” renewable heat, and through the use of green infrastructure for flood mitigation and will be a nodal point for the city’s Nature Network and Green-Blue Network. In addition, it will be a significant asset for the proposed Craigmillar/Bingham 20-minute neighbourhood.

The cost plan is in the process of being finalised, but it is expected that the project will bid for an amount near the maximum of £20m which will necessitate £2m in match funding. It is noted that the maximum ambition will likely require additional funds, but these will be sought from other sources (e.g. Historic Environment Scotland, Heritage Lottery Fund, Sports Scotland, etc).

The project team recently met with Ian Murray MP and Daniel Johnston MSP to secure their support for the project.

City wide Cultural Regeneration

Levelling Up Edinburgh's Cultural Infrastructure

Edinburgh is a world-class city of culture hosting a series of major festivals and a range of events and activities across its communities. The first Edinburgh Festival was held in 1947 to 'provide a platform for the flowering of the human spirit' by bringing people and artists together through culture after a period of global turmoil. As we emerge from the Covid pandemic, this is the moment to revitalise this ambition. Adding to recent investment such as the flagship city-centre Dunard Centre and the University of Edinburgh's Futures Institute, this project would broaden cultural engagement and help revitalise communities.

This project meets the ambition of the Council's response to the City Vision 2050 programme which articulates the aims for Edinburgh to be 'fair, thriving, pioneering and a welcoming city to live in and visit'. The festivals will deliver engagement as well as employment opportunities at a local level to areas which currently have less cultural provision – Leith Theatre, the Macmillan Hub and WHALE Arts are in areas of deprivation with poor social and health outcomes, as well as being the home for some of Edinburgh's most diverse communities.

In doing so, the project will deliver a coherent programme of investment to:

- Renew and revitalise cultural infrastructure in the UK's leading festival city, and
- Enhance access to the culture and the opportunities it creates in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods of Edinburgh

Meeting these aims requires investment in a number of cultural venues across the city, including:

- **The King's Theatre** – part of Capital Theatres Trust - hosts performances ranging from the International Festival to Scotland's most popular panto and runs extensive community participation programmes. Tish grade A listed Edwardian building requires a major redevelopment to meet the needs of today's audiences and performers.
- **Leith Theatre** is part of a civic complex that includes Leith Library, Registrar's Office and Thomas Morton Hall. The Theatre lay derelict for nearly 30 years but has recently hosted major festival programmes and other events. This stunning, art-deco building is on the cusp of transformative restoration as a world-class music venue and cultural destination.

- **The Macmillan Hub** – jointly led by City of Edinburgh Council and North Edinburgh Arts - is the focal point of one of the most significant urban regeneration projects in Scotland, tackling poverty and inequality in north Edinburgh. A new state-of-the-art community arts hub will promote culture and well-being in Pennywell and Muirhouse and the across city. This funding will meet the remaining funding gap to complete the arts and cultural offering in the new building.
- **The Queen's Hall** is a cross-arts performance venue which hosts festival events. With the creation of the new Dunard Centre, improvements are needed to help the Queen's Hall achieve its new vision.
- **The Usher Hall** is Scotland's only five-star concert hall and home of the Edinburgh International Festival since 1947. It is a unique blend of historical and contemporary. Extended in 2010, it requires further investment to improve facilities for performers and audiences
- **WHALE Arts** in the western part of the city, is a community-led arts charity and social enterprise and the creative heart of the vibrant, thriving community of Wester Hailes. A planned extension will create a new café and social space.

Discussions are also on-going with National Galleries of Scotland on the potential to include the Granton Artworks Project within this project.

Nine of the 11 official festivals run year-round community engagement programmes to reach new audiences. This project will provide new opportunities to attend and participate in the wealth of Edinburgh's culture.

Appendix 3: Edinburgh SPF Allocation

	22-23	23-24	24-25	TOTAL
Core UKSPF	£1,244,788	£2,489,577	£6,522,691	£10,257,056
Revenue	£1,115,330	£2,178,380	£5,355,129	£8,648,839
Capital	£129,458	£311,197	£1,167,562	£1,608,217
MULTIPLY	£647,290	£746,873	£746,873	£2,141,036

SPF Admin*	£49,792	£99,583	£260,908	£410,282
Multiply Admin*	£25,892	£29,875	£29,875	£85,641

* Included in numbers above