

# Minutes

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 9 March 2023

### Present

Councillors Meagher (Convener), Bruce, Caldwell, Campbell, Dobbin, Kumar, Mumford (substituting for Councillor Rae) (item 10 onwards), Parker, Rae (items 1-9), Ross (substituting for Councillor Flannery), Watt and Whyte.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 1 December 2022 as a correct record.

### 2. Work Programme

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

#### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

### 3. Rolling Actions Log

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

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - Action 1 (1&2) – Gig Economy Task Force
  - Action 2 (3) – Update on the Housing Service Improvement Plan
  - Action 4 (1&2) – Homelessness Services' Performance Dashboard
  - Action 6 – The City of Edinburgh Council's Annual Assurance Statement on Housing Services
  - Action 7 (1&4) – HRA Budget Strategy

- Action 8 (2) – Trade Unions in Communities
- Action 10 – RAL – December 2022
- Action 11 – Housing Land Strategy Report
- Action 12 - The EDI Group – annual update for the year ending 31 December 2021
- Action 14 (4) – Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2023-28
- Action 15 (1,2 and 3) – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update
- Action 16 – Contract Extensions for Activity Agreement Hubs and Joint Co-Production with No-one Left Behind – Phase 3
- Action 18 – Accessible Housing Study
- Action 19 – Empty Homes Annual Report

2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

#### 4. Business Bulletin

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The Business Bulletin was presented.

##### Decision

- 1) To request the Acquisitions and Disposals Update was reported annually via the Business Bulletin, with a table showing comparative year on year figures.
- 2) To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

#### 5. 2023/24 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme

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##### a) Shelter Scotland

The deputation advised the committee that there was a need for more social homes and encouraged members to consider challenges of the housing crisis in Edinburgh, including the increase to the cost of building and cuts to funding etc. The recent budget approved by the City of Edinburgh Council factored 2400 social homes over 10 years, a reduction of 200 homes. Urgent action was required to address the housing emergency, and the deputation advised the Council to prioritise the delivery of more social homes.

##### b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Details were provided on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme of £173.361 million for 2023/24. Priority projects in the localities, as previously identified by ward Councillors, formed part of the HRA capital programme. Work underway throughout 2022/23 on the design and planning for delivering a whole house retrofit (WHR) programme, combined with the successful approach to working with owners would see investment in existing stock scaled up in 2023/24 to help meet ambitious Council Commitments around net zero carbon. The WHR approach, combining energy retrofit and

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wider building/estate improvements, would be implemented across four areas of the city. This would help embed a more proactive approach to long term asset management that focuses on building improvements and energy performance that help to reduce future maintenance and repair risks.

### **Motion**

- 1) To agree the 2023/24 planned Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capita programme for investment of £173.361 million in Council homes and estates.
- 2) To note the significant design and development work progressed throughout 2022/23 to transition towards a holistic whole house retrofit (WHR) approach and also the additional pipeline of design and development work that will continue to be progressed throughout 2023/24.
- 3) To note the key risks to programme delivery as set out in Appendix 5 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To agree the 2023/24 planned Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capita programme for investment of £173.361 million in Council homes and estates.
  - 2) To note the significant design and development work progressed throughout 2022/23 to transition towards a holistic whole house retrofit (WHR) approach and also the additional pipeline of design and development work that will continue to be progressed throughout 2023/24.
  - 3) To note the key risks to programme delivery as set out in Appendix 5 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
  - 4) Notes the reduction in the ten year programme from £2.9 billion as approved in 2022 to £1.7 billion approved this year, and the reduction in the ten year council house building programme from 5,000 homes to just 2,400 homes.
  - 5) Agrees that all future capital programmes need to set out the detailed process and plan for how capital expenditure can be used to prioritise homes affected by damp and mould, and to treat the underlying structural causes of damp and mould.
  - 6) Agrees that a briefing note will be provided that sets out, in the form of tables, the current council housebuilding programme, by site, broken down into:
    - Homes in design and development
    - Homes approved
    - Homes currently on site
    - Homes completed this financial year (22/23)
- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

## Amendment 2

- 1) To agree the 2023/24 planned Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme for investment of £173.361 million in Council homes and estates.
- 2) To note the significant design and development work progressed throughout 2022/23 to transition towards a holistic whole house retrofit (WHR) approach and also the additional pipeline of design and development work that will continue to be progressed throughout 2023/24.
- 3) To note the key risks to programme delivery as set out in Appendix 5 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) Welcomes the move towards the “new holistic Whole House Retrofit (WHR) approach, combining energy retrofit and wider building / estate improvements” in order to meet challenging EESSH2 standards, reducing energy bills for tenants and helping the Council to meet its commitments to addressing the climate and nature emergencies.
- 5) Notes detail on the benefits of a holistic WHR approach in terms of reduced energy demand and improved air quality, damp management, and ventilation in homes for tenants.
- 6) Further notes, however, that the report does not detail all benefits which could be realised through a WHR approach, especially in terms of ensuring Council homes were adapted to meet the needs of the changing climate.
- 7) Therefore, agrees for a further report to HHFW in 2 cycles which will outline:
  - i. What further building / estate improvements could be built into WHR works to address the climate and nature emergencies beyond energy efficiency measures, including:
    - Consideration of new approaches to more sustainable water management through changes to roofing, guttering and drainage, including the use of SuDS and nature-based solutions as part of this.
    - Consideration of actions which could be taken to decarbonise heat / energy sources within homes, for example, by preparing homes to be ready to connect to alternative, zero carbon energy sources in the future, such as heat networks.
  - ii. Detail about how the use of SIMD, stock condition findings and tenure mix will inform which areas will be prioritised for investment and in what order, including explaining how this sequencing will represent a climate justice approach.
  - iii. How the WHR work aligns with existing Council strategies and work programmes such as the 2030 Climate Strategy (and IPB), forthcoming Edinburgh Adapts plan (and climate change risk assessment) and Vision for Water Management, amongst others.

- iv. What additional resourcing may be required to deliver against further building / estate improvements outlined in 1.1.7 i) a, b as part of WHR work, including:
  - options for how any required funding could be secured / provided out with the HRA for this.
  - a strategy for workforce recruitment, upskilling and retention to deliver this work, as part of our commitment to a just transition.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Rae

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as addendum to the motion, and Amendment 2 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To agree the 2023/24 planned Housing Revenue Account (HRA) capital programme for investment of £173.361 million in Council homes and estates.
- 2) To note the significant design and development work progressed throughout 2022/23 to transition towards a holistic whole house retrofit (WHR) approach and also the additional pipeline of design and development work that will continue to be progressed throughout 2023/24.
- 3) To note the key risks to programme delivery as set out in Appendix 5 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note the reduction in the ten year programme from £2.9 billion as approved in 2022 to £1.7 billion approved this year, and the reduction in the ten year council house building programme from 5,000 homes to just 2,400 homes.
- 5) To agree that all future capital programmes would need to set out the detailed process and plan for how capital expenditure could be used to prioritise homes affected by damp and mould, and to treat the underlying structural causes of damp and mould.
- 6) To agree that a briefing note would be provided that sets out, in the form of tables, the current council housebuilding programme, by site, broken down into:
  - Homes in design and development
  - Homes approved
  - Homes currently on site
  - Homes completed this financial year (22/23)
- 7) To welcome the move towards the “new holistic Whole House Retrofit (WHR) approach, combining energy retrofit and wider building / estate improvements” in order to meet challenging EESSH2 standards, reducing energy bills for

- tenants and helping the Council to meet its commitments to addressing the climate and nature emergencies.
- 8) To note detail on the benefits of a holistic WHR approach in terms of reduced energy demand and improved air quality, damp management, and ventilation in homes for tenants.
  - 9) To further note, however, that the report did not detail all benefits which could be realised through a WHR approach, especially in terms of ensuring Council homes were adapted to meet the needs of the changing climate.
  - 10) To therefore agree for a further report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in 3 cycles which would outline:
    - i. What further building / estate improvements could be built into WHR works to address the climate and nature emergencies beyond energy efficiency measures, including:
      - Consideration of new approaches to more sustainable water management through changes to roofing, guttering and drainage, including the use of SuDS and nature-based solutions as part of this.
      - Consideration of actions which could be taken to decarbonise heat / energy sources within homes, for example, by preparing homes to be ready to connect to alternative, zero carbon energy sources in the future, such as heat networks.
    - ii. Detail about how the use of SIMD, stock condition findings and tenure mix would inform which areas would be prioritised for investment and in what order, including explaining how this sequencing would represent a climate justice approach.
    - iii. How the WHR work aligned with existing Council strategies and work programmes such as the 2030 Climate Strategy (and IPB), forthcoming Edinburgh Adapts plan (and climate change risk assessment) and Vision for Water Management, amongst others.
    - iv. What additional resourcing may be required to deliver against further building / estate improvements outlined in 1.1.7 i) a, b of the report by the Executive Director of Place as part of WHR work, including:
      - options for how any required funding could be secured / provided out with the HRA for this.
      - a strategy for workforce recruitment, upskilling and retention to deliver this work, as part of our commitment to a just transition.
  - 11) To request a workshop on whole house retrofit approach and an energy strategy.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 4 August 2022 (item 5) and 1 December 2022 (item 9); Act of Council No. 4 of 23 February 2023; Finance and Resources Committee of 26 January 2023 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 6. Funding of affordable housing through the Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme

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An update was provided on the current position with allocation of Transfer of the Management of Development Funding (TMDF) and an analysis of Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF) funding allocations.

### Motion

- 1) To note the arrangements under which Edinburgh received grant funding and the risks to remaining in the Transfer of the Management of Development Funding (TMDF) arrangement and the risks of Edinburgh becoming funded from the Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF).
- 2) To note that any changes in funding allocations would require the support of COSLA Leaders and Scottish Government consent.
- 3) To agree that the content of the report discharged the motion approved at Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 29 September 2022 to report on the current position with allocation of TMDF and an analysis of Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF) funding allocations.
- 4) To agree that officers establish a working group with key stakeholders to develop a funding case that sets out the unique challenges in the capital and the reasons why Edinburgh requires increased Resource Planning Assumptions, regardless of whether this comes from TMDF, SHIF or other Scottish Government budgets.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### Amendment

- 1) To note the arrangements under which Edinburgh received grant funding and the risks to remaining in the Transfer of the Management of Development Funding (TMDF) arrangement and the risks of Edinburgh becoming funded from the Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF).
- 2) To note that any changes in funding allocations would require the support of COSLA Leaders and Scottish Government consent.
- 3) To agree that the content of the report discharged the motion approved at Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 29 September 2022 to report on the current position with allocation of TMDF and an analysis of Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF) funding allocations.
- 4) To agree that officers establish a working group with key stakeholders to develop a funding case that sets out the unique challenges in the capital and the reasons why Edinburgh requires increased Resource Planning Assumptions, regardless of whether this comes from TMDF, SHIF or other Scottish Government budgets.

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- 5) Agrees that progress from this working group will be reported back every six months, including the membership list, and that councillors can advise if they believe there were additional stakeholders that should be included.
- 6) To ask the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to write to the Cabinet Secretary to ask for further information from the Scottish Government on the numerical formula, and the detailed workings out, for how the funding allocation for Edinburgh's TMDF and SHIF figures were calculated this year.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

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 Meagher:

- 1) To note the arrangements under which Edinburgh received grant funding and the risks to remaining in the Transfer of the Management of Development Funding (TMDF) arrangement and the risks of Edinburgh becoming funded from the Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF).
- 2) To note that any changes in funding allocations would require the support of COSLA Leaders and Scottish Government consent.
- 3) To agree that the content of the report discharged the motion approved at Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 29 September 2022 to report on the current position with allocation of TMDF and an analysis of Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF) funding allocations.
- 4) To agree that officers establish a working group with key stakeholders to develop a funding case that sets out the unique challenges in the capital and the reasons why Edinburgh requires increased Resource Planning Assumptions, regardless of whether this comes from TMDF, SHIF or other Scottish Government budgets.
- 5) Agrees that progress from this working group will be reported back every six months, including the membership list, and that councillors can advise if they believe there were additional stakeholders that should be included.
- 6) To ask the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to write to the Cabinet Secretary to ask for further information from the Scottish Government on the numerical formula, and the detailed workings out, for how the funding allocation for Edinburgh's TMDF and SHIF figures were calculated this year.



- 7) To note that detail would be included in the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan, coming to Committee in May, as to why there was a higher number of households in temporary accommodation in Edinburgh compared to Glasgow.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 1 December 2022 (item 9); Act of Council No. 4 of 23 February 2023; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 7. Tenant Hardship Fund (2023/24)

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An update was provided on the establishment of a Tenant Hardship Fund (THF) to support tenants, including those who could not access benefits. There was already a wide range of support and services available to support tenants to pay rent and maximise their income with tenants encouraged to contact their housing officer, at the earliest opportunity, if they were experiencing difficulties in making rent payments. An award of THF would provide financial relief for a tenant experiencing financial hardship but it was not a long-term solution. It would be of most benefit if offered alongside advice and support to maximise income with signposting to services that can provide employability and other support to tenants.

### Motion

- 1) To note the arrangements in place for assessing and managing requests for funding from the Tenant Hardship Fund.
- 2) To note that updates on support for tenants to make rent payments and the Tenant Hardship Fund will be reported to Committee in the Business Bulletin.
- 3) To agree to discharge the motion to City of Edinburgh Council on 24 November 2022 for officers to report back to Committee on the possibility of a Tenant Hardship Fund to support tenants who were least able to afford a rent increase.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### Amendment

- 1) To note the arrangements in place for assessing and managing requests for funding from the Tenant Hardship Fund.
- 2) To note that updates on support for tenants to make rent payments and the Tenant Hardship Fund will be reported to Committee in the Business Bulletin.
- 3) To agree to discharge the motion to City of Edinburgh Council on 24 November 2022 for officers to report back to Committee on the possibility of a Tenant Hardship Fund to support tenants who were least able to afford a rent increase.
- 4) Regrets that the report fails to contain an Equality Impact Assessment or detail about how the fund will be publicised to tenants when it goes live.
- 5) Notes concerns around some arrangements in place for the fund, including:

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- the assessment process which seeks to determine the “appropriateness” of making a payment to tenants.
  - the timescales involved in undertaking an assessment to determine whether an award will be made, the impact this delay will have on those in need, and the lack of meanwhile payments in place whilst this process was ongoing.
  - the burden on tenants, who will be experiencing financial hardship which was frequently associated with stress, anxiety and depression, to provide ‘proof’ of their financial hardship.
  - the presumption that the fund will end on 31st March 2024 without further consideration of need at that point in time.
- 6) Requests a further briefing note to members which contains:
- the full Equality Impact Assessment about the fund
  - details about how the fund will be publicised amongst tenants and how tenants will be expected to reach out to ask for support from it - for example, via text, phone, email, face to face - with evidence of due consideration given to the various equalities impacts of this
- 7) Agrees modifications to the administering of the fund as follows:
- The fund should be ‘easy access’ and where arrears have been accrued in the 23/24 financial year, an initial payment should be automatic following referral, whilst income maximisation assessment was underway.
  - There will be no presumption that the fund will end in 2024. Instead, a review and decision about continuation will be made by HHFW committee at the appropriate time later this year.
- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

## **Amendment 2**

To agree the original motion as proposed by Councillor Meagher.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Bruce

## **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

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| For the Motion (as adjusted) | - | 9 votes |
| For Amendment 2              | - | 2 votes |

(For the motion: Councillors Meagher, Caldwell, Campbell, Dobbin, Kumar, Parker, Rae, Ross and Watt.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce and Whyte.)

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the arrangements in place for assessing and managing requests for funding from the Tenant Hardship Fund.
- 2) To note that updates on support for tenants to make rent payments and the Tenant Hardship Fund will be reported to Committee in the Business Bulletin.
- 3) To agree to discharge the motion to City of Edinburgh Council on 24 November 2022 for officers to report back to Committee on the possibility of a Tenant Hardship Fund to support tenants who were least able to afford a rent increase.
- 4) To regret that the report failed to contain an Equality Impact Assessment or detail about how the fund would be publicised to tenants when it went live.
- 5) To note concerns around some arrangements in place for the fund, including:
  - the assessment process which sought to determine the “appropriateness” of making a payment to tenants.
  - the timescales involved in undertaking an assessment to determine whether an award would be made, the impact this delay would have on those in need, and the lack of meanwhile payments in place whilst this process was ongoing.
  - the burden on tenants, who would be experiencing financial hardship which was frequently associated with stress, anxiety and depression, to provide ‘proof’ of their financial hardship.
  - the presumption that the fund would end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 without further consideration of need at that point in time.
- 6) To request a further briefing note to members which contained:
  - the full Equality Impact Assessment about the fund
  - details about how the fund would be publicised amongst tenants and how tenants would be expected to reach out to ask for support from it - for example, via text, phone, email, face to face - with evidence of due consideration given to the various equalities impacts of this.
- 7) To agree modifications to the administering of the fund as follows:
  - The fund should be ‘easy access’ and where arrears have been accrued in the 23/24 financial year, an initial payment should be automatic following referral, whilst income maximisation assessment was underway.
  - There would be no presumption that the fund would end in 2024. Instead, a review and decision about continuation would be made by the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at the appropriate time later this year.

(References – Act of Council No. 4 of 23 February 2023; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Caldwell made a transparency statement as a Council tenant.

## 8. Edinburgh Living Annual Update 2022

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Edinburgh Living's annual update was submitted. Details were provided of the activities carried out by Edinburgh Living in 2022, the financial statement for the previous year (2021) as agreed by the Corporate Body, and the interim financial position at the end of 2022. Edinburgh Living purchased its first home in 2019 and owned 502 homes by the end of December 2022.

### Decision

- 1) To note Edinburgh Living's annual update for 2022.
- 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 by the Executive Director of Place to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee in line with Edinburgh Living's governance arrangements.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 24 March 2022 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 9. Trade Unions in Communities

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An update was provided on the support offered to the Trade Unions to help create a community hub in Craigmillar. Officers had met with the Trade Unions and training and support has been agreed.

### Decision

To note the support provided to the Trade Unions to date and that officers would continue to work closely with them to identify any further support the Council can offer to support the hub.

(References – Act of Council No. 3 of 30 June 2022; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### Declaration of Interest

Councillor Campbell made a transparency statement as a member of Unite the Union.

## 10. UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

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An update was provided on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) in Edinburgh following the confirmation of funding from UK Government.

### Motion

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- 1) To note that UK Government had now approved Edinburgh's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and confirmed the previously announced Edinburgh allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding for 2022/23.
  - 2) To note the progress made confirming funding to successful projects so that they could progress with project delivery.
  - 3) To agree that the funding intended for the one project that had withdrawn from delivery would be reallocated to regional activities (in line with the previously agreed plan for surplus funding).
  - 4) To note the ongoing sign off process for the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan and the intention to align funding with the projects agreed in the Delivery Plan.
- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note that UK Government had now approved Edinburgh's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and confirmed the previously announced Edinburgh allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding for 2022/23.
  - 2) To note the progress made confirming funding to successful projects so that they could progress with project delivery.
  - 3) To agree that the funding intended for the one project that had withdrawn from delivery would be reallocated to regional activities (in line with the previously agreed plan for surplus funding).
  - 4) Notes the ongoing sign off process for the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan and the intention to explore a similar offer as ACE IT from other organisation(s) who were unsuccessful at initiation stage of funding allocation. If no such organisation was identified, then to align funding with projects agreed in the Delivery Plan.
- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted an amendment to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note that UK Government had now approved Edinburgh's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan and confirmed the previously announced Edinburgh allocation of UK Shared Prosperity Funding for 2022/23.
- 2) To note the progress made confirming funding to successful projects so that they could progress with project delivery.

- 3) To agree that the funding intended for the one project that had withdrawn from delivery would be reallocated to regional activities (in line with the previously agreed plan for surplus funding).
- 4) To note the ongoing sign off process for the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan and the intention to explore a similar offer as ACE IT from other organisation(s) who were unsuccessful at initiation stage of funding allocation. If no such organisation was identified, then to align funding with projects agreed in the Delivery Plan.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 1 December 2022 (item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 11. Response to motion by Councillor Dalglish – Energy Efficiency Task Force

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In response to a motion by Councillor Dalglish, agreed by the Council on 15 December 2022, details were provided of the complex landscape for providing advice and information in relation to energy efficiency. Officers recommended that the Council did not establish an Energy Efficiency Task Force, recognising that there were already a number of forums in place to signpost to advice and information.

### Motion

- 1) To note the information provided in this report on advice and information available for residents and businesses on energy efficiency.
- 2) To agree that the Council would not establish an Energy Efficiency Task Force.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### Amendment

- 1) To note the information provided in this report on advice and information available for residents and businesses on energy efficiency.
- 2) To agree that the Council would not establish an Energy Efficiency Task Force.
- 3) Agrees that the information and signposting of the services outlined in this report were updated on the 'Home Energy' webpage, and requests Corporate Services initiate an ambitious new campaign directing residents to it. This will include notifications of the new/refreshed page to all library managers and school headteachers.
  - moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Ross

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 Meagher:

- 1) To note the information provided in this report on advice and information available for residents and businesses on energy efficiency.
- 2) To agree that the Council would not establish an Energy Efficiency Task Force.
- 3) To agree that the information and signposting of the services outlined in this report would be updated on the 'Home Energy' webpage, and request that Corporate Services initiate an ambitious new campaign directing residents to it.
- 4) To ask the Executive Director of Place to negotiate with the Head of Communications about how this kind of information should be included. This would include notifications of the new/refreshed page to all library managers and school headteachers.

(References – Act of Council No. 15 of 15 December 2022; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 12. Parental Employability Support

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Details were provided on the work already undertaken by City of Edinburgh Council and local employability partners to put in place services for parents. In anticipation that additional funding will be made available in 2023/24, approval was sought for a plan which would quickly implement extended services. The plan would only be implemented if additional funding materialised.

### Motion

- 1) To note the expectation that additional funding would be allocated to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2023/24 for Parental Employability Support (PES), to be fully utilised in 2023/24.
  - 2) To note the urgency in developing and implementing a comprehensive programme to ensure delivery can take place before 31 March 2024.
  - 3) Subject to additional funding being allocated to the Council:
    - 3.1) To agree to allocate up to £300,000 on a one-off basis to continue the Disabled PES programme, pending confirmed outcomes and Local Employability Partnership (LEP) approval.
    - 3.2) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Economy Spokespeople, for individual one-off grant funding awards of up to £250,000 to expand the existing PES programme.
    - 3.3) To note that any awards would be reported retrospectively to Committee.
- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### Amendment 1

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- 1) To note the expectation that additional funding would be allocated to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2023/24 for Parental Employability Support (PES), to be fully utilised in 2023/24.
- 2) To note the urgency in developing and implementing a comprehensive programme to ensure delivery can take place before 31 March 2024.
- 3) Subject to additional funding being allocated to the Council:
  - 3.1) To agree to allocate up to £300,000 on a one-off basis to continue the Disabled PES programme, pending confirmed outcomes and Local Employability Partnership (LEP) approval.
  - 3.2) To call for one-off emergency meeting of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to consider and consult on grant funding awards of up to £250,000 to expand the existing PES programme.
  - 3.3) To note that any awards would be reported retrospectively to Committee.
    - moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

## **Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the expectation that additional funding would be allocated to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2023/24 for Parental Employability Support (PES), to be fully utilised in 2023/24.
- 2) To note the urgency in developing and implementing a comprehensive programme to ensure delivery can take place before 31 March 2024.
- 3) Subject to additional funding being allocated to the Council:
  - 3.1) To agree to allocate up to £300,000 on a one-off basis to continue the Disabled PES programme, pending confirmed outcomes and Local Employability Partnership (LEP) approval.
  - 3.2) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Economy Spokespeople, for individual one-off grant funding awards of up to £250,000 to expand the existing PES programme.
  - 3.3) To note that any awards would be reported retrospectively to Committee.
- 4) Welcomes the anticipated additional funding for Parental Employability Support.
- 5) Notes that over 90% of lone parents were women, and that women's poverty was inextricably linked with child poverty.
- 6) Therefore agrees that any decision-making mechanism(s) agreed by Committee takes due regard of the gendered impacts of spending allocations.
  - moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an amendment to the motion and Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

## **Decision**



To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the expectation that additional funding would be allocated to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2023/24 for Parental Employability Support (PES), to be fully utilised in 2023/24.
- 2) To note the urgency in developing and implementing a comprehensive programme to ensure delivery can take place before 31 March 2024.
- 3) Subject to additional funding being allocated to the Council:
  - 3.1) To agree to allocate up to £300,000 on a one-off basis to continue the Disabled PES programme, pending confirmed outcomes and Local Employability Partnership (LEP) approval.
  - 3.2) To call for one-off emergency meeting of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to consider and consult on grant funding awards of up to £250,000 to expand the existing PES programme.
  - 3.3) To note that any awards would be reported retrospectively to Committee.
- 4) To welcome the anticipated additional funding for Parental Employability Support.
- 5) To note that over 90% of lone parents were women, and that women's poverty was inextricably linked with child poverty.
- 6) Therefore to agree that any decision-making mechanism(s) agreed by Committee should take due regard of the gendered impacts of spending allocations.

(Reference – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 23 June 2022 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **13. Employer Recruitment Incentives – Targeted Additional Funds for Young People living in poverty**

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Details were provided of how additional funding support to employers through Edinburgh's Employer Recruitment Incentive (ERI) had been used to enable young people who were care experienced and/or living in poverty to access a Modern Apprenticeship (MA) opportunity by ensuring the MA was paid at the Real Living Wage (RLW) rate.

#### **Motion**

- 1) To note the report and evidence gathered to show the impact of the targeted additional Employer Recruitment Incentive funds for young people.
- 2) To agree not to continue the pilot.

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- 3) To agree to extend and expand the current Promising Young People programme to provide paid placements in private, public or third sector, for young people who:

- 3.1) Were Care Experienced

- 3.2) Were from a jobless household

- 3.3) Resided in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation decile area 1 or 2.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the report and evidence gathered to show the impact of the targeted additional Employer Recruitment Incentive funds for young people.

- 2) To agree not to continue the pilot.

- 3) To agree to extend and expand the current Promising Young People programme to provide paid placements in private, public or third sector, for young people who:

- 3.1) Were Care Experienced

- 3.2) Were from a jobless household

- 3.3) Resided in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation decile area 1 or 2.

- 4) Agrees for council officers to liaise with Children's, Education and Community Justice Committee to link with existing work and provide updates to the Corporate Parenting Board as appropriate.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

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 Meagher:

- 1) To note the report and evidence gathered to show the impact of the targeted additional Employer Recruitment Incentive funds for young people.

- 2) To agree not to continue the pilot.

- 3) To agree to extend and expand the current Promising Young People programme to provide paid placements in private, public or third sector, for young people who:

- 3.1) Were Care Experienced

- 3.2) Were from a jobless household
- 3.3) Resided in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation decile area 1 or 2.
- 4) To agree for council officers to liaise with Children's, Education and Community Justice Committee to link with existing work and provide updates to the Corporate Parenting Board as appropriate.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 24 March 2022 (item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **14. Young Person's Guarantee Grants Extension Proposal**

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Approval was sought to award funding to four organisations to continue their work with young people and to approve additional funding for the Vocational Training Framework (VTF).

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the Scottish Government's decision to not continue funding Local Employability Partnerships to deliver the Young Persons Guarantee in 2023/24.
- 2) To note that No One Left Behind funding from 2021/22 had been approved to be carried forward into 2023/24.
- 3) To approve the extension of four existing Young Person's Guarantee Grants, for a 12-month period from 1 April 2023 until 31 March 2024, at a total maximum value of £300,000, to be funded from carried forward funding.
- 4) To approve the allocation of £75,000 to the Vocational Training Framework, delivered by Capital City Partnership, to add capacity specifically for young people to access sector specific training and qualifications.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2022 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **15. Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Shareholders' Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement**

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Details were provided on the proposed amendments to the Shareholder's Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited (EICC) to reflect EICC's involvement in the hotel and hotel school project (previously agreed by Committee). A proposal was put forward that the Council enter into a new Strategic Delivery Agreement (SDA) with Edinburgh International Conference Centre Hotels Limited (EICCH) to give the Council additional oversight of the project.

### **Motion**

- 1) To agree the Heads of Terms for revision to the Shareholders' Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited and the new Strategic Delivery Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Hotels Limited.

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- 2) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to execute the Shareholders' Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement.
- 3) To note that an Annual Business Plan for the EICC and its Hotel subsidiary required to be approved by Council following referral from the Finance and Resources Committee or other suitable Council Committee.
- 4) To require that paragraph 3.1.3 of the SDA be updated to include reference to these Council approved annual business plans.
- 5) To refer the report to the City of Edinburgh Council for final approval.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To agree the Heads of Terms for revision to the Shareholders' Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited and the new Strategic Delivery Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Hotels Limited.
- 2) To agree to amend 3.6 of the Shareholder's Agreement to update the quorum to four Directors with representation from a minimum of 2 Councillors (including 1 from administration and 1 from opposition) and one Non-Executive Director.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to execute the Shareholders' Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement.
- 4) To refer the report to the City of Edinburgh Council for final approval.
  - moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To agree the Heads of Terms for revision to the Shareholders' Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited and the new Strategic Delivery Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Hotels Limited.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to execute the Shareholders' Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement.
- 3) To refer the report to the City of Edinburgh Council for final approval.
  - moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Bruce

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted) - 9 votes  
For Amendment 2 - 2 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Meagher, Caldwell, Campbell, Dobbin, Kumar, Mumford, Parker, Ross and Watt.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce and Whyte.)

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To agree the Heads of Terms for revision to the Shareholders' Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited and the new Strategic Delivery Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh International Conference Centre Hotels Limited.
- 2) To agree to amend 3.6 of the Shareholder's Agreement to update the quorum to four Directors with representation from a minimum of 2 Councillors (including 1 from administration and 1 from opposition) and one Non-Executive Director.
- 3) To delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to execute the Shareholders' Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement.
- 4) To note that an Annual Business Plan for the EICC and its Hotel subsidiary required to be approved by Council following referral from the Finance and Resources Committee or other suitable Council Committee.
- 5) To require that paragraph 3.1.3 of the SDA be updated to include reference to these Council approved annual business plans.
- 6) To refer the report to the City of Edinburgh Council for final approval.
- 7) To note the Chief Executive of EICC would share the details of the reduction of EICC's carbon footprint since 2019 with members.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 1 December 2022 (item 8); Act of Council No. 11 of 28 October 2021; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## Declaration of Interest

Councillor Whyte made a transparency statement as a Director of Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC).

## 16. Gig Economy Task Force – progress update

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Details were provided of progress towards delivery of actions identified by the Gig Economy Task Force to date and approval was sought for a future programme of work.

**Motion**

- 1) To note the progress made in 2022 to implement the findings of the Gig Economy Task Force.
- 2) To note the proposed programme of work for the next few months.
- 3) To note Committee would be kept updated on progress on the actions set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note that this work was carried out in parallel with other policy commitments to develop fair work actions, including commitments to scope the potential for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

**Amendment 1**

- 1) To agree to implement the Gig Economy Task Force Recommendations as reported to HHFW committee on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- 2) To note the progress made in 2022 to implement the findings of the Gig Economy Task Force.
- 3) To request an updated report and proposed programme of work to committee in 2 cycles.
- 4) To note that this work was carried out in parallel with other policy commitments to develop fair work actions, including commitments to scope the potential for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City.
  - moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

**Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the progress made in 2022 to implement the findings of the Gig Economy Task Force.
- 2) To note the proposed programme of work for the next few months.
- 3) To note Committee would be kept updated on progress on the actions set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note that this work was carried out in parallel with other policy commitments to develop fair work actions, including commitments to scope the potential for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City.

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- 5) Notes the proposed action under “Alternative gig economy business models” and request that the August report outlining next steps would include details of which co-operatives, social enterprises and other alternative business model users in Edinburgh and Scotland would be engaged with, and how.
- 6) Notes that in October 2022 Full Council endorsed the Get Me Home Safely Campaign, acknowledging the links between this campaign and the recommendations of the Gig Economy Taskforce.
- 7) Further notes that the amended motion passed called for a variety of reports, guidance and actions to different committees and groups.
- 8) Therefore, requests an additional briefing note to all elected members setting out progress on the Council’s support for the Get Me Home Safely campaign and associated actions, and how these were being integrated with the actions set out in this report.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 (as adjusted) and Amendment 2 were accepted as addenda to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the progress made in 2022 to implement the findings of the Gig Economy Task Force.
- 2) To note the proposed programme of work for the next few months.
- 3) To note Committee would be kept updated on progress on the actions set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note that this work was carried out in parallel with other policy commitments to develop fair work actions, including commitments to scope the potential for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City.
- 5) To agree to implement the Gig Economy Task Force Recommendations as reported to HHFW committee on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- 6) To note the progress made in 2022 to implement the findings of the Gig Economy Task Force.
- 7) To request an updated report and proposed programme of work to committee in August 2023.
- 8) To note the proposed action under “Alternative gig economy business models” and requests that the August report outlining next steps includes details of which co-operatives, social enterprises and other alternative business model users in Edinburgh and Scotland will be engaged with, and how.

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- 9) To note that in October 2022 Full Council endorsed the Get Me Home Safely Campaign, acknowledging the links between this campaign and the recommendations of the Gig Economy Taskforce.
- 10) To further note that the amended motion passed called for a variety of reports, guidance and actions to different committees and groups.
- 11) Therefore, to request an additional briefing note to all elected members setting out progress on the Council's support for the Get Me Home Safely campaign and associated actions, and how these were being integrated with the actions set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – Act of Council No. 10 of 11 March 2021; Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 4 November 2021 (item 8) and 24 March 2022 (item 14); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **17. Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund – Muirhouse Millennium Centre**

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Approval was sought to set aside up to £40,000 for Muirhouse Millennium Centre in 2023/24 to support the Centre to meet its operational commitments. Officers would continue to work with the Board of the Centre to identify financial and other support available and they would be invited to be fully engaged in the Council's development of a new community centre strategy.

### **Motion**

To agree to set aside up to £40,000 from the Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund to support Muirhouse Millennium Centre in 2023/24, subject to negotiations between officers and the Muirhouse Millennium Centre.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment**

- 1) To agree to set aside up to £40,000 from the Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund to support Muirhouse Millennium Centre in 2023/24.
- 2) Given funding approval, the funding should be transferred to the Millennium Centre with urgency as close to the start of the new financial year as feasible so that the Centre can forward plan with certainty and stability.

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Kumar

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:



- 1) To agree to set aside up to £40,000 from the Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund to support Muirhouse Millennium Centre in 2023/24, subject to negotiations between officers and the Muirhouse Millennium Centre.
- 2) Given funding approval and appropriate due diligence, to agree that the funding should be transferred to the Millennium Centre with urgency as close to the start of the new financial year as feasible so that the Centre can forward plan with certainty and stability.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 29 January 2021 (item 1); Act of Council No. 37 of 9 February 2022; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 18. Housing Service Improvement Plan – Update

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An update was provided on the Housing Service Improvement Plan (HSIP) which was established with the aim of improving tenant satisfaction, operating performance, and reducing costs. Details were provided of progress against the key workstreams and actions, along with HSIP-related service performance indicators.

### Motion

- 1) To note the progress made with the Housing Service Improvement Plan (HSIP) over the previous six months.
- 2) To note the revised reporting format, with an Action Tracker to measure workstream progress and a HSIP-related service performance dashboard, as previously requested by Committee.
- 3) To note that the next update on the HSIP would be presented to Committee in six months.
- 4) To note that an updated report on dampness, mould and condensation would be presented to the next Committee, with regular updates thereafter.
  - moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### Amendment

- 1) To note the progress made with the Housing Service Improvement Plan (HSIP) over the previous six months.
- 2) To note the revised reporting format, with an Action Tracker to measure workstream progress and a HSIP-related service performance dashboard, as previously requested by Committee.
- 3) To note that the next update on the HSIP would be presented to Committee in six months.

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- 4) To note that an updated report on dampness, mould and condensation would be presented to the next Committee, with regular updates thereafter.
  - 5) Note Action 2 in the “HSIP Action Tracker – Key Projects” (Appendix 1) relating to Edindex and how “accessibility requirements were being considered as part of this project”.
  - 6) Note that the working group established from the Accessible Housing Study will include work looking at allocation processes, including Edindex.
  - 7) Request a short briefing note to outline:
    - 7.1) what access requirements were currently being considered as part of this work through the HSIP presently.
    - 7.2) who has been consulted to inform work on this to date.
    - 7.3) what provisions were in place to tackle digital exclusion through this work and;
    - 7.4) how the accessible housing working group will be able to engage with the implementation plan and delivery milestones relating to this action from the HSIP, once the group was formed.
- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the progress made with the Housing Service Improvement Plan (HSIP) over the previous six months.
- 2) To note the revised reporting format, with an Action Tracker to measure workstream progress and a HSIP-related service performance dashboard, as previously requested by Committee.
- 3) To note that the next update on the HSIP would be presented to Committee in six months.
- 4) To note that an updated report on dampness, mould and condensation would be presented to the next Committee, with regular updates thereafter.
- 5) To note Action 2 in the “HSIP Action Tracker – Key Projects” relating to Edindex and how “accessibility requirements were being considered as part of this project”.
- 6) To note that the working group established from the Accessible Housing Study would include work looking at allocation processes, including Edindex.
- 7) To request a short briefing note to outline:

- 7.1) what access requirements were currently being considered as part of this work through the HSIP presently.
  - 7.2) who had been consulted to inform work on this to date.
  - 7.3) what provisions were in place to tackle digital exclusion through this work.
  - 7.4) how the accessible housing working group will be able to engage with the implementation plan and delivery milestones relating to this action from the HSIP, once the group was formed.
- 8) To request the number of decant properties be included in the total figures in future reports.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2022 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Parker made a transparency Statement as an Associate of Housing Options Scotland.

## **19. Homelessness Services' Performance Dashboard**

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An update was provided on the first three quarters of 2022/23. The Council's Internal Audit service recommended that Homelessness Services, in addition to providing an annual report on the service's statutory returns, should provide additional performance information to the Committee.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the content of the performance dashboard for Quarter 1 to Quarter 3 2022/23.
- 2) To note the Interim Homelessness & Housing Support Senior Manager would circulate a note to members with more detail on figures in Appendix 1 of the report from the Executive Director of Place.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 3 June 2021 (item 16); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **20. Mixed Tenure Improvement Service**

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Details were provided of progress of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Services (MTIS), reflecting on the work carried out in year one and two of the programmed delivery to March 2023. The original pilot programme in Murrayburn, Dumbryden and Hailesland would be complete in 2024 and was on target to deliver upgrades to approximately 170 blocks. Work had begun to develop a programme for around 230 blocks in Restalrig and Lochend.

### **Motion**

To note the progress of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) to help support common repairs and maintenance in blocks where there was a mix of Council and privately-owned homes.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the progress of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) to help support common repairs and maintenance in blocks where there was a mix of Council and privately-owned homes.
- 2) Welcomes the work of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) and recognises the urgent need to improve the energy efficiency of housing stock across the city in the context of the climate and nature emergencies, as well as for the benefit of residents.
- 3) Notes the variety of support available to private owners who live in mixed tenure blocks where the Council was seeking to make improvements to housing stock
- 4) Recognises that, despite this support, rising building costs and the cost-of living crisis might mean that private owners in mixed tenure blocks struggle to finance improvements to their homes, especially when these were extensive such as whole house retrofit.
- 5) Therefore, requests a briefing note outlining in more detail:
  - 5.1) whether the current provision of grants and loan support was judged to be sufficient for owners in mixed tenure blocks to be able to agree to improvements through the MTIS.
  - 5.2) what further resources would be required to increase uptake amongst owners.
  - 5.3) how these resources could be financed, and;
  - 5.4) what learning we can take from other local authorities who were doing this work

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the progress of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) to help support common repairs and maintenance in blocks where there was a mix of Council and privately-owned homes.
- 2) To welcome the work of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) and recognise the urgent need to improve the energy efficiency of housing stock across the city in the context of the climate and nature emergencies, as well as for the benefit of residents.
- 3) To note the variety of support available to private owners who lived in mixed tenure blocks where the Council was seeking to make improvements to housing stock

- 4) To recognise that, despite this support, rising building costs and the cost-of-living crisis might mean that private owners in mixed tenure blocks struggled to finance improvements to their homes, especially when these were extensive such as whole house retrofit.
- 5) Therefore, to request a briefing note outlining in more detail:
  - 5.5) whether the current provision of grants and loan support was judged to be sufficient for owners in mixed tenure blocks to be able to agree to improvements through the MTIS.
  - 5.6) what further resources would be required to increase uptake amongst owners.
  - 5.7) how these resources could be financed.
  - 5.8) what learning could be taken from other local authorities who were doing this work.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 29 September 2022 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **21. Place Directorate - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 – Month Eight Forecast**

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Details were provided of the month eight 2022/23 revenue monitoring position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Homelessness Services and Place Directorate General Fund (GF), focusing on services within the scope of this Committee.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) was forecasting a contribution of £4.768m to the Strategic Housing Investment Fund (SHIF) from revenue generated in 2022/23 as part of the capital investment programme funding strategy (a reduced contribution from £5.534m reported at month five).
- 2) To note the Homelessness Service was projecting an overspend of £8.040m at month eight in 2022/23 (no change from the position reported at month five).
- 3) To note the Place General Fund (GF) services within the remit of the Committee were forecasting an underspend of £0.530m in 2022/23 after drawing down £0.454m from Council provisions made to cover inflationary impacts.
- 4) To note the Place GF Covid-19 impact for services within the remit of the Committee was forecast to be nil at month eight.
- 5) To note the Principal Accountant would share the definitions of the rent loss terms in the report with members and include these in future reports.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 1 December 2022 (item 18); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **21. Motion by Councillor Campbell – Damp and Mould**

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The following motion by Councillor Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that there are over 130 structures of public art or monuments across the city of Edinburgh.
- 2) Regrets that of those structures, 79 represent or commemorate men with just 8 representing women, less than the total number of structures dedicated to animals (15).
- 3) Recognises the cultural significance of statues and what values and ideas they commemorate.
- 4) Notes the motion by Councillor Cameron agreed at full council on 22 August 2019 and the subsequent report to Planning Committee, which agreed that, “when a street is named after a person, a woman’s name is given priority”, further notes that this policy does not currently apply to public art or monuments.
- 5) Notes the work of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review, and in particular recommendation 2 that that structures “...associated with slavery and colonialism are retained and re-presented in accordance with a new, dedicated interpretation strategy which explains the nature and consequences of that involvement, , and recommendation 7, that “a significant public artwork be commissioned acknowledging Edinburgh’s links with slavery and colonialism”, and that this “initiates the development of a city-wide strategy for public art that fairly represents the diversity of the city...”.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

### **Amendment**

- 1) Notes that there are over 130 structures of public art or monuments across the city of Edinburgh.
- 2) Regrets that of those structures, 79 represent or commemorate men with just 8 representing women, less than the total number of structures dedicated to animals (15).
- 3) Recognises the cultural significance of statues and what values and ideas they commemorate.
- 4) Notes the motion by Councillor Cameron agreed at full council on 22 August 2019 and the subsequent report to Planning Committee, which agreed that, “when a street is named after a person, a woman’s name is given priority”,

further notes that this policy does not currently apply to public art or monuments.

- 5) Notes the work of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review, and in particular recommendation 2 that that structures "...associated with slavery and colonialism are retained and re-presented in accordance with a new, dedicated interpretation strategy which explains the nature and consequences of that involvement, , and recommendation 7, that "a significant public artwork be commissioned acknowledging Edinburgh's links with slavery and colonialism", and that this "initiates the development of a city-wide strategy for public art that fairly represents the diversity of the city..."."
  - 6) Committee further agrees that officers should develop, with immediate effect, a plan to improve the response to the way the Council deals with damp and mould with a commitment to establish an in-house dampness team with the recruitment of additional resources.
  - 7) The improvement plan in development also includes key areas such as:
    - an end-to-end process review putting tenants' health and wellbeing at the centre;
    - training for all front-line staff and enhanced technical training for the dampness team;
    - research and identification of new products for the prevention, treatment and removal of mould;
    - better use of technology and systems to analyse trends and data capture to inform future investment, including how the stock condition survey will inform capital investment.
- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as addendum to the motion.

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Campbell:

- 1) To note that there were over 130 structures of public art or monuments across the city of Edinburgh.
- 2) To regrets that of those structures, 79 represented or commemorated men with just 8 representing women, less than the total number of structures dedicated to animals (15).
- 3) To recognise the cultural significance of statues and what values and ideas they commemorated.
- 4) To note the motion by Councillor Cameron agreed at full council on 22 August 2019 and the subsequent report to Planning Committee, which agreed that

“when a street is named after a person, a woman’s name is given priority”, and to further note that this policy did not currently apply to public art or monuments.

- 5) To note the work of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review, and in particular recommendation 2 that that structures “...associated with slavery and colonialism are retained and re-presented in accordance with a new, dedicated interpretation strategy which explains the nature and consequences of that involvement”, and recommendation 7, that “a significant public artwork be commissioned acknowledging Edinburgh’s links with slavery and colonialism”, and that this “initiates the development of a city-wide strategy for public art that fairly represents the diversity of the city...”.
- 6) To further agree that officers should develop, with immediate effect, a plan to improve the response to the way the Council dealt with damp and mould with a commitment to establish an in-house dampness team with the recruitment of additional resources.
- 7) The improvement plan in development also included key areas such as:
  - an end-to-end process review putting tenants’ health and wellbeing at the centre;
  - training for all front-line staff and enhanced technical training for the dampness team;
  - research and identification of new products for the prevention, treatment and removal of mould;
  - better use of technology and systems to analyse trends and data capture to inform future investment, including how the stock condition survey will inform capital investment.

## **21. Motion by Councillor Caldwell – Taking stock of affordable housing by ward in the City of Edinburgh**

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The following motion by Councillor Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

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Notes

- 1) The 2017 - 2022 Council term’s committed target to producing 10,000 affordable homes by 2022.
- 2) The 2022 – 2027 Council term’s committed target to producing 25,000 Council affordable homes by 2032.
- 3) That this needs to be achieved in partnership both with existing Council-owned land and developments, and developers within the private sector.



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- 4) In 2022, the Council approved an annual HRA budget strategy which included a 10 year £2.9bn capital programme and £1.3bn revenue programme, predicated on a minimum 2% annual rent increase, and that Council deferred decision on the agreed FY 2023-24 3% rent increase expenditure to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee due 11th May 2023.
- 5) There is disparity between both SIMD quadrants and Council wards across the city in terms of both affordable housing amenity and deprivation levels.
- 6) Land value and cost of development varies across the city and is further complicated by other local factors such as the number of conservation areas.

#### Requests

- 7) A briefing on the last 5 years (FYs 2017-2022), split into the 17 wards, that make up the City of Edinburgh detailing;
  - 7.1) How many affordable homes, as part of the HRA Business Plan, during those years have been;
    - Granted planning permission.
    - Underwent construction by the end of FY2022.
    - Built to completion.
  - 7.2) How many planning applications were granted where a commuted sum was agreed for the affordable homes.
  - 7.3) How many approved affordable homes have been delivered within each ward and, in cases where that was not possible, what has happened to the commuted sum.
  - 7.4) What were the main barriers to affordable housing being delivered on site and what is being done to overcome this.
  - 7.5) The percentage of housing-led development sites (by ward) which did not include affordable housing as part of the New Homes Strategy.”

#### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Caldwell.

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Ross

#### **Amendment**

Adds:

At points 1-5, that the information requested includes details of the council's HRA housebuilding programme, all homes built under the AHSP, and all affordable housing built without subsidy.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as addendum to the motion.

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Caldwell:

- 1) To note the 2017 - 2022 Council term's committed target to producing 10,000 affordable homes by 2022.
- 2) To note the 2022 – 2027 Council term's committed target to producing 25,000 Council affordable homes by 2032.
- 3) To note that this would need to be achieved in partnership both with existing Council-owned land and developments, and developers within the private sector.
- 4) To note that in 2022, the Council approved an annual HRA budget strategy which included a 10 year £2.9bn capital programme and £1.3bn revenue programme, predicated on a minimum 2% annual rent increase, and that Council deferred decision on the agreed FY 2023-24 3% rent increase expenditure to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee due 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 5) To note there was disparity between both SIMD quadrants and Council wards across the city in terms of both affordable housing amenity and deprivation levels.
- 6) To note land value and cost of development varied across the city and was further complicated by other local factors such as the number of conservation areas.
- 7) To request a briefing on the last 5 years (FYs 2017-2022), split into the 17 wards, that made up the City of Edinburgh detailing;
  - 7.1) How many affordable homes, as part of the HRA Business Plan, during those years had been;
    - Granted planning permission.
    - Underwent construction by the end of FY2022.
    - Built to completion.
  - 7.2) How many planning applications were granted where a commuted sum was agreed for the affordable homes.
  - 7.3) How many approved affordable homes had been delivered within each ward and, in cases where that was not possible, what had happened to the commuted sum.

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- 7.4) What were the main barriers to affordable housing being delivered on site and what was being done to overcome this.
- 7.5) The percentage of housing-led development sites (by ward) which did not include affordable housing as part of the New Homes Strategy.
- 8) To request that the information requested included details of the council's HRA housebuilding programme, all homes built under the AHSP, and all affordable housing built without subsidy.