

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

**10.00 am Tuesday, 5th December, 2023**

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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## **1. Order of Business**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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- 3.1 If any.

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 Minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 3 October 2023 – submitted for approval as a correct record 9 - 26

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## 8. Routine Decisions

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## 9. Motions

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- 9.1 By Councillor Caldwell - EdIndex during the Housing Emergency

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Notes:

1. That Edinburgh Council and Housing Associations run EdIndex as a single portal to try and match residents with social-rent properties, with over 24,000 registered applicants (RRTP Aug 23).
2. EdIndex utilises a points-based system and bidding to match residents to potential homes, and notes that FY22/23 saw 185 average bids per property (EPC Oct 23).
3. That Edinburgh Council declared a Housing Emergency on 2nd November 2023 which requested progress monitoring and further partnership working with RSLs.

Requests:

4. A report in three cycles which outlines:
  - a) Key statistics from EdIndex over FY 23/24, including:
    - a. number of applicants registered on EdIndex.
    - b. total number of successful and unsuccessful bids in the FY.
    - c. average number of days applicants on different priority tiers.
  - b) A full list of partner organisations who are associated with EdIndex and the benefits that EdIndex partners, including the Council, receive.
  - c) What alternative systems comparable local authorities use.
  - d) A general summation of feedback from applicants over the last year and any relevant mechanisms/proposals to

collect feedback from unsuccessful and successful applicants and third sector partners, as well as any proposals to maximise social equity in the system in the context of the Housing Emergency.

5. The information requested in 4. a, b, and c is appended to the annual 'Edinburgh in Numbers' report to ensure transparent public monitoring during the Housing Emergency.
6. Prior to the publication of the above report, a meeting between any elected members, relevant Place Directorate officers and EdIndex Board members (who wish to participate) is arranged to better understand the successes and challenges around EdIndex in the context of Edinburgh's wider Housing Emergency declaration."

## **9.2** By Councillor Hyslop - Discretionary Housing Payments

"Notes that Councillors were informed of funding pressures affecting Discretionary Housing Payments through a briefing note circulated on 1 November.

Notes that DHPs which are awarded to mitigate the effects of the Bedroom Tax and the Benefit Cap will not be affected.

Notes that the Edinburgh is one of the few authorities who make awards for DHP for citizens looking to move to more appropriate/affordable accommodation to support with rent in advance, deposits and removals.

Notes with concern that pressures outlined in the briefing note and the decision to cut back on these supports means that the council will be less able to support one off funding awards to support citizens to stay in their tenancies and avoid homelessness.

Believes that decisions taken with the aim of saving money to reduce funding pressures, which subsequently lead to an increase in homelessness are unlikely to achieve their aim and

will potentially lead to a higher cost for the Council and significantly worse outcomes for residents.

Requests a report to HHFW Committee within 2 cycles with an update to committee which outlines the potential for an increase in homelessness and associated costs to the council if DHP's are withdrawn as set out in the briefing note.”

## **Nick Smith**

Service Director, Legal and Assurance

## **Committee Members**

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Councillor Jane Meagher (Convener), Councillor Graeme Bruce, Councillor Jack Caldwell, Councillor Stuart Dobbin, Councillor Pauline Flannery, Councillor Euan Hyslop, Councillor David Key, Councillor Ben Parker, Councillor Tim Pogson, Councillor Susan Rae and Councillor Iain Whyte

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