

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 12 November 2019

Present

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Brown, Ian Campbell, Daggart, Doran, Howie, Mitchell, Osler, Rae, Staniforth and Work (substituting for items 9 to 18 for Councillor Howie).

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 10 September 2019 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that the report “Internal Audit – Localities Operating Model”, referral from Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee was continued for consideration at Culture and Communities Committee on 10.09.19 was omitted from the agenda for Committee on 12.11.19 and would instead be considered on 28.01.20.
- 2) To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of:
 - i. Action 5 - Sport for Change: A new grant scheme for Physical Activity and Sport
 - ii. Action 14 - Community Payback Order Annual Report 2017/18
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

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

5. Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay- Briefing on 2018/19 events – Presentation

Charlie Wood and Ed Bartlam provided an overview of the 2018 Christmas activities undertaken and plans for 2019 on behalf of Underbelly. Key statistics on the number of visitors attending and the profile of attendees were provided.

Decision

To thank Underbelly for their presentation.

6. Community Justice – Payback Order – Presentation

Carey Fuller, Vikki Kerr, Kate White and Louise Supron presented on Community Payback Orders and highlighted the work of Willow Services, which was a partnership between NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council who worked with a number of different partners to address the social, health and welfare needs of women in the criminal justice system. The presentation gave a brief overview of Community Payback Orders, Supervision Requirements. Details of what could be expected during Supervision Requirement were provided. Statistics of service user feedback was provided, and it was noted that 93% of services users said supervision helped. The Caledonian System, an integrated model of domestic abuse intervention, was also shared.

Decision

To thank Carey Fuller, Vikki Kerr, Kate White and Louise Supron for their presentation.

7. National Health Service – Physical Activity Strategy – Presentation

John Brennan presented on the Physical Activity Strategy and provided an overview of why the City of Edinburgh Council would want to promote physical activity and how this could be done in the city. An update on the work carried out to date and achievements in the localities of Edinburgh were also provided. A definition of what physical activity was and statistics showing the benefits of physical activity were highlighted. The presentation focussed on risk reduction of chronic conditions associated with physical activity and highlighted barriers and opportunities to physical activity.

Decision

To thank John Brennan for his presentation.

8. The Benefit of Co-Creating Services with the Community - Presentation

Sara Hawkins presented on the work of Projekt 42, an organisation launched in 2017 who combined personal training, group fitness, life coaching and counselling. Details were provided of how Projekt 42 originated and how the organisation had extended to meet demand. Funding was used to empower community members to lead activities for Projekt 42 by providing the training and insurance they needed to do that.

Projekt 42 was currently operating from a 25 thousand square foot facility and over 60 individuals had joined the team to deliver personal training, life coaching and counselling on over 150 different group fitness activities each week.

Decision

To thank Sara Hawkins of Projekt 42 for her presentation.

9. Physical Activity and Sport Strategy: Progress Update

On 26 March 2019 Committee requested a further report on progressing a new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy 2020-2023. Details were provided of the approach taken in developing a coordinated city-wide strategy and focused on the key areas for improvement. There were two strands to this strategy, one on physical activity and the other on sport. The scope of these strands was detailed in a Terms of Reference for each strand. A first-year action plan for the Sport Strategy was prepared which detailed the actions in the identified areas for improvement and also illustrated the context in which the sport strategy sits in Edinburgh.

Motion

- 1) To note this report and the progress made on establishing a new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy.
- 2) To request a further report on the completed strategy by April 2020.
- 3) To request a further report on the city-wide action plan for the Edinburgh Physical Activity Partnership.
- 4) To request officers created a communication plan that celebrated the good practice which was already in existence across the city.
- 5) To approve the allocation of City of Edinburgh Council officer time to support the Physical Activity Alliance Groups

Amendment

- 1) To note this report and the progress made on establishing a new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy.
- 2) To request a further report on the completed strategy by April 2020. The report was to include a clear statement of how this strategy would reduce inequality of sport provision across the city, to allow the same access for individuals from all communities to a range of sports with the same standard of facilities. The report

was to include Key Performance Indicators and benchmarks against which progress can be measured and reported.

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In accordance with Standing Order 21 (11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

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Declaration of Interests

Councillors Osler, Staniforth and Wilson declared non-financial interests in the above item as Directors of Edinburgh Leisure.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 26 March 2019 (item 8); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

10. Sports Pitch Maintenance

The Council aimed to maintain its sports pitches to its Landscape Quality Standards (LQS) and was procuring machinery to ensure that grounds maintenance continued to be of a high standard. Both the Council and Edinburgh Leisure operated a Trusted Key-holder scheme for sports clubs regularly using pitches and ancillary facilities. This would continue and be available for all clubs meeting the required terms and conditions. There was an interest in establishing the extent to which the pitches belonging to the Independent Schools were being used by community groups, clubs and voluntary organisations and what capacity and willingness existed to facilitate more community use.

Decision

- 1) To note the actions for ensuring that Edinburgh's outdoor sports pitches continue to meet the Council's Landscape Quality Standards.
- 2) To note the provision of Trusted Key-holder scheme that was in existence.
- 3) To note the intention to contact Independent schools to determine the existing and potential provision of sports facilities for the wider community.

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

11. Council Companies - Edinburgh Leisure Annual Performance Report 2018/19

The annual report on Edinburgh Leisure's performance for 2018/19 was presented, prepared as a requirement of the Services and Funding Agreement.

Decision

- 1) To note the performance of Edinburgh Leisure during 2018/19.
- 2) To request that Edinburgh Leisure reported annually to Culture and Communities Committee but Committee may request ad hoc reports if required.

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

12. Capital Theatres Company Performance Report 2018/19

The sixth annual performance report prepared as a requirement of the Services and Funding Agreement process adopted in 2013/14 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the positive performance of Capital Theatres during 2018/19.
- 2) To refer this report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors McNeese-Mechan and Mitchell declared non-financial interests in the above item as board members for the Capital Theatre Trust.

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

13 Burns and Beyond Festival 2020

An update was provided on the Burns & Beyond Festival 2020, awarded £50,000 under Delegated Authority by the Executive Director of Place following consultation with the

Convener and Vice-Convener. This was due to the urgency of timescales arising from confirmation of third-party funding falling between the Committee cycles.

Decision

- 1) To note the decision taken by the Executive Director of Place under Delegated Authority to award funding of £50,000 to Burns & Beyond Festival 2020.
- 2) To note that where decisions were taken under delegated authority, Committee would be advised by email before a report was brought to the next Committee.

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

14. Central Library Future Development

An overview of a future development option for the city's Central Library, based upon the Bennetts Architects Design Feasibility Study 2014 and proposed next steps to explore the viability of creating an inspiring and inclusive learning and cultural destination was provided.

Decision

- 1) To note the challenges of the present Central Library building.
- 2) To approve the establishment of a Project Team, led by the senior officer responsible for Libraries, to explore the viability of developing an imaginative, accessible and engaging future vision for the city's Central Library.
- 3) To engage in a dialogue with a range of third sector organisations as part of this programme of work.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

15. Tourism Strategy Consultation

A draft new tourism strategy 'Edinburgh 2030' had been developed in partnership with a number of organisations in the city. A Strategy Implementation Group (SIG), chaired by the Council's Chief Executive, had been established to oversee the development, which was being supported by the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG). The report included the draft strategy and encouraged participation in the consultation.

Decision

- 1) To note the draft tourism strategy for Edinburgh (as set out in appendix 1) which has been developed in partnership with national bodies and the tourism sector.
- 2) To note that the consultation closes on 30 November 2019.
- 3) To encourage citizens, community councils and other interested parties to contribute to the consultation.
- 4) To note that the draft strategy would also be considered by Policy and Sustainability Committee on 26 November 2019 and then the final strategy would be considered at a special meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 21 January 2020.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee, 21 March 2019 (item 12); – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

16. Internal Audit – Communities and Families, Safer and Stronger Communities Historic Audit Actions – referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 13 August 2019 considered a report by the Chief Internal Auditor, Internal Audit Annual Opinion for the year ended 31 March, which detailed the outcome of the audits carried out as part of the Council's 2018/19 Internal Audit annual plan and the status of open Internal Audit findings as at 31 March 2019.

Decision

To note the referral report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted.)

17. Motion by Councillor Staniforth – Edinburgh's Christmas

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

Motion

- 1) To note the motion agreed by Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 29 October 2019 entitled "Edinburgh's Christmas", including the detailed supporting information.
- 2) To note the availability of a range of different hard standing spaces which offer an alternative setting for Christmas and Hogmanay events.
- 3) To agree to urgently collaborate with Underbelly to look at options to relocate the Christmas Market from East Princes Street Gardens to a hard-standing space in central Edinburgh to enable contracted events to take place and which would allow East Princes Street Gardens fully to open for general public use.
- 4) To agree that council contractees failing to apply for planning permission on time sets a bad example and that in future all cultural events associated with the council would be expected to apply for planning permission (and all other relevant permissions) before the construction of any structure begins.
- 5) To note the role that other Council committees, departments, and officers have to play in providing the necessary permissions for Edinburgh's Christmas to proceed. This includes Building Standards and Public Safety who would ensure all appropriate safety checks and inspections were done to the department's satisfaction to ensure the structure complies with all safety standards and regulations.
- 6) To instruct the Director of Place to provide a report to the next Culture and Communities Committee detailing the proposals and options, as currently understood, for Edinburgh Christmas 2020. These would include, but not be limited to; possibly moving the event to another location next year, a reviewing of its footprint, as well as detailing any financial implications, and a timeline for

ensuring all proper and relevant permissions are applied for and in place ahead of any future events.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Rae

Amendment

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- 2) To note the availability of a range of different hard standing spaces which offer an alternative setting for Christmas and Hogmanay events.
- 3) To recognise the practical impossibility of obtaining a replacement venue at this late stage.
- 4) To regret that Underbelly did not request planning permission for the structures that were in place in East Princes Street Gardens.
- 5) To note the role that other Council committees, departments, and officers have to play in providing the necessary permissions for Edinburgh’s Christmas to proceed. This included Building Standards and Public Safety who would ensure all appropriate safety checks and inspections were done to the department’s satisfaction to ensure the structure complied with all safety standards and regulations.
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- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Doggart

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 2 votes

For the amendment - 9 votes

(For the motion Councillors Rae and Staniforth.

For the amendment Councillors Brown, Ian Campbell, Doggart, Doran, McNeese-Mechan, Mitchell, Osler, Wilson and Work.)

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18. Motion by Councillor Rae – Bingham Cup

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

Committee:

- 1) Notes the launch on Friday 25th October 2019 of the Bingham Cup 2022 Bid, facilitated by the Caledonian Thebans RFC, which aims to bring the biggest world's LGBT-inclusive rugby tournament to Edinburgh in 2022.
- 2) Notes the Bingham Cup enjoys participation from over 100 city-based teams from across the world.
- 3) Recognises the immense and wide-ranging benefits that hosting this global inclusive sporting event will bring to our City.
- 4) Acknowledges the input required from stakeholders across the City to facilitate the success of the bid.
- 5) Therefore, requests Council form a Steering Group, inviting key stakeholders including Scottish Rugby and the Bingham Cup Bid Committee to participate, with the objective of bringing the Bingham Cup 2022 to Edinburgh.

Decision

To agree to continue consideration of the motion to the next Culture and Communities Committee on 28 January 2020.