

Minutes

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday 25 February 2020

Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon (substituting for Councillor Rankin), Macinnes, McLellan, Main, Mowat (substituting for Councillor Hutchison for items 1 to 13), Perry, Rose (substituting for Councillor Hutchison for items 15 to 26), Staniforth, Webber, Whyte, Wilson and Work.

1. Minutes

Decision

- a) To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 26 November 2019 as a correct record.
- b) To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 21 January 2020 as a correct record.

2. Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme February 2020

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme for February 2020 was presented.

Decision

To note the work programme.

(Reference – Work Programme February 2020, submitted.)

3. Policy and Sustainability Committee Rolling Actions Log

Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 2(2)** – Full Cost Charges in Care Homes for Older People Managed by the Council
 - Action 8(2)** – City Strategic Investment Fund
 - Action 9** – Edinburgh Tourism Strategy Update
 - Action 10** – Tourism – Policy Statement

Action 13(2) – Tourism Strategy

Action 15 – CEC Motion by Councillor Bird – Respectful Political Debate

Action 17 – Climate Commission

Action 19 – Tourism Strategy Development Update

2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Policy and Sustainability Committee Business Bulletin

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Policy and Sustainability Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

5. Edinburgh Poverty Commission Progress Update

An update was provided on the progress of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission in the period since its formal launch in November 2018. A proposed approach to governance and development of a work programme with the adoption of a new Poverty All Party Oversight Group was presented.

Motion

- 1) To note the work carried out by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to date and plans for publication of final recommendations at the end of March 2020.
- 2) To agree to the development of a cross-council work programme to take forward the implementation of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations to be considered by Committee by June 2020.
- 3) To agree to the establishment of the Poverty All Party Oversight Group and its proposed remit.
- 4) To include the Convener/Vice Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in the membership of the All Party Oversight Group.
- 5) To note the development of existing officer and cross partner working groups to support this work programme.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the work carried out by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to date and plans for publication of final recommendations at the end of March 2020.
- 2) To agree to the development of a cross-council work programme to take forward the implementation of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations to be considered by Committee by June 2020.

- 3) To note the development of existing officer and cross partner working groups to support this work programme.
- 4) To agree not to establish an All Party Oversight Group instead requiring reporting of actions and performance measurement to a Council Committee in future to ensure appropriate scrutiny and decision making in public and to report on the result of partnership actions in order to determine the Council's approach to improvement and scrutiny addressed through the Edinburgh Partnership.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 10 votes
For the amendment - 7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.)

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Gloyer, McLellan, Mowat, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey:

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

6. Police Scotland – City of Edinburgh Division Update

An update was provided on Police Scotland's City of Edinburgh Division city-wide plans, policies and performance.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

7. Local Fire and Rescue Plan – Review 2020

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was required to prepare Local Fire and Rescue Plans for each local authority in Scotland. The publication of a new Strategic Plan 2019-22 in October 2019 now instigated a requirement to carry out mandatory review of all Local Fire and Rescue Plans and the committee were asked to participate in a short survey on local service provision.

Decision

To note the report and agree to feed into the survey.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

8. Review of Event Management Operations in Edinburgh – Edinburgh’s Christmas

The Committee had agreed to receive a report on revised governance arrangements for event planning. Details were provided on a number of areas for improvement which had been identified following a major review of how major events were managed in Edinburgh. A series of actions to address the areas raised in the review were outlined.

Motion

- 1) To note the improvements in event management operations following the review by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To agree to the establishment of the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group as outlined in appendix two of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To note that, subject to formal approval by the Governance Risk and Best Value Committee, Internal Audit proposed to undertake an audit of event planning as part of their draft 20/21 Audit Plan.
- 4) To note that the Culture and Communities Committee had agreed a process for engaging residents in the future shape of Edinburgh’s Winter festivals.
- 5) To further note there was an outstanding planning application relevant for the delivery of the current contract.
- 6) To agree that following the outcome of the Development Management Sub-Committee, the Executive Director of Place brings forward a paper to the newly formed APOG for discussion on changes that could take place from the previous year’s set up to meet residents’ concerns, working with the operator, and that this be approved by the Culture and Communities Committee at the next available committee.
- 7) To agree that if the process in point 6 failed to reach a conclusion, the Executive Director of Place would seek Committee approval at the earliest possible date to provide options for the City’s Winter festivals 2020/21.
- 8) To note the outstanding action from Councillor Jim Campbell’s Council motion of November 2019 regarding Councillors’ access to open book information and note this would be submitted to Council by the end of March 2020 for consideration at June 2020 Policy and Sustainability Committee.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the suggested improvements in event management operations following the review by the Chief Executive and agree to implement the management actions outlined as an interim measure.
- 2) To agree not to establish an All Party Oversight Group but to require appropriate reporting to a Council Committee to ensure scrutiny and decision making in public.

- 3) To agree to review the purpose and scope of the Strategic Events Partnership in light of the proposed major events steering group as the former had clearly failed in bringing cross Council oversight through the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive given the lack of co-ordination of Council involvement in events described at paragraphs 4.8 to 4.16 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 4) To commission the Council's external auditors to provide an external review of the Council decision making process leading to Edinburgh's Christmas 2019, including why the actions required by any previous motions to Council had been ignored or held in abeyance including the motion of 1 February 2018, and make comprehensive recommendations about event planning for the future.
- 5) To commission a further report from the Chief Executive exploring with Underbelly Ltd the possibility of providing an alternative, locally themed Christmas Market involving local businesses in the traditional market areas of the Old Town and/or elsewhere, along with any additional costs involved in any contract variation involved, in order to remove the necessity of taking large areas of East Princes Street Gardens out of public use for six months of the year.
- 6) To agree that the review of the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay should recognise that the implementation of this contract cuts across many Council functions and services and should be considered at the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 7) To instruct the Chief Executive to explore the use of technology to help improve oversight and cross-council working which also presented an audit trail for all events.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the improvements in event management operations following the review by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To agree to the establishment of the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group as outlined in appendix two of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) The review of the Members Officer Protocol would consider, for all major events, whether there was a robust formal process for keeping local members informed and discussing in advance politically sensitive issues before decisions were taken or referred to committee for decision.
- 4) To ensure transparent community and stakeholder engagement, formal meetings, including relevant community councils and parks groups, would be set up for major events as part of the event management process, chaired by the named officer, and clarified in the contract where necessary.
- 5) In developing a Public Space Manifesto and Protocol, all year-round public amenity and use of public spaces, and producing carbon neutral events contributing to Net Zero Edinburgh 2030, would be considered and reflected in all contracts.

- 6) To note that, subject to formal approval by Governance Risk and Best Value Committee (GRBV), Internal Audit proposed to undertake an audit of the event planning as part of their draft 20/21 Audit Plan.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12)), Paragraphs 6 and 7 of Amendment 1 and all of Amendment 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Mowat, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the improvements in event management operations following the review by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To agree to the establishment of the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group as outlined in appendix two of the report by the Chief Executive.
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- 7) To note that the Culture and Communities Committee had agreed a process for engaging residents in the future shape of Edinburgh's Winter festivals.
- 8) To further note there was an outstanding planning application relevant for the delivery of the current contract.

- 9) To agree that following the outcome of the Development Management Sub-Committee, the Executive Director of Place brings forward a paper to the newly formed APOG for discussion on changes that could take place from the previous year's set up to meet residents' concerns, working with the operator, and that this be approved by the Culture and Communities Committee at the next available committee.
- 10) To agree that if the process in point 6 failed to reach a conclusion, the Executive Director of Place would seek Committee approval at the earliest possible date to provide options for the City's Winter festivals 2020/21.
- 11) To note the outstanding action from Councillor Jim Campbell's Council motion of November 2019 regarding Councillors' access to open book information and note this would be submitted to Council by the end of March 2020 for consideration at June 2020 Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 12) To agree that the review of the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay should recognise that the implementation of this contract cuts across many Council functions and services and should be considered at the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 13) To instruct the Chief Executive to explore the use of technology to help improve oversight and cross-council working which also presented an audit trail for all events.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee 26 November 2019 (item 16); report by the Chief Executive, circulated).

9. Arm's Length External Organisations – Reporting to Committee

Details were provided on the Council's reporting arrangements for its arm's length external organisations (ALEOs).

Motion

- 1) To approve the reporting approach as set out in Paragraphs 4.10 to 4.13 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note that the Chief Executive would be undertaking a wider review on how the Council worked with its Arm's Length External Organisations.
- 3) To note the expectation that annual reporting would be included as part of the scrutiny of financial reporting of ALEOs to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To approve the reporting approach as set out in Paragraphs 4.10 to 4.13 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note that the Chief Executive would be undertaking a wider review on how the Council worked with its Arm's Length External Organisations.

- 3) To note the expectation that annual reporting would be included as part of the scrutiny of financial reporting of ALEOs to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.
- 4) To further agree that executive committee members should not be involved in the scrutiny of a company when they were board directors and should absent themselves for any such items.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Mowat, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey:

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

The following members declared a non-financial interest in the above item:

Councillor Kate Campbell as Chair of CEC Holdings Ltd and Marketing Edinburgh.

Councillor Gordon as Chair of the EICC.

Councillor Macinnes as Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.

Councillor Staniforth as a member of Edinburgh Leisure.

Councillor Wilson as a member of Capital City Theatres Trust.

10. Sustainability Programme Progress Update

A summary of ongoing activity being undertaken across the Council as part of the corporate sustainable programme activity was provided.

Motion

- 1) To note the sustainability programme update and the programme plan for delivery of the City Sustainability Strategy 2030.
- 2) To note the appointment of the Climate Commission Chair and the confirmed Commission membership.
- 3) To note the update on the Edinburgh Conference.
- 4) To note the resource arrangements to support the programme.
- 5) To note the update on the Sustainable Energy Action Plan and the positive progress made on current city emissions target.

- 6) To agree that moving forward any continuing SEAP projects were brought into the wider Sustainability Programme and future reporting on city emissions would reflect the new council target for 2030.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the sustainability programme update and the programme plan for delivery of the City Sustainability Strategy 2030.
- 2) To note the appointment of the Climate Commission Chair and the confirmed Commission membership.
- 3) To note the update on the Edinburgh Conference.
- 4) To note the resource arrangements to support the programme.
- 5) To note the update on the Sustainable Energy Action Plan and the positive progress made on current city emissions target.
- 6) To agree that moving forward any continuing SEAP projects were brought into the wider Sustainability Programme and future reporting on city emissions would reflect the new council target for 2030.
- 7) To agree that the Commission's work will in future be reported directly to this Committee rather than via an APOG.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	10 votes
For the amendment	-	7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Gloyer, McLellan, Mowat, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

11. Draft Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy for Consultation

Details were provided on the proposed public consultation on the Edinburgh Draft Food Growing Strategy which would run for a six week period in March and early April on the Council's consultation hub.

Decision

To approve the draft Edinburgh Food Growing Strategy for consultation as detailed in Appendix I of the report by the Chief Executive.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Gordon declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Edible Edinburgh.

12. Edible Edinburgh Sustainable Food Cities Co-ordinator

Details were provided on a proposal to make the post of Co-ordinator of Edible Edinburgh's Sustainable Food Cities full-time to cover the time period until March 2022.

Decision

- 1) To approve the allocation of £32,370 from the Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 budget to fund the employment of Edible Edinburgh partnership's Sustainable Food Cities Co-ordinator for a two year period from April 2020 to March 2022, moving from a part to full time post.
- 2) To note the discussions underway with NHS Lothian and Edinburgh Community Food on contributing funding towards this post.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Gordon declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Edible Edinburgh.

13. City Strategic Investment Strategic Programme

An update was provided on the City Strategic Investment Fund balance following the decision taken in October 2019 to restructure the fund. Details were also provided on allocations being made to BioQuarter and Powderhall Stables projects.

Decision

- 1) To note that on 21 November 2019, Council agreed to the restructuring of the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF).
- 2) To note that from the £2.15m available to support delivery of the Council's strategic regeneration priorities:
 - (a) £500,000 will be allocated to BioQuarter to fund the procurement and establishment of a joint venture vehicle (subject to the agreement of report elsewhere on agenda);
 - (b) To note that £604,658 from the £2.15m available to support delivery of the Council's strategic regeneration priorities was allocated to the Granton Waterfront regeneration programme by the Finance and Resources Committee on 6 December 2019;

- (c) To note allocations of up to £300,000 for City Centre Transformation, £200,000 for Data Driven Innovation and £500,000 for West Edinburgh respectively;
- 3) To note that the allocation of £500,000 to leverage in grant funding for the Powderhall Stables project is the subject of a separate report.
- 4) To note the City Strategic Investment Fund cash flow projection as shown in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

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

14 BioQuarter Strategic Business Case

Approval was sought to progress with the next stage of the BioQuarter project including £500,000 of funding as the Council's contribution towards the development of the business case and procurement exercise.

Decision

- 1) To agree the Strategic Business Case as set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To agree to contribute up to £500,000 to fund the further development of the business case and run the related procurement process.
- 3) To note that a Prior Information Notice (PIN) would be posted in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) in April/May 2020 setting out the intention to proceed with the procurement of a commercial development partner and seeking market feedback.
- 4) To note that a further report would be brought to Committee in June 2020 providing an update on progress, seeking approval of the outline business case, approval to enter into a new legal entity (TopCo) and seeking agreement to start the formal procurement process with greater detail over costings.

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

15 City Strategic Investment Fund – Powderhall Stables

Approval was sought for the allocation of up to £790,000 from the City Strategic Investment Fund to the Powderhall Stables project from 1 April 2020, subject to it securing a grant of £1.21m from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF). £500,000 of this would be on a non-repayable basis, while up to £290,000 would be a repayable loan.

Decision

- 1) To note that the current available balance of the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) included £500,000 which could be used for match funding grant applications on a non-repayable basis.
- 2) To allocate £500,000 towards the Powderhall Stables project (should it proceed) from 1 April 2020 on a non-repayable basis.

- 3) To note that the current available balance of the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) included £145,000 which could be loaned to projects and that this was due to rise to £290,000 in 2020/21.
- 4) To agree to lend up to £290,000 to the Powderhall Stables project (should it proceed) from 1 April 2020 on the terms set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place subject to final approval from the Head of Finance.
- 5) To refer the report to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

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

16. Granton Waterfront – Leading the Way in Sustainable Development: Programme Delivery Plan

Details were provided on the key elements of the Programme Delivery Plan for the regeneration of Granton Waterfront which was centred around a Council led, infrastructure first approach to development, supporting the Scottish Government's ambition for Scotland to be a global leader in transitioning to net zero carbon, creating outstanding places and achieving inclusive economic growth.

Motion

- 1) To note the progress with delivering the regeneration of Granton Waterfront.
- 2) To note the intention for Granton to become a leading example in sustainable development; supporting the transition to net zero carbon, creating an outstanding place and achieving inclusive growth.
- 3) To note the Programme Delivery Plan (PDP) and agree that officers proceed to develop an Outline Business Case (OBC) for approval by Committee prior to development of detailed business cases.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note progress with delivering the regeneration of Granton Waterfront.
- 2) To reaffirm the objective to create a truly mixed development in Granton Waterfront that reflected the diversity of Edinburgh as a whole in terms of housing type and tenure.
- 3) To recognise the desires of the existing communities that the new Granton Waterfront increased local employment opportunities in the long term, and not just as a consequence of the work required to deliver the development.
- 4) To note the intention for Granton to become a leading example in sustainable development; supporting the transition to net zero carbon, creating an outstanding place and achieving inclusive growth.
- 5) To instruct a dedicated study on the technical options for the new Granton Waterfront to achieve carbon neutrality during construction, and on an ongoing basis.

- 6) To note the Programme Delivery Plan (PDP) and agree that officers proceed to develop an Outline Business Case (OBC) for approval by Committee prior to development of detailed business cases.
- 7) To agree as part of the Outline Business Case, a full transport appraisal of North Edinburgh would be undertaken, taking account of all the new developments in the north and west of the city, as well as any implications from other transport initiatives in Edinburgh, which would explicitly include consideration of movements that did not start or end in the city centre.
- 8) To recognise the importance of Granton Harbour and the area to the north of West Harbour Road in creating a new city destination in Granton.

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Whyte.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	10 votes
For the amendment	-	7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Gloyer, McLellan, Rose, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

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

17. Response to the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill Consultation

The Scottish Government were consulting on the Gender Recognition Reform (Scotland) Bill which would amend the way in which transgender people could obtain a Gender Recognition Certificate.

The Council's proposed response, which supported transgender people's rights and the rights of children and young people, was presented.

Motion

- 1) To note the closing date for responses was 17 March 2020.
- 2) To agree the proposed Council response to the consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Resources.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the closing date for responses was 17 March 2020.
- 2) To agree the proposed Council response to the consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Resources subject to the deletion of paragraph two in response to question 1, and paragraph three in response to question 3.

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

To delete recommendation 1.2 and replace with:

To agree the proposed Council response to the consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Resources with the addition of the sentence, "Consideration should be given to the recognition of non-binary identities." to paragraph 2 of our response to question 4.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	12 votes
For Amendment 1	-	5 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.)

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Rose, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the closing date for responses was 17 March 2020.
- 2) To agree the proposed Council response to the consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Resources with the addition of the sentence, "Consideration should be given to the recognition of non-binary identities." to paragraph 2 of our response to question 4.

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

18. Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Progress Report

An update was provided on the work of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and delivery of its strategic plan.

Motion

To note the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note with concern that the transformation programme was only now being initiated.
- 2) To note the comments and progress in the 6 monthly report and request the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board consider and report back to this Committee regarding the following:

1. Three Conversations Model:

Notes that there are discrepancies across the city as to the availability of providers and in the south west, in particular, private providers are heavily relied on.

As such the communication with patients and families is key if they are to arrange much of the care themselves.

Instructs the Chief Officer of the HCSP to report and develop within one cycle an information pack for the HCPs carrying out the 3 conversations which will facilitate and ensure the information needed by the families and individuals needing care can make decisions quickly and Independently?

2. Home First Approach

Instructs the Chief officer of the HCSP to report and develop a report within 1 cycle providing full scope and role of the Home first navigators and Discharge to Assess.

That provides further assurance that the initial decisions and assessments carried out by HCPs are not being overlooked in an effort to expedite discharge.

3. Enablement

Recognises that as patients return home it is very much hoped that their health improves

As health improves and patients are reenabled it is key that care packages can be reviewed and adapted appropriately

Recognises that re-assessment following discharge is equally critical as tackling initial assessments

- 3) To instruct the Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership to report and develop to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board a review of directions to fulfil the requirement of the amendment
- 4) To recognise that such prudent reassessment would have a positive impact on both the financial position of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and the sense of independence and re-enablement of the individual.

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 12 votes
For the amendment - 5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Day, Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.)

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Rose, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Aldridge, Gordon and Main declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

19. Filming in Edinburgh 2019

Details were provided on filming in Edinburgh in 2019 together with details on the impacts and benefits as well as information on the income generated for the Council from filming.

Decision

- 1) To note the overall summary of filming in Edinburgh, the recorded impacts and benefits and income to the Council from film production in 2019.
- 2) To discharge the motion from Council on 24 October 2019 on the Film Charter and Principles.
- 3) To agree to a further report being submitted to the Committee to include costs as well as income in a full scrutiny of processes comparing Edinburgh's results with cities that charged for the use of public space for filming in order to make recommendations on future Council policy in this area.
- 4) To share the report by the Executive Director of Place with Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee in response to the request for information about the income generated to the Council from film.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor McLellan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of the Advertising Standards Authority.

20. Refugee Resettlement

Approval was sought for the Council's continued participation in managed refugee resettlement.

Decision

- 1) To agree to the continued participation of the City of Edinburgh in managed refugee resettlement with a commitment of resettling one hundred refugees per year.
- 2) To note that should the UK Government policy on resettlement be subject to significant change in the future (ie numbers to be resettled or funding that supports resettlement) that change would be reported to the committee and further approval sought.

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

21. Pay Policy

Details were provided on the Council's pay processes and systems. Significant improvements in the production of transaction data and analysis had highlighted the requirement for a specific pay policy to strengthen controls and working practices.

Decision

To approve the pay policy.

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

22. Audit Scotland Briefing: Preparing for Withdrawal from the European Union

Details were provided on Audit Scotland's published report Preparing for Withdrawal from the European Union which highlighted key messages and illustrations of the impact that preparing for withdrawal from the European Union had had on public bodies. The main focus was on the financial implications together with some issues that might need to be addressed regarding ongoing preparations for EU withdrawal.

Decision

- 1) To note the report from Audit Scotland and the continuing work across the Council to plan for and mitigate risks associated with the UK withdrawal from the European Union.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee as part of its work programme.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

23. Housing Sustainability – referral from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee had referred a report on housing sustainability to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, 20 January 2020 (item 12); referral from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, submitted.)

24. Contact Centre Performance – October – December 2019

The Contact Centre performance for the period October to December 2019 was presented together with information on associated service improvement activities.

Decision

- 1) To note current performance trends within the Contact Centre.
- 2) To note ongoing improvement activities to ensure that Council services were accessible, and citizen queries and complaints were dealt with effectively.

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

25. Welfare Reform Update

An update was provided on the Council's ongoing welfare reform activities which included the implementation of Universal Credit.

Decision

- 1) To note the work that was ongoing to support Universal Credit and Welfare Reform in Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the current spend projections for Discretionary Housing Payments, Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the Scottish Welfare Fund.

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

26. Place and Communities and Families Organisational Review

The Council, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Details were provided on the principal drivers for change and work undertaken to review a number of service activities which were currently delivered within the Communities and Families and Place directorates

Decision

Detailed in the Confidential Schedule, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

(Reference – joint report by the Executive Directors for Communities and Families and Place, submitted.)