

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10am, Tuesday 6 October 2020

Appointments to Working Groups 2020/2021

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1. Recommendation

- 1.1 To consider the re-appointment of members to Working Groups as set out in Appendices 1 to 8.
- 1.2 To agree the dissolution of the Redford Barracks Working Group and the Poverty All Party Oversight Group.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Policy and Sustainability Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2020/21. The proposed membership, structures and remits of each are detailed in Appendices 1 to 8 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 The appointment of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for Full Council.
- 3.2 A report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 6 August 2020 proposed that, given the impact of the Covid-19 emergency and resource pressures that remain, working groups only meet if:
- there is officer capacity and resource available;
 - it is required for specific actions to progress;
 - they take place virtually.
- 3.3 On 23 April 2020 the Leadership Advisory Panel agreed interim political management arrangements to carry out Council business for the period 1 May 2020 to 1 September 2020 and Interim Standing Orders to cover that period. Part of the interim political management arrangements was to agree that the functions reserved to Council in the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions would be carried out by the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 3.4 At its meeting on 28 May 2020, in terms of Interim Standing Order 1.2, the Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed the political balance on the Council's committees.
- 3.5 Appointments to the Council's committees were also made at the Policy and Sustainability Committee meeting on 28 May 2020.
- 3.6 The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 May 2019 established the Sustainability and Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group.
- 3.7 The Policy and Sustainability Committee on 25 February 2020 established the Festival and Events Oversight Group and the Poverty All Party Oversight Group.

- 3.8 The Policy and Sustainability Committee on 28 May 2020 established the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to consider the re-appointment of members to its Working Groups for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendices 1 to 8.
- 4.2 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice. The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 4.3 The Committee is requested to agree the dissolution of the Redford Barracks Working Group – Planning Officers have confirmed that there is no specific need for the Working Group in the immediate future. Any issues will be addressed through the City Plan preparation in the short term.
- 4.4 The Committee is also requested to agree the dissolution of the Poverty All Party Oversight Group. It is proposed that this work be taken forward by the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group, which was established by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 28 May 2020 – the remit of the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group has therefore been updated to include that of the Poverty All Party Oversight Group (Appendix 1).

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2020/2021 – report by Chief Executive](#)
- 8.2 [Minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 August 2019](#)
- 8.3 [Minute of Policy and Sustainability Committee of 28 May 2020](#)
- 8.4 [Minute of Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 May 2019](#)
- 8.5 [Minute of Policy and Sustainability Committee on 25 February 2020](#)

8.6 [Review of Political Management Arrangements 2020 – report by the Chief Executive](#)

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group

Appendix 2 – Brexit Working Group

Appendix 3 – Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group

Appendix 4 – Equalities Working Group

Appendix 5 – Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group

Appendix 6 – Sustainability and Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group

Appendix 7 – Welfare Reform Working Group

Appendix 8 – West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group

Appointments to Working Groups 2020/21

Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 17 members

(5 SNP, 5 Conservative, 3 Labour, 2 Green and 2 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge	Councillor McVey (Chair)
Councillor Kate Campbell	Councillor Main
Councillor Cook	Councillor Perry
Councillor Day	Councillor Rankin (Councillor Munn in the interim)
Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Staniforth
Councillor Gloyer	Councillor Webber
Councillor Hutchison	Councillor Whyte
Councillor Macinnes	Councillor Wilson
Councillor MacLellan	

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To support and drive a co-ordinated approach throughout the Council.
2. To provide additional scrutiny and oversight of the Programme.
3. To feedback and contribute to the development of options for committee.

It is proposed that the remit of the Poverty All Party Oversight Group is now taken forward as part of this group:

4. Champion the prioritisation of action within the Council and across the city to end poverty (including child poverty).
5. Support and drive a co-ordinated approach to embed Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations throughout all Council services and across the city.
6. Provide additional scrutiny and oversight to the development and implementation of a 3-year Action Plan for the delivery of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations.
7. Provide additional scrutiny and oversight to the development and delivery of the annual Local Child Poverty Action Report.

8. Support and work with citizen groups and other partnership groups involved in the delivery of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations.

Last Met: 21 September 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Brexit Working Group

Membership – 7 members

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge Councillor Miller

Councillor Day Councillor Rankin

Councillor Doggart Councillor Whyte

Councillor McVey (Chair)

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To consider the impact of the result on Edinburgh residents and Council customers particularly vulnerable households and communities.
2. To consider the impact of the result and related uncertainty on the Council workforce, Council partners and key suppliers/contractors.
3. To consider the impact of the result on planned Council projects and service delivery.
4. To consider the impact of the result on Council budgets and finances.
5. To receive reports and updates from the Community Forum established by the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee at their meeting on 27 September 2016.
6. To agree the Brexit Working Group review actions currently in place and report on future options to provide support for Non-UK EU nationals within the Council workforce and the wider city population.

Last met: 17 January 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 11 members

Council Leader, Depute Leader (Chair), Convener or Vice Convener of Housing and Economy, Convener or Vice Convener of Transport and Environment, Convener or Vice Convener of Culture and Communities, Convener or Vice-Convener of Planning, Convener or Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families, Convener or Vice Convener of North East Locality, Convener of North West Locality; a representative from Granton Regeneration Locality Group; a representative from the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat Groups (if not included in the representation outlined above).

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Gardiner

Councillor Jim Campbell

Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor McVey

Councillor Child

Councillor Miller

Councillor Day (Chair)

Councillor Perry

Councillor Doran

Remit

The current remit agreed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 is:

1. To provide a forum for cross-party political leadership of the Waterfront regeneration programme.
2. To discuss significant issues and projects arising from the development of the Waterfront.
3. To provide advice and guidance to officers on the implementation of decisions.
4. To monitor progress.

Last met: 27 August 2019

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Equalities Working Group

Membership – 5 members

(1 SNP, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge Councillor Laidlaw

Councillor Cameron Councillor Rae

Councillor Gordon

Remit

The current remit agreed by the Council on 23 August 2018 is:

1. To support the inclusion and innovation aims of the Council's Economic Strategy
2. To improve citizens' access to Council services, including services operated on the Council's behalf
3. To improve citizens' access to events, meetings and visits to Council owned buildings, parks and land.
4. To improve citizens' access to employment and training opportunities within the Council.

Last met: 2 September 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 11 members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, Convener and Vice-Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee, 1 Representative from Conservative Group, 1 Representative from Green Group, 1 Representative from Liberal Democrat Group and City Centre Councillors)

Councillor Day	Councillor Mowat
Councillor Doggart	Councillor Osler
Councillor Doran	Councillor Rae
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	Councillor Rankin (Councillor Munn in the interim)
Councillor McVey (Chair)	Councillor Wilson
Councillor Miller	

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To provide scrutiny and oversight of the delivery and impacts of major festivals and events in Edinburgh.
2. To facilitate and engage with key stakeholders including representatives from local communities.
3. To ensure a co-ordinated Council-wide approach to festivals and events.

Last met: 18 August 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Sustainability and Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group

Membership - 7 members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee, the Sustainability Champion, 1 Conservative, 1 Green and 1 SLD)
Group

Councillor Adam McVey (Convener)

Councillor Cammy Day

Councillor Robert Aldridge

Councillor Steve Burgess

Councillor George Gordon

Councillor Gillian Gloyer

Councillor Iain Whyte.

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To champion the prioritisation of sustainability action within the Council and across the city.
2. To support and drive a co-ordinated approach throughout the Council to embed sustainability outcomes in the delivery of Council services.
3. To play a key role in providing additional scrutiny and oversight of the implementation of the Programme Plan.
4. To provide a vehicle for the development of the 2030 Sustainability Strategy and 2050 Vision before it is submitted for debate and approval at the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee
5. To provide a means to facilitate and engage with partners and the community on the developing strategy and the wider sustainability agenda throughout the City.
6. To link in with other working groups within the Council which are progressing elements included in the Sustainability Programme or 2030 Strategy.

Last met: 29 January 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Welfare Reform Working Group

Membership – 7 members

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor McLellan

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor Rae

Councillor Doggart

Councillor Watt

Councillor Gordon

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To monitor the implementation and impact of various benefits changes and to contribute to consideration of further measures to support tenants and recipients of benefits
2. To keep under review the implementation and impact of the Council's 'no evictions' policy
3. To consider the application and impact of the Discretionary Housing Payments policy
4. To monitor the position in respect of rent arrears and any implications
5. To monitor the implementation of the Scottish Welfare Fund
6. To monitor the implementation and impact of PIP (Personal Independence Payments) and Universal Credit

Last met: 8 September 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 10 members

Council Leader (Chair), Convener or Vice Convener of Housing and Economy, Convener or Vice Convener of Transport and Environment, Convener or Vice Convener of Planning, Convener or Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families, Convener or Vice Convener of South West Locality, Convener or Vice Convener of North West Locality; and a representative from the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat Groups (if not included in the representation outlined above).

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Dixon

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor Gardiner

Councillor Day

Councillor Macinnes

Councillor Dickie

Councillor McVey (Chair)

Councillor Miller

Councillor Mitchell

Remit

The current remit agreed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 is:

To oversee the development of the strategic vision for West Edinburgh and to advise on major policy issues like inclusive growth, development mix, transport infrastructure, schools provision and wider social, economic and spatial issues.

Last met: 23 September 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021