

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday 5 November 2020

Appointments to Working Groups 2020/21

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree the remits of the working groups set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- 1.2 To appoint membership of the working groups as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- 1.3 To agree the dissolution of the Edinburgh Homelessness Forum (Appendix 3).

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee is required to annually re-appoint the membership of its working groups. The proposed membership structures and remits of each are detailed in Appendices 1 to 3 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 6 August 2020 the Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed the Review of Political Management Arrangements report which outlined that, due to the impact of the Covid-19 emergency and remaining resource pressures, working groups would only meet if:
- 3.1.1 There is officer capacity and resource available.
 - 3.1.2 It is required for specific actions to progress.
 - 3.1.3 They take place virtually.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Committee is required to appoint the membership of its working groups for 20/21.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 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.
- 4.5 The Committee is requested to agree the dissolution of the Edinburgh Homelessness Forum. The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) was approved by the Housing and Economy Committee on 21 March 2019 and the Second Iteration of the RRTP approved for submission to the Scottish Government by the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 18 September 2020. Any issues will be addressed through the Homelessness Task Force.
- 4.5 The current membership structures and remits are set out in Appendices 1 to 3 of this report.

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 [Review of Political Management Arrangements – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 August 2020](#)

8.3 Minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 18 September 2020

8.4 [Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan – Second Iteration – 18 September 2020](#)

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Homelessness Task Force

Appendix 2 – Economic Advisory Panel

Appendix 3 – Edinburgh Homelessness Forum

Homelessness Task Force

Homelessness Task Force

Membership - 5 members

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

Councillor Kate Campbell (Convener) Councillor Booth

Councillor Watt Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Whyte

Remit

- Build on existing prevention work which further reduces homelessness presentations.
- Reduce the number of people rough sleeping, accessing temporary accommodation and living in insecure accommodation.
- Increase the supply of quality council led temporary accommodation provision, reducing the reliance on bed and breakfast.
- Ensure that appropriate support is available for all homeless people who require it.

Last Met: 18 August 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Economic Advisory Panel

Economic Advisory Panel

Membership - 2 members

Convener and Vice-Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

Remit

- Build on existing joint working with key economic partners.
- Support business engagement in the delivery of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- Work with the Council to advise and collaborate on actions to make sure that Edinburgh's economic growth is sustainable and benefits all citizens.

Last Met: 28 October 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in May 2021

Edinburgh Homelessness Forum

Edinburgh Homelessness Forum

Membership - 7 Members

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

Councillor Kate Campbell (Convener)	Councillor Watt
Councillor Work	Councillor Booth
Councillor Rose	Councillor Aldridge
Councillor McLellan	

Remit

- Be the oversight body for the Prevention of Homelessness Plan and recommend any deviations/additions to the plan.
- Be the oversight body for the implementation and review of the commissioning Plan.
- Be the oversight body for the performance framework, highlighting key area of concerns and driving forward mitigation solutions.
- Provide overall strategic direction for the Homelessness Planning Group.
- Agree any deviations/additions to the Prevention of Homelessness Plan.
- Request updates on the key themes being developed by the working groups.
- Consider proposals put to them by the Homelessness Planning Group.

Last Met: 4 June 2019

Expected Completion Date: November 2020