Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 17 November 2020

Appointments of Working Groups Update

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Agree to the ongoing appointment of the Meadowbank Sports Centre and Stadium Working Group and the Tourism and Communities Working Group.
- 1.2 Agree to conclude the CCTV Working Group.
- 1.3 Agree to receive six monthly update reports updates and progress of the Public Realm Upgrade, in lieu of the ongoing appointment of the CCTV Working Group.

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Report

Working Groups 2020/21

2. Executive Summary

2.1 Working Groups appointed by the Committee had not met during 2019 and 2020 and the Committee agreed on 15 September 2020 to consider the ongoing relevance of each of the Working Groups in consultation with the Working Group Chairs.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Meadowbank Sports Centre and Stadium Working Group, the Tourism and Communities Working Group and the CCTV Working Group were reappointed on 15 September 2020.
- 3.2 The number and nature of working groups, including proposals around the use of working groups, will be considered as part of the review of political management arrangements in December 2020 by the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

4. Main report

4.1 There had been an impasse in the frequency of Working Group meetings in 2020 due to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak therefore it was requested by Committee that each Working Group's relevance was assessed, and an update was presented to Committee.

Meadowbank Sports Centre and Stadium Working Group

4.2 The remit of the Working Group is to receive progress reports and updates from the project team, provide feedback on the reports and updates, submit reports with recommendations to appropriate Committees, advise on the development of communication and engagement activities with local people and user groups, act as ambassadors for the project and provide support to the project team at key stages during project delivery.

4.3 The Working Group has met in September and October 2020, and there is an ongoing need to convene the Working Group at key stages up until the completion of Meadowbank in 2021.

Tourism and Communities Working Group

- 4.4 The remit of the Working Group is to ensure that the views and consideration of communities and residents are taken into account in the development of a new strategy for tourism. The elected members on the group will represent communities and residents, liaising through engagement with statutory and non-statutory groups and networks including Community Councils and Resident's Groups. Officers will link to Council service areas as appropriate to ensure a coordinated cross-council approach is maintained throughout the process.
- 4.5 There has not been a requirement in 2020 to convene the Working Group however the purpose and composition of the Tourism and Communities Working Group will be reviewed when action plans for the city's Tourism Strategy 2030 are being developed.

CCTV Working Group

- 4.6 The remit of the Working Group is to oversee the development of policy and Procedures for all council departments utilising CCTV in line with the General Data Protection Act 2018, to research and report to committee the finding and costing for fit for purpose facility that would allow a full upgrade of Public Space CCTV, to explore and identify a new location for an operation centre that integrates all CCTV systems and to allow for a multi-purpose use of the facility.
- 4.7 There has been no requirement to convene the Working Group in 2020 and following consultation with the Elected Members involved in the Working Group, it has been proposed that six monthly reports will be provided to Committee for updates and progress of the Public Realm Upgrade, in lieu of the ongoing appointment of the CCTV Working Group.

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 Minute of the Culture and Communities Committee 15 September 2020
- 8.2 Appointments To Working Groups 2020/21 15 September 2020

8.3 Review of Political Management Arrangements – Policy and Sustainability
Committee of 6 August 2020

9. Appendices

None.