

# The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 19 November 2020

## By-election – No 14 Craigentinny/Duddingston Ward

Item number	
Executive/routine	
Wards	All
Council Commitments	

### 1. Recommendation

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- 1.1 To note that Ethan Young, (Scottish National Party) has been elected as a councillor for No 14 Craigentinny/Duddingston Ward.

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## Appointments to Committees etc

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 Council is asked to note the outcome of a by-election held on 12 November 2020.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 Councillor Ian Campbell had resigned as a councillor for No 14 Craigentinny/Duddingston Ward. The necessary by-election was held on 12 November 2020.
- 3.2 The by-election was originally scheduled to take place on 21 May 2020. The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 requires the vacancy to be filled within 3 months of it occurring. Due to concerns around the consequences of conditions arising from the Coronavirus pandemic the Returning Officer postponed the by-election to 12 November 2020, under the provisions of section 70 of the Coronavirus Act 2020. The by-election was conducted with enhanced hygiene, physical distancing and appropriate PPE informed by advice from Public Health Scotland, Health Protection Scotland and the Electoral Management Board for Scotland. A full risk assessment was conducted before the Returning Officer decided to proceed with the poll. Lessons from this by-election will be used in the planning and delivery of the Scottish Parliament Election in May 2021 should the pandemic conditions continue.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 Following the resignation of Councillor Ian Campbell as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council, arrangements were made for the necessary by-election.
- 4.2 This by-election was held on 12 November 2020.
- 4.3 Ethan Young, (Scottish National Party) was subsequently elected as a councillor, and signed the necessary Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

## **5. Next Steps**

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5.1 Appropriate elected member training will be made available.

## **6. Financial impact**

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6.1 None.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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7.1 Not applicable.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 [Craigtinny/Duddingston by-election result](#)

## **9. Appendices**

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9.1 None.