


Business Bulletin

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 23 March 2021

Teams Meeting

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

Convener:	Members:	Contact:
<p>Councillor Joanna Mowat</p> 	<p>Councillor Eleanor Bird Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Maureen Child Councillor Phil Doggart Councillor Gillian Gloyer Councillor Alex Staniforth Councillor Denis Dixon Councillor Gordon Munro Councillor Susan Rae Councillor Norman Work</p>	<p>Natalie Le Couteur Committee Officer 0131 529 6160</p> <p>Martin Scott Assistant Committee Officer 0131 529 4237</p>

Recent news	Contact
<p><u>Principles to Govern the Working Relationships between the City of Edinburgh Council Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board Audit and Risk Committee (item 1 on rolling actions log)</u></p> <p>There has been a rolling GRBV action since June 2017 requesting an update on the Principles to govern the working relationship between the City of Edinburgh Council Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board Audit and Assurance Committee that were designed by NHS Lothian. This action followed a presentation of the proposed Principles at GRBV in June 2017 where Elected Members requested further clarity on how they could best engage with the process supporting the Principles. Following this, NHSL was engaged and requested to review and refresh the Principles to reflect similar concerns raised by both GRBV and Midlothian Council’s audit committees.</p> <p>This action has required to be consistently deferred, as the refresh of the principles has not yet been completed.</p> <p>The latest briefing on this action was provided to GRBV members in July 2020 which confirmed that The NHSL Chief Internal Auditor advised that (following delays due to Covid-</p>	<p>Lesley Newdall Chief Internal Auditor Lesley.Newdall@edinburgh.gov.uk Tel: 0131 469 3216</p>

19) the NHSL Audit and Risk committee update on the refreshed Principles was scheduled for August 2020, and that the Principles would be shared with the four Lothian Chief Internal Auditors for review and comment shortly afterwards. This delivery timeframe for review of the principles was not achieved.

A further discussion was held between the four Lothian CIAs and the NHSL CIA in January 2021, where it was agreed that the changes required to the Principles would be discussed within NHSL, and a workshop scheduled for April 2020 attended by the IJB Audit Committee Chairs for the four Lothians; the NHSL Audit Committee Chair; and the four Lothian and the NHSL CIAs to discuss the refreshed principles, with a view to finalising and agreeing the changes by the end of June 2021.

The expected completion date for this GRBV action has now been deferred to September 2021, reflecting the revised timeframes for completion of the refresh.

Precis of Policy Update Issue 28 which summarizes activity relevant to the GRBV Committee between 1 February 2021 to 28 February 2021.

You can read the full update and [previous issues of the Policy Update](#) on the Orb.

From the Council

Finance and Resources Committee

(2 February) –

- Reviewed the [Council Business Plan and Budget 2021/26](#), [Sustainable Capital Budget Strategy 2021-2031](#), [Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) Budget Strategy \(2021-2031\)](#), and the [Budget Insights 2020](#) report.

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

(16 February) –

- Accepted the [Annual Assurance Schedule](#) of the Strategy and Communications Division.

City of Edinburgh Council

(18 February) –

- Agreed the Council's [Budget 2021/22 and Business Plan and Budget 2021/26](#).

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Policy and Sustainability Committee

(23 February) –

- Acknowledged updates on [Welfare Reform](#), the [Adaptation and Renewal Programme](#), and the Noted a report on [the impact of Covid-19 on care homes in Edinburgh](#)

From the Scottish Parliament

Bills completing a Legislative Stage:

[Budget \(Scotland\) \(No.5\) Bill](#) – Stage 1 (25 February)

Publications:

Recent papers explore the [Scottish Budget 2021/22](#) and [Local Government Finance](#), [devolved benefits](#) following the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement, and the future of [social care and support](#) in Scotland.

From the Scottish Government

Publications:

[A New Future for Scotland's Town Centres](#) (3 February) – an independent collaborative review of the progress and scope of the 2013 Town Centre Action Plan in light of the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Adult Social Care: Independent Review](#) (3 February) – an independent review of adult social care in Scotland led by Derek Feeley.

[A National Mission with Local Impact: Infrastructure Investment Plan for Scotland 2021-22 to 2025-26](#) (4 February) – outlining a strategic approach for infrastructure to play in helping businesses and communities to adapt and recover from the Covid-19 pandemic.

[Housing Revenue Account \(HRA\) Statistics](#) (26 February) – the annual publication providing information on trends in the balance of HRA housing income and expenditure; the amount Scottish Local Authorities earned from housing and other Council stock, how they spent this income and whether there was a surplus or deficit at year end.

From other Agencies

National Records of Scotland

[Homeless Deaths 2019](#) (23 February) – the annual statistical report including estimates of the number of homeless deaths registered in Scotland during 2019. Data is categorised by sex and age-group, Council area and cause of death.

Poverty and Inequality Commission

[Strategic Plan 2020-2023](#) (4 February) – setting out the vision and priorities that will guide the Commission’s work to tackle poverty and inequality in Scotland.

Social Security Scotland

[Client Survey 2018-2020](#) (22 February) – findings from a survey designed to learn about the experiences and needs of Social Security Scotland’s clients. The results will be used to measure how Social Security Scotland is performing and where it can improve.

If you have any questions please email strategyandinsight@edinburgh.gov.uk

Forthcoming activities:

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