

Business Bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

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Via Microsoft Teams

Finance and Resources Committee

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Recent News	Background	Contact
<p>North Cairntow Traveller site – Update</p> <p>Finance and Resources Committee agreed the recommendations in the ‘Award of Contract for site re-development Works at North Cairntow Traveller site’ report on 4 March 2021. It was requested that an update be provided on further opportunities for funding for the project once more detail was known.</p> <p>The Council has approved plans for a £4.3m modernisation of the North Cairntow Travellers Site in Edinburgh. The Scottish Government previously awarded £90,600 to support the project. Site tenants and Council officers have worked closely to design and finalise the proposals for the site.</p> <p>The project is on track towards an April 2022 site start date and residents have a range of options to assist with temporary accommodation and associated costs during the programme of demolition and construction. Consultation with residents has continued through the current COVID-19 pandemic, in line with Scottish Government guidance with specific advice on contingency arrangements to support family members required to self-isolate or shield, to access Council services and access financial assistance.</p> <p>Site plan meetings with residents have continued via an online platform and Council officers have worked in partnership with colleagues from Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project (MECOPP) to support residents with their individual temporary accommodation needs.</p> <p>Following the launch of the Scottish Government £20m Capital Fund Council officers submitted a proposal for funding for the redevelopment of North Cairntow. The application progressed to the next stage with an invite to present the Council’s funding bid application on 30 September 2021. As part of this proposal the Scottish Government also completed a visit to North Cairntow on 28 September 2021 to offer the Oversight Funding Board an opportunity to view the physical footprint and make-up of the site.</p> <p>The North Cairntow Site Redevelopment has been identified as having the most immediate potential as a demonstration project.</p> <p>The outcome of the funding bid proposal is anticipated in November 2021 following a post interview evaluation, final questions and scoring by the Oversight Funding Panel. An update of the assessment outcome will be provided to</p>		<p>Libby Strong North East Locality Housing Manager</p>

a future meeting of the Finance and Resource Committee.		

Forthcoming activities: _____