

# Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 10 November 2022

## Motion by Councillor Caldwell – referral from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Executive/routine  
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### 1. For Decision/Action

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- 1.1 The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee has referred the motion by Councillor Caldwell on the importance of Participatory Budgeting, considered by the to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 29 September 2022 to the Finance and Resources Committee, for approval.

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# Referral Report

## Motion by Councillor Caldwell

### 2. Terms of Referral

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2.1 On 29 September 2022, the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee considered a motion by Councillor Caldwell on the importance of participatory budgeting.

2.2 The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee agreed:

To note:

- 1) The Scottish Government target for local authorities to spend 1% of their annual budget through Participatory Budgeting (PB) frameworks.
- 2) The benefits to resident engagement of project funding that PB provides through direct democracy.
- 3) The success of 'Leith Chooses' in Leith Walk and Leith wards and previous PB programmes such as 'You Decide' in Portobello/Craigmillar and 'South Central Decides' in Southside/Newington & Morningside wards.
- 4) The October 2021 PB update to Finance and Resources committee that anticipated PB accounted for 0.32% of the Council's budget.
- 5) The recommendations in the Homelessness, Housing and Fair Work committee's 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund' August 2022 report to not submit a funding request for Leith Chooses, the last active PB programme co-run by the City of Edinburgh Council.

To request:

- 6) That the Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work meet with the Convener of Finance and Resources to explore how we can support Council-led PB alongside local residents and volunteers.
- 7) That Council reaffirm the importance of meeting the 1% of Council Budget on Participatory Budgeting target.
- 8) To recommend that a plan be submitted within two cycles to the Finance and Resource Committee on;
  - a) How it planned to support on a realistic and sustainable basis the existing PB scheme Leith Chooses (and others like it, if developed) for community grants.

- b) How it planned to develop new model(s) of PB for more communities and appropriate for new areas of direct democratic involvement, such as green / environmental schemes, health care priorities, and improvement of public spaces.
- 9) To refer this motion to the Finance and Resources Committee for approval.

### **3. Background Reading/ External References**

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- 3.1 [Webcast of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 29 September 2022](#)

### **4. Appendices**

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- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Agenda of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 29 September 2022

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

**10am, Thursday 29 September 2022**

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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## **1. Order of Business**

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- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

## **2. Declaration of Interests**

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- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

## **3. Deputations**

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- 3.1 If any.

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 Minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 4 August 2022 – submitted for approval as a correct record 9 - 16

## **5. Forward Planning**

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- 5.1 Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Work Programme 17 - 22
- 5.2 Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Rolling Actions Log 23 - 36

## **6. Business Bulletin**

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- 7.1 Homelessness Services' Performance Dashboard – Report by the Executive Director of Place 43 - 56
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## **8. Routine Decisions**

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## **9. Motions**

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- 9.1** Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee notes;
- 1) The Scottish Government target for local authorities to spend 1% of their annual budget through Participatory Budgeting (PB) frameworks.
  - 2) The benefits to resident engagement of project funding that PB provides through direct democracy.
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Morningside wards.

- 4) The October 2021 PB update to Finance and Resources committee that anticipated PB accounted for 0.32% of the Council's budget.
- 5) The recommendations in the Homelessness, Housing and Fair Work committee's 'UK Shared Prosperity Fund' August 2022 report to not submit a funding request for Leith Chooses, the last active PB programme co-run by the City of Edinburgh Council.

The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee requests;

- 1) The Convenor of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work to meet with the Convenor of Finance and Resources to explore how we can support Council-led PB alongside local residents and volunteers.
- 2) That Council reaffirm the importance of meeting the 1% of Council Budget on Participatory Budgeting target.
- 3) That Council submit a plan within two cycles to the Finance and Resource Committee on;
  - a) How it plans to support on a realistic and sustainable basis the existing PB scheme Leith Chooses (and others like it, if developed) for community grants.
  - b) How it plans to develop new model(s) of PB for more communities and appropriate for new areas of direct democratic involvement, such as green / environmental schemes, health care priorities, and improvement of public spaces.

## 10. Resolution to Consider in Private

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- 10.1 The Committee, is requested under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude the public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

## 11. Private Reports

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- 11.1 No Recourse to Public Funds – Report by the Executive Director of Place 157 - 162

### Nick Smith

Service Director, Legal and Assurance

### Committee Members

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Councillor Jane Meagher (Convener), Councillor Graeme Bruce, Councillor Jack Caldwell, Councillor Kate Campbell, Councillor Stuart Dobbin, Councillor Pauline Flannery, Councillor Simita Kumar, Councillor Ben Parker, Councillor Susan Rae, Councillor Mandy Watt and Councillor Iain Whyte

### Information about the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

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The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee consists of 11 Councillors and is appointed by the City of Edinburgh Council.

This meeting of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee is being held in the City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh and virtually by Microsoft Teams.

### Further information

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