

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 29 August 2019

Economic Advisory Panel Membership

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Wards	All
Council Commitments	2, 3, 5 and 6

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee:
 - 1.1.1 agrees the proposed membership of the Economic Advisory Panel; and
 - 1.1.2 agrees to discharge the motion, from 6 June 2019, that the final membership of the Panel should be subject to approval by Committee within one cycle.

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Economic Advisory Panel Membership

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides details of the selection process and proposed membership of the Economic Advisory Panel for the confirmation of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

3. Background

- 3.1 In June 2019, the Housing and Economy Committee approved the Edinburgh Economy Strategy annual report and the launch of a new Economic Advisory Panel. It was agreed that the proposed membership of the Panel would be presented to Committee for confirmation in one cycle.

4. Main report

Remit and Purpose

- 4.1 The new Economic Advisory Panel will build on existing joint working with key economic partners, such as through the Regional Enterprise Council, and support business engagement in the delivery of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- 4.2 The Panel will be chaired by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness, and Fair Work Committee, with the Vice Convener as deputy chair, and will work with the Council to advise and collaborate on actions to make sure that Edinburgh's economic growth is sustainable and benefits all our citizens.
- 4.3 Members of the Panel will meet approximately three times a year.

Selection Process and Proposed Members

- 4.4 Panel members have been selected through a process of nomination by the Convenor and Vice Convenor in consultation with the Executive Director of Place.

- 4.5 Selection of members has been undertaken to ensure that a mix of members provides:
 - 4.5.1 a strong experience from the business and commercial community;
 - 4.5.2 a range of different business and commercial interests including development, retail, technology, creative industries; and
 - 4.5.3 an appropriate mix of representation of members across age, gender and background. Members will be appointed subject to their suitability and agreement to commit time to actively participate in the Panel.
- 4.6 The following members have been approached and have confirmed their interest in sitting on the Panel:
 - 4.6.1 Kat Brogan – Managing Director, Mercat Tours;
 - 4.6.2 Garry Clark – East of Scotland Development Manager, Federation of Small Businesses;
 - 4.6.3 Jamie Coleman – Chief Executive Officer, Codebase;
 - 4.6.4 Maurissa Fergusson – Head of Property and Facilities, Scotmid Co-operative;
 - 4.6.5 Liz McAreavey – Chief Executive Officer, Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce;
 - 4.6.6 Claire Pattulo – Chief Executive, Edinburgh Social Enterprise;
 - 4.6.7 Christa Reekie – Director (Development and Housing), Scottish Future Trust;
 - 4.6.8 Gordon Robertson – Director of Communications, Edinburgh Airport and Chairman, Marketing Edinburgh;
 - 4.6.9 Ashley Shannon – Director of Operations, University of Edinburgh and Edinburgh BioQuarter; and
 - 4.6.10 Roddy Smith – Chief Executive Officer, Essential Edinburgh
- 4.7 An invitation to join the Panel will be extended to the Chief Executive Officer of Original Edinburgh, provided that the BID ballot is successful.
- 4.8 Membership of the Panel will be reviewed annually, and committee will be updated on any proposed changes.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The inaugural meeting of the Economic Advisory Panel will be held over the autumn to discuss the future business of the Panel and meeting dates.
- 5.2 Committee will be updated on the development and progress of the Panel through regular updates in the business bulletin.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There is no financial impact arising from this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Key partners in the private sector and economic community were consulted on the proposed launch a new Economic Advisory Panel in advance of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy Annual Update in [June 2019](#).
- 7.2 The Economic Advisory Panel will provide stakeholders with an opportunity to advise and collaborate with the Council in order to achieve the objectives set out in Edinburgh's Economic Strategy, delivering good growth that benefits all of Edinburgh's citizens.

8. Background reading / external references

- 8.1 [6 June 2019](#), Edinburgh Economy Strategy Annual Update, Housing and Economy Committee
- 8.2 [7 June 2018](#), Edinburgh Economy Strategy, Housing and Economy Committee