

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 18 June 2019

Present

Councillors Wilson (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Brown, Doggart, Doran, Fullerton (substituting for Councillor Ian Campbell), Howie, Mitchell, Osler, Rae and Staniforth.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 26 March 2019 as a correct record.

2. Work Programme

The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of Items 1, 4, 7, 8, 10, 12 and 17.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

5. Partnership Agreement with Policy Scotland 2019-2020

An overview was provided of the current Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing. The report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families also proposed a refreshed Partnership Agreement for 2019/20, which reflected the importance of a shared approach to delivering positive outcomes for communities, as well as the additional benefits to be achieved by supplementing the Edinburgh Division's establishment of community police officers.

Decision

- 1) To approve the new Partnership Agreement for 2019/2020 at Appendix 1A of the report between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland to replace the current Partnership Agreement.
- 2) To endorse the new performance framework and key performance indicators (KPIs) shown at Appendix 1C of the report to support the monitoring and assessment of the effectiveness and impact of the Partnership Agreement and associated funding.
- 3) To agree to receive and scrutinise a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander from Police Scotland, or their designated deputy, on a quarterly basis.
- 4) To endorse that the next review of the agreement would commence by no later than 1 November 2019, to ensure that this could be aligned to respective business and budget planning cycles within both organisations.
- 5) To agree that details would be provided about instances of funded officers being moved from local communities into the city centre.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

6. Consultation Response to the Scottish Police Authority (SPDA) – Review of Policy

The Scottish Police Authority (SPA) was currently preparing the Annual Review of Policing for 2018/19 and the Annual Report. These documents publicly reported on how Police Scotland and the SPA had performed over the course of the year. The

report by Executive Director of Place outlined the Committee's formal feedback response to the 2018/19 survey distributed by the SPA.

The report was presented to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 May 2019 and the recommendations were approved.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report and the response provided by Council officers.
- 2) To note the report was agreed at the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in May 2019.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 May 2019 (item 18); report by the Executive Director for Communities of Place, submitted.)

7. Citywide Culture Plan Update 2018/19

Since the delivery of the Council's citywide Culture Plan in November 2015, the Culture Service had progressed working with stakeholders and partners to deliver the Plan's agreed Vision, Objectives and relevant Actions.

The first update report by the Executive Director of Place was considered by the Culture and Sport Committee on 20 March 2017; the second by the Culture and Communities Committee on 20 March 2018.

The report was the third update and highlighted the further success in the year to date on the progress and delivery of the Culture Plan (Appendix 1 of the report).

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made on the Culture Plan and Actions delivery.
- 2) To note that a Culture Plan review update report will be presented in June 2020.
- 3) To note that the Localities events funding programme would be suspended and the available resource directed to the citywide events and festivals programme.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee on 20 March 2017 item 14); the Culture and Communities Committee on 20 March 2018 (item 16); report by the Executive Director for Communities of Place, submitted.)

8. Third Party Cultural Grants Funding – Review Outcomes

Recommendations were made for banded funding allocations to a group of Strategic Partners and a new Flexible Fund, an approach agreed by Committee on 13 November 2018 in the Third Party Cultural Grants Funding – Review Update report.

Recommendations were also made for new models of working with Strategic Partners and funded organisations. The full programme of proposals was included at Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place. The funding bands framework was included at Appendix 6 of the report. The recommendations took account of the

Council's Business and Culture Plans themes, principles and commitments and the Council's Grant Standing Orders approved in December 2018. Strategic Partners were recommended for funding over a three-year period from 2020/21.

Decision

- 1) To approve three year in principle funding to the recommended Strategic Partners, the creation of a Flexible Fund and New Models funding programmes as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To approve the timeline for the introduction of the applications process for 2020/21.

(References – Act of Council No 5 of 13 December 2018; Culture and Communities Committee, 13 November 2018 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Fullerton declared a non-financial nature in the above item as a board member of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival and Imagineate.

Councillor McNeese-Mechan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a board member for the Capital Theatre Trust and board member for the International Festival and Science Festival.

Councillor Mitchell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a board member of Capital Theatre Trust.

Councillor Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a board member of Edinburgh Science Festival.

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of Centre for the Moving Image, Dance Base, Edinburgh International Festival Council, Edinburgh Festival Centre Ltd, Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival, Edinburgh International Science Festival, Edinburgh Partnership, Imagineate, Queen's Hall (Edinburgh) Ltd, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Edinburgh Leisure, Edinburgh Leisure Two and Festival City Theatres Trust.

9. Update on Custom House

A motion by Councillor Munro at the Culture and Communities Committee on 29 January 2019 called for a report providing an update on work carried out to date and planned work for the future of Custom House, and progress on work towards a Museum of Leith.

An update was provided on developments at Custom House since it was purchased by the Council in August 2014.

Decision

- 1) To note the development to date and the planned work for the future of Custom House, Leith.

- 2) To discharge the motion by Councillor Munro.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee of 29 January 2019 (item 17); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

10. CCTV Working Group Update

An update was provided for the CCTV Working Group, which had been set up with the aim of developing a strategy for the upgrade and integration of CCTV services in Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To approve the update of the multi-agency CCTV Working Group for the upgrade and integration of CCTV services in Edinburgh.
- 2) To request an update on the CCTV Working Group progress in six months' time.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee of 26 March 2019 (item 11); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Brown declared a non-financial interest in the above item as he was a member of the CCTV Working Group.

11. Community Payback Order Annual Report 2017/18

The Community Payback Order annual report was presented to Committee. The report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families outlined the range of interventions carried out to support behavioural and lifestyle change, including types of unpaid work undertaken and specialised programmes, for example for sex offenders and perpetrators of domestic abuse. Feedback from service users demonstrated that Community Payback Orders made a significant contribution to helping people stop or reduce their offending.

Decision

- 1) To note the Community Payback annual report at Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To agree that a presentation would be given at a future meeting of the committee to discuss Community Payback Orders (CPOs), which would include details of the number of CPOs that had been completed, the implications of non-completion, and re-offending rates for participants, and that a representative from the Willow Service or Caledonian Programme would be invited to contribute.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

12. Edinburgh Tourism Strategy Update Report

The Housing and Economy Committee on 21 March 2019 had referred a report for information on the process, progress to date, and the points at which further reports would be brought to the Council for a refreshed tourism strategy which was being coproduced by Edinburgh Tourism Action Group and stakeholders including the City of Edinburgh Council.

A Working Group on Tourism and Communities would ensure that the views and voice of residents were included in the process.

Motion

To note the report.

- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

Amendment

To add:

- 1) To note that while the issues raised in the report touch on sustainability ('pedestrian experience' for example) it was not addressed explicitly enough.
- 2) To note that it would be preferable if the final strategy included 'environmental impact' alongside the other key issues of concern.

- Moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Rae.

In accordance with Standing Order 21 (11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that while the issues raised in the report touch on sustainability ('pedestrian experience' for example) it was not addressed explicitly enough.
- 3) To note that it would be preferable if the final strategy included 'environmental impact' alongside the other key issues of concern.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee of 21 March 2019 (item 12); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Staniforth declared a financial interest in the above item as he was employed as a tour guide, but considered this to be of a non-substantial nature.

13 Invitation to Attend the Fair Saturday Foundation Awards

The Vice-Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee had been invited to attend the Fair Saturday Awards in Bilbao, Spain on 24 June 2019.

The awards recognised organisations and individuals that had a positive impact on social change through international culture. The Edinburgh International Festival was a previous award recipient.

Through the Vice-Convener, the city had been asked to be represented at the awards and to continue developing the international cultural and social networks through the Fair Saturday Foundation partner cities.

The city intended to become a full member of the Fair Saturday Foundation and progress towards securing this would continue at the Awards.

Decision

- 1) To note acceptance by the Vice-Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to attend the Fair Saturday Awards in Bilbao, Spain on 24 June 2019.
- 2) Due to the timing of this invitation, the decision to accept this invitation was taken by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council under Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions part 4.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Place, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

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14. Emergency Motion by the Coalition – Winter Festivals

The Convener ruled the following motion by the Coalition as urgent to allow the Committee to consider it at this meeting:

Motion

Committee:

- 1) Notes the ongoing success of Edinburgh's Winter Festivals as measured against the performance criteria set out by the council.
- 2) Notes that in order to safeguard the improvements to East Princes Street Gardens being delivered by the National Galleries of Scotland as part of the wider Gallery refurbishment programme, there is a significant additional cost to holding the Christmas Market there.
- 3) Notes that officers entered discussion with Underbelly, the winter festivals contractor, to assess how best to meet that additional cost.
- 4) Notes that officers and Underbelly reached a conditional agreement to extend Underbelly's contract for two of the optional three years extension, to enable Underbelly to meet this additional cost.
- 5) Notes that officers have informed Underbelly that the contract in its current form will not be extended into the third year of the possible extension, and that

instead, the approach to delivering events for Christmas and Hogmanay will be reviewed through a process of public and stakeholder consultation and subsequent procurement or commissioning, for introduction from 2022.

- 6) Notes that owing to time constraints, and in accordance with the contractual decision previously made by the Council, officers made this decision under delegated authority, but Councillors on the Culture and Communities Committee and other interested Councillors were briefed on the decision.
- Moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

Decision

To approve the motion by the Coalition.