Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

8 August 2023

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1	29.09.22	<u>Capital City</u> <u>Partnership -</u> <u>Progress Update</u>	 To note that the Capital City Partnership events schedule would be shared with members. 	Executive Director of Place		13 October 2022	Closed December 2022 Briefing took place on 13 October 2022.



	2) Agrees to bring back a report in 3 cycles on the data gathered, and how this will be monitored in future, in relation to provision of service that reflects support for people in need by reason of age, poor health and wellbeing outcomes, disability, learning disability, learning disability, marginalised groups including those from low socio-economic backgrounds, single-parent families, ethnic minorities, and people with experience of complex needs	Executive Director of Place	August 2023	Recommended for closureReport on the agenda for 8 August 2023.
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			including trauma or violence.				
2	29.09.22	<u>HRA Budget</u> <u>Strategy</u>	 To agree a report in two cycles on the financial strategy setting out the current position with allocation of Transfer of the Management of Development Funding (TMDF), and an analysis of Strategic Housing Investment Framework (SHIF) funding allocations. 	Executive Director of Place	March 2023		Closed March 2023 Report on agenda for March 2023.

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			2) To agree the Convener would write to the COSLA President and the Cabinet Secretary to set out the significant challenges that Edinburgh faces in relation to EESSH2 delivery, and request that serious consideration was given to applying a funding formula based on need to the Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund (SHNZHF) as well as request an increase to the overall fund and to ask for RPAs for 5 years and a further review of the increase in benchmarks.	Convener	October 2022	December 2022	Closed December 2022 Letters issued on 11.11.22 and 15.11.22. Letters and response issued to members.

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			3) To agree to ask the Council Leader to make the case for, and vote for, a funding formula based on need when the SHNZHF report is in front of COSLA Leaders	Convener / Council Leader	Autumn 2023		Update May 2023 Scottish Government to conclude EESSH2 review and report to go to COSLA leaders first. Update December 2022 Scottish Government will set out its intentions on funding for EESSH2 in 2023. A report can then be submitted and discussions at COSLA leaders meeting would provide the opportunity for the case to be made.

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			4) To request a briefing note providing more detail on the TMDF/SHIF.	Executive Director of Place	March 2023		Closed March 2023 Briefing session held on 25.01.23. Update December 2022 Details of this are covered in the SHIP 23-28 report to Committee in December 2022. A detailed report on TMDF/SHIF will be brought to Committee in March 2023 in response to Councillor Campbell's motion.

3	01.12.22	Edinburgh International	To note that EICC would offer a briefing session	Executive Director of	Recommended for closure
		<u>Conference</u> <u>Centre – annual</u> update for the	for Elected Members to discuss their plans, in the new year, and to request	Place	Briefing circulated 20 June 2023.
		year ending 31	that a schedule of		Update May 2023
		December 2021	planned repayments be		The EICC is
			presented at this session.		currently updating its
					carbon report and
					will arrange to brief
					members once this
					work is complete. It
					should also be noted
					that the
					responsibility for
					oversight of the
					EICC was move to
					Finance and
					Resources
					Committee following
					the agreed
					governance changes
					at Council. The
					briefing provided will
					be shared with
					members of both
					committees for
					continuity.

4	01.12.22	Living Hours City – Response to a motion from Councillor Campbell	Agrees to bring back a report in three cycles setting out in more detail what the scoping work for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City would entail including:	Executive Director of Corporate Services	August 2023	Recommended for closure Report on the agenda for August 2023.
			• An early discussion with Living Wage Scotland about what a journey to a Living Hours City could look like			
			 A preliminary assessment of which departments in the council would be 			
			affected alongside staff numbers			
			 A financial assessment of what impact becoming a Living Hours employer 			
			could have on future council budgets			
			• Requests that the Living Wage Action Group consider this information and			
			their assessment is included within the report			

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5	09.03.23	2023/24 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme	 Agrees that a briefing note will be provided that sets out, in the form of tables, the current council housebuilding programme, by site, broken down into: Homes in design and development Homes approved Homes currently on site Homes completed this financial year (22/23) 	Executive Director of Place	May 2023		Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated 5 June 2023.

 2) Agrees for a further report to HHFW in 3 cycles which will outline: i) What further building / estate improvements 	Executive Director of Place	October 2023	
could be built into WHR works to address the climate and nature emergencies beyond energy			
efficiency measures, including:			
a. Consideration of new approaches to more sustainable water			
management through changes to roofing, guttering and drainage,			
including the use of SuDS and nature-based solutions as part of this			
b. Consideration of actions which could be taken to decarbonise heat /			
energy sources within homes, for example, by preparing homes to be			
ready to connect to alternative, zero carbon			

energy sources in the future, such as heat networks ii) Detail about how the use of SIMD, stock condition findings and
tenure mix will inform which areas will be prioritised for investment and in what order, including explaining how this sequencing will represent a climate justice approach
iii) How the WHR work aligns with existing Council strategies and work programmes such as the 2030 Climate Strategy (and IPB), forthcoming Edinburgh Adapts plan (and climate change risk assessment) and Vision for Water Management, amongst others
iv) What additional resourcing may be required to deliver against further building / estate improvements outlined in 1.1.7 i) a, b as

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			part of WHR work, including:				
			a. options for how any required funding could be secured / provided outwith the HRA for this				
			b. a strategy for workforce recruitment, upskilling and retention to deliver this work, as part of our commitment to a just transition.				
			3) To request a workshop on whole house retrofit approach and an energy strategy.		September 2023		Workshop arranged for 6 September 2023 – invites sent on 10 July.
6	09.03.23	Funding of affordable housing through the Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme	1) To note detail would be included in the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan, coming to Committee in May, as to why there's a higher number of households in temporary accommodation in Edinburgh compared to Glasgow.	Executive Director of Place	August 2023		Recommended for closure Report on the agenda for August 2023.

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			2) Asks the Convener of the HHFW committee to write to the Cabinet Secretary to ask for further information from the Scottish Government on the numerical formula, and the detailed workings out, for how the funding allocation for Edinburgh's TMDF and SHIF figures were calculated this year.	Convener	May 2023		Recommended for closure Letter issued 3 July 2023.

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7	09.03.23	Tenant Hardship Fund (2023/24)	Requests a further briefing note to members which contains: i) the full Equality Impact Assessment about the fund ii) Details about how the fund will be publicised amongst tenants and how tenants will be expected to reach out to ask for support from it - for example, via text, phone, email, face to face - with evidence of due consideration given to the various equalities impacts of this	Executive Director of Place	May 2023		Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated 5 June 2023.

8	09.03.23	Response to motion by Councillor Dalgleish – Energy Efficiency Task Force	1)	To agree that the information and signposting of the services outlined in this report would be updated on the 'Home Energy' webpage, and request that Corporate Services initiate an ambitious new campaign directing residents to it. To ask the Executive Director of Place to negotiate with the Head of Communications about how this kind of information should be included. This would include notifications of the	Executive Director of Place		Update May 2023 Work on these actions is now underway but have not yet completed. Progress will be updated in the Rolling Actions Log.
				notifications of the new/refreshed page to all library managers and			

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			school headteachers.			

9	09.03.23	Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Shareholders' Agreement and	To note the Chief Executive of EICC would share the details of the reduction of EICC's carbon footprint since 2019 with members.	Chief Executive of EICC	Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated 20 June 2023
		Strategic Delivery Agreement			Update May 2023 The EICC is currently updating its carbon report and will arrange to brief members once this work is complete. It should also be noted that the responsibility for oversight of the EICC was move to Finance and Resources Committee following the agreed governance changes at Council. The briefing provided will be shared with members of both committees for continuity.

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10	09.03.23	<u>Gig Economy</u> <u>Task Force –</u> progress update	1) To request an updated report and proposed programme of work to HHFW committee in 2 cycles in August 2023.	Executive Director of Place	August 2023		Recommended for closure Report on the agenda for August 2023.
			2) To request an additional briefing note to all elected members setting out progress on the Council's support for the Get Me Home Safely campaign and associated actions, and how these are being integrated with the actions set out in this report.	Executive Director of Place	August 2023		

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11	09.03.23	Housing Service Improvement Plan – Update	Requests a short briefing note to outline: i) what access requirements are currently being considered as part of this work through the HSIP presently; ii) who has been consulted to inform work on this to date; iii) what provisions are in place to tackle digital exclusion through this work and iv) how the accessible housing working group will be able to engage with the implementation plan and delivery milestones relating to this action from the HSIP, once the group is formed. The briefing note should address how accessibility requirements were being considered as part of the Edindex partnership.	Executive Director of Place	May 2023		Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated on 18 July 2023.

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12	09.03.23	Mixed Tenure Improvement Service	Requests a briefing note outlining in more detail: i) whether the current provision of grants and loan support is judged to be sufficient for owners in mixed tenure blocks to be able to agree to improvements through the MTIS ii) what further resources would be required to increase uptake amongst owners iii) how these resources could be financed, and iv) what learning we can take from other local authorities who are doing this work	Executive Director of Place	5 May 2023		Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated 22 May 2023
13	09.03.23	Place Directorate - Revenue Budget Monitoring 2022/23 – Month Eight Forecast	To note the Principal Accountant would share the definitions of the rent loss terms in the report with members and include these in future reports.	Executive Director of Place			Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated 20 June 2023.

14	09.03.23	Motion by Councillor Campbell – Damp and Mould	Agrees to receive an update report on damp and mould in one cycle which: • Sets out detail of the current systems in place so that councillors can consider these in line with the request from the Scottish Housing Regulator including analysis on performance	Executive Director of Place	Recommended for closure Reported to committee in May 2023.
			 Detail of current cases including case length and location, timeframes for repairs to be completed, tenant satisfaction , performance on 'getting it right first time' and causes of damp and mould 		
			Updates on the outstanding actions at 4.15		

from the report in January 2022 • Sets out an additional decant process to be added to the current commitment which includes a risk assessment and looking at the health and wellbeing of tenants including risk factors such as age and existing health conditions such as respiratory or other illnesses
 A heat map of damp and mould cases across the city aligned with the a map showing the proposed capital programme for whole house retrofit
Detail of the process for using damp and mould repairs case data

to help inform the long term capital programme and asset management strategy.
Detail of how data from damp and mould repairs cases can be used to prioritise the sequencing of stock condition surveys
Further agrees that
officers should develop,
with immediate effect, a
plan to improve the
response to the way the
Council deals with damp
and mould with a
commitment to establish
an in-house dampness
team with the recruitment
of additional resources.
The improvement plan in
development also
includes key areas such
as:
an end-to-end
process review

putting tenants'
health and
wellbeing at the
centre;
training for all
front-line staff and
enhanced
technical training
for the dampness
team;
research and
identification of
new products for
the prevention,
treatment and
removal of mould;
better use of
technology and
systems to
analyse trends and
data capture to
inform future
investment,
including how the
stock condition
survey will inform
capital investment.

15 (09.03.23	Motion by Councillor Caldwell – Taking stock of affordable housing by ward in the City of Edinburgh	 1) To request a briefing on the last 5 years (FYs 2017-2022), split into the 17 wards, that made up the City of Edinburgh detailing; i) How many affordable homes, as part of the HRA Business Plan, during those years had been; Granted planning permission. Underwent construction by the end of FY2022. Built to completion. ii) How many planning applications were granted where a commuted sum was agreed for the affordable homes. 	Executive Director of Place	31 May 2023	Recommended for closure Briefing note circulated 5 June 2023)r
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	iii) How many
	approved
	affordable homes
	had been
	delivered within
	each ward and, in
	cases where that
	was not possible,
	what had
	happened to the
	commuted sum.
	iv) What were the
	main barriers to
	affordable housing
	being delivered on
	site and what was
	being done to
	overcome this.
	v) The percentage
	of housing-led
	development sites
	(by ward) which
	did not include
	affordable housing
	as part of the New
	Homes Strategy.
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	information
	requested included
	details of the

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			council's HRA housebuilding programme, all homes built under the AHSP, and all affordable housing built without subsidy.				
16	09.05.23	Business Bulletin	To request feedback from the Inch Park Levelling Up fund bid was provided to relevant community groups and that officers continue to assist them to explore alternative funding streams and options.	Executive Director of Place			

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17	09.05.23	Response to motion by Councillor Campbell – Coillesdene House Lifts	1) To agree that the next HSIP plan will include a detailed update on the Asset Management System that is being introduced and that this should include expected timescales for implementation, detail of the type of information that will be included and the accessibility and useability of that data for performance analysis and planning.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		

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			2) To request that officers carry out an analysis and provide a briefing note on the risk to council tenants with limited mobility or who use wheelchairs, particularly in the case of fire. This should include analysis of the number of council tenants with gold priority who are housed in multistorey blocks and the suitability of multistorey blocks for people who require gold priority while the lift replacement programme is incomplete	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		

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			3) To request that going forward updates from the 'Lift Replacement Programme' (part of the wider 'Lift Investment Programme') and lift asset integration into the new Asset Management System are appended annually to the to the recurring Housing Service Improvement Plan report.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023/April 2024		

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			4) To request that the next update appended to the Housing Service Improvement Plan includes a statement of reasons as to why a sizable minority of lifts, which have been upgraded since 2013, showed more than 15 'out of action' periods in the last year (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report) and resolution actions that are being taken.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		

 5) To request a further briefing note setting out: i) what pro-active communication and support procedures are in 	Executive Director of Place	October 2023	
place to support council tenants residents with limited mobility when lifts are not working, including risk assessments and plans for emergencies during these cases.			
ii) how many council tenants residents with a gold priority / known to have mobility issues were housed in a multi-storey block in the past year.			
iii) how many council tenants residents known to have mobility issues are			

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			currently living in multi-storey blocks				
			iv) how many council tenants residents known to have mobility issues and currently living in multi-storey blocks make use of the "opt-in" service to receive additional support from Concierge				
			6) To request a briefing note with an explanation of the costs of the lift project and increases.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		

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			7) To confirm how residents had been informed of how to report repairs and if communications had been issued with Repairs Direct contact details.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		
18	09.05.23	Damp, mould and condensation in Council homes update	1) To note that the Heat Map requested at the March Committee meeting was still outstanding.	Executive Director of Place			

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			 2) To agree that the Damp, Mould and Condensation process: • will ensure that Tenants will receive a copy of the survey report • will establish a team of nominated officers in each locality who will be responsible to ensure that council topants living in an 	Executive Director of Place	date	date	
			tenants living in an environment that is hazardous to their health are removed to a decant as a priority.				

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			3) To agree that the next HSIP will include an analysis of the practicalities of offering Tenants who receive a decant the option to remain in the decant on a permanent basis.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		

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			4) To agree the updated HSIP must include analysis and benchmarking of spinal column pay against other local authorities and the private sector workforce in Edinburgh and a review of the level required to enable recruitment, noting increased workforce capacity, both of trades and surveyors in house, will be crucial for Edinburgh to meet our significant obligations on tenant safety.	Executive Director of Place	October 2023		

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			5) To request that officers provide a briefing note with expected timeline for this move to in sourcing all survey work, and for progress towards this aim to be included in all future reports on this topic.	Executive Director of Place			

19	09.05.23	Capital Funding Opportunities for Council Housing	1)	To request a report in two cycles which includes:	Executive Director of Place	31 October 2023	
			•	Analysis and benchmarking of spinal column pay against other local authorities and the private sector workforce in Edinburgh and a review of the level required to enable recruitment and retention of an increased void team.			
			•	A detailed plan for voids which sets out timescales for reducing to 'normal turnover'.			
			•	Details of average void length per property and details of how many properties have been void for over 6 months, over a year, over 2			

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			years and 3 years and longer.				
			2) To request that the Convener writes to the relevant Scottish Government minsters, setting out the housing needs of all refugee communities in the city and requesting details from the Scottish Government of their long-term plan to support the Council to address this.	Convener			

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			3) To further request that the Convener writes to COSLA to request an update on their work to review guidance for local authorities around no recourse to public funds.	Convener			
			4) To agree that these letters and their responses will be shared with committee.	Convener			
			5) To request an update on the national approach to visas and long term planning for Ukrainian people in Scotland once available.	Executive Director of Place / Corporate Services?			

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			6) To agree the relevant IIAs would be circulated to members.	Executive Director of Place			
20	09.05.23	<u>UK Shared</u> <u>Prosperity Fund</u> <u>Update</u>	1) To agree sustainability details would be included in the next report to committee in August 2023.	Executive Director of Place	August 2023		Recommended for closure On the agenda for August 2023.
			2) To issue a briefing note on lifelong learning capacity for the project and whether any of this would be outsourced.	Executive Director of Place			Recommended for closure Covered in the report on the agenda for August 2023.

21	Car and Ser Cou Est	By Councillor Campbell - Waste and Cleansing Services on Council Housing Estates (see <u>Agenda</u>)	To requests a report in two cycles which sets out: • The detail of payments made to the General Fund from the HRA for waste and cleansing services, including the full amounts and the service that is expected to be delivered for that payment.	Executive Director of Place	31 October 2023	
					 Details of the contract spend to external organisations for waste and cleansing services on HRA land 	
			• The waste and cleansing management plan for HRA land included responsibilities for delivering different services (i.e street cleaning, fly tipping etc) and for management and			

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			instruction of the delivery of those services.				
			• A map or access to an interactive, online map which shows the location of HRA land across the city which should also be made available to all councillors for their wards.				
			• Details of the future plans for management of waste and cleansing, including fly tipping, within our council housing estates.				