


# Business Bulletin

## Finance and Resources Committee

**10.00am, Thursday, 25 January 2024**

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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<p>Convener Councillor Mandy Watt</p> 	<p>Councillor Marco Biagi Councillor Graeme Bruce Councillor James Dalgleish Councillor Phil Duggart Councillor Lesley Macinnes Councillor Alys Mumford Councillor Vicky Nicolson Councillor Neil Ross Councillor Alex Staniforth Councillor Lewis Younie</p>	<p><a href="#">Taylor Ward</a> Committee Services</p> <p><a href="#">Louise Williamson</a> Committee Services</p>

Recent News	Background	Contact
<p><b>Portobello Kiln</b></p> <p>The 1906 Portobello Kiln, along with its 1909 restored neighbour, form part of the Portobello Kilns Scheduled Monument. In 2017, an engineering event by Will Rudd Davidson identified significant structural deformation that rendered the kiln unstable and a health and safety risk.</p> <p>The cost of repairing the Kiln has been estimated at £0.611m. To date, circa £0.230m has been secured subject to being committed during 2023/24. Officers have been engaged in trying to raise external funding to supplement capital funding, but a recent, second application to Historic Environment Scotland (HES) for £0.157m was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Officers met with HES to discuss a future bid as there is a risk that the existing funding will be lost if not committed by March 2024, and presenting a more fundable project to meet HES criteria will result in escalating costs. Officers have asked HES to clarify its position with regard to Scheduled Monument Consent to ensure compliance and the chance to reconsider the options, a response is expected in early 2024.</p>		<p>Head of Heritage, Cultural Venues, Museums &amp; Galleries</p> <p><a href="mailto:karl.chapman@edinburgh.gov.uk">karl.chapman@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></p>
<p><b>Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan 2024-2040 for Consultation</b></p> <p>The Council's Policy and Sustainability Committee approved the draft <a href="#">Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan</a> for consultation on 15 December. The Plan details how the city must adapt to deal with the shocks and stresses caused by climate change and includes actions on increasing investment in adaption in the city through embedding adaption into the Council's Capital Budget Strategy and city financial plans and working with the Scottish Government and partners.</p> <p>Substantial investment will be required to address the impacts of climate change in our city. By acting now we can minimise the longer term investment requirements to create a fair, green, inclusive and adapted city. New investment, using existing funds differently and leveraging in private finance will be key to addressing the funding gap.</p> <p>The Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and a Nature Emergency in 2023. A key ambition of Edinburgh's 2030 Climate Strategy was the development of the Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan to continue the process of adapting the city to the impacts of climate change. The Edinburgh Adapts Partnership has led this work on behalf of the city.</p> <p>The draft Plan has 8 priority themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and the built environment</li> <li>• Water management and resilience</li> </ul>		<p><a href="mailto:climatechange@edinburgh.gov.uk">climatechange@edinburgh.gov.uk</a></p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coastal adaption</li> <li>• Sustainable transport</li> <li>• Safeguarding and enhancing our natural environment</li> <li>• Strong, healthy community and economy</li> <li>• Building understanding of climate risk</li> <li>• Governance and risk</li> </ul> <p>A 12-week citywide public consultation on the draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan 2023-2030 has been launched. During this period, a number of engagement exercises will be held, including workshops targeting the city's public, private and third sectors and internal partner workshops to ensure that the actions in the plan assigned to them are correct and align with their organisational priorities.</p> <p>A final version of the plan will be brought to Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval following the consultation period. The consultation launched on 15<sup>th</sup> January and responses can be submitted using the following link <a href="https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/bi/climate-ready-edinburgh">https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/bi/climate-ready-edinburgh</a> from this date.</p>		
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**Forthcoming activities**

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