

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.05am, Thursday 8 February 2024

Appointment to Outside Organisation – Edinburgh Festival Fringe Ambassador

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree the appointment of the Lord Provost to the role of Edinburgh Festival Fringe Ambassador, subject to suitable terms and conditions being agreed.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The appointment of councillors to serve on outside organisations is a reserved matter for the full Council. This report invites the Council to appoint the Lord Provost as Ambassador to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Edinburgh Fringe Festival Society has proposed that the Lord Provost be invited to hold the role of Fringe Ambassador from the City of Edinburgh Council.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Key benefits include that as Ambassador, the Lord Provost would be well placed to promote the Fringe across the diverse communities of Edinburgh. This would help to encourage active participation of the wider community as both live audience members and as future performers.
- 4.2 Also, given the Lord Provost's key involvement with other festivals in the city, this role would help facilitate joined up thinking and continuity across the sector. The next stage is to agree suitable terms and conditions that would sit within the existing commitments of the Lord Provost's remit.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The Council's decision will be communicated to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society. Appropriate Terms and Conditions can then be drawn up as required.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 None

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

7.1 None.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

8.1 None

9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

9.1 None.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 None.

11. Appendices

11.1 None.