

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 19 December 2024

Cammo Estate Advisory Committee

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Almond

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree to re-establish a Cammo Estate Advisory Committee.
- 1.2 To appoint two Almond ward members to the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee.
- 1.3 To appoint Stuart Maxwell and Colin Wren as members of the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee.
- 1.4 To appoint Stuart Maxwell as Convener of the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Council is asked to re-establish the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee, approve its remit and appoint the membership and convener.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Advisory Committee last met on 28 April 2022. At its meeting on 16 March 2023, Council agreed to close the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee as a formal working group, formerly reporting to the Transport and Environment Committee. It was agreed that the work of the Advisory Committee could continue to be taken forward by an officer group without elected member representation.

4. Main report

- 4.1 In recent months, stakeholders including Friends of Cammo and the local community council have expressed an interest in the Advisory Committee and sought its re-establishment.
- 4.2 A Feu Charter by the National Trust for Scotland in favour of the City of Edinburgh Council, dated 29 July 1980, has been brought to the Council's attention. Legal advice has been received which confirms that the Charter remains in force. The Charter requires the Council to establish an Advisory Committee with two local ward councillors and two representatives of the National Trust as members.
- 4.3 To rectify this position, it is recommended that the Advisory Committee be re-established as a committee of the Council. Council is therefore also asked to appoint members to the Committee. In accordance with the Charter, a representative of the National Trust will be the convener.
- 4.4 The National Trust has nominated Stuart Maxwell and Colin Wren as its representatives on the Committee and Stuart Maxwell to be appointed as convener. It is recommended that Council approves these appointments.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Lead officers, including Committee Services, will liaise with members and the National Trust to arrange meetings of the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee.

6. Financial impact

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

7. Equality and Poverty Impact

- 7.1 Equalities impacts arising from committee business will continue to be considered as part of the Council's overall governance and political management frameworks.

8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

- 8.1 There are no climate or environmental impacts arising from this report.

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

- 9.1 The proposals in this report are in line with the Council's governance arrangements, as set out in the main report.
- 9.2 Re-establishing the Advisory Committee ensures the Council's compliance with its obligations as outlined in the Feu Charter and reduces the risk of legal challenge.
- 9.3 The Advisory Committee will involve participation from appropriate organisations to consult and advise on matters within its remit.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [City of Edinburgh Council of 16 March 2023](#)
- 10.2 [Appointments to Working Groups, 16 March 2023](#)

11. Appendices

- 11.1 Proposed remit and membership

Cammo Estate Advisory Committee

Membership

2 local ward members (Almond ward)

2 representatives of the National Trust for Scotland

Remit

To meet at regular intervals and whenever necessary for consultation with or to offer advice to the proprietors of Cammo Estate or the National Trust for Scotland on the planning, development, management or maintenance of the subjects and buildings on the property. [extracted from Feu Charter, 1980]