

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 10 September 2019

Present

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

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 18 June 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:
 - i. Action 5 – Edinburgh People Survey – Culture Results; and
 - ii. Action 13 – Motion by Cllr Staniforth – Ensuring Venues Follow the Fair Fringe Charter.
- 2) To note that commentary on Action 9 – Sport for Change would be included in the paper on the Sport & Physical Activity Strategy planned for a future meeting of the Committee.
- 3) 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.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in this item as the Treasurer of the Edinburgh Horror Festival.

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

5. European Union Settlement Scheme: Practical and Emotional Challenges – Presentation

Chris Desira presented on the work of Seraphus, a Legal Firm who since 2017 had been seconded by the European Commission office in London to provide assistance to European Union (EU) citizens in respect of the EU Settlement Scheme which involved proving nationality and identity. The presentation focussed on the problems encountered by citizens who, as a result of Britain exiting the EU, had been required to prove their settled status in the UK. The range of challenges experienced by communities who were unaware or lacked the understanding and capacity to progress with the EU Settlement scheme application process was also shared.

Decision

To thank Chris Desira for his presentation.

6. 2018 Edinburgh People Survey – Culture Update

The Edinburgh People Survey was a survey of Edinburgh residents aged 16 and over, asking questions about local government services, quality of life issues and perception of the Council. It was the largest face-to-face satisfaction survey undertaken by any UK local authority and had been designed to give reliable results at ward and locality level.

The Culture results of the 2018 Edinburgh People Survey were presented. The results showed high level of attendance at festivals and that cultural activity was driven by factors such as age and health.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the 2018 Edinburgh People Survey in response to a request for an annual report agreed at the 11 September 2018 Culture and Communities Committee
- 2) To agree that, in advance of the publication of the next iteration of the Edinburgh People Survey, the proposed questions pertaining to culture and greenspace matters under the remit of the Culture and Communities Committee, would be presented for review.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

7. City Centre Hostile Vehicle Mitigation Measures Update

An update on the City's Hostile Vehicle Mitigation measures was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the continuation of the officer working group to ensure a full assessment of the suitability of type, position, and cost of Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) installation at prioritised sites in the city centre was undertaken.
- 2) To note the proposed extension of activity to include external partners to allow joint planning for any installations.
- 3) To approve the working group recommendation that all planning for city centre public realm included consideration of HVM measures at key sites.
- 4) To note that a further update report would be prepared within six months to outline the findings from the working group and to provide details of the anticipated financial impact.
- 5) To approve the continued liaison with Police Scotland and the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI), as appropriate, to develop the protective scheme proposals.

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

8. Edinburgh Festival Workers' Welfare Commitment Update- Motion by Councillor Staniforth

A motion by Councillor Staniforth on Ensuring Venues Follow the Fair Fringe Charter was considered by the City of Edinburgh Council on 7 February 2019. The motion called for a briefing to be sent to all members detailing the enforcement practices the Council could engage in to ensure good workers' welfare at the Fringe. These included potential measures to avoid letting council premises to venues which failed to abide by the Fair Fringe Charter and potential measures to enforce good employment practice through licensing.

Decision

To note the progress made in including the Edinburgh Festivals Workers' Welfare Commitment in the lease agreements for all Council estates hired for the Festivals.

(References – Act of Council No 4 of 7 February 2019; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay – Key Performance Indicators 2018-19

Underbelly was contracted from April 2017 to March 2023 to deliver up to six editions of Edinburgh's Hogmanay and Edinburgh's Christmas. The contract was structured as an initial three years (concluding 2019/20), with a further three years permitted on an annual basis subject to performance. Through the delivery of the Festival and event programme, the Council aimed to ensure that Edinburgh maintained its position as an attractive destination city for residents and visitors throughout the winter season. An

update on Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2018/19 was provided against both events' Key Performance Indicators.

Decision

- 1) To note the extension of the Christmas and Hogmanay contract under delegated authority for a period of two years (2020/21 and 2021/22) and terminating them one year early in March 2022 at the conclusion of Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2021/22.
- 2) To note the outcomes of the 2018/19 Christmas and Hogmanay events.

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

10. Community Councils – Merchiston and Tollcross Small Scale Boundary Change

The Scheme for Community Councils (CCs) allowed for requests to change the boundaries and names of CCs to be made in writing to the Council Elections Manager. Such requests are then submitted to the appropriate committee for approval. A joint request had been received from the Merchiston and Tollcross CCs to amend boundaries using the small-scale boundary change procedure contained within the Scheme for Community Councils.

Decision

To approve the joint request from the Merchiston and Tollcross Community Councils to amend boundaries in line with the maps presented at Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

11. Transfer of Management of secondary School Sports Facilities to Edinburgh Leisure- referral from the Governance, risk and Best Value Committee

The transfer of the management of the community use of secondary school sports facilities to Edinburgh Leisure was approved by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in June 2016. The first schools to transfer were James Gillespie's High School and Portobello High School in October 2016. Since then, all schools except Leith Academy and Wester Hailes Education Centre had transferred to Edinburgh Leisure. A report considered by the Committee on 11 December 2018 detailed the budget pressures faced with the project and the rationale behind the non-core hour charge. An update was provided on the proposals developed by officers from the Council and Edinburgh Leisure to mitigate the budget pressure without adding any additional costs to clubs and customers using secondary school facilities.

Decision

- 1) To agree to ask Edinburgh Leisure to provide a report on how they, as a partner, were helping to reduce child poverty and the cost of living for families in the city through:

- An increased range of free and affordable activities for children and families experiencing poverty;
 - Equitable access to activities and opportunities in high Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation areas;
 - Ensuring that the priority in the use of school premises is given to local; and
 - Community groups working with local children and families.
- 2) To agree to ask that this report, requested from Edinburgh Leisure, would consider:
- Access to facilities, recognising Edinburgh Leisure's requirement to balance the operational costs with its core values in making a positive difference to communities;
 - The barriers to access including cost and physical access issues related to transport; and
 - The impact on high performance sport and any change in the usage of facilities from these groups associated with the transfer of management of secondary school sports facilities to Edinburgh Leisure.
- 3) To agree that the report would be considered by the Culture and Communities Committee and then referred to the Education, Children and Families Committee and the Child Poverty Action Unit for information.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Osler, Staniforth and Wilson declared non-financial interests in the above item as Directors of Edinburgh Leisure.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, 14 June 2016 (item 1); Education, Children and Families Committee, 11 December 2018 (item 10); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

12. Appointments to Working Groups

The Culture and Communities Committee was asked to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2019-20.

Decision

- 1) To reappoint the membership of the CCTV and Meadowbank working groups as set out in the Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note that the Music is Audible Working Group and Graffiti Working Group had concluded.
- 3) To review the membership of the Tourism and Communities Working Group and report back to the next meeting of the Committee.

(References – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

13 Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019

In July 2019 the Culture and Communities Committee agreed a refreshed Partnership Agreement between the City of Edinburgh Council and the Edinburgh Division of Police Scotland in respect of community policing. They requested a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland, or their designated deputy, on a quarterly basis.

A Performance and Activity report was presented which detailed Police Scotland activity covering the period from 1 April to 30 June 2019.

Decision

To note the detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland covering the Period 1 April – 30 June 2019.

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

14. Internal Audit - Localities Operating Model – referral from Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on 13 August 2019 considered a report by the Chief Internal Auditor on the Internal Audit Annual Opinion for the year ended 31 March. The report detailed the outcome of the audits carried out as part of the Council's 2018/19 Internal Audit annual plan and the status of open Internal Audit findings as at 31 March 2019. Audits with a red finding would be submitted to the next meeting of the appropriate executive committee. Following on from this requirement, the Localities Operating Model audit was referred to the Culture and Communities Committee for consideration.

Decision

- 1) To continue consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee on 12 November 2019.
- 2) To note that the Executive Director of Place would provide a covering report on the Framework for the new Localities Model.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)