

Business bulletin

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 26 November, 2019

Dean of Guild Courtroom, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Response to Crown Estate Scotland Corporate Plan for 2020-23 consultation

In September 2019, Crown Estate Scotland wrote to the Council inviting it to respond to a consultation on its draft Corporate Plan for 2020-23 and the accompanying Strategic Environmental Assessment. Crown Estate Scotland was established in 2017 to take on management of Crown Estate assets in Scotland. The assets include the seabed, coastlines, and rural estates, impacting upon sectors including farming, shipping, aquaculture, and offshore renewables. The Corporate Plan sets out its objectives and how these are proposed to be delivered.

The bulk of assets owned by Crown Estate Scotland by value are rural (such as estates) and marine (seabed rights up to the 12 nautical mile limit). These are of less relevance to Edinburgh given its largely urban nature and relatively short coastline. However, there are some elements of the Corporate Plan that remain of relevance of Edinburgh.

Officers have drafted a response to the consultation. Key points made in the draft response include the need to balance financial returns against other goals, support for Crown Estate Scotland playing a more interventionist role, and support for partnership working between local authorities and Crown Estate Scotland. Specific points include a need to explicitly address environmental issues such as coastal erosion, pollution, and aquaculture sustainability and a need to secure additional supply chain investment in the energy sector.

A final response to the consultation will be agreed with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee and submitted by the deadline (25 November 2019). The finalised Corporate Plan is scheduled to be published in April 2020.

Citizen's Basic Income

Following a motion to Council in August 2017, officers have been working with colleagues in Fife, North Ayrshire, and Glasgow City Councils, NHS Health Scotland and the Improvement Service to explore the feasibility of a Scottish Citizens Basic Income (CBI) pilot.

Using funding provided by the Scottish Government, the group are assessing the feasibility of a pilot project to test the contribution of CBI to reducing poverty and providing a possible route to a simpler welfare system.

On Monday 4th November 2019, the steering group for the project published an [interim report](#) on the progress and findings from the project to date - including initial findings on the design of a CBI pilot, coverage, scale of payment, cost of a pilot, and consideration of potential interactions with the existing benefits system.

No firm recommendations have been made by the steering group at this stage, but this report provides an overview of the work done so far and is being presented to the Scottish Government for their feedback on progress and next steps.

Next steps for the project include completion of research needed to develop final recommendations on the feasibility of a pilot project. These recommendations will be submitted to Scottish Government in March 2020.

Ahead of that final submission, in February 2020 a further report on the project will be brought to the Policy and Sustainability Committee. This report will consider and make recommendations on any future Council activity, including resources required, following completion of the current feasibility stage of the project.

Further information on the Citizen's Basic Income Pilot project is available at – www.basicincome.scot.

Ministers Response on Levy on Single-Use Plastic Cups

The response received from the Minister to Councillor Wilson's letter has been circulated to all members of the Council for information.

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal (ESESCRD) – Regional Growth Framework

Council on 24 October 2019 approved the following [report](#) subject to the approval of the adjusted motion by Councillor McVey detailed in the draft [meeting minutes](#).

An element of the original Conservative addendum, in relation to the composition of the Elected Member Oversight Committee (EMOC), was withdrawn given a commitment to bring back to Council the precise arrangements for the

establishment of the EMOC. Terms of reference are being developed for the EMOC for consideration, in the first instance, at the ESESCRD Joint Committee on 6 December 2019. This would then require to be reported to the 6 individual local authorities forming part of the Deal (City of Edinburgh, East Lothian, Fife, Midlothian, Scottish Borders and West Lothian) for their consideration of those Terms of Reference and, if content, to appoint their two representatives. Given the cancellation of December's Council meeting, this report will be brought to the next Council meeting on 6 February 2020. That Report will also update on the timeframe for reporting back to Council on how the ESESCRD will support delivery on net zero carbon aims (by no later than June 2020).

Forthcoming activities:
