

Business Bulletin

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

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Recent News

Awards Success in Regeneration Programmes

Since the start of the year the Council's new build affordable housing regeneration projects continue to receive recognition across a number of industry awards. These have recognised both the quality of design and placemaking of the projects as well as the wider benefits being delivered through community benefits programmes.

In April, North Sighthill won the RICS Social Impact Awards for the community benefits programme it has delivered as part of the delivery of 316 new homes. This included work with local schools, support for a community growing initiative and appointing a social enterprise to provide cleaning services to the site.

Greendykes Phase G and the new build projects at Royston and Dumbryden have been shortlisted for development awards at the Scottish Homes Awards with North Sighthill also making the shortlisting for the Community Contribution Award. Winners will be announced at the end of October

Granton Waterfront Masterplan and Greendykes Phase G have been shortlisted in the categories of Masterplanning and Affordable Housing in the Scottish Design Awards. Winners will be announced in September.

New Affordable Homes in Craigmillar

The first tenants moved into new homes in Craigmillar in August following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. The highly energy-efficient development at Craigmillar features 194 homes with an innovative Sustainable Urban Drainage System for surface water collection and extensive communal green space at the heart of the redevelopment. The homes also benefit from a network of footpaths and cycle connections to Craigmillar Park. These properties will also test a number of elements of the "gold" building standards to

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<p>help inform the Council's approach to net zero carbon developments. Handover of homes will continue until November.</p>	
<p><u>Local Connection Consultation</u></p> <p>The Scottish Government have launched a consultation on the removal of Local Connection https://consult.gov.scot/housing-and-social-justice/modifying-local-connection-referrals/consult_view/. This proposal would see local connection removed from the homeless assessment and would mean that households who do not have a local connection to a specific local authority area would be entitled to homeless assistance. The consultation invites comments on the suspension of local connection, the content of the proposed Ministerial Statement, the proposed factors to determine whether the capacity of a local authority to meet its homeless and housing duties are adversely impacted by the removal and comments on the proposal to use existing data returns (HL1) to the Scottish Government to monitor the change. The closing date for responses is 23 October 2020. Officers will prepare a draft response in advance of this date and circulate to Committee Members for comment, prior to submission to Scottish Government.</p>	<p><u>Contact:</u></p> <p>Jill Thomson jill.thomson@edinburgh.gov.uk 0131 529 7183</p>
<p><u>West End BID</u></p> <p>The West End BID did not re-ballot in July 2020 due to the pandemic. The intention is to re-ballot in July 2021, however the board will make a final decision on this early in 2021 once they have had time to assess the impact from Covid-19. They have received support from Scotland's Towns Partnership and will be using that to keep the BID running until July 2021 – all charges for the period 1 April 2020 to the end of the BID Term have been written off.</p>	<p><u>Contact:</u></p> <p>Elin Williamson elin.williamson@edinburgh.gov.uk 0131 469 2801</p>