

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday 5 November 2020

### Present

Councillors Kate Campbell (Convener), Watt (Vice-Convener), Booth, Jim Campbell, Hutchison, Key, Lang, McLellan, Miller, Munro and Work.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 3 September 2020 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 18 September 2020 as a correct record.

### 2. Work Programme

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The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Work Programme for November 2020 was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

### 3. Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Rolling Actions Log

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The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Rolling Actions Log for November 2020 was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
  - Action 2 – Motion by the Green Group – Wellbeing Measures for Economic Success
  - Action 4(2) – Internal Audit – Homelessness Services
  - Action 8 – Housing Service Improvement Plan: Update
  - Action 9 (1, 2 & 3) – No Recourse to Public Funds – Legal Position

- Action 10 – Homelessness Services – Update
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

#### **4. Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Business Bulletin**

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The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Business Bulletin for September 2020 was presented.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To note the Business Bulletin.
- 2) To request that the consultation response on Short Term Lets be circulated to the committee.
- 3) To note that the Meadowbank masterplan had been approved at the beginning of October 2020.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

#### **5. Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Annual Update**

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An update was provided on the performance of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) in the year ending 31 December 2019. Key areas of performance were identified to be embedded as Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the Strategic Delivery Agreement (SDA) that was under development.

Marshall Dallas gave a presentation which provided an update on the performance of the EICC during the year to 31 December 2019 and highlighted some of the successes and achievements realised in the period.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To note the annual performance update provided by Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To note the EICC Statement of Accounts for 2018 as reported to CEC Holdings Ltd and the Auditor's Report for EICC as detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report respectively.
- 3) To note the update on progress with the development of a Strategic Delivery Agreement and the proposed areas identified as Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- 4) To refer the report to the Governance Risk and Best Value Committee for information.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 31 October 2019 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 6. Housing Sustainability Update

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Details were provided of the specific approaches to sustainability and net zero carbon that would be embedded across the Council's existing housing stock and new build housing, in line with the Council's 2030 net zero carbon commitment and the objectives of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Strategy.

### Motion

- 1) To note the work underway to develop an advanced whole house retrofit approach (based on the EnerPHit retrofit standard) across existing Council homes to support the delivery of the Council's net zero carbon commitment.
  - 2) To note the new build housing design guide would seek a holistic approach to achieving a net zero carbon outcome for all developments going forward.
  - 3) To note the range of innovative energy programmes and projects underway such as the Decarbonisation Fund and Scottish Government Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS:ABS) to reduce emissions, tenants' energy bills and tackle fuel poverty.
  - 4) To request a six-monthly Business Bulletin update on the net increase in homes and acquisition.
  - 5) To request clarification on the fuel source for cooking in properties under development.
- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Watt

### Amendment

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- 3) To note the range of innovative energy programmes and projects underway such as the Decarbonisation Fund and Scottish Government Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS:ABS) to reduce emissions, tenants' energy bills and tackle fuel poverty.
- 4) To thank officers for their hard work on developing this agenda, acknowledge the significant progress achieved so far in ensuring that all citizens had a warm, dry, affordable, climate-friendly home, and acknowledge the substantial challenges in reducing climate emissions and energy bills from homes.
- 5) To agree that officers would engage with the Edinburgh Climate Commission, and work with colleagues developing the emerging Carbon Scenario tool, and would receive an update report within six months which would outline progress on this agenda, and, in particular, would set out:

- a) a target date on which all new-build council housing would be net zero carbon, consistent with the council's wider net zero carbon target.
  - b) potential revisions to the retrofit action plan to ensure it remained consistent with the council's wider net zero carbon target.
- 6) To request a six-monthly Business Bulletin update on the net increase in homes and acquisition.
- 7) To request clarification on the fuel source for cooking in properties under development.
- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Miller

In terms of Standing Order 22.12, the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Kate Campbell.

### **Decision**

To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Kate Campbell.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2020 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **7. Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Strategy 2021/22**

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The 30-year HRA Business Plan 2021/22-2050/51, the financial framework that underpinned the Housing Service, was reviewed annually in consultation with tenants. A five-year Capital Programme and one-year Capital Investment Budget was approved by Council. There was a planned increase in investment over the next ten years from £2,460m to £2,850m (an increase of around £390m on the previous year's plan). This investment supported the delivery of new homes, the modernisation of existing homes including the commitment to deliver zero carbon emissions by 2030.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the initial findings of consultation with tenants.
- 2) To note a planned increase of almost £390 million capital investment over the next ten years to support the delivery of new affordable homes, achieve zero carbon emissions in Council owned homes and improve the neighbourhoods where Council tenants lived.
- 3) To note the progress in the delivery of service improvements and efficiencies outlined in the report.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2020 (items 12 and 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **8. Private Sector Leasing - Update**

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An update was provided on progress with delivery of the Private Sector Leasing Scheme, as requested by the Housing and Economy Committee on 6 June 2019.

### **Decision**

To note the report, as requested at Housing and Economy Committee on 6 June 2019.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee of 23 January 2020 (item 12); report by the Executive Director for Communities & Families, submitted.)

## **9. Housing First – Year 1**

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The Council and its partners began full delivery of a Housing First service in January 2019. Details were provided of progress to date so far, including the number of people being supported, tenancies allocated and sustainment rates.

### **Decision**

To note the update on the first year of the delivery of the Housing First service in Edinburgh.

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

## **10. Homelessness Services Internal Audit – Actions Update**

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An update was provided on the progress of actions identified in the Internal Audit of Homelessness Services in July 2019. The audit identified two high and one medium finding, relating to homelessness performance and quality assurance, data quality and performance reporting and provision of homelessness advice and information.

For each area a number of management actions with timescales for completion were proposed and agreed. Following the public health crisis, Internal Audit extended all outstanding audit action dates by four months. Several of these required further consideration in line with adapt and recovery measures.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress against recommendations within the Internal Audit of Homelessness Services Report.
- 2) To recognise the complexities and issues which had impacted progress and compliance with timescales.
- 3) To recognise the need for an extension to agreed due dates of a limited number of audit actions due to the current pandemic and the adaption of service delivery.
- 4) To request a Business Bulletin update on the target date of 2023 for CW1801 Recommendation 3.1.4: Developing online self-service solutions, and whether this was accurate.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 13 August 2019 (item 7); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 29 August 2019 (item 16); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## **11. Homelessness Services – Statutory Returns**

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All local authorities were required to submit a range of data, quarterly, to the Scottish Government as part of their statutory returns process. The latest publication of these returns was on 27 August 2020 and covered the period 1 April 2019 – 31 March 2020. Details were provided on key areas of performance.

## **Decision**

To note the summary of the Council's statutory homelessness returns.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 20 January 2020 (item 20); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## **12. Consultation Response: Local Connection**

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Committee was asked to note the Council's response to the Scottish Government consultation on local connection and the proposed suspension of referrals between Scottish local authorities. As the consultation closed on 23 October 2020, officers consulted with Committee members on the content of the response before submitting to Scottish Government.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that officers submitted the consultation response to Scottish Government by the deadline of 23 October 2020, following consultation with members of this Committee.
- 2) To note that the proposed implementation date for changes to Local Connection Referrals, if approved, was May 2021.
- 3) To note that officers would provide Committee with an update on the impact of these changes six months after implementation.

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

## **13. Management of No Recourse to Public Funds Cases**

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To support public health objectives, since the beginning of lockdown restrictions in March 2020, the Council had continued to make temporary accommodation available to anyone who was homeless or at risk of homelessness. This included people who may not have had recourse to public funds (NRPF). Information was provided on the provision of accommodation and support services.

### **Decision**

To note the report.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 9 July 2020 (item 5); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 3 September 2020 (item 4); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## **14. Edinburgh Project SEARCH – Delivery and Future Development**

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Changes which had been made to the delivery of Edinburgh's Project SEARCH programme in 2020/21 in light of the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic were outlined and options were set out for future development of the programme, including creating more internship opportunities and developing direct progression routes into council Modern Apprenticeships.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the temporary changes in delivery of the Edinburgh Project SEARCH programme for the academic year 2020/21 due to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2) To note the plans to create more internship opportunities and develop progression routes into employment and Modern Apprenticeships within the Council for Project SEARCH interns.
- 3) To agree to receive a further report on future delivery options to ensure the continued success of the programme.
- 4) To request an update on the potential to provide further places on the project.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee of 30 August 2018 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **15. Parental Employability Support Fund Grants**

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Following the award of £677,000 Parental Employability Support (PES) funds from Scottish Government for delivery of employability activity to support parents into and progress in employment, it was agreed at the Adaptation and Renewal Programme Board on 1 July 2020 to progress with awarding of small grants through a process managed by Capital City Partnership (CCP).

The process was now complete, and due to the time constraints for delivery and the suspension of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, the award of funding was approved by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener, under delegated authority.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the information regarding the Parental Employability Support Funding (PESF) allocation from Scottish Government for delivery of initiatives to support parents into and to progress in employment.
- 2) To note the award of funding to the successful applicants for delivery of employability activity funded through Scottish Government's Parental Employability Support Fund - Access to Industry (two projects), Enable Scotland and The Broomhouse Centre.
- 3) To note the further award of the remaining £21,368 of funding for a pilot project to be developed in partnership with Capital City Partnership, University of Edinburgh and The Datakirk.

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

## **16. Economic Wellbeing Measures**

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In response to a motion by Councillor Miller to the Housing and Economy Committee of 6 June 2019, a report was provided on the actions underway to identify ways in which wellbeing measures could be incorporated into the Edinburgh Economy Strategy and strengthen the economic aims of the Council.

A further report on current progress on Council actions to ensure sustainable economic recovery and renewal of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy in response to the current Covid-19 outbreak and related economic recession would be considered by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in December 2020.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the work underway to review best practice in measuring economic wellbeing, and that a report on plans for renewal of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy and related monitoring framework would be considered by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in December 2020.
- 2) To note that work currently underway had included engagement with members of the Wellbeing Economy Alliance, and review of approaches underway and in place in other local authorities.
- 3) To agree that the process for renewal of the strategy and monitoring framework would be carried out following further engagement with members of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee of 7 June 2018 (item 8); Housing and Economy Committee of 6 June 2019 (item 5); Housing and Economy Committee of 6 June 2019 (item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **17. Town Centre Fund – Additional Allocations**

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Approval was sought to allocate an additional £0.954m of Town Centre Fund money and to reallocate £0.500m from the South Queensferry public realm project. A total of £1.354m was therefore to be allocated across suitable projects as identified in the report by the Executive Director of Place.

### **Motion**

- 1) To agree the allocation of the additional £0.954m of the additional Town Centre Fund money.
- 2) To agree the reallocation of £0.500m from the South Queensferry public realm project.
- 3) To note the agreed strategic statement: “The Council will direct investment in Edinburgh’s town centres and local centres to projects that strengthen and reinforce their roles as set out in the Edinburgh Local Development Plan; contribute to inclusive growth; and enhance their resilience and sustainability in the face of change”.
- 4) To recognise the importance of outdoor public space especially in the current circumstances.
- 5) To further recognise the importance of investing in regeneration areas and the coalition commitment to tackling poverty and inequality.
- 6) To therefore allocate to the projects as set out in the table below:

Gracemount public realm - £100k	100,000.00
Craigmillar town centre - £170k	170,000.00
Westside Plaza Phase 3	300,000.00
Granton Station	747,000.00
Pentlands Community Space	75,000.00
Pennywell Hub	62,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,454,000.00</b>

7) To agree that, if it became apparent that any projects would not be able to achieve the funding timescales set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, funding should be reallocated by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Watt

**Amendment 1**

1) To agree the allocation of the additional £0.954m of the additional Town Centre Fund money.

2) To agree the reallocation of £0.500m from the South Queensferry public realm project.

3) To agree to fund the following:

- i) Bruntsfield St Oswald's (£0.55m)
- ii) The Corstorphine Community Centre (£0.75m)
- iii) Pentlands Community Space (£0.15m)

4) To agree that, if it became apparent that any projects would not be able to achieve the funding timescales set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, funding should be reallocated by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

**Amendment 2**

1) To agree the allocation of the additional £0.954m of the additional Town Centre Fund money.

2) To agree the reallocation of £0.500m from the South Queensferry public realm project.

3) To allocate the available funding as follows:

<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding allocated (£m)</b>	<b>As a percentage of funding requested</b>
Craigmillar town centre	0.170	100%
Gracemount public realm	0.100	100%
Granton station	0.759	89%
Pennywell hub	0.125	100%
Westside plaza phase 3	0.300	100%

- 4) To agree that, if it became apparent that any projects would not be able to achieve the funding timescales set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, funding should be reallocated by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Booth

### **Amendment 3**

- 1) To agree the allocation of the additional £0.954m of the additional Town Centre Fund money.
- 2) To agree the reallocation of £0.500m from the South Queensferry public realm project.
- 3) To agree to allocate funding to:
- i) Bruntsfield St Oswald's
  - ii) The Corstorphine Community Centre
  - iii) Pennywell Hub
- 4) To agree that, if it became apparent that any projects would not be able to achieve the funding timescales set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report, funding should be reallocated by the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

### **Voting**

#### **First Vote**

The voting was as follows

For the Motion - 5 votes  
 For Amendment 1 - 3 votes  
 For Amendment 2 - 2 votes  
 For Amendment 3 - 1 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Kate Campbell, Watt, Key, Munro and Work.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Jim Campbell, Hutchison and McLellan.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Booth and Miller.

For Amendment 3: Councillor Lang.)

There being no overall majority, Amendment 3 fell, and a second vote was taken between the Motion and Amendments 1 and 2.

### **Second Vote**

The voting was as follows

For the Motion - 5 votes

For Amendment 1 - 4 votes

For Amendment 2 - 2 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Kate Campbell, Watt, Key, Munro and Work.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Jim Campbell, Hutchison, Lang and McLellan.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Booth and Miller.)

There being no overall majority, Amendment 2 fell, and a third vote was taken between the Motion and Amendment 1.

### **Third Vote**

The voting was as follows

For the Motion - 7 votes

For Amendment 1 - 4 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Kate Campbell, Watt, Booth, Key, Miller, Munro and Work.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Jim Campbell, Hutchison, Lang and McLellan.)

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Kate Campbell.

In accordance with Standing Order 30.1, a vote was taken for and against referral of the decision to Council for approval.

For referral - 4 votes

Against referral - 7 votes

(For referral: Councillors Jim Campbell, Hutchison, Lang and McLellan.

Against referral: Councillors Booth, Kate Campbell, Key, Miller, Munro, Watt and Work.)

In terms of Standing Order 30.1 the requisite number of members required that the decision be referred to the Council as a recommendation.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee of 6 June 2019 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **Declaration of interest**

Councillor Lang declared a non-financial interest in the above item as his spouse was a board member of North Edinburgh Arts.

Councillor Key declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of Bruntsfields St. Oswald's.

## **18. The EDI Group – Update Report**

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An update was provided on the progress of the transition strategy for the EDI Group Limited. The EDI Group aimed to close it and its subsidiary companies and bring their projects and assets into the Council.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.
- 3) To agree that any report on the sale price of the Craigmillar project should be reported to this committee in the first instance to comment on the strategy approach before being referred to the Finance and Resources Committee.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee of 6 June 2019 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **Declaration of interest**

Councillor Kate Campbell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of EDI.

## **19. Marketing Edinburgh Annual Report 2019/20**

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An update was provided on the annual performance of Marketing Edinburgh Limited for the financial year 2019/20.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the annual report provided by Marketing Edinburgh Limited for 2019/20.
- 2) To refer the report to Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee of 6 June 2019 (item 11); Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 13 August 2019 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **Declaration of interest**

Councillors Kate Campbell, Miller and Watt declared non-financial interests in the above item as Directors of Marketing Edinburgh.

## **20. Appointments to Working Groups 2020/21**

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The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee was required to annually reappoint the membership of its working groups. Committee was asked to consider the proposed membership structures and remits of each.

## Decision

- 1) To agree the remits of the working groups set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- 2) To appoint membership of the working groups as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- 3) To agree the dissolution of the Edinburgh Homelessness Forum.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 28 May 2020 (item 16); Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 August 2020 (item 5); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 18 September 2020 (item 1); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 21. Place Directorate - Revenue Monitoring 2020/21 – Month Five Position

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An update was provided on the projected month five revenue monitoring position for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Place Directorate General Fund (GF) services. The month five forecast was based on analysis of actual expenditure and income to the end of August 2020, and expenditure and income projections for the remainder of the 2020/2021 financial year.

### Decision

- 1) To note that the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) projected position for the 2020/2021 financial year was a balanced position after a contribution of £12.945m towards in-year capital investment and the future strategic housing investment programme.
- 2) To note the Place General Fund (GF) revenue budget forecast for 2020/2021 was a projected £1.710m overspend (excluding Covid-19 impact) including a forecast budget pressure of £0.160m for services within the remit of this Committee.
- 3) To note the Place GF revenue budget forecast for 2020/2021 in respect of the net cost impact of Covid-19 was forecast to be circa £28m. £2.3m of this budget pressure related to services within the remit of this Committee.
- 4) To note that the Executive Director of Place was taking measures to reduce budget pressures and progress would be reported to Committee at agreed frequencies.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee of 14 February 2020 (item 4); Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 3 September 2020 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## 22. Homelessness and Housing Support - Revenue Monitoring 2020/21 – Month Five Position

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Details were provided of the projected month five revenue monitoring position for the Homelessness and Housing Support service, based on analysis of actual expenditure and income to the end of August 2020, and expenditure and income projections for the

remainder of the financial year. The projected net residual budget pressure of £9.3m was part of an overall net residual budget pressure of £12.3m for Communities and Families. All efforts were being made to identify management action to reduce the budget pressures, while addressing the impact of the pandemic.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note an overall net residual budget pressure of £12.3m for Communities and Families at month five.
- 2) To note that this pressure included a net residual budget pressure of £9.3m for the Homelessness and Housing Support service.
- 3) To note that the net pressure of £9.3m relates to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 4) To note that an approved saving of £0.060m in 2020/21 had been assessed as amber and was at risk of not being delivered until 2021/22.

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

### **23. Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell - SPSO – Case Reference 201906053 - Upheld Complaint Against Council**

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The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Committee:

Notes the decision of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman, Case Reference 201906053, to uphold a complaint against Council regarding its failure to take action to protect the complainer.

Further notes the Council has issued an apology following the decision of the Ombudsman.

Asks for a brief report to this Committee within one cycle of any ongoing investigations being completed, or earlier if possible, detailing:

1. Council policy regarding tenants against whom repeated allegations of Anti-Social Behaviour have been made
2. The responsibilities within the Council for delivering these policies
3. The reasons that contributed to a failure in this case, including the failure to keep reasonable records
4. Any changes to policy or process that are being considered in light of this case.”

### **Decision**

To note that the motion was ruled not competent and that it would be resubmitted to the Culture and Communities Committee.

## 24. Unsuitable Accommodation Order – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families

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The Committee, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

In response to a motion by Councillor Booth to the City of Edinburgh Council of 17 September 2020, details were provided of changes to the Unsuitable Accommodation Order.

### Decision

- 1) To note the legal requirements relating to the Unsuitable Accommodation Order and the options available to Council to address this.
- 2) To note that the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) was agreed by Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Committee on 18 September 2020. The RRTP included a costed plan to transform the mix of temporary accommodation over a five year period to meet the requirements of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order and included early intervention and prevention measures to reduce homelessness demand.
- 3) To agree that officers would prepare business cases which outlined opportunities to accelerate progress towards an increase in the Council's stock of suitable accommodation, in order to meet the conditions of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order, noting the challenges this would present as set out in the report.

(References – Act of Council No. 15 of 17 September 2020; Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 18 September 2020 (item 1); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)