

# Business Bulletin

## Finance and Resources Committee

**10.00 a.m, Thursday, 4 March 2021**

Via Microsoft Teams

# Finance and Resources Committee

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| <p>Convener<br/>Councillor Rob Munn</p>  <p>Vice-Convener<br/>Councillor Joan Griffiths</p>  | <p>Councillor Chas Booth<br/>Councillor Graeme Bruce<br/>Councillor Gavin Corbett<br/>Councillor George Gordon<br/>Councillor Graham Hutchison<br/>Councillor Andrew Johnston<br/>Councillor Alasdair Rankin<br/>Councillor Neil Ross<br/>Councillor Mandy Watt</p> | <p>Rachel Gentleman<br/>Committee Services<br/><a href="mailto:rachel.gentleman@edinburgh.gov.uk">rachel.gentleman@edinburgh.gov.uk</a><br/>0131 529 4107</p> <p>Sarah Stirling<br/>Committee Services<br/><a href="mailto:sarah.stirling@edinburgh.gov.uk">sarah.stirling@edinburgh.gov.uk</a><br/>0131 529 3009</p> |

| Recent News  | Background | Contact   |
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| <p><b>3-11 West Granton Road</b></p> <p>Following the decision by Committee on 21 January 2021, Legal Services have been progressing a lease of the property with Empty Kitchens, Full Hearts. The anticipated date of entry was early March 2021.</p> <p>However, the property was broken into in early February with considerable damage caused. An insurance claim has been submitted to allow the damage to be repaired as soon as possible. Budget pressures do not permit an immediate repair to the property. This will impact on the date of entry.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place with the unsuccessful bidders and an offer of assistance has been made as the committee requested.</p> |            | <p>Graeme McGartland,<br/>Investments Senior Manager,<br/>Property and Facilities Management,<br/>Resources Directorate<br/><a href="mailto:graeme.mcgartland@edinburgh.gov.uk">graeme.mcgartland@edinburgh.gov.uk</a><br/>Tel: 0131 529 5956</p> |
| <p><b>Fire in the Grounds of Lauriston Castle</b></p> <p>At approximately 10pm on 7 February 2021, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland attended a fire within the grounds of Lauriston Castle. One of the Oriental Tea Houses, within the Japanese Garden, was burnt to the ground and the fire has also caused damage to surrounding trees. At the time of writing, it is understood that the Police enquiry into the incident is on-going.</p> <p>Council officers have removed the debris from the site and the area has been made safe. The Council's workshop team is currently assessing whether it would be</p>  |            | <p>Graeme Craig<br/>Horticulture Manager,<br/>Parks, Greenspace and Cemeteries,<br/>Place Directorate<br/><a href="mailto:graeme.craig@edinburgh.gov.uk">graeme.craig@edinburgh.gov.uk</a><br/>Tel: 0131 469 5238</p>                             |

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| <p>possible for them to rebuild the Tea House which was destroyed.</p> <p>There are three phases of planned upgrades for the site in respect of CCTV coverage, both for replacement purposes and an expansion of coverage internally and externally, which are being considered by the Cultural Service, which is responsible for the management of Lauriston Castle.</p> |  |  |
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**Forthcoming activities:**

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