

Business Bulletin

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Friday, 25 June 2021

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No One Left Behind Activity Agreement Hubs – Community Renewal

Scottish Government provides funding to Local Authorities for the delivery of Activity Agreements to support young people aged 16 - 26 who have not secured or sustained a positive destination upon leaving school. This is currently funded under the No One Left Behind funding stream.

Edinburgh currently awards five grants to third sector organisations to deliver these across the city – Dunedin Canmore Youth Projects for South East, Dunedin Canmore and CHAI covering South West, Canongate Youth in the City Centre, and The Citadel and Community Renewal covering North East and North West between them.

Following a series of monthly meetings to review recent service delivery issues, Community Renewal intimated their intention, and have given notice that they wish to withdraw from delivering the Hub activity in North West and North East Edinburgh at the end of Quarter 1 – June 30 2021.

Council officers are currently working with Community Renewal staff to ensure the smooth transition of the small number of clients currently engaged by Community Renewal to alternative provision and are also working with other partners to ensure that interim service is in place for any new referrals that may come forward.

The grant was awarded up until March 2023 and Activity Agreement provision is still required in North East and North West Edinburgh. Officers plan to run a small grants process on a very tight timeline, using the same specification and in line with the previous process, through the Joined Up for Jobs networks as soon as possible.

The outcome of this process will be reported to Committee in September 2021. However, should the grants process be completed in advance of Committee, it is intended that the Executive Director of Place should, in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener, under the Council's Scheme of Delegation confirm the

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Wards Affected: Almond, Forth, Inverleith, Craightinny/Duddingston and Craigmillar/Portobello

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<p>award of grant funding as soon as possible to minimise the impact of this service change.</p>	
<p>Living Wage Edinburgh</p> <p>Following the commitments of the ‘End Poverty in Edinburgh Delivery Plan 2020-30’ approved by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in December 2020 and the ‘Business Plan: Our Future Council, Our Future City’ that was agreed at full Council in February 2021, work is underway to establish accreditation for Edinburgh as a Living Wage City.</p> <p>This is an independent accreditation scheme run by Living Wage Scotland on behalf of the Living Wage Foundation and has seen success in other places, such as Dundee, Cardiff and Salford. The scheme encourages cities to establish an action group of local employers committed to working together to promote Living Wage accreditation among businesses.</p> <p>As highlighted by the ‘Edinburgh Economy Strategy Development Report’ considered by the Policy and Sustainability Committee earlier this month, this work links to wider aspects of enhancing fair work opportunities in the city.</p> <p>Work is now underway to establish a Living Wage Edinburgh Action Group. The group will consist of representatives from Edinburgh-based organisations from a variety of sectors who will act as Living Wage champions and who will set meaningful targets and commitments (both individually of members and collectively of the group) that will be backed up with data. As part of the accreditation bid, they will produce a three-year action plan later this year, which will set out key actions needed to significantly reduce the number of Edinburgh citizens working for wages below the real Living Wage hourly rate.</p> <p>The Convenor of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee will represent City of Edinburgh Council on the action group. Full details on the work of the group will be set out in a report that will be brought to the next meeting of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 2 September 2021.</p>	<p>Chris Adams</p> <p>Strategy Manager</p> <p>Wards Affected: All</p>