

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 3 August 2021

Appointments to Working Groups 2021/2022

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1. Recommendation

- 1.1 To consider the re-appointment of members to Working Groups as set out in Appendices 1 to 7
- 1.2 To agree to dissolve the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group (appendix 8).

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Policy and Sustainability Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2021/22. The proposed membership, structures and remits of each are detailed in Appendices 1 to 7 of this report.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group is formally dissolved.

3. Background

- 3.1 The appointment of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for Full Council.
- 3.2 A report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 6 August 2020 proposed that, given the impact of the Covid-19 emergency and resource pressures that remain, working groups only meet if:
- there is officer capacity and resource available;
 - it is required for specific actions to progress;
 - they take place virtually.
- 3.3 A report agreed by Full Council on 24 June 2021 on Political Management Arrangements recommended that working groups would remain virtual in the short term, and that “An assessment should be made as to whether, in the long term, some working groups should remain virtual. The findings of this assessment would be reported back to Council as part of the next review of political management arrangements.”
- 3.4 The Policy and Sustainability Committee on 6 October 2020 dissolved the Redford Barracks Working and the Poverty All Party Oversight Group. On 23 February 2021, it dissolved the Brexit Working Group and formally established the Short Term Lets Working Group.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Committee is requested to consider the re-appointment of members to its Working Groups for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendices 1 to 7.
- 4.2 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice. The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 4.3 As COVID-19 restrictions are removed and the development and delivery of the business plan is taken forward, the Adaptation and Renewal (A&R) Programme will move into a review phase capturing lessons learned and then move to formally close the programme. The strategies and emerging programmes of work will form part of the governance of the organisation and will be presented to the relevant committee when appropriate. It is therefore recommended that the A&R All Party Oversight Group (APOG) is dissolved (the current membership and remit are detailed at Appendix 8)
- 4.5 The A& R Programme Update report will continue to come to Committee until the programme has reached a formal decision to close.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 October 2020](#)
- 8.2 [Minute of Policy and Sustainability Committee of 23 February 2021](#)
- 8.3 [Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 24 June 2021](#)
- 8.4 [Review of Political Management Arrangements – report by the Chief Executive](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – Equalities Working Group
- 9.3 Appendix 3 – Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group
- 9.4 Appendix 4 – Short Term Lets Working Group
- 9.5 Appendix 5 – Sustainability and Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group
- 9.6 Appendix 6 – Welfare Reform Working Group
- 9.7 Appendix 7 – West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group
- 9.8 Appendix 8 – Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group

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Appendix 1

Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 10 members

Council Leader (Co-Chair), Council Depute Leader (Co-Chair), Convener or Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work, Convener or Vice Convener of Transport and Environment, Convener or Vice Convener of Culture and Communities, Convener or Vice-Convener of Planning, Convener or Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families; a representative from Granton Regeneration Locality Group; a representative from the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat Groups (if not included in the representation outlined above).

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Gardiner

Councillor Jim Campbell

Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor McVey (Co-Chair)

Councillor Day (Co-Chair)

Councillor Miller

Councillor Doran

Councillor Perry

Remit

The current remit agreed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 is:

1. To provide a forum for cross-party political leadership of the Waterfront regeneration programme.
2. To discuss significant issues and projects arising from the development of the Waterfront.
3. To provide advice and guidance to officers on the implementation of decisions.
4. To monitor progress.

Last met: 13 May 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Equalities Working Group

Membership – 5 members

(1 SNP, 1 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Laidlaw

Councillor Cameron

Councillor Rae

Councillor Gordon

Remit

The current remit agreed by the Council on 23 August 2018 is:

1. To support the inclusion and innovation aims of the Council's Economic Strategy
2. To improve citizens' access to Council services, including services operated on the Council's behalf
3. To improve citizens' access to events, meetings and visits to Council owned buildings, parks and land.
4. To improve citizens' access to employment and training opportunities within the Council.

Last met: 28 May 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 11 members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, Convener and Vice-Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee, 1 Representative from Conservative Group, 1 Representative from Green Group, 1 Representative from Liberal Democrat Group and City Centre Councillors)

Councillor Day	Councillor Mowat
Councillor Doggart	Councillor Osler
Councillor Doran	Councillor Rae
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	Councillor McVey (Chair)
Councillor Miller	Councillor Munn
Councillor Wilson	

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To provide scrutiny and oversight of the delivery and impacts of major festivals and events in Edinburgh.
2. To facilitate and engage with key stakeholders including representatives from local communities.
3. To ensure a co-ordinated Council-wide approach to festivals and events.

Last met: 25 June 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Sustainability and Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 7 members

(Convener and Vice-Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee, the Sustainability Champion, 1 Conservative, 1 Green and 1 SLD)
Group

Councillor Adam McVey (Convener)

Councillor Cammy Day

Councillor Robert Aldridge

Councillor Steve Burgess

Councillor George Gordon

Councillor Gillian Gloyer

Councillor Iain Whyte

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To champion the prioritisation of sustainability action within the Council and across the city.
2. To support and drive a co-ordinated approach throughout the Council to embed sustainability outcomes in the delivery of Council services.
3. To play a key role in providing additional scrutiny and oversight of the implementation of the Programme Plan.
4. To provide a vehicle for the development of the 2030 Sustainability Strategy and 2050 Vision before it is submitted for debate and approval at the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee
5. To provide a means to facilitate and engage with partners and the community on the developing strategy and the wider sustainability agenda throughout the City.
6. To link in with other working groups within the Council which are progressing elements included in the Sustainability Programme or 2030 Strategy.

Last met: 10 May 2021

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

Welfare Reform Working Group

Membership – 7 members

(2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Labour, 1 Green and 1 SLD)

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor McLellan

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor Rae

Councillor Doggart

Councillor Watt

Councillor Gordon

Remit

The current remit of the Working Group is:

1. To monitor the implementation and impact of various benefits changes and to contribute to consideration of further measures to support tenants and recipients of benefits
2. To keep under review the implementation and impact of the Council's 'no evictions' policy
3. To consider the application and impact of the Discretionary Housing Payments policy
4. To monitor the position in respect of rent arrears and any implications
5. To monitor the implementation of the Scottish Welfare Fund
6. To monitor the implementation and impact of PIP (Personal Independence Payments) and Universal Credit

Last met: 8 September 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group

Membership – 9 members

Council Leader (Co-Chair), Council Depute Leader (Co-Chair), Convener or Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work, Convener or Vice Convener of Transport and Environment, Convener or Vice Convener of Planning, Convener or Vice Convener of Education, Children and Families, and a representative from the Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrat Groups (if not included in the representation outlined above).

Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Macinnes

Councillor Kate Campbell

Councillor McVey (Co-Chair)

Councillor Day (Co-Chair)

Councillor Miller

Councillor Dickie

Councillor Mitchell

Councillor Gardiner

Remit

The current remit agreed by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 2 October 2018 is:

To oversee the development of the strategic vision for West Edinburgh and to advise on major policy issues like inclusive growth, development mix, transport infrastructure, schools provision and wider social, economic and spatial issues.

Last met: 23 September 2020

Expected completion date: to be reviewed in August 2022

