

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday, 11 August 2021

Training and Awareness Raising Programme

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee agrees the priorities for training and awareness raising over the next few months and the indicative themes for workshops.

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Report

Training and Awareness Raising Programme

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The report sets out the proposed themes and dates for the training and awareness programme for Planning Committee members, and where relevant, members from other Council Committees.

3. Background

- 3.1 A member training and awareness raising programme has been in place for the Planning Committee over the last four administrative terms of the Council. The programme continues to support a wider group of elected members who have an interest in, or requirement to be briefed on, relevant Planning issues.
- 3.2 The programme provides a helpful way to building awareness and understanding of planning issues for Edinburgh and the wider city region. Similarly, the programme has facilitated improved awareness and mutual understanding with partner organisations and key stakeholders, including government agencies, local partners and the development sector.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The programme will be based around two-hour workshops, with a lead speaker(s). Representatives from partner organisations and the development sector will be invited to contribute to the sessions. Four dates have been added to the Council diary for Wednesday afternoons as follows:
- Wednesday 1 September 2021;
 - Wednesday 3 November 2021;
 - Wednesday 2 February 2022; and
 - Wednesday 9 March 2022.
- 4.2 In addition, one other date will be added between September 2021 and March 2022.

4.3 Over the five sessions, proposed themes for the 2021/22 programme will include the following:

Planning legislation

- Legal agreement updates;
- Use of conditions;
- Planning Act 2019 progress; and
- Short term lets.

Development Planning and policy

- Update on Proposed City Plan 2030;
- Planning for mixed use sites;
- Land use strategies and tools available; and
- Carbon reduction and adaptation (including adapting to climate change).

Design and community

- Local Place Plans;
- 20 minute neighbourhoods; and
- Urban design.

Service Improvements and performance monitoring

- Outcomes of the service improvements.

4.4 The workshops will also provide the opportunity to deliver cross-Committee training on the above themes and members from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work and Transport and Environment Committees will be invited to participate.

5. Next Steps

5.1 The proposed training and awareness themes will be delivered over the course of the coming year.

6. Financial impact

6.1 There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. Provision for elected member training is contained in the service revenue budget.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The training and awareness raising programme provides elected members with a better understanding of planning issues in the city and supports the Planning Committee in their assessment of planning proposals and strategies as they come forward.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.