

# Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday 2 September 2021

## Appointments to Working Groups 2021/22

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To agree the remits of the working groups set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.
- 1.2 To appoint membership of the working groups as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee is required to annually re-appoint the membership of its working groups. The proposed membership structures and remits of each are detailed in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The appointment of committees, joint committees and joint boards is a reserved matter for Full Council.
- 3.2 On 6 August 2020 the Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed the Review of Political Management Arrangements report which outlined that, due to the impact of the Covid-19 emergency and remaining resource pressures, working groups would only meet if:
- 3.2.1 There is officer capacity and resource available.
  - 3.2.2 It is required for specific actions to progress.
  - 3.2.3 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 On 5 November 2020 the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee dissolved the Edinburgh Homelessness Forum.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The Committee is required to appoint the membership of its working groups for 2021/2022.
- 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.

- 4.3 The proposed membership therefore reflects the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 4.4 The current membership structures and remits are set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Not applicable.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Not applicable.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 [Minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 6 October 2020](#)
- 8.2 [Minute of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee of 5 November 2020](#)
- 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**

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- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Homelessness Task Force
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – Economic Advisory Panel

## Homelessness Task Force

### Homelessness Task Force

#### Membership - 5 members

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

Councillor Kate Campbell (Convener)      Councillor Booth

Councillor Watt                                      Councillor Aldridge

Councillor Whyte

#### Remit

- Build on existing prevention work which further reduces homelessness presentations.
- Reduce the number of people rough sleeping, accessing temporary accommodation and living in insecure accommodation.
- Increase the supply of quality council led temporary accommodation provision, reducing the reliance on bed and breakfast.
- Ensure that appropriate support is available for all homeless people who require it.

**Last Met:** 4 August 2021 (next meeting 6 October 2021)

**Expected completion date:** to be reviewed in September 2022

## Economic Advisory Panel

### Economic Advisory Panel

#### Membership - 2 members

Convener and Vice-Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

#### Remit

- Build on existing joint working with key economic partners.
- Support business engagement in the delivery of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- Work with the Council to advise and collaborate on actions to make sure that Edinburgh's economic growth is sustainable and benefits all citizens.

**Last Met:** 20 May 2021 (next meeting 9 September 2021)

**Expected completion date:** to be reviewed in September 2022