Business Bulletin

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 30 November 2021

Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room / Microsoft Teams



Policy and Sustainability Committee

Convener: **Members:** Contact: Jamie Macrae. Councillor Adam McVey Councillor Adam McVey Committee Officer (Convener) Councillor Cammy Day Louise Williamson, (Vice-Convener) Assistant Committee Officer Councillor Robert Aldridge Councillor Kate Campbell Councillor Jim Campbell Vice Convener: Councillor Councillor Nick Cook Cammy Day Councillor Neil Gardiner Councillor Gillian Gloyer Councillor Graham Hutchison Councillor Lesley Macinnes Councillor Claire Miller Councillor John McLellan Councillor Rob Munn Councillor Ian Perry Councillor Steve Burgess Councillor Iain Whyte Councillor Donald Wilson

Recent news Background

Gaelic Language Plan 2018-22 - Annual progress report Under the provisions of the Gaelic Language Act, Bord na Gaidhlig require an annual progress report to be submitted to them by relevant public bodies.

The deadlines for report submission for 2018-19 and 2019-20 were in December, reporting on activity between September to September. Assuming this timescale to apply to the 2020-21 report, a progress report was been drafted for consideration by Policy and Sustainability Committee in advance of a December submission.

However, we have now been informed that the deadline for submission will be March 2022, and the period covered will be the 12 months ending December. Accordingly, the report has been withdrawn and an updated report will be provided to the 22 February committee.

Contact: Paula McLeay, Head of Policy and Insight, Policy and Insight Team, Corporate Services Directorate

Family and Household Support Service (FHS)

The ASB Procedure ratified by the Council's Policy and Sustainability Committee in April 2021 is now fully implemented across the Council's Family and Household Support Service (FHS). Practice associated with case management standards delivered through the Procedure are embedded in our response to managing ASB and domestic residential noise complaints. The city has seen a relatively small, yet incremental increase in successful legal action taken against those individuals displaying the most damaging and destructive behaviours, where the offer of support is refused or ineffective in changing behaviour. As a result numbers of active Antisocial Behaviours Orders (ASBO's) have risen from 7 to 10 during the second half of 2021. Mediation as an early intervention approach has also proven effective in resolving low level ASB complaints and brings a better understanding of the impact of behaviour for each individual or household involved in this process.

A key performance indicator reported by FHS designed to capture the effectiveness of first response and interventions where ASB and noise are reported [% of Repeat Antisocial Behaviour Complaints] was recorded at 0.9% in September 2021, significantly below our service target of >3%. Antisocial behaviour complaints per 10k population recorded in August (1.9%) and September (2.0%) are at their lowest levels since March 2020 (1.98%).

Contact: Jon Ferrer, Senior Manager, Quality, Governance and Regulation, Children's Services and Criminal Justice Division, Education and Children's Services Directorate

Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review

The independent Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Review Group met for the fourth time 24 August 2021.

Between the June and August meetings, a small working party of both Review and Advisory Group members met to continue to refine the list of features in scope and to draft contextual information for public presentation.

The August meeting discussed the outcome of the working group discussions, the proposals emerging for headline recommendations on potential future action and feedback from organisations which manage or own some of the features. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive with many welcoming the opportunity to help profile the city's work on this and confirming their support for it. The Review Group also welcomed confirmation of intern support from the University of Edinburgh to carry out and/or collate research on features of shared interest.

The online consultation survey went live on [date to be added] and will run on the Consultation Hub for 12 weeks. This is being supported by a Communications plan and web pages to provide information about the background and aims of the review.

In addition, a schools' engagement plan has been developed (focused on P5-S6 pupils) and a series of discussion sessions with target community groups and schools will take place through the Autumn/Winter period.

City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) – Heat and Energy

Within the CSIF, £50,000 has been allocated to explore commercial delivery models for new heat and energy solutions. However, this has not yet been drawn down as initial attempts to procure services for this purpose were unsuccessful (due to market interest).

Officers are instead receiving advice from Scottish Futures Trust and service providers and will report on this in due course.

The Council has also secured Scottish Government funding to move forward initial stages of the Local Heath and Energy Efficient Strategies (LHEES) methodology, as part of early work to support the development of a city-wide approach to heat and energy.

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Place Directorate

Forthcoming activities:				