

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10am, Tuesday, 6 August 2019

Edinburgh Krakow Co-operation

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1. Recommendations

This report sets out the following recommendations for consideration:

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to note the interest from Krakow and the Polish Consulate in continuing to support strategic engagement between Edinburgh and Krakow.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked to support the hosting of the Mayor of Krakow for a programme of community events in Edinburgh in September and to support the extension of the Co-operation Agreement subject to the strategic principles contained in the Committee's Edinburgh International Activity Report.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The report highlights to the Committee a recent request from the Mayor of Krakow and seeks agreement to continue international co-operation between the cities of Krakow and Edinburgh.

3. Background

- 3.1 Edinburgh and Krakow have a history of agreements of cooperation and partnerships since 1995. The last agreement was renewed in 2014 for five years to 2019. The previous agreements between Edinburgh and Krakow have supported a range of sectoral interests including ongoing work with the Universities in both cities.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The Mayor of Krakow wrote to the Lord Provost proposing a series of promotional and community events to take place in Edinburgh around the signing ceremony. A community cultural and business event showcasing Edinburgh Krakow connections is being organised for 20-21 September 2019. The civic costs to the Council for the events around the re-signing ceremony is estimated at up to £5,500. The cost of the events will be shared between the City of Krakow, the Polish Embassy and Consulate with a range of in-kind support in Edinburgh. The Council's contribution towards civic elements is containable within existing budget provision.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to support the hosting of the Mayor of Krakow for a programme of community events in Edinburgh in September and to support the extension of the Cooperation Agreement, a draft copy of the Agreement is included in Appendix 1.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The civic costs to be met by the City of Edinburgh Council is estimated at up to £5,500. The Council's financial contribution towards the civic elements are contained within the existing budget provision.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The Council has set an ambitious net zero carbon target and committed to an ambitious sustainability programme of work. The carbon impact of these events cannot be known until the number of delegates travelling is fully understood. As part of the international activity plan the Council has committed to monitor the carbon footprint of future international programme travel and to take account of this as part of the sustainability programme. This will be reported as appropriate to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 n/a

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Edinburgh Krakow Cooperation Agreement 2019

DRAFT AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION

between

**The City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh,
United Kingdom (hereinafter referred to as Edinburgh)**

and

**The Municipality of Krakow, City Hall, Krakow, Republic of Poland
(hereinafter referred to as Krakow)**

The cities of Krakow and Edinburgh have existing and long-standing historical and cultural links and wish to continue friendly relations.

This Agreement confirms mutual understanding between Edinburgh and Krakow and continues the former written and verbal Agreements which began in April 1995.

Krakow and Edinburgh agree to build on these links for a further period of 5 years and agree to the following:

- a) To support both cities' designations as UNESCO Cities of Literature and a programme of writer in residency and literary exchanges in cooperation with the Krakow and Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature teams, in addition to mutually agreed activities within the UNESCO Creative Cities Network;
- b) To support and enrich community and cultural links with the Scottish Polish Cultural Association and the Polish Scottish Festival Association;
- c) To continue to support the exchange of experience and best practice in library provision and library outreach;
- d) To continue to support the exchange of experience and best practice in architectural and cultural heritage, and tourism management;

- e) To support the enrichment of cultural and artistic life of both cities through the stimulation and support of mutual exchange between institutions and artists and joint engagement in the Festival City Network;
- f) To support academic collaboration, noting the partnership between the Jagiellonian University and the University of Edinburgh's medical school, and UNA Europa, the consortium of 7 European Universities, including the University of Edinburgh and the Jagiellonian University, under the European Programme Erasmus+.
- g) to support business links between the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce and the Krakow Branch of the British Polish Chamber of Commerce;

This Agreement does not in itself represent any financial responsibility with regard to expenditure or costs which may be related to activities themselves, details of which should be agreed and organised according to each specific exchange.

The Agreement will be valid for a period of five years from the date of signing and up to six months before its expiry, can be extended for a further period of five years, if neither city wishes to withdraw from the arrangement.

There are two original copies of the Agreement, each written in Polish and English. The English Language version is an accurate translation of the Polish version and vice versa, and each version has equal legal validity. Krakow and Edinburgh shall each retain one original copy of the Agreement.

On behalf of the City of Edinburgh
Krakow

On Behalf of the City of

Signature

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Date

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