

# Business Bulletin

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 24 March 2022

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**Edinburgh Blended Employability Services Update**

Following approval of Edinburgh's Blended Employability Services contracts at Finance and Resources committee on [7 October 2021](#), officers are pleased to report that all services have signed their contracts and are in the process of preparing their services to start delivery from the 1 April 2022. The four services that will be delivered as part of Edinburgh's Blended Employability Services are:

**Targeted employability service (TES)** – intensive employability support for those who have barriers to employment and a focus on those in poverty/low incomes. The service will be delivered by the TES Consortium, led by Community Renewal Trust.

**Complex needs employability service** – targeted employability support focused on those in recovery from substance misuse, previous offending behaviour, homelessness and other complex issues. The Encompass service will be delivered by Access to Industry.

**Supported employment service** - a pan-disability service for anybody with a disability or long-term health condition who is looking to secure, sustain and progress in employment. The service will be delivered by the All in Edinburgh Consortium of providers.

**In-work support service** - a dedicated in-work support campaign and service to work alongside employers and Edinburgh's recruitment and skills centres. The service will be delivered by ESEC (Edinburgh Supported Employment Consortium), with ENABLE Scotland as the lead.

These services will be contract managed by Capital City Partnership (CCP) and progress on their delivery and achievements will be reported back to Committee as part of the Council's existing Service Level Agreement arrangements with CCP.

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## Recent News

### **Exceptional Housing Need - Looked After Young People**

The Housing Options Protocol for Care Leavers was agreed by Policy and Sustainability Committee on [14 May 2020](#).

Under this protocol, care leavers are awarded silver exceptional housing need priority for bidding for available homes through EdIndex. Individuals are also supported by the Council's Throughcare and Aftercare team to create a pathway plan that includes housing.

However, given the significant demand for social housing in Edinburgh, even with a silver priority it can take some time for households to get an offer of a permanent home. To ensure reasonable preference continues to be given to looked after young people, two years waiting time is now being added with the silver priority to EdIndex applications from looked after young people when they decide they want to actively consider a move on into their own social housing. This waiting time/priority will be applied for looked after young people who apply from ages 16 to 25, as covered by the period of the Council's corporate parenting responsibilities

### **Place Based Investment Fund – Update**

Good progress is, in general, being made with the projects allocated funding by Committee last year. The Causey project was unfortunately unable to proceed as a decision from the Scottish Government in relation to a traffic regulation order was still pending. The terms of the fund mean that the money needs to be committed by the end of each financial year. As such, the other projects were asked to consider whether they could spend this allocation within the required timescales to avoid losing it. The table below shows how the money was redistributed. These reallocations were agreed in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener following the agreement reached by Committee should such a situation arise.

## Background

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## Recent News

## Background

Project	Old Budget	New Budget	(Change)
The Causey	£266,000	£0	-£266,000
Craigmillar – 'Meanwhile' site	£60,000	£87,434	+£27,434
Gracemount civic square	£150,000	£193,351	+£43,351
Green Bridge, Balerno	£66,000	£66,000	£0
MacMillan Hub, Pennywell	£250,000	£339,000	+£89,000
Northfield	£230,000	£230,000	£0
Portobello Town Hall	£350,000	£379,325	+£29,325
Rejuvenating Roseburn	£110,000	£110,000	£0
Roseburn Park toilet block conversion	£66,000	£68,500	+£2,500
St. Oswald's Centre	£350,000	£406,065	+£56,065
Wester Hailes regeneration	£100,000	£118,325	+£18,325
	£1,998,000.00	£1,998,000.00	£0

Committee will receive a report in August 2022 seeking agreement on the allocation of the next round of funding.