

Business Bulletin

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Dean of Guild Courtroom, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Recent News

Background

Opportunities to bring services in house from the hard FM contract during 2021/22 financial year

The Hard FM contract commenced on 1 October 2021 and is still within the six month transition phase where Council officers are working in partnership with both suppliers to ensure all aspects of the service are fully implemented (across 600 plus buildings city wide). This is putting a lot of strain on all parties in the current environment.

During the first six-month transition period, in addition to ensuring continuity of compliance, planned and reactive maintenance, significant progress has been made on deployment of the Council's upgraded CAFM System (Computer Aided Facilities Management) and all technical staff have received training on the increased capabilities. This deployment provides better transparency and tracking of contractor work order progress via integration with each of the suppliers CAFM systems. The BEMS (Building Energy Management Service) has also been adjusted from 1 January 2022, with all onsite controls repairs now allocated to the Hard FM suppliers to provide single point responsibility for heating related issues. This adjustment allows the Council to further consider bringing the remote monitoring and management service of BEMS in-house and creates an opportunity to link with and to benefit from the wider Smart Cities initiative.

It is intended to finalise in-depth work on any feasible in-house opportunities within the first quarter of new financial year, with a report coming back to committee later in the year (the target timeframe is by September/October 2022).

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Update from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Area Commander Steve Gourlay has recently taken up the Local Senior Officer (LSO) post for the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) in Edinburgh having previously held the same LSO role for Midlothian, East Lothian and the Scottish Borders. Partnership working has always been at the forefront of Steve's work and this has been enhanced with his involvement in the Lothian and Borders Resilience Partnership which he has been co-chairing during the pandemic and recent weather events. No stranger to the City having held the prevention and protection managers role for SFRS from 2013-2016 which is now held by Group Commander Brian Robertson. SFRS also has a new Deputy Assistant Chief Officer for the East of Scotland, Stewart Nicholson, who joined the organisation from South Yorkshire in late 2021.

The SFRS in Edinburgh continues to invest in its properties and fleet to help meet the climate challenge with solar panel installations and new fire appliances as two examples. As well as new frontline pumping fire appliances arriving in the City, two new dedicated height appliances have recently gone live at Crewe Toll and Tollcross fire stations and the refurbishment of the fire station

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and construction of a new Museum of Scottish Fire Heritage at McDonald Road are nearing completion. As we begin to recover from the pandemic SFRS will look to step back into the many public safety, youth engagement and community focused workstreams that have been largely on hold due to Covid19 and locally in Edinburgh we will continue with our partnership approach to improving outcomes for the communities across the City.

Allocation of Council funding and resources to accelerate action on the Climate Emergency in the context of the latest UN IPCC report (Response to Motion 8.3 – Full Council 17 March 2022)

The latest IPCC report (AR6 WG2) published in February 2022 makes clear that accelerated action is required to adapt to the climate crisis, as well as rapid, deep cuts in greenhouse gas emissions.

The information below details recent allocations of Council funding which will contribute to mitigating **(M)** and/or adapting to **(A)** climate change.

At [Full Council](#) on 24 February 2022, a number of service investments which will support accelerated climate action were agreed, totalling just over £1.5m and including:

- £650k for park facilities improvements helping to protect and reserve greenspaces **(M+A)**
- £200k for developing “Energy for Edinburgh” as an energy transition delivery vehicle **(M)**
- £130k for food growing in support of a more circular low carbon economy **(A)**
- £60k for seasonal improvements and rangers for Pentland Parks, helping to maintain and manage greenspace and biodiversity **(M+A)**
- £500k for piloting approaches to net zero communities **(M+A)**

Further detail has been requested on the £500k for piloting approaches to net zero communities listed above. This will support delivery of the Climate Strategy commitment approved by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in November 2021 to scope three net zero community pilots. These pilots will target the private owner occupier in different house types and geographies. The exact sites are yet to be determined however, the intention is for the projects to target a tenement, a street and a neighbourhood.

Through the project, the Council will collaborate with these communities to map their retrofit needs; scope individual building retrofit options currently available and to scope wider net zero project opportunities (e.g. solar, EV charging, nature-based solutions). The project will deliver business case proposals for individual aspects and a combined business case for whole system approach with delivery solutions from the local market

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identified. Funding opportunities to support the projects to progress will also be scoped. In addition, the project data will be used to understand and develop a strategic finance model for the project and for scaling net zero community activity across the city.

Council officers are currently finalising the project scope, project budgets and early discussions have begun with key delivery partners in the city. A detailed update will be provided to the first appropriate committee meeting of the new term.

The February 2022 allocations listed above are in addition to allocations in the previous year which totalled just over £8m to support accelerated action on climate change in areas such as sustainable transport and active travel, waste and recycling, community engagement and behaviour change, and decarbonising our operational estate.

Additionally, the [Sustainable Capital Budget Strategy 2022-2032](#) was approved at Finance & Resources Committee on 3 February 2022.

This includes just over £300m over 10 years of additional investment in tackling climate change, including:

- £134m on energy efficiency retrofit and energy efficient new build:
 - Estimated £35m funding Passivhaus requirements (i.e. beyond planned expenditure*) in the Wave 4 Learning Estate **(M)**
 - Estimated £16m funding Passivhaus requirements for new LDP schools* **(M)**
 - £59m for deep energy retrofit pilot works **(M+A)**
 - Estimated £20m funding energy efficiency upgrades for Asset Management Works** **(M)**
 - Estimated £4m funding energy efficiency upgrades for rising school rolls projects** **(M)**
- £136m on sustainable transport:
 - £50m for Road Safety, Active Travel and Public Transport (including Cycling, Walking and Safer Routes) **(M)**
 - £18m corresponding to the 10% cycling commitment **(M)**
 - £8m for the tram life cycle replacement **(M)**
 - £57m for the tram to Newhaven project **(M)**
 - £3m for the purchase of electric refuse collection vehicles **(M)**
- £3m on waste management:
 - £1.8m for the Communal Bin review **(M)**
 - £1.2m for bin sensors **(M)**
- £14m for energy efficient street lighting and traffic signals **(M)**
- £7m on Parks, Greenspaces and cemeteries **(M+A)**
- £7m for the Place Based Investment Programme **(M+A)**

Lastly, the [Housing Revenue Account HRA Budget Strategy](#) provides:

- Estimated £233m funding Passivhaus requirements for new build homes **(M)**
- £270m on existing homes retrofit **(M+A)**

* This assumes 12% of the planned expenditure is funding Passivhaus requirements

** This assumes 15% of the total spend will be used on energy efficiency improvement

Forthcoming activities
