

Business bulletin

Finance and Resources Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Recent news	Background
<p>At the Council meeting of 14 March 2019, the EU Registration motion by Councillor McVey was approved, and requested that expenditure on provision of assistance by Registration Services to citizens making EU Settled Status applications be monitored and reported through the Business Bulletin of the Finance and Resources Committee. The first update was provided in May 2019.</p> <p>In the ten-week reporting period during 15 April to 21 June 2019, there were 179 applications of which 50 or 28% were from out with the Edinburgh area. In the previous six-week reporting period there were 242 applications of which 31% were from out with Edinburgh. There has been a slowdown in requests from an average of 40 per week in previous period to 18 per week in current period. If a charge of £14 had been levied on the 50 applications received from out with Edinburgh area this would</p>	<p>Robbie Beattie, Senior Manager.</p> <p>Tel: 0131 555 7980</p> <p>Email: robbie.beattie@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

have amounted to income of £700. Applications for assistance continue to be received from across the country.

CivTech 4.0 Challenge Submission

CivTech is part of the Scottish Government's Digital Directorate which aims to solve public sector challenges by bringing together public sector expertise and private sector creativity. CivTech has been operating since 2016 with significant benefits to both the Challenge Sponsor organisations and the businesses who bid to propose potential solutions.

Colleagues from Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service and the Housing Service collaborated to successfully apply to the latest round of [CivTech 4.0](#) with the challenge 'How can we use technology to manage the property condition of communal areas in privately owned tenements?'. This is the first time the City of Edinburgh Council has had a challenge accepted onto CivTech. All challenges are released on Public Contracts Scotland for a four week application window (Monday 15 July 2019 to Friday 9 August 2019) before shortlisting and selection takes place during August 2019. CivTech manages the procurement process. Three companies are ultimately selected to proceed to the Exploration Stage, where ideas are worked up and pitched for further development. One company per challenge is selected to proceed to an accelerator stage where solutions are demonstrated at a Demo Day.

The Council's challenge supports the objectives and aims of Edinburgh Shared Repairs Service and Housing's Mixed Tenure Improvement Strategy and is an opportunity to trial innovative approaches to property maintenance. The initial outlay from exploration to accelerator stage is £29k plus VAT. The challenge sponsor and successful team have the opportunity to extend their relationship following completion of the accelerator stage, subject to further negotiation. CivTech have provided a list of [FAQs](#) for challenge sponsors.

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COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFERS – ANNUAL REPORT

Under Section 95 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the Council must publish an annual return by 30 June, specifying certain Community Asset Transfer (CAT) activity and the steps taken to promote CAT with community bodies from 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019. The report has been published on the Council website and can be found at:

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20029/have_your_say/772/community_asset_transfer

The report only includes requests that have been considered by a Stage 2 panel (sustainable business case). In addition to the requests formally reported, the team also dealt with the following cases during the reporting period:

- 32 initial enquiries – most requests requiring research and informal meetings with potential applicants;
- Six Stage 1 panels – convened to assess expressions of interest and to allow successful requests to proceed towards Stage 2; and
- 14 live cases - currently being considered, with the majority preparing their sustainable business cases for a Stage 2 panel submission.

As noted in the report, a range of activities to promote and support CAT by community bodies have been undertaken and have been well received. The team continues to provide support and guidance to community groups, council officials and elected members.

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