

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday, 31 August 2022

Training and Awareness Raising Programme

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee agrees the themes for the training and awareness raising workshops for 2022/2023.

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Report

Training and Awareness Raising Programme

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report sets out the proposed themes and dates for the training and awareness programme for Planning Committee members, and where relevant, members from other Council Committees.

3. Background

- 3.1 A member training and awareness raising programme has been in place for the Planning Committee over the last five administrative terms of the Council. The programme continues to support a wider group of elected members who have an interest in, or requirement to be briefed on, relevant Planning issues.
- 3.2 The programme provides a helpful way to build awareness and understanding of planning issues for Edinburgh and the wider city region. Similarly, the programme has facilitated improved awareness and mutual understanding with partner organisations and key stakeholders, including government agencies, local partners, and the development sector.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The programme will be based around two-hour workshops and a tour, with a lead speaker(s). Representatives from partner organisations and the development sector will be invited to contribute to the sessions. On [10 February 2022](#) Full Council approved the Council Diary 2022/23. The six dates from this report have been added to the Council diary for Wednesday afternoons as follows:
- Wednesday 28 September 2022
 - Wednesday 30 November 2022
 - Wednesday 08 March 2023
 - Wednesday 26 April March 2023
 - Wednesday 24 May 2023 Annual Committee Tour (full day).
 - Wednesday 21 June 2023

4.2 Proposed themes for the 2022/23 programme will include:

4.2.1 **Planning legislation**

- Planning Act 2019 progress;
- Short Term Let Control Area update;
- Update on planning legislation and/or regulation changes; and
- Disability and Equality training.

4.2.2 **Development Planning and policy**

- Update on Proposed City Plan 2030;
- Update on draft National Planning Framework 4; and
- Planning for residential and mixed-use sites, with a specific focus on:
 - urban design
 - built heritage
 - natural heritage
 - climate change
 - active travel

4.2.3 **Development Management**

- Internal and external consultee engagement in the application process;
- Legal Agreement update; and
- Briefings on any matters arising from Development-Management Sub Committee meetings.

4.2.4 **Service Improvements and performance monitoring**

- Outcomes of implemented service improvements.

4.2.5 **Other**

- Optional additional training on carbon literacy will be offered to members.

4.3 The workshops will also provide the opportunity to deliver cross-Committee training on the above themes and members from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work and Transport and Environment Committees will be invited to participate.

5. Next Steps

5.1 The proposed training and awareness themes will be delivered over the course of the coming year.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no new financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. Provision for elected member training is contained in the service revenue budget.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The training and awareness raising programme provides elected members with a better understanding of planning issues in the city and supports the Planning Committee in their assessment of planning proposals and strategies as they come forward.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 None.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.