

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 29 September 2022

Trade Unions in Communities

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note that officers will engage with the Trade Unions and community groups to identify what support the Council can offer to support the hub; and
 - 1.1.2 Agree that an update will be provided in December 2022.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report responds to a motion agreed at Council on [30 June 2022](#) instructing officer to engage with the Trade Unions and community groups to see what support the Council can offer to create a hub in Craigmillar.
- 2.2 Officers have contacted the Trades Union representative to arrange to meet to discuss the support the Council can offer. Officers will continue to progress this and will provide an update report on the outcome of these discussions in December 2022.

3. Background

- 3.1 A motion was agreed at Council on [30 June 2022](#) instructing officers to engage with the Trades Unions and community groups to see what support the Council can offer to help create a hub in Craigmillar
- 3.2 Further to this a report seeking agreement for the lease of the property at Craigmillar to the Trades Unions was agreed at Finance and Resources Committee on [8 September 2022](#).

4. Main report

- 4.1 Further to Finance and Resources Committee agreement of the lease of the property officers have contacted the Trade Union Representative to arrange to meet to discuss the support the Council can offer.
- 4.2 This will link in with existing work of the Councils Poverty and Prevention Team who are working closely with the 20 Minute Neighbourhood Team who are developing ideas to ensure Edinburgh residents have their daily needs met within 20 minutes of their homes by walking, using public transport, wheeling, or cycling.
- 4.3 This includes finding ways for residents to access most of their daily services provided by the Council in a local, accessible, and sustainable way, along with those delivered by our partners in the public, voluntary and private sectors.
- 4.4 We will also discuss the support the Partnership and Prevention Officer from Homelessness Services can offer. Their role is to support partners to use their existing conversations with service users to identify where there may be a risk of homelessness and offer advice on how to refer to the Council.

- 4.5 There are homelessness services based in the Northeast Neighbourhood Centre which will be in very close proximity to the proposed hub. This will allow for a close working relationship between the Partnership and Prevention Officer and the volunteers working for the Trade Unions in Communities.
- 4.6 The Partnership and Prevention officer can offer training and support to enhance the work of the volunteers providing a service within the hub, this will include an Introduction to Homelessness Services session and a further Prevention of Homelessness session.
- 4.7 As the project will be staffed by volunteers from those branches, we can also offer to assist in the development of the induction and mentoring of the volunteers and share the City of Edinburgh existing framework for managing volunteers.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Officers will seek to engage with Trade Union and community groups to offer support with the development of the hub.
- 5.2 Should Committee agree, officers will provide Committee with an update on progress in December.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Officers will engage with Trade Union representatives and community groups.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 Motion by Councillor Kate Campbell on [30 June 2022](#).

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None.