

# Business Bulletin

## **Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee**

**10.00am, Tuesday, 14 March 2023**

Teams Meeting



**onwards, including an update on the finalised structure and recruitment.**

A report providing this information will be presented to GRBV Committee on 2 May 2023. Recruitment within the Governance team has now been completed and staff are beginning to implement the business partnering approach with directorates. The report in May will outline the work that has been undertaken over the past few months and also how the approach links with other corporate governance initiatives.

### **Best Value Report**

**Agree that Implementation of BVAR recommendations will be reported to each meeting of GRBV under the Business Bulletin to monitor progress (tabular form acceptable) towards completion dates.** A report is being presented to Policy and Sustainability Committee on 21 March 2023 which will be referred to GRBV Committee. The report will provide an update on the progress with the Best Value Assurance Review recommendations and outline future reporting arrangements.

**GRBV Outstanding Action - To request a Business Bulletin update on discussions with the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee on setting up an Active Travel Board or forum.** This will be considered by the Council in March 2023.

**Edinburgh International Conference Centre - annual update for the year ending 31 December 2021 - referral report from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee. To note the Convener would write to the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to ask for Business Bulletin updates on the progress of the hotel build project. Edinburgh International Conference Centre hotel – construction update**

Work is ongoing to deliver a new 349-bedroom hotel, the “Hyatt Centric Edinburgh Haymarket”, at Haymarket, Edinburgh. The hotel is being developed by the Qmile Group as part of the wider regeneration of the former goods yard. Upon completion, the hotel will be leased to the City of Edinburgh Council which will then sub-lease it to Edinburgh International Conference Centre

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Limited (EICC), which will operate the hotel under a franchise agreement with the hotel brand Hyatt.

The principal contractor, Sir Robert McAlpine, commenced enabling works consisting of permanent piling and temporary contiguous piling in August 2022 with completion of that stage due in March 2023. The works are being tendered progressively (i.e., shell and envelope, bathroom pods, and fit out). The shell and envelope works will commence after completion of piling operations. Overall completion is currently programmed for November 2025, with the hotel opening several months later.

The interests of the Council and EICC are being assured by Currie & Brown (project manager) and Sentinel (clerk of works) who are working closely with the Qmile Group, Sir Robert McAlpine, and other firms to ensure the hotel is delivered as specified. The costs of this oversight, and other pre-opening costs, are being met by EICC, the project is on time and on budget from a Council perspective. The construction programme may move out slightly, however we are not the developer and therefore do not carry construction risk.

[Internal Audit: Open and Overdue Internal Audit Actions – Performance Dashboard as at 5 December 2022](#) - **To note that Place Directorate would provide a revised completion date and update for actions 10 and 11. RES1813 Issue 3.2 – Volume and Value of Concessionary Lets (Asset Management Strategy)** – A revised completion date of end of June 2023 has now been provided against the outstanding action. Volume and value of concessionary lets data has been compiled and it is the intention to include this in the June portfolio update to Finance & Resources Committee.”

[Internal Audit Update Report: 1 September to 5 December 2022](#) **To note the SWIFT Application Technology Controls audit report would be referred to the Policy and Sustainability Committee; and to request that regular updates on this work are reported to the Committee.** An up to date position will be reported to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 21 March 2023.

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