


Business Bulletin

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 1 October 2024

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| <p>Convener: Councillor Jane Meagher</p>  | <p>Councillor Fiona Bennett Councillor Marco Biagi Councillor Graeme Bruce Councillor Pauline Flannery Councillor Tim Jones Councillor David Key Councillor Lesley Macinnes Councillor Claire Miller Councillor Ben Parker Councillor Tim Pogson</p> | <p>Taylor Ward Committee Officer 0131 529 2164</p> |

Local Housing Strategy 2025/30 Update

Work continues to develop Edinburgh's Local Housing Strategy. An early engagement survey ran from 6 May to 14 June 2024, seeking initial views on housing priorities and insights into respondents current housing circumstances/ future plans. A summary of the results was provided with the previous Business Bulletin and is available [online](#).

The next round of consultation is underway. This has included a mix of online and in-person workshops, partnership forums and further opportunities to submit any comments on-line or by post and community outreach.

The community outreach sessions took place in September and included; a primary school pop-up event, discussion with student representatives across the various university student unions, meetings with an older persons' club, learning disabilities group and refugee group in an English language class. These sessions explored participants views on key housing issues and priorities to support their housing needs.

Engagement with Council officers included presenting to colleagues across Housing and Homelessness as part of the online Director Engagement Sessions. Four key engagement sessions have taken place/are scheduled in September/October:

- **Stakeholder (organisations) Workshop Event (September 2024)** - Provided an opportunity to share an overview of the strategy, set out current thinking on key issues, challenges and priorities, share the findings of the early engagement survey and open up for break-out group discussions across a range of topics including: private rented sector; housing quality/energy efficiency; and accessible housing/independent living.
- **Resident Events** (online 25 September and in-person 1 October) - The Residents workshops involve the same content as the Stakeholder

Contact: [Robyn Barrie](#), Senior Housing Development Officer

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| <p>(organisations) event and include engaging visuals and interactive discussion aids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Elected Member Engagement: In addition to bi-monthly sessions with the members of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, further engagement is to take place other councillors. <p>Data gathering and drafting continues across the various workstreams.</p> <p>The draft strategy will be presented to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in December 2024 prior to public consultation from December to February 2025.</p> | |
| <p><u>Accessible Housing</u></p> <p>An update report on accessible housing will be presented to in December 2024, in response to the agreed action of Committee (item 9.2) on 27 August 2024.</p> | <p>Contact: Lisa Mallon, Head of Housing and Homelessness Strategy, Commissioning and Service Improvement</p> |
| <p><u>Nature Opportunities on HRA Land</u></p> <p>On 27 August 2024, Committee considered a report on Nature Opportunities on HRA Land). As agreed by Committee, officers are arranging a round table event to explore opportunities that would enable third/voluntary sector groups and community growing organisations to access funding available through the Environmental Improvement Programme to deliver community-based, environmental improvement projects. This event will be held in October 2024 and a report will be presented to Committee on 3 December 2024 setting out the proposed approach following input from community partners, stakeholders and Council services at the event.</p> | <p>Contact: Sarah Burns, Head of Housing Services</p> |