

Youngedinburgh

Young People and Community Planning

The City of Edinburgh Council

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1 Purpose of report

- 1.1 To report on the involvement of young people in community planning and to recommend further development of the strategic relationship between Youngedinburgh and the Edinburgh Partnership.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Youngedinburgh strategy is developed and delivered by all Council departments and partner agencies and is a key strand of the Council's community planning processes. The Youth Services Advisory Committee is responsible for monitoring the implementation of the strategy.
- 2.2 Young people are central to the development of the Youngedinburgh strategy and they are involved at all levels of decision-making. Some examples of their involvement follow.
- Young people sit on the Youth Services Advisory Committee and have voting rights.
 - Young people sit on steering groups and sub-committees responsible for overseeing key strands of the strategy. Examples include the Viewfinder 2 Steering Group and the Communications Sub-Committee.
 - Young people sit on working groups and contribute to operational decision-making, for example, on the Smartbus project group.
 - Young people have their own representative structures such as the Edinburgh Youth Council and pupil/student councils.
 - Young people are involved in a wide range of community based programmes, which provide dialogue with decision-makers through community education, Edinburgh Young Scot/Dialogue Youth and voluntary organisations.
 - Young people are actively engaged through campaigning groups such as the skateboard group.
 - Young people are consulted through the Viewfinder 2 process.

- 2.3 The Advisory Committee is chaired by Councillor Rev Ewan Aitken and comprises:
- 5 elected members, including 3 from the Administration and 2 from the opposition groups;
 - A Chief Executive nominee to provide support to the Committee;
 - A nominee from NHS Lothian;
 - A nominee from Lothian and Borders Police;
 - A nominee from Edinburgh Youth Work Partnership;
 - A nominee from Edinburgh Leisure;
 - A nominee from the Fire Service;
 - A nominee from the Edinburgh Youth Social Inclusion Partnership (EYSIP); and
 - 12 young people who share amongst them 4 votes on the Committee. The 12 comprise: 6 from the Edinburgh Youth Council; 3 from Edinburgh Young Scot/Dialogue Youth; and 3 from EYSIP.

3 Main Report

- 3.1 The Edinburgh Partnership is developing its role as the community planning partnership for the city. The Youth Services Advisory Committee has two places on the Edinburgh Partnership and is currently represented by one adult and one young person.
- 3.2 The Youth Services Advisory Committee discussed the proposed membership and structure of the Edinburgh Partnership at its meeting on 7 October 2004 and has recommended that young people are represented as a community sector by the Edinburgh Youth Council.
- 3.3 The Youth Services Advisory Committee is the key partnership through which young people are involved in community planning. As such, the Advisory Committee is of the view that it should be given full recognition by the Edinburgh Partnership as a 'Strategic Partnership'.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications.

5 Recommendations

5.1 The Council is recommended to agree that:

- (i) the Youth Services Advisory Committee be recognised as a 'Strategic Partnership' on the Edinburgh Partnership; and
- (ii) the Edinburgh Youth Council be invited to represent young people as a community sector on the Edinburgh Partnership.



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Appendices	none
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Wards affected	All
Background Papers	none