

Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature Nomination to the Board of Trustees

City of Edinburgh Council

2 June 2005

Purpose of report

- 1 To invite the Council to nominate a Trustee to the Board of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature.

Main Report

- 2 The Council was advised on 14 October 2004 that Edinburgh had been successful in its bid to become the first UNESCO City of Literature. The Council had demonstrated its current and future commitment to the project by supporting a series of Covenants.
- 3 A letter has been received from the Company Secretary inviting the Council to nominate a Trustee to the Board of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature.
- 4 The Council is invited to make a nomination.

Recommendations

- 5 That the Council nominate a Trustee to the Board of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature.


Jim Inch
Director of Corporate Services

Appendices	Letter dated 17 May 2005 from Edinburgh World City of Literature
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Wards affected	City wide
Background Papers	Act of Council No 1 of 14 October 2004

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17 May 2005

John Sturt
Council Secretary
City of Edinburgh Council
City Chambers
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18 MAY 2005

Dear John Sturt

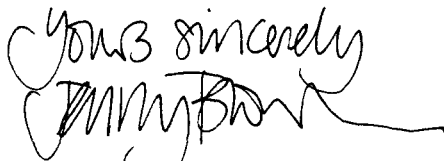
I am writing at the suggestion of the Director of Culture and Leisure to formally invite City of Edinburgh Council to nominate a Councillor to sit as a Trustee on the Board of Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature.

Since Edinburgh was awarded the honour of first City of Literature by UNESCO in October, a Trust with charitable status has been established, funding secured, and staff appointed. The Trust has been awarded three-year funding from the Council, and is in receipt of funding also from the Scottish Executive and Scottish Arts Council.

Over the coming year we will be taking forward plans for a diverse programme of events in the city, a series of international exchanges for writers, and working with UNESCO to build a network of international cities of literature. The first major event will be the Man Booker International Award taking place in Edinburgh in late June, and we are delighted that the Lord Provost is hosting a reception with the Scottish Arts Council to mark the event.

A full list of the present Trustees is attached. Trustees are appointed for an initial period of three years. Meetings are held in Edinburgh every two to three months, and generally take place in the early evening. In addition to the Trustees, meetings are attended by the Scottish Arts Council's Head of Literature and CEC's Head of Libraries, both in ex-officio capacities.

We would very much welcome the close involvement of the Council as plans progress, and we hope the Council will feel it appropriate to nominate a Councillor to sit as a Trustee on the Board.

Yours sincerely


Jenny Brown
Company Secretary

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May 2005

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