

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 24 March 2015

Present

Councillors Burns (Convener), Howat (Vice-Convener), Booth (substituting for Councillor Chapman), Burgess, Child, Nick Cook, Edie, Gardner (substituting for Councillor Godzik), Ricky Henderson, Hinds, Lewis, Mowat, Rankin Ross and Whyte (substituting for Councillor Rose).

1. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 24 February 2015 as a correct record.

2. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan May to August 2015

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for May to August 2015 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for May to August 2015.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan May to August 2015, submitted.)

3. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Rolling Actions Log

Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

Decision

1) To agree to close the following actions:–

Action 5 - Poverty and Inequality Data in the City

Action 12 - Key Decisions Forward Plan February to May 2015 – Open Data Strategy

2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Business Bulletin for 24 March 2015 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

5. Succession Planning – Chief Executive - Recruitment

The Council had agreed that a further report be submitted to this Committee on the process for the appointment of a successor Chief Executive.

Details were provided on the process for the search and appointment of a successor Chief Executive which included indicative timescales for the process.

Decision

- 1) To agree the timetable for recruitment.
- 2) To note that the final appointment would be ratified by the Council by 28 May 2015.
- 3) To note that the composition of the Recruitment Committee would be agreed with Group Leaders and reported to Committee.

(References – Act of Council No 10 of 12 March 2015; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

6. Response to the Scottish Government Consultation on Proposed Bill Relating to Burial and Cremation and Other Related Matters in Scotland

Details were provided on the Council's response to the Scottish Government's proposed Bill relating to burial and cremation and other related matters in Scotland

Decision

To approve the Council's response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the proposed Bill in relation to burial and cremation and other related matters in Scotland as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive .

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

7 Open Data Strategy Update

The Committee had approved the Open Data Strategy which would provide easier access to Council services and amenities through alternative channels, support innovative new ventures, enhance citizen participation in the decision making process and make better use of public assets for citizens, communities, businesses and the Council.

An update was provided on the progress of the Open Data Strategy Programme together with recommendations to progress to the next stage of the programme.

Decision

- 1) To endorse the data and delivery principles for data publishing across the Council.
- 2) To instruct all services to identify data sets for early release using the types of data identified in Appendix 2 to the report by the Director of Corporate Governance and that clear protocols for the release of data by officers be produced.
- 3) To agree to the Council delivering 100 new data sets at level three of the agreed Open Data format hierarchy by September 2015, and identifying and cataloguing the opportunities for re-use.
- 4) To endorse the EdinburghApps programme as a delivery model supporting departments priorities and connecting with and promoting local businesses.
- 5) To endorse the need for resources to support the programme as noted at point 3.17 of the report.
- 6) To agree that attendance by an elected member at the Eurocities Open Data Spring meeting in Eindhoven on 13 – 16 April 2015 was not required.
- 7) To confirm the focus of the City of Edinburgh Council's involvement in the Scottish Cities Alliance ERDF proposals - *Scotland's 8th City -The Smart City* to be on Open Data opportunities.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 10 June 2014 (item 9); report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

8. 2014 Edinburgh People Survey Headline Results

Details were provided on the results of the Edinburgh People Survey in the context of the previous five years of survey research together with highlights of the long term positive progress made across the broad range of services.

Motion

- 1) To note the 2014 Edinburgh People Survey headline results.
- 2) To agree the next steps outlined in paragraphs 3.38 and 3.39 of the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.
- 3) To affirm the Council's commitment to address highlighted priorities and local issues.
- 4) To agree the planned programme of briefings and communications as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.

- moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Howat

Amendment 1

- 1) To note with concern the results of the 2014 People's Survey which highlighted the increasing dissatisfaction amongst Edinburgh residents with core services provided to all residents.
- 2) To note that the refuse and recycling services had undergone service redesign which had not achieved forecast savings or recycling targets and had seen

satisfaction levels drop from 78% to 62% for refuse collection and 84% to 65% for recycling.

- 3) To note the reduction in satisfaction with management of dog fouling from 48% to 30%.
- 4) To further note that the survey showed a worsening trend around management of violent crime, vandalism and graffiti.
- 5) To consider that the Capital Coalition's time in administration was marred by a lack of focus on core services and a failure to address the need for structured change to meet financial savings and continue to deliver improving services.
- 6) To request officers to:
 - report to the relevant Committees with plans to improve performance in refuse collection and recycling within one cycle and to continue to report performance against these plans at every Committee until the trend is reversed;
 - revise the Local Policing Plan and Service Level Agreement with the Edinburgh Division for the forthcoming year to take account of the worsening trend and to deliver improvements in these areas, reporting this through the Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Nick Cook

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the 2014 Edinburgh People Survey headline results.
- 2) To agree the next steps outlined in paragraphs 3.38 and 3.39 of the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.
- 3) To affirm the Council's commitment to address highlighted priorities and local issues.
- 4) To agree the planned programme of briefings and communications as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.
- 5) To note that the Committee was concerned that, whilst resident satisfaction with the City as a place to live and certain areas of Council performance was consistently high, there were at least a dozen examples where Council performance was now below 60% and had been worsening or had not significantly improved over the last 5 years for example:
 - Feeling able to have a say on local issues and services
 - Management of anti-social behaviour issues
 - Facilities for older people
 - Protection and support for vulnerable people

- 6) To request that for these areas of Council performance, a further report be provided which included;
- Further explanation of the possible reasons for the levels of satisfaction in each of these areas of Council performance
 - Actions that could be taken to improve performance in each of these areas of Council performance

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Booth

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	9 votes
For Amendment 1	-	4 votes
For Amendment 2	-	2 votes

Decision

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Burns.
- 2) In terms of Standing Order 28, the requisite number of members required that the decision be referred to the Council as a recommendation.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

9 Lasting Memorial to Nelson Mandela

The Committee had agreed that a lasting memorial to the late former South African president and anti-apartheid campaigner Nelson Mandela should be established within the Edinburgh St James Development.

Details were provided of proposals to determine what form the lasting memorial should take.

Decision

- 1) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development in consultation with all Group Leaders and the St James Quarter Sounding Board to determine what form the lasting memorial to Nelson Mandela should take.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Director of Economic Development (or designate) in consultation with the Senior Responsible Officer to negotiate and enter into a formal agreement with TIAA Henderson Real Estate regarding the location for the proposed lasting memorial to Nelson Mandela within Edinburgh St James.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 4 November 2014 (item 6); report by the Director of Economic Development, submitted)

10. Florence Twinning Anniversary – Proposed Civic Visit

Details were provided on an invitation which had been received for the Lord Provost to visit Florence in June 2015 in acknowledgement of the 50th anniversary of the twinning relationship with Edinburgh.

Decision

To approve acceptance of the invitation extended to the Lord Provost from the Mayor of Florence to visit the city in June 2015 in acknowledgement of the 50th anniversary of the twinning relationship and to launch a range of activities, including a literary event, film events, and a chef swap and showcase of Edinburgh food and drink products in the city.

(Reference – report by the Director of Economic Development, submitted)

11. Motion by Councillor Burgess – Transient Visitor Levy

The following motion by the Councillor Burgess was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.1:

“Council,

Notes the Capital Coalition Pledge 21 to ‘Consult further on the viability and legality of a transient visitor levy’;

Notes that following consultation, in 2012 the Coalition decided not to pursue this further;

However, since then recognises continued support and growing calls from Councillors within most Parties of this Council for a TVL;

Notes the recent change of First Minister and Scottish Government Cabinet reshuffle;

Further notes the current Scottish Government Commission on Local Tax Reform;

Therefore, given this change of circumstances agrees to make further representation to the Scottish Government and its Commission on the introduction of a TVL.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Burgess.

12. Motion by Councillor Burns – Edinburgh World Justice Festival 2015

The following motion by the Councillor Burns was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.1:

“Committee notes:

1. that the tenth anniversary of the Make Poverty History march in Edinburgh, at the time of the G8 summit in Gleneagles, will be on 2 July 2015;
2. that the Edinburgh World Justice Festival (EWJF), set up to keep alive the spirit of those events, plans to take this opportunity to reflect on global developments over those ten years and to extend the audience and impact of the Festival, scheduled from 2–11 October 2015;
3. that the Festival has made proposals for an annual ‘Edinburgh World Justice Lecture’ by an individual who has made a significant contribution to world justice, to be known as the ‘Edinburgh World Justice Champion’; and

4. that the Festival's organising committee is requesting the Council for its support for this proposal, including by covering the costs of the lecture including those of travel and a civic reception.

Committee therefore agrees to request a report – to come back to Corporate, Policy and Strategy within one cycle – from the Director of Corporate Governance, on the proposal that the Council sponsors the 'Edinburgh World Justice Lecture' and on other possible ways of co-operating with the Festival, including the option of outreach with schools."

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Burns.

13. Motion by Councillor Burns – Physical Activity Levels

The following motion by the Councillor Burns was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.1:

Committee notes:

1. The existing coordinated approach by the Council, and its partners (Edinburgh Leisure, NHS Lothian), to consistently work towards increasing physical activity levels for the citizens of Edinburgh.
2. The positive recognition that these local 'Physical Activity Plans' have already attracted.

Committee further notes:

3. At a national level, the recent [Scottish Government 'Implementation Plan for Physical Activity'](#), which further aims to build a legacy across Scotland, from the 2014 Commonwealth Games.
4. And at an international level, the growing consensus around the recently published: ["Investments that work for Physical Activity" document](#), which calls for a deeper, cross-sectoral approach.

Committee finally notes:

5. That the 'Scottish Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and Faculties' has very recently published a ['Physical Activity Pledge' document](#), which calls on all key stakeholders to:
 - Fully embed physical activity for health into primary care
 - Fully embed physical activity for health into secondary care
 - Prioritise physical activity for health in Health and Social Care integration and in social care
 - Integrate physical activity for health into health education
 - Increase physical activity in the health and social care workforce and workplace
 - Mobilise health and policy leaders to prioritise increasing physical activity

- Ensure that our 'Pledge' is prioritised, reported upon and reviewed throughout 2015-2016

Committee now requests:

That a report come back to Corporate, Policy and Strategy – within one cycle – from the Director of Health and Social Care; assessing whether the Council and NHS Lothian, could jointly sign/commit to this 'Physical Activity Pledge' document."

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Burns.