

Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 9 February 2016

Present

Councillors Child (Convener), Lunn (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Bridgman, Cook (substituting for Councillor Walker) Edie, Gardner, Griffiths, Heslop (substituting for Councillor McInnes), Jackson, Keil and Ritchie.

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee of 24 November 2015 as a correct record.

2. Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period February 2016 to May 2016 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for the Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee to May 2016.

(Reference - Key Decisions Forward Plan to May 2016, submitted.)

3. Communities and Neighbourhood Committee Rolling Actions Log

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee Rolling Actions Log for 9 February 2016 was submitted.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close action 10 on the Rolling Actions Log.
- 2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log February 2016, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Business Bulletin for 9 February 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin February 2016, submitted.)

5. Chief Executive and Resources – Payments to Third Parties – Investment in Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network 2016/17

Information was given on the proposals for project investment in the Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network (ESEN). The Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC) worked alongside ESEN and Volunteer Edinburgh to deliver four of the Scottish Government outcomes in relation to the growth of the cities social economy and improvement of community engagement in the formulation/delivery of public policy.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed investment and related work package for Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network (ESEN) as set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report.
- 2) To approve to receive a follow-up report in Spring 2017 with the requirements outlined in paragraph 3.8 of the report.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee 26 November 2015 (item 6); report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

6. Social Justice Fund – Allocations 2016/17

Approval was sought for the allocation of grants from the Social Justice Fund to the value of £259,570 for 2016/17. The recommended grants were in line with the relevant city and local partnerships and their strategies.

A summary of the activities and outcomes funded through the social fund in 2014/15 was also provided.

Decision

- 1) To approve Social Justice Fund grant allocations for 2016/17 as listed in Appendix 1 of the report to the value of £259,570.
- 2) To note the contributions to social justice in Edinburgh in 2014/15 set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 3) To approve the carry-over of £9,000 in funds from 2015/16 which had been allocated to projects but not yet used.
- 4) To delegate authority to the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to allocate the small remaining reserve and reallocate any funds released by project slippage or changes in partner contributions during the year.

5) To note that the management and administration of the Fund would be reviewed during 2016/17.

(References – Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee 10 February 2015 (item 11); report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted)

7. Neighbourhood Partnerships – Strategic Approach to Communications Update

An update was provided on the implementation of the improvement plan aimed to strengthen partnership working at a local level and within this, the refreshed approach to communications.

Andrew Gallacher, Senior Partnership and Communications Officer, provided a presentation on this item on the various channels of communication leading to increased participation.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made in implementing the strategic approach to communications.
- 2) To agree to receive an annual update.

(References – Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee 23 June 2014 (item 9); report by the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)