

Minutes

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 9 August 2016

Present

Councillors Burns (Convener), Ross (Vice-Convener), Barrie, Burgess, Child, Day (substituting for Councillor Hinds), Griffiths (substituting for Councillor Godzik), Ricky Henderson, Lewis, Main, Mowat, Rankin, Rose and Rust.

1. Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 14 June 2016 as a correct record subject to, in respect of Item 1 - Business Case for the Management Transfer of Secondary School Sport Facilities to Edinburgh Leisure:-

- 1) noting that there had been a submission by ClubSportEdinburgh; and
- 2) instructing the Acting Executive Director of Communities and Families to ensure that consultation with all affected groups took place as soon as possible.

2. Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan August to October 2016

The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for September to November 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for September to November 2016.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan September to November 2016, 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 ask for an update/completion date for the following action:
Action 3 - Follow-up Report 2014 Edinburgh People Survey
- 2) To agree to close the following action:
Action 2 - Welfare Reform – Further Update
- 3) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Welfare Reform - Update

An update was provided on the progress being made by the Council and partners to develop arrangements in regard to the UK Government's welfare reforms.

Decision

- 1) To note the ongoing work to support Universal Credit and Welfare Reform in Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the Welfare Reform Working Group's ongoing activities to support benefit take-up and financial inclusion.
- 3) To note the current spent projections for Discretionary Housing Payments, Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the Scottish Welfare Fund.
- 4) To welcome the advice-related initiatives for a targeted, benefit uptake campaign, awareness raising for maximisation and improved provision for financial capability.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 22 January 2013 (item 7); report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

5. Policies – Assurance Statement

Details were given of a policy framework which had been developed to ensure that all current Council policies were easily accessible and were created, revised and renewed in a consistent manner and to an agreed standard. To ensure that the policies remained current and relevant, all Council directorates were required to review policies on an annual basis.

Decision

To note that the Council policies detailed in the report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources had been reviewed and were considered as being current, relevant and fit for purpose.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 3 September 2013 (item 4); Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 22 May 2014 (item 7); report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources, submitted)

6. Chief Social Work Officer Annual Report 2015/2016

The Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report for 2015/2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Chief Social Work Officer's Annual Report for 2015/16.

(Reference – report by the Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

7. Public Protection in Edinburgh – Annual Reports 2015-16

Annual reports were presented for each of the five committees/partnerships that together oversaw the main multi-agency public protection activity in Edinburgh. These were:

- The Edinburgh Child Protection Committee
- The Edinburgh Adult Support and Protection Committee
- The Edinburgh Offender Management Committee
- The Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership
- The Violence Against Women Partnership

Decision

- 1) To note the annual reports from the public protection Committees.
- 2) To note the importance of ensuring an integrated approach across the Council and between the Council and its key partners NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the Scottish Prison Service and voluntary sector organisations, to allow for effective, shared prioritisation and resource allocation.

(Reference – joint report by the Chief Executive and the Chief Social Work Officer, submitted.)

8 EUROCITIES AGM and Conference

The Committee was invited to nominate delegates to attend the Eurocities AGM and Conference to be held in Milan on 16-18 November 2016.

Decision

- 1) To approve the attendance of up to 2 members and one officer at the Eurocities AGM and Conference in Milan on 16-18 November 2016 and to submit Edinburgh's bid to host the 2018 EUROCITIES AGM and Conference.
- 2) To note that further information on the benefits of attendance and the decision regarding the 2018 bid would be provided following the event.
- 3) To instruct the Executive Director to explore the feasibility of land travel by the attendees to the Conference.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)