

Economy Committee

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EDI Update

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Executive Summary

The Economy Committee considered the proposed EDI Business Plan 2016-2018 on 28 June 2016. Committee noted that a follow up report would be prepared within two cycles on the Council's property arms length companies. This report provides a short update on progress and confirms that, subject to stakeholder discussions, a final report will be presented to Economy Committee on 22 November 2016.

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EDI Update

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Economy Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note the current position in relation to EDI;
 - 1.1.2 Note that a further report will be presented to Economy Committee on 22 November 2016, subject to the conclusion of the wider stakeholder discussions which are taking place.

2. Background

- 2.1 EDI is a property development and investment company based in Edinburgh and was established in 1998 by the City of Edinburgh Council as an arms length organisation.
- 2.2 On 13 December 2012 the Council approved arrangements for the governance of arms length companies and the responsibility for the Council's property companies sits with the Economy Committee.
- 2.3 The EDI Business Plan 2015-2017 was noted by Economy Committee on [23 June 2015](#).
- 2.4 The Economy Committee, on [28 June 2016](#) , considered the proposed business plan for EDI for the period 2016-2018 and noted a report on arms length companies would be presented to Committee within two cycles.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The EDI business model depends of major projects coming on stream regularly to ensure the efficient and effective running of the organisation.
- 3.2 At Economy Committee, on 28 June 2016, the Convener stated that a review of the business models of arms length companies of the Council would be implemented, including that of EDI, and that this would be reported back to Economy Committee within two cycles.
- 3.3 The Executive Director of Place is currently reviewing the EDI business model and, in doing so, is awaiting the conclusion of the transformation review in Property and Facilities Management to be concluded as this service provides the day-to-day relationship management function for the Council with EDI.

- 3.4 In addition to Property, discussions are underway with colleagues from Housing and Economic Development to ensure the effective alignment of Council activities with any future business model for the company.
- 3.5 Discussions are on-going with the Operations and Finance Director of EDI and the Chair of the EDI Board.
- 3.6 Subject to the conclusion of stakeholder discussions, a report will be presented to Economy Committee on 22 November 2016 on the final outcome of this review of the EDI business model.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The proposed EDI Business Plan includes targets for the period 2016-2018.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 There are no financial impacts arising from the activities contained within this report.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There are no risks, policy, compliance or governance impacts arising from the activities contained in this report.
- 6.2 Risk, policy, compliance and governance impacts will be considered before the final update report is presented on 22 November 2016.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no equalities impacts arising from this report.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There are no sustainability impacts arising from this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Appropriate consultation and engagement will be undertaken in advance of the 22 November 2016 report.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 [EDI Group](#) website.

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P17 - Continue efforts to develop the city's gap sites and encourage regeneration
Council Priorities	CP8 - A vibrant, sustainable local economy CP9 - An attractive city CP10 - A range of quality housing options CP12 - A built environment to match our ambition
Single Outcome Agreement	SO1 - Edinburgh's economy delivers increased investment, jobs and opportunities for all SO4 - Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric
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