

Housing and Economy Committee

10.00am, Thursday 2 November 2017

Appointments to Working Groups – 2017/18

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Executive Summary

The Housing and Economy Committee is required to appoint the membership of its Working Groups for 2017/18. The appendices to this report detail the proposed membership structures and remits for each of these groups.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To agree the remits of the working groups set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.
- 1.2 To appoint the Conveners of the Edinburgh Affordable Homes and Edinburgh Homelessness Forum working groups.
- 1.3 To appoint the membership of the Edinburgh Affordable Homes and Edinburgh Homelessness Forum working groups.
- 1.4 To agree to discontinue the Housing Pledges working group.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting on 22 June 2017, the Council approved the membership of the Housing and Economy Committee.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Committee is requested to appoint the membership of its working groups for 2017/18.
- 3.2 While there is no requirement for the membership of working groups to be proportionate to that of the Council, it is suggested that this is good practice.
- 3.3 The proposed membership has therefore been adjusted to reflect the overall political balance on the Council. It is, however, open to the Committee to alter the membership where it feels this is warranted.
- 3.4 There are currently two active working groups. These are Edinburgh Homelessness Forum and Edinburgh Affordable Homes. The proposed membership structure of these working groups is set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of this report with one addition to the Forum's membership to allow full cross-party representation.
- 3.5 The Housing Pledges working group was set up by the previous Council to consider the pledges made by the coalition relating to housing issues. As such, there is no requirement for this working group to continue.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Financial impact

5.1 The resources for working groups will be met from existing directorate budgets.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

6.1 Committee is required to appoint the membership of working groups within its remit.

7. Equalities impact

7.1 There are no equality impacts as a result of this report.

8. Sustainability impact

8.1 There is no sustainability impact as a result of this report.

9. Consultation and engagement

9.1 Not applicable.

10. Background reading/external references

10.1 [Political Management Arrangements 2017 – report by the Chief Executive](#)

10.2 [Minute of Council Meeting of 22 June 2017](#)

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11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Edinburgh Homelessness Forum

Appendix 2 – Edinburgh Affordable Homes

Edinburgh Homelessness Forum	
7 members - 2 SNP, 2 Conservative, 1 Green, 1 Labour, 1 SLD	
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	
Remit	
Be the oversight body for the Prevention of Homelessness Plan and recommend any deviations/additions to the plan.	
Be the oversight body for the implementation and review of the commissioning Plan.	
Be the oversight body for the performance framework, highlighting key area of concerns and driving forward mitigation solutions.	
Provide overall strategic direction for the Homelessness Planning Group.	
Agree any deviations/additions to the Prevention of Homelessness Plan.	
Request updates on the key themes being developed by the working groups.	
Consider proposals put to them by the Homelessness Planning Group.	

Edinburgh Affordable Homes	
10 members - 3 SNP, 3 Conservative, 2 Labour, 1 Green, 1 SLD	
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	Councillor
Councillor	Councillor
Remit	
Provide elected members with an opportunity to consider the impact of affordable housing on local communities.	
Provide elected members with the opportunity to review the options for the future development of affordable homes.	
Receive regular progress reports and scrutinise the affordable housing project boards.	