

## North East Locality Committee

10.00am, Monday 19 February 2018

### Present

Councillors Child (Convener), McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Booth, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Donaldson, Griffiths, Laidlaw, McLellan, Rae and Staniforth.

### 1. Appointment of Convener

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Nominations were sought for the position of Convener of the North East Locality Committee.

#### Decision

To appoint Councillor Child as Convener.

### 2. Appointment of Vice-Convener

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Nominations were sought for the position of Vice-Convener of the North East Locality Committee.

#### Motion

To appoint Councillor McNeese-Mechan as Vice-Convener.

- moved by Councillor Ian Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kate Campbell

#### Amendment

To appoint Councillor Rae as Vice-Convener.

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

#### Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	6 votes
For the amendment	-	6 votes

(For the motion – Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Child, Donaldson, Griffiths, McNeese-Mechan.

For the amendment – Booth, Mary Campbell, Laidlaw, McLellan, Rae and Staniforth.)

In terms of Standing Order 22.5, there was no casting vote as the vote related to the appointment of members. In this case, there being an equal number of votes cast for both the motion and amendment, the decision required to be made by lot.

Councillors Ian Campbell and Booth, as movers of the motion and amendment respectively, were invited forward to draw lots. Councillor Ian Campbell subsequently prevailed.

#### **Decision**

To appoint Councillor McNeese-Mechan as Vice-Convener.

### **3. Welcome and Introduction by Convener**

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The Convener welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the North East Locality Committee.

### **4. Membership, Remit and Terms of Reference**

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The Membership, Remit and Terms of Reference of the North East Locality Committee which had been approved by Council on 23 November 2017 were submitted.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the membership, remit and terms of reference.
- 2) To agree that the Corporate Governance Manager would present a report to the next Committee meeting outlining options for the rotation of the Convener and Vice-Convener.

(References – Act of Council (No 8), 23 November 2017; Membership, Remit and Terms of Reference, submitted)

### **5. North East Locality Committee Work Programme**

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The North East Locality Committee Work Programme for April 2018 was presented.

#### **Decision**

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – North East Locality Committee Work Programme, submitted.)

### **6. North East Locality Improvement Plan**

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The Culture and Communities Committee approved the North East Locality Improvement Plan (LIP) on 5 December 2017 which set out priorities for the next five years, subject to regular review.

The report also set out the next steps, including the development of action plans which would be developed for each of the priorities, detailing outcomes and performance measures against which the Committee could track the progress of each of the priorities as well as outlining milestones, leads and resources required to achieve them.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the priorities contained within the North East Locality Improvement Plan as set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place;
- 2) To note that discussions to develop more detailed action plans were ongoing; and

- 3) To note that progress on achieving the priorities contained within the LIP would be regularly reported to the Locality Committee, and specifically that a detailed report by theme would be presented to the next meeting of the Locality Committee.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 5 December 2017 (item 1), report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **7. Edinburgh Partnership – Review and Consultation of Governance and Partnership Working Arrangements**

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A review and consultation of community planning arrangements at neighbourhood and locality level had been agreed by Council on 26 October 2017 and by the Edinburgh Partnership on 7 December 2017.

An update on the proposals, as presented to the Edinburgh Partnership, together with a summary of progress to date was provided.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Partnership's agreement to carry out a review of community planning governance and partnership working arrangements.
- 2) To agree that a further report on progress would be presented to the next meetings of the Locality Committee and Culture and Communities Committee.

(References – Act of Council (No 6), 26 October 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

## **8. Future Meeting Arrangements**

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Proposals were sought for future meeting arrangements.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree that meetings should be held in the City Chambers;
- 2) To note that members would consult with communities regarding the preferred meeting times; and
- 3) To agree that a report would be presented to the Committee at the next meeting regarding improving community engagement including how technology could facilitate engagement, for example, questions being submitted by the public to the Committee in real-time via the internet; the possibility of meeting papers being issued earlier than usual; and a newsletter style document being circulated to community groups with the meeting papers.

## **9. Motion by Councillor Staniforth - Powderhall Railway Path**

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The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Committee:

- 1) Notes that Powderhall Rail Line is safeguarded for use as a cycleway/footpath in the Edinburgh Local Development Plan, and is

included in the city's proposed 'QuietRoutes' network as shown in the 2016 refresh of the Council's Active Travel Action Plan.

- 2) Notes the Powderhall Waste Transfer station has been inactive since late 2016 and is due to close permanently in 2018;
- 3) Agrees that developing a walking/cycling route along the old Powderhall Rail Line would contribute positively to the active travel infrastructure in North East Edinburgh, and the feasibility of this should be explored.
- 4) Therefore agrees that officers will meet with Network Rail, the Powderhall Railway Path Working Group, Sustrans and any relevant stakeholders and bring forward a feasibility report to the North East Locality Committee before the end of 2018 on opening the Powderhall Railway Path as a walking/cycling route. The report should also include the possibility of creative community usage and input in the form of sculpture or other public art.”

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth:

“Committee:

  - 1) Notes that Powderhall Rail Line is safeguarded for use as a cycleway/footpath in the Edinburgh Local Development Plan, and is included in the city's proposed 'QuietRoutes' network as shown in the 2016 refresh of the Council's Active Travel Action Plan.
  - 2) Notes the Powderhall Waste Transfer station has been inactive since late 2016 and is due to close permanently in 2018;
  - 3) Agrees that developing a walking/cycling route along the old Powderhall Rail Line would contribute positively to the active travel infrastructure in North East Edinburgh, and the feasibility of this should be explored.
  - 4) Therefore agrees that officers will meet with Network Rail, the Powderhall Railway Path Working Group, Sustrans and any relevant stakeholders and provide an update in the North East Locality Committee Business Bulletin within six months' time, including an estimated timeline for carrying out a feasibility study regarding opening the Powderhall Railway Path as a walking/cycling route. The report should also include the possibility of creative community usage and input in the form of sculpture or other public art.”
- 2) To refer the motion to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.