

Minutes

Housing and Economy Committee

10.00am, Thursday 7 June 2018

Present

Councillors Kate Campbell (Convener), Cameron (Vice-Convener), Jim Campbell, Key, Lang, McLellan, Miller, Munro, Rae, Rose and Work.

1. Homelessness Task Force – Actions, Recommendations and Outcomes

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation in relation to the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families on the Homelessness Task Force – Actions, Recommendations and Outcomes.

(a) Deputation by A Team – Homeless Lead Action Group

The deputation highlighted the following:

- Drug use and dealing in Bed and Breakfast accommodation was at epidemic levels;
- The lack of training of staff in Bed and Breakfast accommodation;
- The need for improved health and safety to tackle antisocial behaviour;
- The lack of access to kitchen and laundry facilities;
- The lack of information on the location of the Homeless Service after the closure of the Parliament Square office;
- The lack of a timescale for ending Bed and Breakfast accommodation.

The deputation requested the Committee consider the following:

- The provision of drug free accommodation;
- The provision of women only accommodation;
- A system of checks to be put in place to ensure that the needs of people in temporary accommodation are met;
- Further investigation into the options for shared housing, including hostels and supported accommodation; and
- Continued engagement with homeless people and involving them in training for council staff.

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(b) Report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families

A Homelessness Task Force had been created to support the following Coalition commitment:

‘Create a homelessness task force to investigate the growing homelessness problem in the city.’

An update was provided on the work of the task force and outlined recommendations and outcomes from their work.

Decision

- 1) To note the information contained within the report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families.
- 2) To agree the recommendations detailed within the report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families at points 3.12, 3.25, 3.39, 3.40, 3.41, 3.42, 3.43 and 3.44.
- 3) To agree the recommendation set out in paragraph 3.19 of the report and to note that (subject to approval) a report on shared housing will be referred to Finance and Resources Committee on 12 June 2018 for approval of the additional funding;
- 4) To refer a report on Housing First to the Integrated Joint Board, as outlined in paragraph 3.38 of the report.
- 5) To agree to continue the Homelessness Task Force for two cycles to consider the recommendations from the Scottish Government’s Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group and any other measures the Council could introduce, including specifically looking at safety in temporary accommodation and to bring a further report to the Housing and Economy Committee.

(References – Act of Council No 15, 24 August 2017; Housing and Economy Committee 18 January 2018 (item 13): report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted)

Declarations of Interests

Councillor Kate Campbell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of the Homelessness Task Force.

2. Mixed Tenure Improvement Strategy

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation by Carnegie Residents Action Group in relation to the report by the Executive Director of Place on the Mixed Tenure Improvement Strategy.

(a) Deputation by Carnegie Residents Action Group

The deputation highlighted the following:

- The area that the group represented was a mixed tenure development of council and owner-occupied housing;
- The community were divided for and against the improvement strategy;
- The Group at a meeting agreed that they would reject the capital investment proposals and would work in other ways to retrieve their environment after years of neglect by the Council;
- Communication on the strategy from the Council had been poor and it was unclear where Carnegie Court fitted into the pilot scheme;
- Present issues were required to be addressed prior to capital investment being undertaken;
- Clarity was needed on the type of consultation that was to be undertaken with the strategy;
- There was a lack of information to residents on the regeneration assessment that was undertaken;
- The grants system needed to be reviewed and made clearer and less bureaucratic for home owners;
- Past experience of information being given by housing officers on repairs and improvements had been poor;
- The measures for success were set very low and had no reference to home owners' health and wellbeing or quality of life;
- There was no reference to ongoing maintenance after the capital investment; and
- There was a lack of transparency and accountability in the scheme.

The deputation requested transparency in all works undertaken, and that access be given to residents to all documents relating to all works.

(b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Details were provided of the work being taken forward to deliver improvements to mixed tenure estates. This was one of the key objectives set out in the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Strategy 2018 – 2023.

Decision

- 1) To welcome the work being taken forward to enable improvements to be made to mixed tenure blocks and estates.
- 2) To note that the Council was a minority owner in most flatted blocks and, therefore, agreement of owners would be required to progress works.
- 3) To agree to receive a report by the end of 2018 on any proposed changes to policy or practice and the resources required to support the delivery of improvements in mixed tenure areas.

- 4) To agree to receive an update on the Council's Acquisitions and Disposals strategy in two Committee cycles.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee, 18 January 2018 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

3. India Quay – Update

The Committee agreed to hear two deputations by Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative (FCI) and Tollcross Community Council in relation to the update report by the Executive Director of Place on India Quay.

(a) Deputation by Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative (FCI)

The deputation highlighted the following:

- Their dismay at another attempt to undermine the plans for the India Quay site at Fountainbridge – specifically a proposal by EICC to build a hotel in zone E2 of the site;
- There was no public support for a third hotel to be built on the site;
- Block E2 was an area identified for a mixed development including office, residential and workspaces and units for high tech start-ups;
- Residents supported the EICC but did not accept that their challenges should be displaced to local communities, or that the future of a site that has benefited from massive local interest and engagement should be swept aside;
- There was too much accommodation designed for short-term use in the Fountainbridge area, such as student accommodation, aparthotels and the buy to rent sector, in addition to the hotels which had already been granted consent to be built; and
- The development of block E2 should be mixed-use with some residential, commercial and high-tech workspaces as this had been warmly received and supported the Council's pledge to *"create space for new business to grow"*.

(b) Deputation by Tollcross Community Council

The deputation highlighted the following:

- Their support of the views of the Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative;
- There was no evidence to support EICC's assertion that there were too few hotel beds in the area to support conferences, and hospitality and tourism courses were already available at educational establishments within the city
- There was a lack of information provided on the hotel and school proposals;
- Fountainbridge was already adequately served in visitor accommodation;

- Development in this area should contribute to the quality of life for residents with the assumption of permanent affordable housing which was supported by the local community;
- The detrimental impact that a hotel would have on the delivery of services to residents; and
- The impact of increased traffic, air quality and demand for parking.

(c) Report by the Executive Director of Place

The Committee, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

An update report was presented which set out the proposed strategy and options for the development of a Council-owned site at India Quay.

Motion

- 1) To agree the proposed increase in the proportion of social housing provided on plots W3 and W4.
- 2) To note the limitations in relation to the ability to restrict a home owner from renting out their property and to agree that all possible steps would be taken through the procurement process.
- 3) To agree the proposed approach to the delivery of the development of plot E2, set out in paragraph 3.14 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, in principle, subject to due diligence of the proposed office development.
- 4) To delegate the final decision to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee, and one Housing and Economy political spokesperson from each party.
- 5) To note the committee that agreed to work with EICC on their future development needs.
- 6) To agree the project management and resourcing arrangements set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment

To continue the matter to the next meeting of the Housing and Economy Committee for further information on:

1. The relationship between the shareholder and the Arm's Length External Organisation.
2. Any communications between the Council and EICC in respect of any deputation requests.

- moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor McLellan

Voting

For the motion - 7 votes

For the amendment - 4 Votes

(For the motion – Councillors Cameron, Kate Campbell, Key, Miller, Munro, Rae and Work.

For the amendment – Councillors Jim Campbell, Lang, McLellan and Rose.)

Decision

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Kate Campbell.
- 2) In terms of Standing Order 28, the requisite number of members required that the decision be referred to the Council as a recommendation.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Cameron declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of Edinburgh International Conference Centre and CEC Holdings.

Councillor Kate Campbell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Edinburgh International Conference Centre.

Councillor Rose declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of CEC Holdings.

4. Minutes

The minute of the Housing and Economy Committee of 22 March 2018 was submitted.

Decision

- 1) To amend the decision at section 3, point 3: after ‘to explore all options’, add “including those raised by the Edinburgh International Conference Centre”.
- 2) Section 11 to be amended, as follows: “The Council had committed to delivering 10,000 affordable homes over 5 years.”
- 3) To otherwise approve the minute as a correct record.

5. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Housing and Economy Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period March to December 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted)

6. Housing and Economy Rolling Actions Log

The Housing and Economy Committee Rolling Actions Log for June 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of actions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 17 (actions 2 and 3), 18, 21, 22, and 26.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted)

7. Housing and Economy Business Bulletin

The Housing and Economy Committee Business Bulletin for June 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that a meeting would be arranged with members to provide an update on progress with Rent Pressure Zones, prior to reporting to Committee.
- 2) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted)

8. Edinburgh Economy Strategy

Details were provided on the priorities and actions to be taken by the Council and partners over the next five years to help deliver the strategy's aim to enable good growth for the Edinburgh economy.

To meet this aim, the strategy set out eight steps which needed to be taken as a city, built around a clear focus on inclusion and innovation. The strategy recognised that these ambitions could only be delivered through an approach to delivery centred on strong collaboration between the Council and its partners.

The strategy would be reviewed on an annual basis, with a report to the Housing and Economy Committee to update on progress, highlight emerging issues, and make recommendations for new actions.

Motion

- 1) To approve the Edinburgh Economy Strategy, subject to any amendments required by Committee, and subject to endorsement by the Edinburgh Partnership.
- 2) To approve proposals for quarterly reporting of indicators monitoring the economic performance of the city.
- 3) As significant political or economic risks to the city's economy emerge, a further report would be presented to the Committee in order to address those risks within the context of the Economy Strategy.

- 4) To note that a briefing note would be circulated to members on progress with the Economy Watch bulletin.
 - 5) To agree that the table from previous versions which showed ward poverty levels would be re-inserted.
- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment

To take no action.

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Voting

For the motion - 8 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Cameron, Kate Campbell, Key, Lang, Miller, Munro, Rae and Work.

For the amendment – Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan and Rose.)

Decision

- 1) To approve the Edinburgh Economy Strategy, subject to any amendments required by Committee, and subject to endorsement by the Edinburgh Partnership.
- 2) To approve proposals for quarterly reporting of indicators monitoring the economic performance of the city.
- 3) As significant political or economic risks to the city's economy emerge, a further report would be presented to the Committee in order to address those risks within the context of the Economy Strategy.
- 4) To note that a briefing note would be circulated to members on progress with the Economy Watch bulletin.
- 5) To agree that the table from previous versions which showed ward poverty levels would be re-inserted.

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

9. Local Development Plan – Elected Member Involvement

An update was provided on opportunities for elected members to be involved in the project to prepare a new local development plan for the city. The report set out the proposed membership of an informal 'leadership forum' of elected members for approval.

Motion

- 1) To note the previously agreed opportunities for elected member involvement in the early stages of the project to prepare a new local development plan.

- 2) To agree that the project governance included a forum for Conveners, Vice-Conveners and opposition representatives, and the membership would be the Convener and Vice-Convener of the Housing and Economy, Planning and Transport and Environment Committees, and six opposition members (3 Conservative, 2 Green and 1 Liberal Democrat).
- 3) To refer the report to the Planning Committee for its information.
 - moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment

- 1) To note the previously agreed opportunities for elected member involvement in the early stages of the project to prepare a new local development plan.
- 2) To agree that the project governance included a forum for Conveners, Vice-Conveners and opposition representatives reflecting the proportionality of the political parties of this Council.
- 3) To refer the report to the Planning Committee for its approval.
 - moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Voting

For the motion - 5 votes

For the amendment - 6 Votes

(For the motion – Councillors Cameron, Kate Campbell, Key, Munro and Work.
For the amendment – Councillors Jim Campbell, Lang, McLellan, Miller, Rae and Rose.)

Decision

- 1) To note the previously agreed opportunities for elected member involvement in the early stages of the project to prepare a new local development plan.
- 2) To agree that the project governance included a forum for Conveners, Vice-Conveners and opposition representatives reflecting the proportionality of the political parties of this Council.
- 3) To refer the report to the Planning Committee for its approval.

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

10. City Strategic Investment Fund: project repayment terms

At its meeting on 3 May 2018, Council approved a motion by Councillor Jim Campbell to examine ways in which the real-terms value of the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) could be maintained. Details were provided of changes which could be made to achieve this.

Decision

To note the report by the Executive Director of Resources and agree the changes to project repayment terms as set out with a view to maintaining the real-terms value of the Fund going forward.

(Reference – Act of Council 12, 3 May 2018; report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted)

11. Marketing Edinburgh Service Level Agreement

Details were provided of a revised one-year Service Level Agreement (SLA) for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019, to enable the longer-term SLA to fully take account of the Marketing Edinburgh Five Year Strategy and the upcoming Economy Strategy.

Decision

- 1) To note the performance report from ME for the period 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 as set out in paragraph 3.5 and in appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note that the Housing and Economy Committee approved one year's funding to ME for the period 1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 on 22 March 2018.
- 3) To approve a one-year SLA for Marketing Edinburgh to reflect the funding approved by the Committee in March and to note that officers would continue to develop an SLA with ME, taking account of the Five Year Strategy and the emerging Economy Strategy.
- 4) To agree that Marketing Edinburgh would further develop the strategic objectives in the SLA, to ensure they were specific and measurable.
- 5) To develop a funding strategy to enable the continued transition from public funding towards greater private funding that is evidenced over the seven-year period reported in the Annual Review, targeting a reduction of £300,000 CEC Grant funding in the Five Year Strategy.
- 6) To agree that significant focus would be placed on lower carbon tourism in the Five Year Strategy.
- 7) To note that a progress update would be prepared for the Housing and Economy Committee on 1 November 2018.

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

12. Integrated Employability Service (IES) and Subsidised Childcare for Working Parents: Update on Co-production and Commissioning

The Council funded a range of third party services to support Edinburgh's citizens to access and progress along the Strategic Skills Pipeline, with the goal of securing and sustaining training and employment.

Due to significant changes in the labour market and operational context, two of these services were being reviewed using a co-production methodology to ensure they remained fit for purpose and value for money.

Decision

- 1) To note the co-production exercise undertaken by Employability and Talent Development to update, develop and realign the specifications for Integrated Employability Service (IES) and Subsidised Childcare for Working Parents Contracts.
- 2) To consider the findings and endorse progression to the specification development and procurement phase for these services.

Declaration of interests

Councillor Lang declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a resident of Granton Waterfront.

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

13. Housing First – Overview

The Housing First approach involved providing permanent, settled, individual accommodation alongside offering a range of support services. Housing First models had been adopted including in the US, Europe and in the UK.

Housing First offered benefits as part of an integrated homelessness strategy that included preventative services to meet the diverse needs of homeless people.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)

14. Rapid Access Accommodation with Support for Edinburgh's Rough Sleepers

An update was provided on the first 90 days of Rapid Access Accommodation (RAA) with Support for Edinburgh's Rough Sleepers.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.

- 2) To agree to start a procurement process and return to Committee with a report outlining options for procuring an extended and improved Rapid Access Accommodation Service.
- 3) To focus on partnerships with Third Sector for delivery.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, submitted)

15. Housing Investment Programme: Delivering the Budget Strategy in 2018/19

Details were provided of the £80.934 million HRA capital programme for 2018/19, which was approved as part of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget Strategy by Council on 22 February 2018.

The strategy, developed in consultation with tenants, aims to expand and accelerate the development of affordable and low-cost housing; and to improve tenants' homes, upgrade external fabric of mixed tenure building and estates, and transform frontline services to reduce tenants' cost of living.

Decision

- 1) To approve the 2018/19 HRA capital programme for investment of £80.934 million on new homes, existing homes and services, and external fabric and estates, as detailed in appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the proposed capital resources of £80.934 million required to support the capital programme, as detailed in appendix 2 of the report.
- 3) To welcome the progress on improving energy efficiency in mixed tenure blocks through the Home Energy Efficiency Programme Scotland: Area Based Scheme (HEEPS:ABS).

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

16. Affordable Housing Supply Programme Annual Report

During 2017/18 the Council, working in partnership with housing associations, accelerated the delivery of affordable housing to support the delivery of 20,000 affordable homes over ten years. 1,500 homes were approved for social rent, mid-market rent and low-cost home ownership and a 20% increase on the average approvals had been achieved over the last five years.

The strong performance was due to work that took place over a number of years to acquire sites, develop new investment models and deliver cost efficiencies. A strong pipeline programme underpinned the main programme enabling sites to be brought forward to take up additional funding. Due to the strength of the pipeline programme, the Council secured an additional £9.3 million in grant funding in 2017/18.

This level of acceleration needed to be maintained in order to meet the target of building 20,000 affordable homes over the next ten years. Council officers would continue to work with the Scottish Government to secure additional resources in 2018/19 and greater certainty regarding the funding that would be available from 2021/22.

Decision

- 1) To note the strong performance in delivering affordable homes and the additional £9.3 million in grant funding secured in 2017/18.
- 2) To note the current resource planning assumptions for the Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP).
- 3) To agree that officers continue to work with Scottish Government to secure additional resources in 2018/19 and greater certainty regarding future funding; based on the strong pipeline programme.
- 4) To agree to increase the commitment to deliver homes for older people and people with particular needs from 3,000 to 4,500 homes over the next 10 years.

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

17. MIPIM – Monitoring and Future Planning

An update was provided on Edinburgh's engagement at MIPIM 2018. Details were provided of the number meetings and events attended, the types of investors and developers contacted, and the progress made in following up with these contacts. The report also explored options for the way in which Edinburgh could be promoted at MIPIM in future years.

Decision

- 1) To note the approach taken at MIPIM in 2018 and the follow-up activity and tracking approach that was being taken.
- 2) To note that there were five options for involvement in MIPIM in future years as outlined in paragraph 3.8 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To request a further report on options for participation, including political representation, following discussions on collaboration with other cities.

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

18. Tourism and Communities Working Group

Nominations were sought for two representatives to the Tourism and Communities Working Group.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Jim Campbell and Councillor Cameron to the Tourism and Communities Working Group.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee, 20 March 2018 (item 9); report by the Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted)

19. Appointments to the Homelessness Forum

The Committee was requested to appoint a member and the Convener of the Homelessness Forum in place of Councillor Barrie who had resigned.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Kate Campbell as a member and Convener of the Homelessness Forum.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

20. Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments

On 23 November 2017, the Council considered a report detailing the approach to implementing the Programme for the Capital, including detail of the performance measures proposed for assessing progress against the 52 Commitments.

The performance framework development work had continued and significant progress had been made. The aim had been to define, where possible, measurable actions and performance indicators with defined targets for each of the 52 Coalition Commitments. The refined set of indicators was submitted to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 27 February 2018 for further scrutiny. The indicators had been agreed on the understanding that the final set of indicators would be submitted to the relevant Executive Committee.

Details were provided of the set of indicators for the Housing and Economy Committee.

Decision

To note the indicators as set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

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

21. Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell – Land Supply

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

Motion

“Committee instructs officers to make a call for possible sites on which to build homes in one cycle.”

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Rose

Amendment

To take no action on the matter.

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Voting

For the motion - 3 votes

For the amendment - 8 Votes

(For the motion – Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan and Rose.

For the amendment – Councillors Cameron, Kate Campbell, Key, Lang, Miller, Munro, Rae and Work.)

Decision

To take no action.

22. Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell – Meeting with East Lothian Councillors – East Lothian Local Development Plan

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

Motion

“Committee instructs officers to approach East Lothian Council to arrange a visit for members of the Housing and Economy Committee to meet with East Lothian Councillors and officers involved with East Lothian’s Local Development Plan and subsequent house building efforts.”

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Rose

Amendment

To instruct officers to liaise with East Lothian Council officers involved in East Lothian’s Local Development Plan and subsequent house building efforts and present a report to the Committee on the areas of best practice that they feel could be replicated within the City of Edinburgh Council.

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), the amendment was accepted in place of the motion.

Decision

To instruct officers to liaise with East Lothian Council officers involved in East Lothian’s Local Development Plan and subsequent house building efforts and present a report to the Committee on the areas of best practice that they feel could be replicated within the City of Edinburgh Council.

23. Motion by Councillor Miller – Demand for Business Class Hotel Accommodation

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

Motion

- “1. Notes representations made by EICC at this committee that it has been unable to successfully attract conferences to Edinburgh due to a shortage of appropriate business class hotel accommodation options.
 2. Notes the report on “Hotel supply and demand in Edinburgh” at the Economy committee on 17 November 2015, which found Edinburgh has a higher proportion of five-star accommodation than the UK average, that the pipeline will be sufficient to meet rising demand for visitor accommodation in Edinburgh, but that there was also a significant increase in the number of budget level hotels opening in Edinburgh.
 3. Therefore calls for research and analysis of demand for additional business class hotel accommodation in Edinburgh city centre.”
- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Rae

Amendment

To approve the terms of the motion by Councillor Miller and to add an additional point:

- “4. Therefore calls for a report to include a detailed appraisal of the capital expenditure requirements for EICC over the next 20 years. The report should identify potential solutions to any funding shortfall and support that could be given to EICC to meet the shortfall”.
- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Miller:

- “1. Notes representations made by EICC at this committee that it has been unable to successfully attract conferences to Edinburgh due to a shortage of appropriate business class hotel accommodation options.
2. Notes the report on “Hotel supply and demand in Edinburgh” at the Economy committee on 17 November 2015, which found Edinburgh has a higher proportion of five-star accommodation than the UK average, that the pipeline will be sufficient to meet rising demand for visitor accommodation in Edinburgh, but that there was also a significant increase in the number of budget level hotels opening in Edinburgh.
3. Therefore calls for research and analysis of demand for additional business class hotel accommodation in Edinburgh city centre.

4. Therefore calls for a report to include a detailed appraisal of the capital expenditure requirements for EICC over the next 20 years. The report should identify potential solutions to any funding shortfall and support that could be given to EICC to meet the shortfall”.

24. Award of Shared Housing Open Framework for the Provision of Temporary Accommodation Class Hotel Accommodation

The Committee, under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Approval was sought of the Housing and Economy Committee to award an open framework for the provision of temporary accommodation delivered through a shared housing model.

Decision

- 1) To approve the award of the framework.
- 2) To refer the report to Finance and Resources Committee on 12 June 2018, for approval of the additional spend.

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