

## Finance and Resources Committee

**10.00am, Thursday, 7 March 2019**

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Convener:	Members:	Contact:
<p>Convener Cllr Alasdair Rankin</p>  <p>Vice Convener - vacant</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Councillor Gordon</li> <li>▪ Councillor Campbell</li> <li>▪ Councillor Corbett</li> <li>▪ Councillor Hutchison</li> <li>▪ Councillor Johnston</li> <li>▪ Councillor Miller</li> <li>▪ Councillor Neil Ross</li> <li>▪ Councillor Watt</li> <li>▪ Councillor Whyte</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Liam MacDonald</a> Service Policy Advisor Tel: 469 3174</p>

Recent news	Background
<p><b>Common Good</b></p> <p><b>Public Consultation on Register of Common Good Assets and Project Update</b></p> <p>Part 8 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a duty on local authorities to prepare and consult on a draft Common Good Register. In compliance with the Act and Scottish Government guidance this was carried out and the draft register was published and consulted on between 1 October - 31 December 2018. The consultation was publicised in the Evening News, in public libraries, on the Council’s website, social media and consultation hub, with notifications being sent out to all MP’s, MSP’s, Councillors, Community Councils as well as other interest groups such as the Cockburn Society and Edinburgh World Heritage.</p> <p>This resulted in representations being received from 12 identifiable respondents, plus four additional representations from persons not wishing to leave a name or contact details. 54 assets were queried plus additional representations were made for wider ranging subjects such as ‘all cemeteries’, the Water of Leith walkway, Edinburgh cycleways or general Common Good queries for whole neighbourhoods of the city. Assets queried include city centre statues, recent public works</p>	<p>Contact: <a href="#">Peter Watton</a>, Head of Property and Facilities Management</p>

of art and open spaces, many of which the Council has adopted for maintenance purposes but are not assets owned by the Council.

Work is well underway to research the many titles for all Council owned assets that have been queried and the Council's Legal Team is determining whether any additions to the Common Good Register are required. The aim is to publish the first version of the Common Good Register in the summer of 2019 in accordance with Scottish Government Guidance. This will be a living document which will be amended if any changes to an asset's Common Good status arise. The guidance accepts that there will be some cases requiring further investigation in which case a note is to be added to the register making it clear that some representations are still being followed up. It is intended to report the first version of the Common Good Register to the Finance and Resources Committee in the Annual Common Good Performance Report.

### **Forthcoming activities**

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