

North East Locality Committee

2.00pm, Tuesday 26 March 2019

Locality Committee Next Steps

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the upcoming reports on the Council's political management arrangements and consideration of which decisions should be allocated to the new Neighbourhood Networks.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report aims to inform committee of the upcoming consideration of the committee's remit and seek their views on future arrangements.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Council on 7 February 2019 agreed to dissolve Locality Committees on 1 April 2019.
- 3.2 A report will be considered by the Council on 2 May that will look at the wider Council committee management system, this will also consider where police and fire scrutiny will take place.
- 3.3 The Council agreed the Edinburgh Partnership's proposals for a new governance model on 22 November 2018. This included provision for a period of further engagement to better define key aspects such as the membership and remit of the individual partnerships. As part of this, four locality sessions were held involving members of the Neighbourhood Partnerships. Findings from this engagement programme has informed the final governance framework considered by the Edinburgh Partnership Board at its meeting on 19 March.

4. Main report

- 4.1 The remit of the locality committees is extensive and covers a wide range of Council business. Much of this business will be re-absorbed by the executive committees. However, there is business that requires to be distributed to a new committee. This report seeks to inform the locality committees about the next steps in this process.
- 4.2 As agreed by Council on 7 February 2019, the Council will consider a report into its political management arrangements. Part of this report will consider police and fire scrutiny and where would be most appropriate for this work to be carried out. Consideration will have to be given to whether scrutiny at executive committee is sufficient or whether more local scrutiny out with what is already undertaken at community council meetings is also required.

- 4.3 The Council agreed that a report should be presented to Corporate, Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 May 2019 which explored what Council powers could be delegated to enable the Neighbourhood Networks to influence decision making in the same way as Neighbourhood Partnerships. The Council recognised the success of neighbourhood partnerships in regard to engaging the community in Council decisions and seeks to build on this. This will include the question of where decisions on the Community Grants Fund and Neighbourhood Environment Programme are taken.
- 4.4 Scrutiny of the Locality Improvement Plan will now take place by the Edinburgh Partnership at the newly established Locality Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs). The Council in May will determine how the Council will contribute to this oversight and its representation on the LCPPs within the Edinburgh Partnership's agreed model.
- 4.5 Petitions and Traffic Regulations Orders will revert back to executive committees until re-consideration in May 2019. Discussions have taken place between the Council, the Police and the Fire services and police and fire scrutiny will continue within the remit of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee until consideration in May 2019.
- 4.6 Delegated approval remains with officers for the Community Grants Fund (CGF) and Neighbourhood Environment Programme funding. Any urgent CGF applications can be taken forward, if necessary, in the period between 1 April and the Council's agreed new arrangements in May under the Scheme of Delegation.

Outstanding Committee Business

- 4.7 There is outstanding business for each locality committee and it is important that this work is taken forward appropriately. As a result, each locality committee will consider on its rolling actions log any outstanding actions and agree if these should be closed or referred to another committee for consideration.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 As indicated there will be future reports to Council on 2 May 2019 and Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 May 2019.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Changes to the remits of committees will also require changes to the Council's governance documentation. This will be required to be amended at Council in June 2019.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 [The City of Edinburgh Council 7 February 2019 – Review of Locality Committees](#)

9. Appendices

None.