

Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday, 15 May 2019

Funding Third Sector Delivery Partners: Edinburgh World Heritage and Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that Committee approves:
- 1.1.1 the Service Level Agreements for 2019-22 with Edinburgh World Heritage and Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust for the services and activities detailed in Appendices 1 and 2, subject to funds being available in the Council budget; and
 - 1.1.2 the sums of £46,000 for Edinburgh World Heritage and £25,833 for Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust for 2019/20.

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 A report was presented to Committee in [October 2018](#) seeking approval to change the funding basis for EWH and ELGT from annual grants to three-year service level agreements. This report seeks approval to enter into those service level agreements with both organisations, for financial year 2019/20. Similar amounts will be put forward for inclusion in the Council budgets for subsequent years.

3. Background

- 3.1 For many years the Planning service has awarded grants to a small number of organisations. The aims and objectives of these organisations are well aligned with the Council's planning and placemaking objectives to protect and enhance Edinburgh's built and natural heritage.
- 3.2 However, it was considered that the grant mechanism which required applicants to bid for funds was not the most effective way for sustained partnership working with these third sector organisations and a move to service level agreements (SLA) was approved by Planning Committee in October 2018.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Planning has been operating a small grant programme for many years. The value of this programme in 2018/19 was around £86,000. The vast majority of this fund was allocated between EWH (£46,000) and ELGT (£25,833). The remainder was distributed amongst a small number of other organisations.
- 4.2 It was agreed at the Planning Committee in [October 2018](#) to replace the grant funding arrangements, which required applicants to bid for funds annually, with a more stable funding arrangement that is better suited to sustainable partnership working. This would support these third sector organisations, in a unique position to partner with the Council, to fulfil the obligations of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) World Heritage Site Management

Plan and the Council's commitments to improving the environment for our communities.

- 4.3 On this basis a move to three-year SLAs was approved and it was agreed that the details of the outcomes of the SLAs proposed would be presented to Committee for approval. The activities proposed to be delivered under these SLAs are detailed in Appendices 1 and 2.
- 4.4 In summary, EWH works in partnership with the Council and Historic Environment Scotland to implement the Edinburgh Old and New Town World Heritage Site Management Plan, fulfilling collective obligations to UNESCO and the World Heritage Site. ELGT delivers projects that enhance the quality of life for Edinburgh's communities by improving their local environment; it works with the Council, communities, agencies and partners to create sustainable, well-managed and accessible green spaces. It is an active member of the Edinburgh Biodiversity Partnership and Edinburgh Living Landscape.
- 4.5 For the other small organisations, appropriate arrangements are in place and funding levels can be authorised by officers under delegated authority.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Following approval by Committee, SLAs will be signed and the delivery of the outputs overseen by the Council's World Heritage Site Co-ordinator and officers in the Planning Initiatives Team. The Council is represented by elected members on the boards of both organisations and liaison and monitoring will be ongoing throughout the financial year. Annual reports will be required to be produced by both organisations.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The cost of the two SLAs in financial year 2019/20 will be £71,833. It is expected that costs associated with contracts for EHW and ELGT will continue to be around £72,000 per year, subject to funds being available in the Council budget.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Discussions have been ongoing with EWH and ELGT regarding the changing contractual arrangements. Moving from a one year to a three-year funding arrangement has been welcomed by both organisations. Consulting with the community is core to the work of both organisations. ELGT have Community Engagement officers employed to undertake engagement for each project the Trust delivers. EWH has strong links with communities in both the Old Town and New Town Conservation Areas.

- 7.2 Supporting these organisations will have a positive impact on the environment and people's understanding of and engagement with Edinburgh's built and natural heritage.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site Management Plan 2017-22](#)
- 8.2 [ELGT Project Report 2017-18](#)
- 8.3 [ELGT Strategy 2019-24](#)
- 8.4 [New Arrangements for Funding Third Sector Delivery Partners](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Edinburgh World Heritage Trust - Service Level Agreement Outcomes.
- 9.2 Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust - Service Level Agreement Outcomes.

Appendix 1

Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Site Heritage Management Plan 2017/22 Outcomes of Service Level Agreement with City of Edinburgh Council 2019/22

Goals and Objectives	Stakeholders	Service, activities and tactics	Assumptions	Roles and resources	Targets and outcomes
1. Delivery of the WHS Management Plan	World Heritage Site Steering Group CEC HES UNESCO Residents Visitors	EWH will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead and support on the implementation of actions (see below) • Prepare, attend and follow-up at WHS Steering Group and other relevant meetings 	EWH will work with CEC and HES to locate funding for other actions. This may necessitate a joint mandate from CEC and HES to act on behalf of the partnership in creating funding opportunities and EWH welcomes the opportunity to discuss this further with all partners.	The resourcing required to deliver this will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director (0.05 FTE) • Head of External Relations (0.05 FTE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of actions (see below) • Implementation of actions from WHS Steering Group meetings

<p>2. Advice on Outstanding Universal Value (WHS Management Plan actions 6, 7, 14, 16, 19, 21, 28)</p>	<p>CEC HES Residents</p>	<p>EWH will provide advice to CEC Members and Officers in relation to Outstanding Universal Value, principally in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning applications (as set out in the Protocol for the Consideration of OUV in the Planning Process) • Public realm and streetscape, including on traffic reduction projects and pedestrianisation • Policy development and change 	<p>EWH will work with CEC and HES, in accordance with the Protocol for the Consideration of OUV in the Planning Process.</p> <p>EWH requires CEC's continued active engagement and appropriate internal coordination.</p>	<p>The resourcing required to deliver this is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director (0.1 FTE) • World Heritage Site Project Manager (0.3 FTE) <p>Substantive work outwith these areas will be charged separately.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of planning applications • Number of public realm and streetscape consultations • Policy development and change
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<p>3. Grants and Support (WHS Management Plan actions 2, 3)</p>	<p>CEC HES Residents of ONTE WHS</p>	<p>EWH will deliver the Conservation Funding Programme. EWH's key priorities for the 2018-21 HES funding period are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tenements • Shopfronts • The Twelve Closes programme <p>Criteria for applicants include areas of social deprivation.</p> <p>EWH also expects to be involved in a number of World Heritage Site projects.</p>	<p>Since CEC capital funding for this ceased in 2015, HES has provided 100% of the capital costs, as well as most (90%) of the operational costs.</p> <p>EWH requires CEC's active engagement and appropriate internal coordination to support delivery.</p>	<p>The resourcing required to deliver this is (CEC funding will contribute 7% operational costs only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Funding Programme Manager (0.2 FTE) • Grants Officer / World Heritage Site Projects Officer (0.1 FTE) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of Tenements • Number of Shopfronts • Implementation of the Twelve Closes programme
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<p>4. Maintenance (WHS Management Plan action 1)</p>	<p>CEC HES Residents of ONTE WHS</p>	<p>As part of the Conservation Funding Programme, EWH will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support to owners and communities on maintenance issues • Provide educational events and materials • Deliver training events 	<p>EWH requires CEC's active engagement and appropriate internal coordination to support delivery.</p> <p>EWH will continue to work with partners including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edinburgh ADAPTS • Community groups 	<p>The resourcing required to deliver this is covered by item 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of maintenance awareness activities • Number of people engaged
<p>5. Traditional Skills (WHS Management Plan action 22)</p>	<p>CEC HES Residents</p>	<p>EWH will promote and create opportunities to support traditional skills, supporting employability and the skills pipeline, as part of the Conservation Funding Programme and through events such as the Traditional Building Festival</p>	<p>EWH will work with partners including HES, CEC, the Traditional Building Forum and apprentices</p>	<p>The resourcing required to deliver this is covered by item 3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of traditional skills activities • Number of people engaged • Number of apprentices working on projects

<p>6. Energy efficiency (WHS Management Plan action 11)</p>	<p>CEC HES Residents</p>	<p>EWH will continue to work with CEC to deliver Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) at the Sir Basil Spence Canongate Housing Development.</p>	<p>EWH requires CEC's continued active engagement and appropriate internal coordination to support delivery.</p>	<p>The resourcing required to deliver this is covered by SEEP funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of successful project • Engagement with owners and community
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Appendix 2
Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust Strategy 2019/24
Outcomes of Service Level Agreement with City of Edinburgh Council

Goals and Objectives	Stakeholder	Service, activities and tactics	Assumptions	Roles and resources	Targets and outcomes
1. Develop policies, strategies and projects for park, greenspace, biodiversity and landscape improvements in the city and the wider region	In partnership with CEC and other stakeholders, including Scottish Wildlife Trust, Scottish Natural Heritage, Edinburgh University, NHS Lothian, Forestry Commission, Scottish Enterprise and other Landowners	Contribute to and partner in wider initiatives which help Edinburgh deliver its policies and commitments, including Edinburgh Biodiveristy Action Plan, Edinburgh Living Landscape, Central Scotland Green Network, Pentland Hills Regional Park and Sustainable Edinburgh 2020.	There is buy in from stakeholder organisations	Chief Executive, Project Manager	Development and delivery of action plans
2. Create more biodiverse and healthy quality environments to mitigate against climate change through green infrastructure.	In partnership with CEC and other local stakeholders.	Deliver a programme of greenspace improvements across Edinburgh to aid the Locality Improvement Plans	Better quality greenspaces encourage more people to use them	Project and Fundraising Managers	Improvement in the local environment. Deliver quality green infrastructure projects

3. Increase access to greenspaces through off road active travel routes that bring benefits in terms of reduced carbon emissions and greater rates of physical activity	CEC Active Travel Team, cycling groups, Local communities	Develop and deliver new and improved active travel off road routes	If there are more routes then more people will use them.	Project Manager	Increase in use of active travel through counters and surveys. Overcome some of the obstacles that people face which prevent them from choosing active ways of travelling within the city.
4. Champion the role that greenspaces and the natural environment play in delivering positive social, economic and environmental benefits through placemaking activities.	Local community organisations, housing providers, and residents' groups	Deliver local initiatives including landscaping and gardening projects. Contribute to Local Development Plans.	There is access to vacant and derelict land to make improvements	Project Team	Greater investment in neighbourhoods. Prioritising places and neighbourhoods which offer significant benefits in terms of improving people's visual surroundings.
5. Promote community safety and increase community cohesion through better maintained local greenspaces and woodlands	Local communities, schools and community groups	Run community events and activities with a focus on SIMD areas which include litter picks and outdoor learning.	Engaged local families and young people.	Community Project Officers	Reduction in anti-social incidents. Deliver outdoor learning activities to encourage greater awareness and understanding of the value that the natural environment brings for the development of young people. Develop WIAT projects.

6. Foster healthy lifestyles where more people value their greenspaces through greater appreciation of nature and being outdoors	Local communities including community councils	Run engagement projects and events including nature walks, physical activity programmes and woodland activities	Increasing the value attached to greenspaces results in them being better respected and looked after.	Community Project Officers	More people using greenspaces which improve their health and wellbeing. Deliver opportunities for visiting and experiencing the natural environment.
7. Encourage greater community ownership of local open spaces through community engagement. Improving and developing local greenspaces, parks, woodlands and other outside spaces.	Local communities and volunteers	Provide a wide range of opportunities to encourage ongoing maintenance and improvement through environmental enhancements and volunteering	There is community buy in	Community Project Officers	Supporting and empowering local communities to connect with nature by becoming actively involved in local greenspace projects. Improving access to enhance green corridors and networks.
Monitoring & evaluation methodology	Number of sessions and participant recorded on engagement spreadsheet Production of an activity timetable.	Questionnaires sent out after the programme has been completed.	Regular board meeting. Team meeting and compiling of reports by Project Team, Project Manager and Communications Manager	Production of annual project programme and impact report	