

# Item 4.1 - Minutes

## Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 26 March 2019

### Present

Councillors Wilson (Convener), Councillor Bird (substituting for Councillor McNeese-Mechan (Vice-Convener), Brown Doran, Daggart), Fullerton (substituting for Councillor Ian Campbell), Howie, Mitchell, Osler, Rae and Staniforth.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 29 January 2019 as a correct record.

### 2. Work Programme

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The Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme was presented.

#### Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

### 3. Rolling Actions Log

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The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of Items 1, 3, 5(1 and 2), 6, 8, 9 and 14.
- 2) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

### 4. Business Bulletin

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The Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

## **Decision**

To note the information set out in the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin, submitted.)

## **5. Love Music Choir – Presentation**

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Stephen Deazley (Artistic Director) and Neil Weir (Chair of the Board of Trustees) presented on the work of the Love Music Choir.

Love Music was an Edinburgh-based charity, delivering accessible, socially-engaged music projects. The work of the charity, which included designing participatory projects for young people and communities, was rooted in the principles of inclusion, diversity and musical excellence. Love Music had four key objectives:

- To support the health and wellbeing of the people they work with
- Rights to cultural access and the opportunity to participate in creative work
- Eliminating barriers to access (physical, social, cultural and economic)
- To allow participants to embark on creative and curious journeys with music and the arts

Since 2013, Love Music had been in partnership with the Usher Hall and they had 330 singers on their books who meet weekly. The Choir was the largest community singing project in the United Kingdom.

## **Decision**

To thank Stephen Deazley and Neil Weir for their presentation.

## **6. Encouraging Live Music in Edinburgh: Music is Audible Working Group**

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On 16 December 2014, the Committee considered a report on issues facing live music provision in the city and approved the formation of a short-life working group, the Music Is Audible Working Group (MIAWG).

An overview was provided on the work undertaken to support live music provision in the city since November 2014. This covered the work of MIAWG, the Council and other partners. It also referred to wider developments across the city aimed at improving the infrastructure and profile of music in the city.

The report by the Executive Director of Place noted that the MIAWG had recommended that their work be brought to a close. The non-Council members intended to establish a lobbying group dedicated to the support of live music in the city.

## **Decision**

- 1) To acknowledge the work carried out by the Music Is Audible Working Group and to thank the group for their efforts;

- 2) To note that almost all of the objectives of the group had been met and that the group had recommended that the short life working group be brought to a close.
- 3) To acknowledge the wider development to the city's music scene and infrastructure.

(References – Culture and Sport Committee, 16 December 2014 (item 8); report by the Executive Director for of Place, submitted.)

## **7. Culture Service Third Party Grants Funding 2019/20**

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Approval was sought for the cultural revenue grant awards programme for 2019/20.

The recommended awards represented the final year, 2019/20, of the funding programme. A review of Third Party Grants was being undertaken and a report on this would follow at a future meeting.

The report included the previously approved required savings programme on culture service grant expenditure for 2019/20.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the funding recommendations for 2019/20, as listed in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To note that the recommended grants programme reflected the approved 1% budget reduction for 2019/20 as previously agreed by the Council in 2014.
- 3) To note the previously reported approach to the cultural grants budget savings for 2016/17 to 2019/20 as set out in the tables included in paragraph 4.2 of the report.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Wilson declared a non-financial interest in this item as a board member of Centre for the Moving Image, Dance Base, Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival, Edinburgh International Science Festival, Edinburgh Science Foundation, Imagine, Queen's Hall (Edinburgh) Ltd, Scottish Chamber Orchestra, Edinburgh Leisure, Edinburgh Leisure Two, Festival City Theatres Trust.

Councillor Mitchell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a board member of Capital Theatre Trust

Councillor Osler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a board member of Edinburgh Leisure.

Councillor Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a board member of Edinburgh Leisure and Edinburgh Science Festival.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 13 November 2018 (item 6); report by the Executive Director for Communities of Place, submitted.)

## 8. Physical Activity and Sports Strategy: An Interim Progress Report

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On 19 June 2018, the Committee agreed to produce a new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for the period 2019-2023.

The consultation process was conducted during the period November 2018 to February 2019 through both face to face presentations and an online survey through the City of Edinburgh Council's 'Have Your Say' consultation hub. As the consultation period only closed in February, this was an interim report and as such it laid out a range of proposed recommendations to assist the effective establishment of a new strategy. A further report would be brought to this Committee in the latter part of 2019.

Details were provided of the high level of response to the online consultation, the issues identified as a result of the survey and face to face sessions, topics to be considered and the establishment of key objectives and related actions. These objectives would be finalised over the course of the next few months through the establishment of short life working groups and through a 'think tank' approach and brought back to this Committee for approval in the latter part of 2019.

### Decision

- 1) To approve the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families and the progress made on creating a new Physical Activity and Sport Strategy.
- 2) To approve the appointment of a Physical Activity Champion, subject to the agreement of the Full Council.
- 3) To approve the creation of a high-level Strategic Action group for Physical Activity.
- 4) To agree that consideration would be given to including a Physical Activity section in all relevant Council Reports.
- 5) To request a further report in the latter part of 2019 confirming the key strategic objectives, detailing a one-year action plan and including progress on developing new ways of working and finding creative enabling approaches to enhancing some of the community sports facilities.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 19 June 2018 (item 16); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## 9. Service Payment to Edinburgh Leisure – 2019/20

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Details were provided of the proposed annual Council Service Payment to Edinburgh Leisure following approval of the Council's budget on 21 February 2019 and approval was sought from the Committee to make that payment.

### Decision

- 1) To approve the service payment of £6,887,911 to Edinburgh Leisure for

2019/20.

- 2) To approve a further payment of £0.165m to Edinburgh Leisure towards capital improvement works across the Council's sport and leisure facility estate.
- 3) To request more detail in the next report from Edinburgh Leisure on the impact of the service payment to Edinburgh Leisure.

(References – Act of Council No. 2, 21 February 2019; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## **10. Council Response to the Scottish Government Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland**

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The Scottish Government was gathering information and views on the use and regulation of fireworks in Scotland. The Council's response to the Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland (the consultation) presented to committee.

### **Decision**

To note and approve the Council response to the Scottish Government Consultation on Fireworks in Scotland attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 7 August 2018 (item 6); Act of Council No. 12, 23 November 2017; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## **11. Criteria for Potential Development of CCTV Network**

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Details were provided of the reviewed criteria to be used when considering the installation of additional Public Realm CCTV cameras, should there be money made available for expansion of the CCTV camera network capacity.

### **Decision**

To agree the Council's CCTV Expansion Criteria policy attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

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

## **12. Antisocial Behaviour Strategy 2016-2019 Update**

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The current Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) Strategy 2016-2019 was approved on the 15 November 2016. An overview was provided of the current working practices and initiatives developed to deliver the Strategy's aim of preventing antisocial behaviour before it occurred and resolving ASB effectively at an early stage when it occurred.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note the recent decision to reduce the number of community police officers on the Strategy going forward.

(References – Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, 15 November 2016 (item 6); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

## **13. Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023**

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There were currently an array of strategies and plans in place that sought to tackle a range of community safety issues including antisocial behaviour (ASB).

Governance could be complex and gaps in provision as well as duplication in effort could occur. The current ASB Strategy would conclude at the end of 2019 thus creating an opportunity for a comprehensive analysis to be carried out to assist in the formulation of a new strategy; reviewing the current community safety landscape, in terms of presenting issues, activity and governance.

The Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership (ECSP) had recommended that an overarching city wide Safety Strategy that focused on key priorities and included an effective response to ASB was developed.

### **Decision**

To note the recommendation from the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership to develop an overarching city-wide Community Safety Strategy that would include an effective response to antisocial behaviour.

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

## **14. Allotment and Food Growing Provision Update**

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An update was provided on the current level of allotment and food growing provision supported by the Council. It was intended to carry out a review of the allotment waiting list, to consult on amending the allotment allocation and discount criteria, increasing fees for half-plot rental, and considering prioritising allotment plot lets for those referred for horticultural therapy by medical professionals.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the measures undertaken to date to increase allotment provision and support the number of community gardens and food growing initiatives.
- 2) To note the intention to consult on amending the allotment discount criteria and the fee for half-plot rental.
- 3) To note that further investigation would be undertaken to determine the feasibility of giving priority to those applicants referred for horticultural therapy by medical professionals.

- 4) To express the Committee's concern about the use of pension credit as a means of evidencing pension age status, and the impact this might have on people of pensionable age who did not receive pension credits.
- 5) To request that officers considered prioritisation of allocation.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 11 September 2018 (item 2); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **15. Managing our Festival City: Progress Report**

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During the summer, Edinburgh experienced a huge increase in activity levels, opportunities and demands in the city. The report by the Executive Director of Place summarised how the Council and partners were responding to the summer time pressures, to enhance the quality of experience of the city centre for residents and visitors and noted the overall contributions of the major festivals to the city.

An update to last year's Festival City scorecard was provided, along with an outline as to how the scorecard might potentially be developed in a way that provided more than just a snapshot, but supported longer term planning and operational management for peak times. The report included summary performance reports for the Festivals and an update on activities delivered as part of the Council's Joint Agreement with Festivals Edinburgh.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress across many strands of work, to help balance residents and visitors experience of the city and its cultural offer during peak summer time.
- 2) To note the early progress on the development of a scorecard for the city, to aid service planning and policy development going forward.
- 3) That details would be provided of passenger numbers for Edinburgh Trams for August 2018.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Mitchell declared a financial interest in the above item as he was employed by a festival venue.

(References – Act of Council No. 6, 22 November 2018; Culture and Communities Committee 13 November 2018 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)