

Committee Weekly Bulletin – Issue 47

4 – 8 May 2015

Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee

Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme – Committee has agreed to participate in the UK Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme. This has been running for a year, and has offered humanitarian protection to 143 people. Subject to stakeholder discussions, it is intended that Edinburgh will host four to five families. Further information on timescales, numbers and local plans will be reported to the Committee.

[Syrian Vulnerable Persons Relocation Scheme](#)

Edinburgh Food Banks – a co-ordinated "Food Bank Plus" model has been agreed. Food bank users with emergency needs will be given priority access to advice and guidance provided by the Council and voluntary agencies, including crisis services and emergency payment information. Close links are to be developed between food banks and community food provision, such as food co-ops, community cafes and healthy eating training. The joint approach will be overseen by the Health Inequalities Food and Health Group. Meantime discussions, led by Cllr Lunn, are to take place with Edinburgh City Mission etc about people who regularly use foodbanks.

[Responding to Crisis Needs - Food Banks in Edinburgh](#)

COMPACT Partnership Strategy 2015 - 20 – the updated Edinburgh COMPACT vision is proposed to be "a city of active and resilient communities where a vibrant third sector works in partnership with others to build social value and reduce inequalities". Its three principles are co-production; three sustainability pillars (social, economic and environmental), and prevention. Committee has agreed a number of strategic and Action Plan commitments in support of this vision, detailed at Appendix 1 in the report.

[The Edinburgh COMPACT Partnership Strategy 2015-20](#)

Community Communications – an update has been given on Community Communication pilots in North Edinburgh, Craigmillar and Wester Hailes. Their success in enhancing community cohesion; improving communication and engagement with local communities, and offering skills development opportunities is charted in the report. In noting that there was no Council budget to fund ongoing work, Committee asked for information on how to support "community connecting" within the transformation programme.

[Contact in the Capital - Community Communications](#)

Equalities and Rights Network Service – Volunteer Centre Edinburgh has been awarded £45k a year for three years to operate the new Equalities and Rights Network Service. Committee will receive annual progress reports.

[Equalities and Rights Network Service Partner 2015-18](#)

Community Resilience – two Neighbourhood Partnership areas are to take part in an 18-month pilot to help build local resilience against emergencies such as severe weather, pandemics, flooding and loss of utilities. Using existing local communications, the pilot will help community groups identify and prepare responses to identified risks. The Council's Corporate Resilience Unit will lead, supported by Neighbourhood Teams and partner agencies.

[Edinburgh Community Resilience Project \(Pilot\)](#)

Neighbourhood Partnerships – progress with a strategic improvement plan for Neighbourhood Partnerships has been noted. An earlier detailed review had identified a number of key priorities:-community engagement; accountability and governance; good practice; partner involvement and influence. The report lists a range of activities designed to develop these.

[Neighbourhood Partnership - Improvement Plan Update](#)

11 – 15 May 2015

Upcoming Committees	When	Upcoming Issues
Placing in Schools Appeals Committee	Monday 11 May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> James Gillespie's High
Placing in Schools Appeals Committee Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee	Tuesday 12 May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Thomas of Aquin's RC High Sexual Exploitation Policy City Region Deal Corporate Asset Strategy Council Transformation and Improvement plan 2014 Edinburgh People Survey
Placing in Schools Appeals Committee (2) Planning Local Review Body Finance and Resources Committee	Wednesday 13 May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forthview PS (am) Duddingston PS (pm) Sale of Boroughmuir High School Cycling Hub – Hunter's Hall Park Museums and Galleries – Income Generation Custom House, Leith Major Projects - Update
Placing in Schools Appeals Committee (2) Planning Committee Recruitment Committee	Thursday 14 May 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hermitage Park PS (am) Prestonfield PS (pm) Local Development Plan

Recruitment Committee

Friday, 15 May 2015

- To recommend appointment of a new Council Chief Executive

Licensing Sub-Committee

Placing in Schools Appeals Committee

- Davidson's Mains PS