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Present

Susan Rae

Douglas Tharby

Emma Candy - CEC, works with Michelle and Saty

Evelyn Kilmurry - locality manager for NE Edinburgh

Sally Millar

Saty Kaur- in CEC community strategy team

Don Giles

Michele Mulvaney - CEC

SR handed over to Sally to chair

Community Survey

BMR outlined status - cancelled account cos it would have cost £400. Got all stuff ready to put survey online.

SM - this shows we need cash

EK - have talked with Caroline. I wanted LC to wait to get clarity today. We have looked into costs, there is a CEC account which we can use. So no cost to LC

EC - we have SM licence to beginning of 2021. Also have consultation hub

BR - account still exists, so does survey

SM - thanks to EC for this news

EK - keen to not ask anything we can't act on

SM - we addressed all of this

EK - we like this

*** Bruce to send text: emma.candy@edinburgh.gov.uk, saty.kaur@edinburgh.gov.uk, evelyn.kilmurry@edinburgh.gov.uk

Don - if we get a poor response to survey, decision comes back to SG?

EK etc - how do we find where to disseminate - I can't get to Caroline's emails

*** EK to try to contact Caroline

*** Bruce, Caroline, EK to survey or covering letter: 'we want responses by **28 September 2020**'

Discussion of who to send to survey to:

*** EK to look on CEC shared drives for relevant contact lists if she can't get Caroline's

Online voting

EK - CEC has completed DPIA

EK - there are other questions with COSLA outstanding, so we **can't** give permission for LC to use Consul yet. (We are chasing these - so position may change.)

MM - DPIA flagged up need for penetration test. We have been in touch with colleagues in North Ayrshire

SK explains what a penetration test - are there vulnerabilities to outside nasty actions. COSLA has only done light-touch security-testing. Pen-test results could say there are vulnerabilities,

then need to go back to

SK - costs of pen-tests in discussion. Agree that Consul is open-source, but still can't give OK.

SM - is CEC prepared to pay for pen-testing consul?

DG - NA had to write the voting modules. So even if we got decision today, we can't use Consul this year.

MM - COSLA looking into this with Digital Scotland, but staff redeployed due to coronavirus.

Other LAs have raised this issue. So issue is when pen-test would be done. Have sought pen-test quote.

SM - we have been asked to report on CEC/Consul progress

MM - this is based on conversation between CEC and COSLA. I can't speak on behalf of COSLA.

Alternatives/process

SM outlines extended-panel idea: one idea is voting might be that all panelists can vote **but not for themselves**. This is participatory grant-making. But we want community view - hence survey!

EK - it is good to look into other participatory options!

EK - introduces idea of consultation hub

SM - we have options for promoting/deliberation/sharing projects

EC - consultation hub can showcase, but can do surveys

SM - can we a mock-up if we send previous years' options

EC - yes

SM - we need data protection about people live, work, volunteer, study in Leith. CH has been DPIAed

EC - there are options for verifying qualification to vote, e.g. postcodes, electoral register

DG - but this doesn't cover work, study, volunteer

MM - also electoral role doesn't cover young people

SM - we have trusted folk to give us postcodes in the past

Omnes - we want to explore use of ConsultationHub

SM - outlines timescale pressures - can we explore before beginning October

EC - happy to mock up content asap

SM - can you do both deliberation and voting via consultation-hub

EC - yes - but remember it's a survey tool

SM - but deliberation - can you collect comments and give them to analyse this

EC - we can cope with people having 4 votes

DG - how will we do analysis?

CC - depends on questions asked of Joe public. Consult Hub is more set up for collecting opinions

SM - can we have a few days to think about this

Voting on panel

There could be roll-call voting - more likely/accepted than secret ballots

CEC can't use Zoom so no Zoom-polling

*** LC to look into whether CEC-approved software can do polling.

Themes etc

SM - Leith decides used to be open, but over years has focused on themes. Hence relevant question in our survey.

[Bruce took loo-break]

EK - themes worked well - bring proposals to Neighbourhood network

SM - what about digital exclusions. This almost comes under 'fighting inequality'

MM - dig exclusion is on CEC agenda - agree it comes under fighting inequality

SM - there was SG money for pupil laptops - CEC took money, what happened to it?

EK - communities and families in NE locality are working on this - I can find detail

Operational funds

SM - I have sent details of operational funding income and expenditure. Balance of grants etc from SG and CEC has been carried forward but is now exhausted.

SM - we need cash over and above stuff at time of event, e.g. web hosting, survey etc,

EK - I will look at info supplied to see what I can do to support - I know this isn't free

SM - we don't know full costs because we don't know what CEC spent each year.

SM - we decided last year not to do flyers and posters cos not cost effective. Online and lamp-post wraps are effective.

DG - use of different languages got much comment

SM - people like videos in different languages. Written got comment but there are literacy barriers

***EK to look into cash asap

SR - why not contact trams team about advertising on their many fences on Leith Walk

AOB

EK - I have texted Caroline (no reply). I can only see network neighbourhood list on CEC drives. I can refine or send to all, or should we wait for Caroline to return on 10th.

DT - too late. DG - agreed.

SM - can DT as chair of NN refine list?

DT - I don't have access to the full list. Caroline does

EK - shouldn't it go to all voluntary orgs

SM - it needs to go to constituted groups only

*** LC to draft covering email stating constituted groups only, etc

SM - wider and quicker is better

DG - CEC should send it out, using BCC

** BR to transfer survey to EC

Cash available

£46,000