

Notes on Leith Chooses SG meeting, 7 October 2020

Actions are yellow-highlighted

1 Present

Sally Millar, Caroline Lamond, Don Giles, Bruce Ryan, Emma Candy, Douglas Tharby. **Apologies** - Susan Rae (hospital appt.)

2 Consultation Hub

Emma has carried out all the suggested changes that she can, and has explained which she cannot change, due to restrictions in the software. She was thanked for all her work. It was agreed that all that remains to be done – which is not currently urgent – is to carry out editing to the text content on each page at some stage between LC Launch and closing of Applications / putting projects online for early deliberation.

3. Survey

- Bruce has analysed and circulated the results. All agreed these are rich and informative.
- Now need to publish a 'press release' to the community in response to survey, quickly, thanking people and telling them what is happening next.
- Might be nice to also (– at some later stage) publish a fuller version? with lots of the detail that people took the trouble to write in about.
- Clear Consensus to go ahead with Leith Chooses 2021
- High number of people from community organisations agreeing to attend an online discussion meeting
- Agree to hold an online discussion meeting to cover various aspects - but NOT to put decisions about Themes up for discussion as there is not enough time to allow this (see 4 below). Meeting date to be explored - late October / early November?

3 Discussion of points raised & Actions

- 6 month timeline - reluctantly accepted for now.
- We could not change the 'rules' of Leith Chooses to prevent groups applying every year, as these terms currently cover the whole of Edinburgh not just Leith. Would have to go back to 'full committee' to address that issue. i.e. Strategy and Insight Committee, and would ultimately be decided by elected councillors.
- Application form to be edited and ready to go out by next Wednesday (All)
- Press Release to be drafted (Sally) and circulated for editing, and to go out by 14th October (Sally / all)
- Press Release and Application form to go on LC website, on social media, emailed to all on Caroline's list and to all who left contact details on survey (there will be overlaps). Sally / Caroline

4 Themes for 2020-2021

Much discussion to get the right wording that is 'same but different' with regard to last year's themes. Eventually agreed on:

Challenging Food Poverty in Leith and/or Reducing Isolation / Ensuring Connectedness

5 Reports for 2019-2020

- All groups have now been contacted about reports. A few are submitting reports now, or in discussion. Caroline confirmed that they can get an 'extension' if they are having trouble completing / reporting in time (though that might rule them out from applying for 2020-2021).
- All groups have now alerted to issue of not being able to apply 'this time' until they have submitted their final report. Some are just getting to grips with the idea that they can complete their spending, send receipts and report outcomes etc. even if aspects of the project is still running.

6. AOB – several members have trouble accessing DropBox and thus shared files.

7. Next Meeting: 14 October 2020

Leith Chooses AGENDA for 14 October 2020

1. Application Form
2. Guidance Notes?
3. Press Release and media strategy - LAUNCH LC2021
4. Plan Community Discussion Meeting
5. Councillor Rae award nomination
6. Student to shadow LC January – March 2021?
7. AOB