

Councillors begin their new roles in earnest

Conveners and Vice-conveners have begun their roles in earnest after being formally appointed on Thursday 22 June.



Some of the conveners have now spoken to reports in the City Chambers at today's council meeting.

This comes after a lengthy delay to a council administration being set up following the elections in May.

Council Leader Councillor Adam McVey said: "I am delighted that we have now formed an administration and I look forward to getting to work and improving services and providing better opportunities for the people of Edinburgh.

"Our new, improved committee structure will ensure a more joined-up approach to Council services, and by balancing business equally between six committees, it will allow officers and elected members ample time to consider reports, to the benefit of the city's communities."

The new council leadership has committed to focus on several key areas while in administration, including the construction of 20,000 affordable new homes, investment in transport infrastructure, improving waste services and roads maintenance and the delivery of a City Region Deal.

In answer to a question about the City Region Deal from Green Group Leader Steve Burgess Cllr McVey indicated that there will be some development on this within a few weeks.

The coalition will also target educational attainment, building two new secondary schools and 10 new primaries by 2021.

The number of committees has been cut from eight to six, under

the new streamlined council.

The various conveners who all receive an additional salary are as follows :

Councillor Adam McVey, Council leader, who is also the Convener for Corporate, Policy and Strategy Remit: Cross-Cutting Policies and Strategy; Partnership and Reform; Equalities; City Deal; Scrutiny of Health and Social Care Corporate, Policy and Strategy

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Convener: Councillor Adam McVey

Vice-convener: Councillor Cammy Day

Finance and Resources

Remit: Finance; Procurement; HR; Property

Convener: Councillor Alasdair Rankin

Vice-convener: Councillor Marion Donaldson

Education, Children and Families

Remit: Education; Children Social Care; Lifelong Learning; Libraries

Convener: Councillor Ian Perry

Vice Convener: Councillor Alison Dickie

Transport and Environment

Remit: Transport; Environment; Public Realm

Convener: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Vice-convener: Councillor Karen Doran

Culture and Communities

Remit: Communities and Localities; Culture, Arts and Museums; Festivals; Community Justice; Sport

Convener: Councillor Donald Wilson

Vice-convener: Councillor Ian Campbell

Housing and Economy

Remit: Housing; Homelessness and Housing Support; Economic Development; Strategic Development (LDP)

Convener: Councillor Gavin Barrie

Vice Convener: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron