

Questions raised over Edinburgh 900 celebrations

The council has allocated £500,000 to spend on the city's 900th anniversary, but no firm plans have yet been made about how the funding will be spent.

The anniversary takes place this year – and the first meeting of the board under the leadership of the Lord Provost did not take place until Wednesday 20 March.

This is what Cllr Val Walker the Culture Convener replied to Cllr Finlay McFarlane in response to his question to the council meeting today, Thursday, as he tries to find out what will be done with the money – and whether or not community groups can apply for funding.

“The draft Edinburgh 900 programme currently consists of two key strands: a civic event strand and a community strand. The community strand is intended to be open for application and will focus on local events. In addition, it is proposed that there will be a small allocation for website development and marketing purposes to ensure the Edinburgh 900 Programme is appropriately branded and promoted.

An Edinburgh 900 Programme Board of Council officers has been convened and will meet for the first time on 20 March 2024 to agree terms of reference and monitor, review, and oversee the Council's contribution to the Edinburgh 900 programme (based on the funding agreed by the Council on 22 February 2024). The Programme Board will report developments and decisions including the content of the

civic strand, regularly to the relevant committee. You can read the full list of questions from councillors of all parties to conveners – and their answers – below.

[The full council meeting begins at 10am and you can watch the webcast either live or after the meeting ends as a recording by clicking here.](#)



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