



Edinburgh Civic Forum of Amenity Societies

Purpose Statement

A. Purpose

To enable Amenity Societies and Community Councils to act together in matters of common interest, and hence to achieve their objectives more effectively.

To decide what action needs to be taken to help Amenity Societies and Community Councils to act together:

- a) On any matter concerned with the promotion, planning and control of change in the quality of their environment:
- b) To make a joint contribution to the formulation of a local plan and to the formulation of planning policies;
- c) To make representations on the operation and interpretation of planning law and policy.

Matters may be considered by the Forum will in general arise from the request of individual members. They might be directed at the understanding of the City Council's policies and programmes, learning from the experience of others groups, or expressing views on policies and procedures.

B. Methods of Working

The forum will meet every six months or as may be required by the members, and will arrange:

- a) Discussion of planning issues around members and with representatives of the Planning Authority;
- b) Sub-committees to consider and make representation on issues of general principle or policy;
- c) Sub-groups of members to exchange experience and discover best practice, or to make a joint contribution direct to the relevant authority.

C. Membership

Any Civic, Amenity or Residents Association whose constitution and objectives accord with the purpose of the Forum as stated in paragraph A above, or any Community Council, who operate within the boundaries of the City of Edinburgh Council will be eligible to take part in the activities of the Forum