



THE EDINBURGH PARTNERSHIP



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CITY OF EDINBURGH ONECITY CONSORTIUM

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND REMIT

1. Vision and Mission

The **OneCity Consortium** (“the Consortium”) supports the Edinburgh Partnership’s **vision**: “Edinburgh is a thriving, successful and sustainable capital city in which all forms of deprivation and inequality are reduced”.

The Consortium aims to help achieve this vision through its mission: to encourage increased commitment to responsible business and active citizenship in Edinburgh through advocacy, example, support and information.

2. Membership

The Consortium comprises a range of individuals, invited by the Lord Provost in his civic role, from the private, public and education sectors. It is independent of the Council. Members may be invited on the basis of their individual expertise, or where they are part of a business with a strong commitment to responsible business, or to represent other groups. It would normally be expected that the Edinburgh Business Forum, OneCity Trust and Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce would be represented. Membership is fluid and may change by mutual agreement at any stage. Substitutes are acceptable provided that the same named person normally attends and is familiar with the agenda. External participants and a wider network of advisors may be invited or contribute on an occasional basis to offer their knowledge and expertise.

3. Remit

The Consortium was set up as a complement to the Economic Development Strategic Partnership (one of a number of Partnerships of the Edinburgh Partnership) and the Edinburgh Business Forum. It provides a responsible business network and aims to maximise the potential for responsible business to grow its impact in the city. The Consortium has formal links with the OneCity Trust, including an agreement for the appropriate use of the OneCity name and Trust logo.



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The **remit** of the Consortium is to:

1. Play a powerful and influential ambassadorial role for the city in bringing new business converts to the responsible business cause
2. Provide advice and expertise on methods to engage with citizens at all levels, whatever their occupation and whether or not in paid employment
3. Act as a catalyst to harness resources from the business community to develop the responsible business ethos.

The Consortium will seek advice from the Edinburgh Partnership and other groups if required, on priority needs, and causes that would be suitable for, and benefit from, business support.

Arrangements

The Consortium is a voluntary group, with no articles of association. There are therefore no formal arrangements for meetings to be quorate and any planned meeting, regardless of numbers, may proceed by agreement.

The Consortium had its first meeting on 25 May 2015, with the City of Edinburgh's Lord Provost in the chair, in his civic role. The Lord Provost will normally chair the Consortium unless (s)he chooses to relinquish the responsibility, in which case the Consortium will elect a chair from within.

The Consortium will normally meet at minimum three times per year, complemented by informal contacts in between meetings. Additional meetings will be called by the Chair if required. Alternatively, the Chair may opt to deal with business outwith the normal meeting cycle by electronic means. This remit will be reviewed biennially or by mutual agreement.

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