

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

MEETING 1

28 MAY 2015

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Jackson for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 May 2015

In regard to the installation/fitting of LED street lanterns.

Question (1) Have any complaints been received in the streets where they have been installed?

Answer (1) Yes

Question (2) If so how many individual complaints and from how many streets?

Answer (2) 331 complaints have been received over 133 streets out of a total of 537 streets involved in the upgrading project.

Question (3) Have any planned installations been put on hold?

Answer (3) No

Question (4) If so how many and where?

Answer (4) Although no planned installations have been put on hold we are currently dealing with concerns raised about community safety in the Stronger North area.

As a result of these concerns, rather than increasing the light output of the LED lanterns as we have done on other streets, we have installed alternative LED lanterns which provide a wider light distribution and greater light output on two of the streets in this area.

The North Neighbourhood Office will engage with affected residents to determine if this change has been successful and, if it has, we will install this alternative LED lantern throughout the Stronger North area.

Question (5) What is the current situation regarding dealing with any reported problems/complaints?

Answer (5) In order to analyse complaints received and determine an appropriate solution we have categorised received complaints as follows:

- First Priority; streets where more than 5% of households have complained. This affects 44 streets, 535 street lights and 181 complaints.
- Second Priority; streets where less than 5% of households have complained and we have received complaints from Councillors, reflecting local community concerns. This affects 24 streets, 512 street lights and 63 complaints.
- Third Priority; streets where less than 5% of households have complained and there is no Councillor involvement. This affects 65 streets, 938 street lights and 87 complaints..

Question (6) Have the scheduled reviews been carried out as planned?

Answer (6) Following a review, it was agreed that all lighting levels in First Priority streets would be increased to a higher Street Lighting Design Class, after which post works night appraisals would be carried out to evidence that the higher Design Class has been achieved.

This work has been completed and post works night appraisals have shown that the higher Design Class has been achieved.

Letters are in the process of being issued to residents who had previously complained to let them know about the changes that have been made.

Analysis of Second Priority streets is now ongoing.

Question (7) Has the current programme been completed, if not what is the estimated completion date?

Answer (7) Excluding work affecting 238 lights in the Stronger North area, it is anticipated that the current programme will be completed by late May/early June 2015.

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 28 May 2015**

Question

The Council website contains a webpage for current delays to rubbish and recycling collections. This is updated from time to time. Is the list on the website the full list of delays?

Answer

The Council website page, "delays to rubbish and recycling collections" is updated each weekday morning.

The information supplied concerning delays is derived from the Confirm system in conjunction with verbal and electronic daily updates from refuse collection supervisors.

Based on the above combination of data gathering the website page 'delays to rubbish and recycling collections' is deemed to be a full and accurate list of daily delays.

QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 28 May 2015**

Question (1) What has been the impact of the steep fall in the price of oil over the past year on the Council's plastics recycling policy and activity?

Answer (1) To date there have been no changes to the Council's recycling activities and policy as a result of the fall in oil prices. In particular the outlets who receive and sort the materials collected in Edinburgh have continued to be able to place materials in the market.

Question (2) What has been the financial impact to date and what is the projected financial impact, if any, on the Council's recycling policies and its revenue spend, including takings from the sale of plastics for recycling and cost from landfill taxes?

Answer (2) There has been a 40% cost increase to process the mixed packaging materials collected in the communal packaging banks. This increase is not solely attributable to the fall in oil price but a reflection of the recycling market in general terms. It should be noted that despite the increase in cost of recycling this particular material stream, disposal to landfill remains three times more expensive.

Materials collected in the new kerbside recycling service are processed via Palm Recycling and we receive a share of the income they receive for these materials. These prices are variable due to fluctuation in the recycling market. However because plastics do form a small percentage of the waste stream by weight this has a limited impact from a budget perspective.

Between September 2014 and March 2015 the income for plastics has fallen by approximately 6% (£5 per tonne) overall; however in some months during this period it has increased or fallen by as much as 9% in a month, and we would expect this variability to continue.

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the
Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 28 May 2015**

Whistleblowing Policy - May 2014

Given that the policy states that there is "Protection against
Victimisation" (section 6) for whistleblowers can you:-

Question (1) State who is responsible for ensuring that support is given?

Answer (1) Since the introduction of the whistleblowing pilot in May 2014, support for those making an allegation under the Council's whistleblowing arrangements has been arranged on a case by case basis and subject to individual requirements.

This has been undertaken through consultation with the Monitoring Officer's whistleblowing team, appropriate chief officers and the Council's external provider.

Question (2) Demonstrate how effective this has been in the individual cases since its inception in May 2014?

Answer (2) An independent review of the Council's whistleblowing pilot and arrangements is currently underway.

The findings of the review will be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in August 2015.

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 May 2015

The Council charges for Residents Parking Permits based upon the vehicle emissions category with the aim of encouraging residents to own lower emissions vehicles.

Please provide information detailing for each permit zone:

- Question** (1) The number of permits issued, the cost of a permit and the total revenue generated per annum from these permits immediately prior to the introduction of the emissions based charging scheme.
- Answer** (1) In 2009/10 Permits were set at £160 per annum within Zones 1 to 4, and £80 per annum in Zones 5 to 8, N1 to N5 and S1 to S4. The permit prices were introduced in October 1996 when they increased from £120 and £60 respectively. Approximately 17,000 permits were issued per annum and £1,780,245.42 was generated.
- Question** (2) The number of permits issued for each vehicle category, the cost of a permit by category and the total revenue generated per annum from these permits for each category immediately after the introduction of the emissions based charging scheme;
- Answer** (2) See attached breakdown - 2011/12, 25,221 permits in total and £1,947,307 revenue was generated.
- Question** (3) The most recent figures for the number of permits issued for each vehicle category, the cost of a permit by category and the total revenue generated per annum from these permits for each category.
- Answer** (3) See attached breakdown 2014/15, 27,150 permits in total and £2,480,816 was generated.

CENTRAL ZONES PERMIT NUMBERS 2011-12

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	871	486	144	116
	6 Month	n/a	577	373	148	83
	12 Month	39	730	673	257	238
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	84	35	11	7
	6 Month	n/a	66	45	17	10
	12 Month	10	95	65	40	28

5,248

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	£36,364	£22,842	£8,280	£10,324
	6 Month	n/a	£45,295	£33,197	£16,280	£14,359
	12 Month	£2,048	£107,310	£113,064	£53,970	£79,968
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	£4,284	£2,013	£776	£770
	6 Month	n/a	£6,402	£4,950	£2,316	£2,150
	12 Month	£10	£17,480	£13,650	£10,500	£11,760

£620,361

PERIPHERAL AND EXTENDED ZONES PERMIT NUMBERS 2011-12

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	1,811	1,097	267	146
	6 Month	n/a	1,993	1,359	362	208
	12 Month	156	4,574	3,597	1,120	612
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	220	127	12	9
	6 Month	n/a	246	142	36	21
	12 Month	53	660	453	130	60

19,471

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	£42,106	£28,522	£8,344	£6,862
	6 Month	n/a	£83,208	£63,873	£20,815	£18,512
	12 Month	£4,095	£336,189	£302,148	£117,600	£102,816
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	£6,160	£3,969	£453	£518
	6 Month	n/a	£12,546	£8,165	£2,538	£2,310
	12 Month	£1,749	£60,720	£47,565	£17,063	£12,600

£1,311,444

PPA PERMIT NUMBERS 2011-12

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	3	3	0	1
	6 Month	n/a	11	8	1	1
	12 Month	3	136	177	62	20
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	0	0	0	1
	6 Month	n/a	0	0	0	1
	12 Month	5	45	22	1	1

502

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	£35	£38	£0	£20
	6 Month	n/a	£201	£160	£24	£35
	12 Month	£28	£3,570	£5,310	£2,325	£1,200
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	£0	£0	£0	£29
	6 Month	n/a	£0	£0	£0	£48
	12 Month	£59	£1,476	£825	£47	£75

£15,502

25,221

£1,947,307

CENTRAL ZONES PERMIT NUMBERS 2014-15

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	800	416	167	121
	6 Month	n/a	560	332	111	70
	12 Month	141	1,087	640	248	222
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	104	36	9	10
	6 Month	n/a	82	37	11	8
	12 Month	23	162	86	39	17

5,539

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	£40,400	£23,712	£11,690	£13,129
	6 Month	n/a	£53,200	£35,856	£14,819	£14,735
	12 Month	£8,883	£192,943	£130,560	£62,992	£90,576
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	£6,396	£2,520	£774	£1,335
	6 Month	n/a	£9,676	£4,940	£1,815	£2,088
	12 Month	£1,840	£36,126	£21,844	£12,441	£8,653

£803,941.00

PERIPHERAL AND EXTENDED ZONES PERMIT NUMBERS 2014-15

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	1,563	831	220	183
	6 Month	n/a	1,968	1,157	337	214
	12 Month	553	6,003	3,308	1,001	508
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	257	114	28	16
	6 Month	n/a	357	138	43	23
	12 Month	127	897	395	143	0

20,384

PERIPHERAL AND EXTENDED ZONES PERMIT NUMBERS 2014-15

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	£43,764	£26,592	£8,470	£10,431
	6 Month	n/a	£99,384	£65,949	£23,590	£23,112
	12 Month	£17,420	£534,267	£337,416	£127,127	£103,632
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	£8,738	£4,332	£1,288	£1,120
	6 Month	n/a	£21,956	£9,660	£3,698	£3,071
	12 Month	£5,017	£99,567	£50,165	£22,737	£0

£1,652,501.00

PPA PERMIT NUMBERS 2014-15

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	13	7	1	2
	6 Month	n/a	20	15	5	3
	12 Month	33	517	364	118	50
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	1	0	0	1
	6 Month	n/a	1	1	1	1
	12 Month	14	5	40	8	6

1,227

27,150

PPA PERMIT NUMBERS 2014-15

	Bands	1	2	3	4	5
	Engine size (cc)	0-1000	1001-1800	1801-2500	2501-3000	3001+
	CO2 (g/km)	0-100	101-150	151-185	186-225	226+
Permit 1	3 Month	n/a	£13	£95	£16	£43
	6 Month	n/a	£20	£323	£130	£114
	12 Month	£330	£517	£11,830	£4,779	£3,250
Permit 2	3 Month	n/a	£20	£0	£0	£32
	6 Month	n/a	£29	£31	£36	£52
	12 Month	£0	£178	£1,640	£408	£492

£24,374.00

£2,480,816.00