

## Item no 5.5

### QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Orr for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 22 October 2015**

#### Question

In May 2011 the Council signed up to the Covenant of Mayors – a European initiative where towns, cities and regions commit to reducing carbon dioxide emissions through greater energy efficiency and renewable energy generation.

A requirement of this Covenant is that a SEAP (Sustainable Energy Action Plan) must be produced setting out how the reduction in emissions will be achieved. A SEAP report was commissioned from a third party contractor during the last administration but it was later shelved and never used. The process was restarted in 2013 by the current administration and a new (in-house prepared) draft SEAP was in existence from at least November 2013. After further delays the Sustainable Edinburgh Annual Report for 14/15 gave February 2015 as the new deadline for completion. However, as at October 2015, and four and a half years since signing the Covenant, the SEAP on the council website is still in draft form.

Can the Convener comment on whether or not she feels that this level of performance meets the standard that the people of Edinburgh expect of their council?

Assuming that a final version is published one day can the Convener confirm that she is confident that the council does have the ability and drive to fulfil its role in the implementation of the SEAP?

#### Answer