

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 15 March 2018

Present:-

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Frank Ross

COUNCILLORS

Robert C Aldridge
Scott Arthur
Gavin Barrie
Eleanor Bird
Claire Bridgman
Mark A Brown
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Lezley Marion Cameron
Ian Campbell
Jim Campbell
Kate Campbell
Mary Campbell
Maureen M Child
Nick Cook
Gavin Corbett
Cammy Day
Alison Dickie
Denis C Dixon
Phil Duggart
Marion Donaldson
Karen Doran
Scott Douglas
Catherine Fullerton
Neil Gardiner
Gillian Gloyer
George Gordon
Ashley Graczyk
Joan Griffiths
Ricky Henderson

Derek Howie
Andrew Johnston
David Key
Callum Laidlaw
Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Melanie Main
John McLellan
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Adam McVey
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Joanna Mowat
Gordon J Munro
Hal Osler
Ian Perry
Susan Rae
Alasdair Rankin
Lewis Ritchie
Cameron Rose
Neil Ross
Jason Rust
Stephanie Smith
Alex Staniforth
Mandy Watt
Susan Webber
Iain Whyte
Donald Wilson
Norman J Work
Louise Young

1 Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Council of 1 February 2018 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Council of 22 February 2018 as a correct record.

2 Questions

The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 1 to this minute.

3 Leader's Report

The Leader presented the Leader's report to the Council. The Leader commented on:

- Coalition pledges – smart measures
- Extreme weather conditions
- Edinburgh - Best Quality of Life in the UK
- Councillor Mitchell – Performance in Footloose

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Whyte | - | Survey results –trams in Leith Walk |
| Councillor Burgess | | Reducing the use of plastic bottles – sustainability in the environment |
| Councillor Aldridge | - | Travel Log - Roadworks on A8 in Edinburgh |
| Councillor Barrie | - | Edinburgh Airport flights to China – congratulations to staff involved for this achievement |
| Councillor Jim Campbell | - | Professor Jim Howe, University of Edinburgh – condolences to family |
| Councillor Bridgman | - | Marie Curie and other cancer support charities |
| Councillor Staniforth | - | Scottish Youth Theatre – support to help to remain open |
| Councillor Mary Campbell | - | International Womens Day - support |
| Councillor Dickie | - | Resonate 2018 – Queens Hall - congratulations |

Councillor Lang	- 2018 Year of Young People – Congratulations to 8 year old Abigail Crosier for raising concerns regarding the safety of fencing around Burgess Park
Councillor Doggart	- Additional funding for Health and Social Care
Councillor Brown	- Advances in autonomous vehicles
Councillor Johnston	- Budget proposals
Councillor Munro	- Pay award for Local Government workers
	- Exhibition Harvest – Custom House
Councillor Cook	- Morningside Community Council – Road Repairs - dissatisfaction
Councillor Graczyk	- Financial responsibility of th City of Edinburgh Council
Councillor Mitchell	- Invitation to Footloose
Councillor Ritchie	- Edinburgh to Glasgow Ultra Marathon – 31 March 2018 - Congratulations

4 Appointments of Committee Members

The Council had agreed its political management arrangements and made appointments to a range of Committees, Boards and Joint Boards. Following the resignation of Councillor Ritchie from the SNP group, the overall political balance of the Council had altered and in accordance with the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers, vacancies on various Committees fell to be made by the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups unless expressly agreed otherwise by the Council.

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Gloyer in place of Councillor Work on the Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Neil Ross in place of Councillor McVey on the Pensions Committee.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Young to the Committee on Pupil Student Support, in place of Councillor Bird.

- 4) To appoint Councillor Aldridge to the Integration Joint Board in place of Councillor Howie.
- 5) To appoint Councillor Ian Campbell as the SNP appointment to the Integration Joint Board in place of Councillor Rankin.
- 6) To agree to replace Councillor Barrie with Councillor Kate Campbell as Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee.
- 7) To agree to replace Councillors Barrie and Gordon from the Housing and Economy Committee with Councillors Key and Work.
- 8) To agree to replace Councillor Ian Campbell as Vice Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee with Councillor McNeese-Mechan.
- 9) To agree to replace Councillor Barrie from the Transport and Environment Committee with Councillor Bird.
- 10) To agree to replace Councillor Howie from the Finance and Resources Committee with Councillor Kate Campbell.
- 11) To agree to replace Councillor Gordon from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee with Councillor Howie.
- 12) To agree to replace Councillor Kate Campbell from the Culture and Communities Committee with Councillor Howie.
- 13) To agree to replace Councillor Ian Campbell from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee with Councillor Bridgman.
- 14) To review the membership of the remaining, 9-member, committees during consideration of the annual Political Management Arrangements report.

(References – Act of Council No 3 of 22 June 2017; Acts of Council Nos 8 and 9 of 29 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

5 Appointment to Outside Organisations

The Council had agreed its political management arrangements and made appointments to a range of outside organisations. A number of Councillors had resigned from their positions on various organisations and the Council was required to appoint members in their place.

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Mitchell in place of Councillor Webber as a Council representative on Life Care (Edinburgh) Ltd.

- 2) To appoint Councillor Gordon to the COSLA Policy Board – Environment and Economy Committee in place of Councillor Ritchie.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Kate Campbell to the Edinburgh Partnership – Community Planning Partnerships – Drug and Alcohol in place of Councillor Ritchie.
- 4) To appoint Councillor Gordon to Edinburgh CAB in place of Councillor Ritchie.

(References – Act of Council No 8 of 29 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

6 Appointment to Integrated Children’s Services Board

The Council had agreed the establishment of an Integrated Children’s Services Board. The Council was asked to appoint members until May 2018.

Decision

To agree the appointment of Councillors Perry, Dickie and Laidlaw to the Integrated Children’s Services Board.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 12 March 2015; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

7 Senior Councillor Allowances

The Council had called for a report on the options for using the senior councillor allowances currently paid to the four locality leads.

Details were provided on various options for the use of the senior councillor allowances.

Motion

- 1) To agree that all four Locality Convener positions would have an SRA of £24,121.
- 2) To agree that all opposition parties would be able to appoint an SRA to a Leader of £24,121.
- 3) To agree to establish a post of Planning Vice-Convener and appoint Councillor Child at an SRA of £25,391.
- 4) To allocate Councillor Dixon as Locality Convener for the South West a senior remuneration allowance of £24,121.

- 5) To allocate Councillor Watt as Locality Convener for the South East a senior remuneration allowance of £24,121.
- 6) To note that Councillor Child and Councillor Aldridge, the Conveners of the Locality Committees in the North East and North West had already been allocated a senior remuneration allowance for their roles as Group Leader and Vice-Convener of Planning and were therefore not eligible to receive an additional SRA as Locality Conveners.
- 7) To note the resignation of Councillor Ricky Henderson from NHS Lothian Board.
- 8) To appoint Councillor Ian Campbell as the Council's representative on NHS Lothian Board.
- 9) To agree to increase the SRA for the Council's representative as Convener or Vice-Convener of the Integrated Joint Board to £31,739.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

To agree Option C in the report by the Chief Executive, amended as follows:

To replace the four allowances of £24,121 allocated to the locality leads to the locality conveners but take into account that councillors cannot receive more than one allowance. The Locality Committees were decision making committees of the Council and it would be a legitimate use of senior allowances for the conveners to be allocated an allowance. To note that should an existing Senior Councillor become a Locality Convener then they could not claim a second allowance. In this case this Locality Convener allowance should be held back in abeyance for the period of that Convenership. These allocations potentially would alter on a more frequent basis as it was expected that the convenerships would rotate on an annual basis.

The current Liberal Democrat Group Leader had been appointed as a convener of the Locality Committee. A councillor cannot be allocated two allowances so it was recommended that this allowance was utilised for another senior role.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Cook

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	44 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.

For the amendment: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(References –Act of Council No 5 of 22 February 2018; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

8 Council Diary 2018/19

The draft Council diary for 2018-2019 was presented together with proposed dates for recess periods and Council meetings from August 2019 to August 2020.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Council diary for August 2018 to August 2019 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make minor adjustments to the Council diary as necessary.
- 3) To agree the recess and Council meeting dates for August 2019 to August 2020 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report by the Chief Executive.

(Reference –report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

9 Annual Treasury Strategy 2018/19

Details were provided on the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for the Council for 2018/19 which included an Annual Investment Strategy and Debt Management Strategy.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy for 2018/19.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

10 Edinburgh International Jazz Festival - Motion by the the Councillor Fullerton

The following motion by the Councillor Fullerton was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council would like to note and acknowledge the Edinburgh International Jazz & Blues Festival’s achievements over the last 40 years championing musical excellence with the on-going support of the City Council, Creative Scotland and the Scottish Government’s Expo Fund.

The Edinburgh Jazz Festival was set up in 1978 by banjo-player and guitarist, Mike Hart. By the mid-80s a Princes Street parade was established, with free events in the Grassmarket and Princes Street Gardens. Sponsorship helped the Festival to present many major international names. Amongst the regular visitors were Buddy Tate, Warren Vache, The Black Eagles Jazz Band and the Hot Antic Jazz Band.

The Mardi Gras in the Grassmarket, Jazz On A Summers Day in Princes Street Gardens and the Festival Carnival remain as free events and are enjoyed by thousands of people. The Festival continues to increase its international connectivity whilst continuing to strongly support Scottish musicians with the number of performances and the scale of audiences having risen considerably since 2012. All of which would not have been possible without the excellent work of Jazz Festival staff and hundreds of volunteers.

The Festival is now one of the top ten Jazz Festivals in Europe.

Council requests the Lord Provost mark this 40th Anniversary in an appropriate manner during this year’s Festival.”

Decision

- 1) To approve the motion by the Councillor Fullerton.
- 2) To ask the Lord Provost to meet with Councillors Fullerton, Rust and Wilson to agree a way of taking this forward.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Ian Campbell, Fullerton, Rust and Wilson declared a non-financial in the above item as members of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival.

11 Policy on Fairtrade Accreditation - Motion by Councillor Lang

The following motion by Councillor Lang was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

1. congratulates the Queensferry Fairtrade Group on the 10 year anniversary of the town being awarded Fairtrade Royal Burgh status by the Fairtrade Foundation.
2. recognises the desire of the Fairtrade Group and the Queensferry & District Community Council to highlight and celebrate the fairtrade status of Queensferry by way of signs erected at the entrances to the town.
3. notes that such signs are not currently permitted by Transport Scotland, as confirmed by the Transport Minister, Humza Yousaf in a written parliamentary answer on 6 February 2018.
4. welcomes the decision of the Minister to instruct Transport Scotland to review its current traffic and general signage policy, including a review of the use of fairtrade accreditation on signs.
5. requests that the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee write to the chief executive of Transport Scotland to support a change in policy to give this Council and other Scottish local authorities the freedom and flexibility to take decisions on the positioning of appropriate fairtrade accreditation signs.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang.

12 Night Flights at Edinburgh Airport - Motion by Councillor Lang

The following motion by Councillor Lang was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes:

1. the critical importance of Edinburgh Airport to the city economy and the important international travel connections it provides for the people of Edinburgh.

2. the significant growth of the airport over the last 20 years to make it the fifth busiest in the UK; and the airport's traffic projections which anticipate further growth over the coming years.
3. the airport's stated commitment to balance growth with the needs of communities impacted by its operations.

Council recognises the particular impact of night time flights on those living under the airport's flight paths and notes that whilst there are statutory limits on night time flights at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports, there are currently no restrictions on the night time operation at Edinburgh Airport.

Council welcomes the publication of Edinburgh Airport's draft noise action plan currently out for consultation and recognises the efforts of senior management to minimise and mitigate the impact of aircraft noise. Nevertheless, Council notes that the draft action plan does not propose any limit on the growth of night time flying.

Council therefore agrees to respond to the consultation by the 2 April deadline and request that the airport introduce voluntary restrictions on night time flights in its final noise action plan so local residents can be afforded the same protection as those living near to other major UK airports.”

Decision

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Lang.
- 2) To agree that officers in conjunction with the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee respond to the consultation by the deadline and report back to that Committee thereafter.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lang declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee.

13 Addressing Litter - Motion by Councillor Laidlaw

The following motion by Councillor Laidlaw was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council

Council recognises the Scottish Government *Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2017 (COPLAR)*

Statutory guidance on keeping land free of litter and refuse and to keep roads clean requires organisations (including Local Authorities) to ensure that their land (or land

which is under their control) is kept clear of litter and refuse. These duties apply seven days a week throughout the year.

These areas include:

- hard-standing surfaces – roads, walkways, concreted land or
- soft surfaces – grass, bushes, trees, bare-earth surfaces, verges embankments and open space or
- unsurfaced roads or
- land covered by water – canals, streams/rivers and ponds

In order to fulfil the duties, each body's areas should be clear of litter and refuse and/or clean (detritus free). This is 'the standard'.

Council notes that in many areas of the City of Edinburgh this standard and duty has not been met and the policy for clean-up has been reactive based on residents' complaints.

Council asks the Executive Director of Place Management to support a policy of transparency and accessibility by publishing within two cycles:

1. Results of city-wide zoning required by COPLAR. The duty is for bodies to categorise their land/roads as one of six zones - based on how busy each area is, and how many potential sources of litter it has.
2. Details of the monitoring regime required by COPLAR to:
 - identify the scale of deterioration (using the COPLAR grades)
 - support restoration to standard within the appropriate response time (see chapter 4.3 and/or 5.3)
 - take account of where litter is most likely to occur
3. Percentage of overall litter and flytipping spend on prevention tactics
4. Update on the extent to which City of Edinburgh Council is meeting its response time requirements for identified zones/grades and prevention spend based on Section 4.3
5. Schedules for the cleansing teams and live updates via the route smart system, enabling residents to know if and when their streets or local public spaces are to be cleaned; saving council teams such as @edinhelp and elected members business support staff valuable time in sourcing this information.

Officers to note that in line with Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 10, details collected by Scottish public bodies should be publicly accessible. Bodies are therefore encouraged to regularly publish the findings of their approaches to inspect and quantify progress.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Laidlaw.

- moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor McLellan

Amendment

Council recognises that street cleanliness is of great importance to the residents of Edinburgh and to those who visit our city.

Council notes that an additional sum of almost £1m has been added to our normal street cleansing activities in the recent Council budget.

Council notes that officials are already in discussion with Zero Waste Scotland who are currently developing the revised Scottish Government Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (Scotland) 2017 (COPLAR). This has not yet been laid before parliament but is expected in the coming months and after implementation, it is anticipated there will be a 12-month period during which the council can meet the requirements for citywide zoning for the purposes of assessing the impact of littering. This will include expected standards and responses.

Council notes that the Transport and Environment Committee has already agreed that a performance scorecard for our Waste and Cleansing Service is provided on a regular basis to allow for effective scrutiny of how clean our streets are, and that this level of cleanliness (as outlined by COPLAR) is already monitored via the CIMS survey.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Donaldson

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	18 votes
For the amendment	-	43 votes

(For the motion: Councillors, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Duggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Ritchie, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.

For the amendment: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child,

Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Macinnes.

14 Calcutta Cup - Motion by Councillor Brown

The following motion by Councillor Brown was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council

Congratulates Scotland Rugby Head Coach Gregor Townsend and his team on their recent emphatic 25-13 victory over England securing the Calcutta Cup, a fantastic sixth win on the bounce in the Six Nations at Fortress Murrayfield.

Notes the result saw Scotland climb up to fifth in the World Rugby Rankings, their second highest ranking since they were introduced in 2003.

Recognises the benefits from participatory sport and the impact physical activity has in improving healthy lives and minds for all.

Condemns the verbal abuse of England Head Coach Eddie Jones which he reportedly endured when travelling home.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Brown.

15 Local Police - Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council

Notes that between the formation of Police Scotland in 2013 and the publication of the most recent Council area data* for 2016, the population of Edinburgh has risen by 4.04%, against an average growth for other Scottish Council areas of 1.18%. Over the same period, that Local Police Officers deployed in Edinburgh has declined by 1.74% **, a reduction more than twice as large as average for the rest of Scotland.

This has seen the average number of Local Police Officers per 10,000 of the population fall from 24.21 to 22.89 in Edinburgh (-5.43%), the second greatest

reduction in numbers for any Division of Police Scotland. In absolute terms, Edinburgh has 55 fewer Local Police Officers in 2016 than would be the case if Local Police Officers were allocated at the average rate as the rest of Scotland, based on population.

Has made no reduction in support to Local Police Officers, committing £2.6M for 2018/19, at a time when many other Scottish Councils have cut or eliminated funding for Local Police since 2013.

Asks Officers to confirm and update this data as soon as the mid-year population estimates are available for 2017, and review changes in Local Police funding provided by other Scottish Councils.

Instructs that by the end of April 2018:

- 1 Leader of the Council shall write to the Chair of the Scottish Police Authority, setting out this data, and demanding in the strongest terms that the citizens of Edinburgh can see clear additionality in the number of Local Police per population to reflect the funding this Council and other Council across Scotland have made available to Local Policing.
- 2 Leader of the Council shall write to the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Justice, to request this issue is added as an agenda item for a meeting between the Secretary for Justice and the Chair of the Scottish Police Authority this year, and that the minute of discussion of that item is published.
- 3 Chief Executive shall write to the Chief Constable of Scotland, setting out this data, and demanding in the strongest terms that the citizens of Edinburgh can see clear additionality in the number of Local Police per population to reflect the funding this Council and other Council across Scotland have made available to Local Policing.

Furthermore, a key objective of a renewed partnership agreement between the Council and Police Scotland must include a recognition of the low numbers of Local Police Officers per head of the population in the Edinburgh Division, and a clear pathway to showing additionality in Local Police numbers reflecting the payments this Council continues to make in this regard.

* <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/population/population-estimates>

** <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/212598/> “

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Graczyk

Amendment

Council

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Asks Officers to confirm and update this data as soon as the mid-year population estimates are available for 2017, and review changes in Local Police funding provided by other Scottish Councils.

Notes that Police deployment is based on need.

Notes the Council is currently in negotiations on the Service Level Agreement with Police Scotland.

Notes that the renewal of the SLA will require robust measurements to ensure the number of officers funded by Council money are additional to the Police.

Notes that the SLA will ensure that Council priorities delivered through the Police will be also be measured.

- moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), Point 2 of the motion was withdrawn

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	22 votes
For the amendment	-	37 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Brown, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Graczyk, Johnston, Laidlaw, Lang, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Ritchie, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber and Young.

For the amendment: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munro, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson and Work.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Wilson.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Bruce declared a financial interest as an employee of Police Scotland and left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

Councillor Whyte declared a financial interest as a member of the Scottish Police Authority and left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

16 Burnshot Bridge - Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council

Asks Officers to provide a report regarding the reconstruction of the Burnshot Bridge to the Transport and Environment Committee in two cycles that will include

1. An estimate of the volume of “Active Travel” across the bridge.
2. An estimate of the volume of cycle traffic alone across the bridge.
3. The design guide lines for all segregated surfaces being considered for inclusion on the replacement bridge.
4. A statement of principle regarding the allocation of costs to the ring-fenced budget for cycling when undertaking projects that benefit cyclists alongside users of other modes of transport, including an indication of what publicly available guidance this is based on.
5. The proportional allocation of reconstruction costs in light of 2, 3 and 4 above, that are recommended to be attributed to the 10% of the transport budget that is ring fenced for cycling.

6. An outline of the costs to provide the temporary segregated diversion route for cyclists and pedestrian constructed in part alongside the A90 slip road, and the proportion of this allocated to the ring-fenced cycling budget.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell.

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cook

Amendment 1

Council notes the commitment made in the recent budget to rebuilding Burnshot Bridge.

Council notes that, given the proximity of the bridge to the National Cycle Network Route One, active travel will need to form an important part of the design of this bridge and that there are active discussions ongoing with relevant stakeholders. Our Street Design Guidance and additional factsheets will incorporate guidance on footways, and shared and segregated cycle/pedestrian infrastructure. Other guidance is produced by Transport Scotland and Sustrans. Design details for this scheme are still being considered. In the context of continuing development in the area, the need to futureproof the active travel element in this bridge is vital.

Council recognises that the ongoing development of this project will be reported back to the Transport and Environment Committee at appropriate points throughout the design and construction stages.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 2

Council further notes:

- the latest project timetable which states that construction work on the Burnshot Bridge will not commence until autumn 2018, almost two years after the original bridge was closed.
- the March 2018 project update from officials which states that “*Since the approval of the budget, the Structures team have been approached to consider the improvement of cycle access to the National Cycle Network as part of the project. The feasibility of this is being assessed and any impact on timescales will be notified accordingly.*”

Council recognises the significant impact of the bridge closure on local communities and is concerned by a suggestion of a further delay to the commencement of construction work beyond autumn 2018.

Council therefore agrees that any changes to the bridge design or surrounding road and cycle network which could impact on the expected construction timetable should be subject to scrutiny and a decision by way of a report to the Transport and Environment Committee.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Young

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to both the Motion and Amendment 1.

Voting

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	17 votes
For amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	44 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.)

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.)

Decision

To approve Amendment 1, as adjusted, as follows:

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17 Construction Charter - Motion by Councillor Day

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

Acknowledges the importance of a construction charter to ensure health and safety and best value for the city.

Instructs officers to work with the trades unions and report back within two cycles on the adoption of a construction charter.

The report should include robust monitoring/checking and reporting processes to ensure all contractors and sub contractors abide by the charter on sites delivering council projects.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

In the motion add after “adoption of a construction charter”:

Agrees it is important to achieve cross-party consensus before such a city-wide construction charter is adopted and requests that consultation is also carried out with the construction industry and all parties on the Council; and

Add after “delivering council projects”

And the cost and resource implications for the council and constructors in monitoring such compliance.

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

For the motion	-	38 votes
For the amendment	-	23 votes

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munro, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Ritchie, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson and Work.)

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Daggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Graczyk, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Lang, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber, Whyte and Young.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

18 Rector of the University of Edinburgh - Motion by Councillor Cameron

The following motion by Councillor Cameron was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes the election of Ms Ann Henderson as Rector of the University of Edinburgh on 27 February 2018; that she is the first female Rector of the University of Edinburgh to be elected in the 21st Century; and the second woman to be elected Rector of the University.

Council asks the Lord Provost to write and convey its congratulations to Ms Henderson on her election.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Cameron.

19 Webcasting of Public Meetings - Motion by Councillor Miller

The following motion by Councillor Miller was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

Recognises the benefits of conducting council business in public, and the benefit that webcasting some council business has brought;

Notes that some public meetings are held in public but are not currently webcast;

Calls for a report within one cycle to the next meeting of City of Edinburgh Council into the feasibility, benefits and costs of introducing webcasting for public meetings, including but not limited to the Integration Joint Board, Licensing Board, and Pensions Committee.”

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Main

Amendment

Council:

1. Recognises, the City of Edinburgh Council webcast is provided with subtitles to improve accessibility for deaf and hard of hearing people.
2. Requests that the report requested above should detail the costs and practicality of introducing subtitled webcasting of all meetings open to the public to enable deaf and hard of hearing people to engage in Local Government business via webcast.

- moved by Councillor Graczyk, seconded by Councillor Brown

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Miller:

Council:

Recognises the benefits of conducting council business in public, and the benefit that webcasting some council business has brought;

Notes that some public meetings are held in public but are not currently webcast;

Calls for a report within one cycle to the next meeting of City of Edinburgh Council into the feasibility, benefits and costs of introducing webcasting for public meetings, including but not limited to the Integration Joint Board, Licensing Board, and Pensions Committee.

Recognises, the City of Edinburgh Council webcast is provided with subtitles to improve accessibility for Deaf and hard of hearing people.

Requests that the report requested above should detail the costs and practicality of introducing subtitled webcasting of all meetings open to the public to enable deaf and hard of hearing people to engage in Local Government business via webcast.

20 Resilience - Motion by Councillor Rust

Winter Weather Response – Motion by Councillor Macinnes

Winter Weather Response – Motion by Councillor Booth

Lothian Buses Driver – Motion by Councillor Rae

The following motions were submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

a) By Councillor Rust - Resilience

“Council

- 1) Notes the unprecedented impact the “Beast from the East” had on the capital and across Scotland and the disruption caused to schools, community centres, travel and the daily lives of residents;
- 2) Recognises all those council staff who went above and beyond in the exercise of key roles of support, including the full gritting night shift;
- 3) Welcomes the excellent support of the British Army, in particular Three Rifles based at Dreghorn Barracks, Colinton and 1 Scots based at Penicuik in supporting shift changes for critical staff at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and the Western General hospitals while the severe weather continued;
- 4) Congratulates Lothian Buses for its professional and expert service and communications during appalling adverse road conditions and particularly bus driver, Charmaine Laurie who deftly avoided an accident at Frogston, Fairmilehead;
- 5) Thanks the range of charities and third sector and volunteer organisations who assisted homeless people during the blizzards;
- 6) Commends the community spirit of those who have been collecting prescriptions and clearing paths for those who cannot and assisting in digging out neighbours and agrees that specific issues identified with

roads and footways will be considered as part of the review of the continued suitability and responsiveness of the current priority system as agreed by Council on 1st February 2018.

- 7) Considers the capital city should be proud of her response and the spirit in which she faced the challenges the severe weather posed.”

b) By Councillor Macinnes: Winter Weather Response

“Council notes the dedication shown by staff involved in the response to the ‘Beast from the East’. Staff from across the Council dedicated long hours, enormous energy and great skills to keeping the city operating and keeping the residents of Edinburgh well informed during this exceptional weather event.

Council recognises the exceptional efforts made by many in the NHS, caring professions, and the emergency services, to continue to care for the city during this time.

Council notes and values the efforts made by individuals and groups volunteering in their communities, from checking on elderly and vulnerable neighbours, to helping crucial healthcare staff get to work, and clearing snow in residential areas and school communities.

Council commends the exemplary driving skills of Charmaine Laurie during the recent extreme weather conditions, a result of the excellent training she received at Lothian Buses. Council also requests the Lord Provost recognise her in an appropriate manner.”

c) By Councillor Booth: Winter Weather Response

“Council:

- 1) Wholeheartedly thanks staff in council teams and in partner organisations such as NHS, Police, bus companies and other service providers for all of the hard work during the period of heavy snowfall and the aftermath from 28 February onwards;
- 2) Equally thanks the many volunteers who helped clear paths, school playgrounds and other public places and who gave extra help to older or vulnerable neighbours during that period;
- 3) Notes that, following a motion on "Gritting of Roads and Pavements" agreed at the full council meeting of 1 February 2018, a report will be made to Transport and Environment Committee within 3 cycles reviewing the current system of gritting;

- 4) Notes a recent report from the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions that, following a gender-balanced budgeting process, many Swedish cities, including Stockholm, now prioritise snow clearing from walkways and cycle paths first, especially those near bus stops and primary schools, followed by local roads, followed by highways.
 - 5) Therefore agrees that Transport and Environment Committee will consider a report within three cycles looking at snow clearing and in particular will examine:
 - 5.1) how to ensure that footways and cycle paths get due priority in snow-clearing efforts, drawing on examples from elsewhere in the UK and internationally;
 - 5.2) how best to co-ordinate and support the efforts of communities and volunteers.”
- d) By Councillor Rae: Lothian Buses Driver

“Council

Commends Lothian Bus driver Charmain Laurie for her skilful driving and speed of thought in averting a potential serious road traffic accident on Frogston Road on 28th February and welcomes the increased attention that Charmaine’s inspiring story has brought for Lothian Buses as the nation’s best bus company.”

Motion

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), the following motion, moved by Councillor Rust, seconded by Councillor Rae, was proposed:

Council:

- 1) Notes the unprecedented impact the “Beast from the East” had on the capital and across Scotland and the disruption caused to schools, community centres, travel and the daily lives of residents;
- 2) Notes the dedication shown by council staff involved in the response to the “Beast from the East”. Staff from across the Council dedicated long hours, enormous energy and great skills to keeping the city operating and keeping the residents of Edinburgh well informed during this exceptional weather event;
- 3) Recognises the exceptional efforts made by many in partner agencies and third sector organisations such as the NHS, caring professions, and the emergency services, to continue to care for the city, and in particular for homeless people in the city, during this time;

- 4) Welcomes and values the efforts made by individuals and groups volunteering in their communities, from checking on elderly and vulnerable neighbours, to helping crucial healthcare staff get to work, and clearing snow in residential areas and school communities;
- 5) Welcomes the support of the British Army, in particular Three Rifles based at Dreghorn Barracks, Colinton and 1 Scots based at Penicuik in supporting shift changes for critical staff at the Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh and the Western General hospitals while the severe weather continued;
- 6) Congratulates Lothian Buses for its professional and expert service and communications during appalling adverse road conditions and particularly commends bus driver, Charmaine Laurie who deftly avoided an accident at Frogston, Fairmilehead; commends the excellent training she received at Lothian Buses, welcomes the increased attention that Charmaine's inspiring story has brought for Lothian Buses as the nation's best bus company, and requests that the Lord Provost recognise her achievements in an appropriate manner;
- 7) Notes a recent report from the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions that, following a gender-balanced budgeting process, many Swedish cities, including Stockholm, now prioritise snow clearing from walkways and cycle paths first, especially those near bus stops and primary schools, followed by local roads, followed by highways.
- 8) Agrees that the following issues will be considered as part of the forthcoming report to Transport and Environment Committee on the suitability and responsiveness of the current priority system on gritting and snow-clearing, as agreed by Council on 1 February 2018:
 - a. any specific issues identified with the clearing / gritting of roads and footways;
 - b. how to ensure that footways and cycle paths get due priority in snow-clearing efforts, drawing on examples from elsewhere in the UK and internationally;
 - c. how best to co-ordinate and support the efforts of communities and volunteers."

Considers the capital city should be proud of the response and the spirit in which it faced the challenges of the severe weather.

Decision

To approve the motion.

21 Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce - Motion by Councillor McLellan

The following motion by Councillor McLellan was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council

- 1) Deeply regrets that the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce has accepted the Russian Government propaganda agency Sputnik UK as a corporate member.
- 2) Notes that prominent amongst the Chamber of Commerce’s member benefits is to “gain access to insights from key city stakeholders including local council”.
- 3) Asks the Chamber to terminate its agreement with Sputnik forthwith.
- 4) Instructs the Chief Executive to review the council’s association with the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce should Sputnik’s membership not be terminated within the next cycle and report to the following Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee.”

Motion

To approve the motion

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Johnston

Amendment

To agree the motion with the exception of Paragraph 4

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Voting

For the motion	-	25 votes
For the amendment	-	36 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Jim Campbell, Mary Campbell, Cook, Corbett, Doggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Main, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Rae, Ritchie, Rose, Rust, Smith, Staniforth, Webber and Whyte

For the amendment: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Child, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie,

Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rankin, Neil Ross, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor McVey as follows:

Council

- 1) Deeply regrets that the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce has accepted the Russian Government propaganda agency Sputnik UK as a corporate member.
- 2) Notes that prominent amongst the Chamber of Commerce's member benefits is to "gain access to insights from key city stakeholders including local council".
- 3) Asks the Chamber to terminate its agreement with Sputnik forthwith.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lang declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of the Law Society.

Councillor McLellan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as the Director of the Scottish Newspaper Society.

22 Living Rent Campaign - Motion by Councillor Kate Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Kate Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

"Through the establishment of the Council Homelessness Task Force, partnership working with our third sector partners, and additional funding being allocated to tackling homelessness at the Council's recent Budget meeting, this Council is committed to prioritising the alleviation of homelessness.

In response to The Living Rent Campaign's Winterbreak Campaign, and in recognition of the fact that rough sleeping during severe winter weather is a greater risk to life, Council seeks to introduce a policy in line with the campaign which would create the suspension of housing evictions during the winter months each year.

Council recognises that housing is not a commodity, it is a human right, and calls for a report within one cycle on how Council can work with the Scottish Government to effect this change."

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment

That no action be taken on the matter.

- moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

For the motion - 43 votes
For the amendment - 16 votes

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young

For the amendment: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith and Webber.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Kate Campbell on the basis that the report called for would be considered by the Housing and Economy Committee and the Homelessness Task Force.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Ritchie and Whyte declared a financial interest as a registered social landlord and left the meeting during consideration of the above item.

Councillor Kate Campbell declared a financial interest as a registered social landlord.

Councillors Barrie, Bridgman, Dixon and Miller declared a non-financial interest in the above item as registered social landlords.

Councillor Corbett declared a non-financial interest in the above item as an employee of Shelter Scotland.

Councillor Graczyk declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a person living in rented accommodation.

Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 2 of 15 March 2018)

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

On 24 August 2017, the Council agreed a motion calling for a report to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee within two cycles on what further action could be taken to address the underlying issues which lead to crime and antisocial behaviour as part of a longer-term strategy on the issue of motorbike crime

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| Question | (1) Why did a report not return to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee within two cycles as agreed? |
| Answer | (1) Unfortunately, the motion calling for a report regarding a longer-term strategy on the issue of motorbike crime, was not passed to the service area, Safer and Stronger Communities, where the current work is being progressed. |
| Question | (2) When is the report now expected to come to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee? |
| Answer | (2) The report will be submitted to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on the 15 th May 2018. |
| Supplementary Question | Thank you very much, by way of clarification Lord Provost, does the Leader of the Council understand just how grossly offensive it is to my constituents particularly those in Muirhouse who are so affected by motorbike crime that a motion that was passed unanimously by this Council has simply been forgotten about, and that a report will not now come until nine months after it was called for. As the Convener of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, will he now apologise for the fact that such a serious mistake was made. |

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you very much Lord Provost, more than happy to apologise. This was simply missed as an action point from this Council to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee. I would point out though, and I do completely appreciate the strength of feeling and the severity of the problem in the area of the city that Councillor Lang is talking about, I would point out though, I think there's been four

Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee's since the date of the Full Council. It should have appeared on the Key Decisions Forward Plan, that's my mistake, but also Lord Provost, I have to say, the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee which the Liberal Democrats do have representation on, passed that Key Decisions Forward Plan I think four times between then and now. So I appreciate it's my mistake, happy to apologise for it, but it was also missed by everyone else.

QUESTION NO 2

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

On 23 November 2017, the Council approved a motion to agree that the Leader of the Council write to (i) the Cabinet Secretary for Justice to request that the Scottish Government and its partner agencies investigate and address the antisocial use of unlicensed fireworks, and (ii) the Secretary of State for Business, Innovation & Skills to seek a review of the rules governing the sale of fireworks.

Question (1) On what date(s) did the Council Leader send these letters?

Answer (1) Both the Community Justice and Trading Standards Teams are working together to finalise the correspondence for issue. Given the relevance of both antisocial behaviour and trading standards legislation, it is important that the technical content of the correspondence is both clear and correct. The finalised correspondence is expected to be issued within the next 2 weeks.

Question (2) Will he publish both letters?

Answer (2) Yes, once the letters have been finalised and issued they will be published.

Question (3) What, if any, responses have been received from Ministers?

Answer (3) Once a response has been received, then further details will be provided.

Supplementary Question Thank you very much. So given the answer to the previous question, can the Leader confirm or deny that he also forgot about his obligation to write and send these letters as agreed by this Council last November. The whole point of that fireworks motion was to try and initiate a change in policy in time for next November, so can I ask him which is it, did he forget on this as well or if he genuinely telling me and this Council that it takes him five months to write two letters?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Can I thank Councillor Lang for the clarification that he is seeking. It has taken too long to put the letters together. There is a point of clarity in relation to the law which governs fireworks with the UK Government as opposed to the Scottish Government. We are trying to make sure still that the letter, before I send it is competent and make sure that we're directing it to the right person, but I completely accept it has taken too long. If Councillor Lang had reminded me earlier, I would have got it sent earlier but there is still even today an outstanding point with the letter that I'm not happy with it yet to send. So as soon as it's ready, I'll share it with Councillor Lang and other members of the Council.

QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 March 2018**

- Question** (1) What is the current status of the janitorial review?
- Answer** (1) The Janitorial review has concluded employee consultation and direct engagement with the schools' network. 20 of the 26 new supervisor positions have been filled and are in post. A recruitment campaign is underway to fill the vacant posts within the new model. Further discussions are currently taking place with Communities and Families senior management, to finalise the model.
- Question** (2) When does he expect the outcomes of the review and the revised levels of janitorial cover to come into force?
- Answer** (2) When the model is finalised, it is anticipated that a mobilisation period of at least 3 months will be required.
- Question** (3) What intimations has he or officials received from trade unions with respect to possible industrial action as a result of the janitorial review?
- Answer** (3) Unison held a consultative ballot on the 22nd of December 2017. The union has advised that the vote result was 95% of those who voted were in favour of industrial action, should their concerns not be addressed in the final model.
- Unison are awaiting sight of the agreed final model before they will advise their next steps.
- Question** (4) When will information relating to the charges for out of hours janitorial I cover be provided to community centre management committees and why has such information not been provided so far?

Answer

- (4) It is expected that the model will be finalised the week commencing 12 March and will initially be communicated to employees, then to management committees thereafter. The project team will communicate directly with management committees the allocated hours which have been finally agreed for their building. The schedule of rates will also be advised at that time.

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Education, Children
and Families Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 March 2018**

Question (1) Was a fixtures & fittings inspection carried out as part of the safety inspections following the wall collapse at Oxgangs Primary School in 2016 and children re-entering the school following repairs?

Answer (1) Yes – Amey confirmed they carried out all Statutory Maintenance Requirements prior to pupils and staff returning to Oxgangs Primary School in 2016.

In addition, an Amey Health and Safety practitioner carried out a visual inspection of the school, on a room by room basis and did not identify any issues which would give concern from a Health and Safety perspective.

Question (2) If not, what are the reasons as to why that would not have been done?

Answer (2) Not applicable

Question (3) Amey provided a summary report of the February 2018 ceiling tile incident, which allegedly contain an inaccuracy. What was inaccurate and has that report now been corrected and made publicly available?

Answer (3) The inaccuracy referred to a pupil suffering a minor injury, which was not the case. The report has been rectified and can be made available on request.

Question (4) Was the cable suspending the ceiling missing from when the building was constructed, or was it as a result of later maintenance?

Answer (4) The investigation is inconclusive on this matter.

Question (5) Is the Amey report considered by the Council to be the full and final statement on the latest incident?

Answer (5) Yes. All ceilings in the school have now been inspected by the PPP provider accompanied by Council officers.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for his answers. I am extremely concerned by the response to Question 5 because Councillor Arthur and Councillor Doggart are aware there's a lot of concern amongst the parents and staff community in Oxgangs regarding the situation at the school. We had the collapsed wall, we've recently had the ceiling tile come down, and only this morning the head teacher has advised that there's a bit of central flashing on the roof flapping around and at 9.40 this morning people from Amey and the Council were on their way. Surely this adds to the need for an independent inspection and will he therefor revisit his answer to Question 5 and ensure that we do have an independent Council inspection.

Supplementary Answer I think the answer is yes given the information you've given me this morning, that I've just received, I think we'll consider it

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 March 2018**

Question **(1)** When is it intended that the minority Administration Budget proposal for the introduction of a charge for garden waste collection will commence?

Answer **(1)** July 2018.

Question **(2)** Is the charge per brown bin or per household?

Answer **(2)** The cost is per bin.

Question **(3)** How many brown garden waste bins are currently serviced in Edinburgh per ward and in terms of Council business planning how many of those households are predicted to opt-in to the new charged service?

Answer (3) There are approximately 124,000 households eligible for garden waste collection. Table 1 below shows the breakdown of these by ward. In calculating the income potential It was predicted that 46% of eligible households would opt-in to the collection service when charges are introduced.

01-Almond	12,203
02-Pentland Hills	9,271
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	8,266
04-Forth	7,833
05-Inverleith	7,679
06-Corstorphine/Murrayfield	8,339
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	6,939
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	7,970
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	5,399
10-Meadows/Morningside	6,222
11-City Centre	2,702
12-Leith Walk	3,604
13-Leith	2,793
14-Craigentinny/Duddingston	7,319
15-Southside/Newington	5,761
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	12,232
17-Portobello/Craigmillar	9,272
Grand Total	123,804

Question (4) What steps will be taken to retrieve brown bins from those households which have chosen not to opt into the new scheme?

Answer (4) After implementation, the service will develop a phased programme of removing bins from properties which are not registered for the charging service. Details of the roll-out will be sent to residents in due course.

Question (5) What research has been undertaken in terms of potential increase in fly tipping or mis-use of other waste streams once the opt-in charging scheme comes into effect?

Answer (5) A number of local authorities in Scotland and England have implemented charging for services in recent years and we consulted them on the impacts of implementation in developing the garden waste charging proposal. From our research, there was no significant impact on fly-tipping and/or mis-use of other waste streams following implementation. We will, however, continue to monitor fly-tipping levels following implementation of the scheme.

- Question** (6) Does the new opt-in charging scheme
- (a) affect the existing agreement with Tiphereth which has an agreement with CEC to collect garden refuse in parts of Colinton and
 - (b) affect future discussions regarding extension/re-negotiation of that agreement?
- Answer** (6) A meeting with Tiphereth is planned to discuss any possible impacts on their service in Colinton.
- Question** (7) How many households are anticipated to be exempt from the opt-in charge and how will the exemption be applied?
- Answer** (7) Based on the number of households that qualify for the Council Tax Reduction Scheme it is anticipated that 13% will exempt from the charge. These properties will still need to register if they wish to receive the service but will not be charged.
- Question** (8) What happens when a household which has opted-in to the garden waste collection service moves property during the year?
- Answer** (8) If a customer who has opted-in to the service moves house during the year and they wish to retain the service at their new property this can be accommodated. They will be required to inform the service so the routes can be updated and take the brown bin with them when they move.
- Question** (9) Can a household which has opted-in, opt out during the year?
- Answer** (9) No, the opportunity to opt-in will only be available once per year.
- Question** (10) Are recycling points for garden waste prepared for increased demand?
- Answer** (10) Yes, the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres are being prepared.
- Question** (11) If on the basis of a bin sticker system, how will this operate where a sticker is removed or comes off?

Answer (11) Crews will hold data on all properties which are registered for the scheme. When a customer requests a replacement sticker, this will be cross-checked with our records and a replacement sticker issued where appropriate.

We will investigate any instances where it is possible that stickers have been transferred to other properties.

Question (12) Where there are tenemental properties or shared garden courtyards how will the charging be administered and can neighbours share bins?

Answer (12) The service will be offered to all households who can currently use the service. If residents wish to share a bin, we will expect that they agree on one resident acting in the lead, booking and paying for the service.

Question (13) What is

- (a) the resource requirement to implement and administer this new service, including staffing, spend on communications, issuance of stickers etc and retrieval of bins for those who have not opted in; and
- (b) the anticipated income yield from the charge?

Answer (13) It is anticipated that the service will yield income of £1.4 million per annum. The cost of running the service is estimated at £0.1 million.

Question (14) What evidence has been drawn from other local authorities which operate opt-in charge garden waste collection?

Answer (14) As described above (Question 5) we have reviewed the experiences of other Local Authorities who have introduced a garden waste charge and will use this knowledge to develop the paid service in Edinburgh.

Question (15) Will there be refunds offered for missed garden waste collections?

Answer (15) Refunds will not be offered for missed garden waste collections. Where the collection has been missed due to service failure, we will endeavour to collect the bin at a later time/day. Where contamination occurs we will mark the bin accordingly and will expect the resident to make arrangements to rectify this. We will return on the next scheduled collection day.

Question (16) Where garden waste bins are lost/stolen, who meets the cost for a new bin?

Answer (16) The Council will meet the cost of the replacement bin.

Question (17) By what date will it be possible for residents to request any of the services (that are to be provided above) on-line through the Councils website?

Answer (17) Households will be able to register for the new service online by the end of May 2018.

Supplementary Question Thanks very much Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for the very comprehensive response that she gave, I was expecting a wait and see Councillor Rust, so I'm pleasantly surprised. Two points I would like to raise, one is simply in relation to the answer regarding Tiphereth, there's obviously a lot concern in Colinton regarding the arrangement they are going ahead so I'd be grateful if local elected members could be kept up to date in that. Secondly I appreciate that they'll be going online in May but in advance of that, what is the plan to market or to really advertise this. We have the published answers today but presumably I would hope in the coming days we will see some real publication of information about the scheme and how it will work.

Supplementary Answer Thank you Councillor Rust as you will see from the written answer we are keen to have conversations with Tiphereth and to reassure them on some of these key points and that will go ahead and I will keep in touch with when that will happen. In terms of any communications ahead of that, that's clearly something we're working on and I wouldn't want to go too much further on it at this point because we'll be creating some kind of a campaign around that and we will of course keep people informed, thank you.

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Brown for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Late evening on 13th October last year a lamppost and bus shelter was taken out by a joyrider on Drum Brae Drive and was reported on social media to @edinhelp the following morning whilst I attended my monthly surgery at the DrumBrae Library Hub.

I was advised on the very same Twitter account on 13th December when following this up, "Hi Mark. Your enquiry about the bus shelter has been logged under reference 1001637. Our Street Lighting Team is already aware of the damaged light and will repair it as soon as possible."

A further email to Street Lighting on 14th February has received no response.

Thankfully the bus shelter has now been fixed.

Just like the Constituents waiting on a bus there during the winter months, their local Councillor raising the matter has been left in the dark.

Question

Can the Convener advise whether no action in some 5 months is deemed an acceptable standard for the Council and confirm when this street light will be made good?

Answer

The damaged street light in question (DFC19) was reported on 13 October and was made safe early the following morning.

A request for a new column was made on 18 October and has been received. I recognise that there have been issues in the speed of repair of street lights throughout the winter, partly due to difficulties in recruiting and retaining approved Electricians. However, the Roads Improvement Plan has now been updated to include action to improve street lighting repairs and increased resources have been secured

to ensure the outstanding repair backlog is reduced over the next few months.

The new lighting column was installed on 8 March 2018.

QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for
answer by the Leader of the Council
at a meeting of the Council on 15
March 2018**

Looks forward to the business case for the proposed replacement of the Ross Theatre being reported to Culture & Communities and Finance & Resources Committees later this month, and asks

Note for Members: it is proposed that a report will be presented to Culture and Communities Committee on 20 March 2018 on the proposals for West Princes Street Gardens and the Ross Bandstand. Member briefings are planned following this, with a final report to be prepared for Council to consider.

Question (1) What discussions has the Council Leader had with the Conveners or Vice Conveners of those Committees or the Housing & Economy Committee, given the international profile of the design competition won by a team lead by the wHY practice and the potential this project offers this city?

Answer (1) As the report to the Culture and Communities Committee will now be referred to the meeting of the full Council on 3 May, appropriate briefings to all political groups and Convenors/Vice Convenors will be undertaken

Question (2) Has any consideration been given to the wisdom of reaching an agreement with the Ross Development Trust that was limited to “fundraising and building” a replacement venue, which has led to an unfortunate hiatus in the project while issues of maintenance are resolved, denting this Councils ambition to create a transformed city centre fit to power Scotland’s economy and reflecting Edinburgh’s status as a capital city?

Answer

- (2)** The development agreement between the Council and the Ross Development Trust was signed in December 2016. Since then significant progress has been made on the refurbishment of the cottage and fountain in addition to the design competition. This is an extremely important project for the city and it has been recognised that there is a need to protect the legacy of any investment made. The report being prepared for Culture and Communities Committee will be referred to full Council for approval and will outline proposals to supplement the existing agreement to achieve the desired outcomes on the project.

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for
answer by the Convener of the
Education, Children and Families
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 15 March 2018**

Question (1) What is the maximum operational capacity of Trinity Academy, taking into account the Council's own finding in 2015 that Core Facilities of the school did not meet the capacity requirements at that time?

Answer (1) A report to full Council on 20 August 2015 on [Future Investment in the School Estate – Wave 4](#) highlighted in paragraph 3.7(iii) and appendix 2 that the core facilities at Trinity Academy do not meet the requirements for the school's notional capacity of 950. While it is possible for the roll to rise the plan is that Trinity - as part of the Wave 4 schools programme - will be rebuilt before the roll rises substantially. In the meantime there is no legislation which would stop the school roll being increased to the school's capacity of 950.

Question (2) What work has the Council undertaken since 2015 to ensure the Core Facilities at Trinity Academy match the City of Edinburgh Council's own stated requirements?

Answer (2) Since 2015, £1.4m has been spent on property related issues at Trinity Academy. In addition, a feasibility study has been completed to demonstrate that the indoor sports and swimming facilities for a 1200 school could be developed at the Bangholm recreation site which is currently used by the school for outdoor sporting activities. The study also showed the main site could then be redeveloped with a phased approach to provide the remaining core facilities for a modern 1200 capacity school.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, yes just a supplementary. I just want some reassurance that the Convener is taking due regard to Circular 3/2004 published by the Scottish Government, which suggests that in looking at capacity for schools there should be an open transparent and rigorous process to determine what that transparency is and that the factors that ought to be considered not only go to classroom sizes but also include things like the provision of specialist facilities such as drama studios and non teaching facilities such as dining rooms.

**Supplementary
Answer**

Yes I am aware of 3/2004, I don't have an encyclopaedic knowledge of it so I'll go back and read it again but I understand in relation to the answer to the question, that we haven't breached regulation 3/2004, if we have I'll report that back.

QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by
the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 15 March
2018**

Having attended the first three SW Edinburgh School Catchment review workshops at Currie Primary, Clovenstone Primary and Balerno High School:

Question (1) Can the Convener please explain why different proposals appear to have been put forward at each of these workshops?

Answer (1) The only proposal put forward by the Council is what has become known as “the published proposal” and is available of the website www.edinburgh.gov.uk/schoolsreview. Any other options discussed at workshops have been ideas and suggestions which have been raised by school communities during the informal consultation. Where appropriate the ideas and suggestions have been raised at following workshops in order that as many views as possible can be expressed and recorded during the informal consultation period.

Question (2) Can the Convener please clarify how offering different communities different proposed solutions to the same problem, in the same consultation, will help his committee command widespread public support?

Answer (2) As stated in the previous answer there was only one option published as part of the informal consultation and any options which have been discussed during the engagement events are a result of one of the fundamental objectives of the informal consultation being to determine what other ideas and suggestions would be forthcoming from the school communities involved.

QUESTION NO 10

By Councillor Laidlaw for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Question

Asks the Convener to provide a list of all CEC schools where a need has been identified to build new capacity, and this is being actively being addressed.

In each case, please list:

- the date the new capacity is required
- if funds have been approved and allocated
- What, if any, permissions are still required
- The extent to which play and/or sports grounds or indoor facilities will be compromised by the extensions required?

Answer

The current schools where it has been identified that new capacity is required and where this is actively being pursued (i.e. there is a capital budget established to deliver the project and implementation is progressing) are shown on the table below.

There is no current funding for the revenue implications of the projects and an estimate of this additional cost has been added to the table.

School	Date Capacity Required	Additional Unfunded Revenue Cost	Permission Still required	Impact on Playground
Queensferry HS	2020	£759k (net of current running costs)	Building Warrants	None in long term.
Boroughmuir HS additional places	2019-20	£141k	Planning and Building Warrants	none
Trinity PS	August 2018	£18k	Building Warrants	Loss of playground equal to size of new build.
Stockbridge PS	August 2018	£14k	Building Warrants	Loss of playground equal to size of new build.
Currie PS	August 2018	£31k	Building Warrants	Loss of playground equal to size of new build.
Davidson's Mains PS	August 2018	£71k	Building Warrants	Small loss of overall playground space
Queensferry PS	August 2019	£40k	Building Warrants	Loss of playground equal to size of new build.
Granton PS	August 2018	£17k	Building Warrants	Loss of playground equal to size of new build.
Broomhills Primary School	2020	£383k	Planning and Building Warrants	New school - n/a
South Edinburgh	2020	£409k	Planning and Building Warrants	New school - n/a
New Victoria Primary School	2020	£285k (net of current running costs)	Planning and Building Warrants	New school - n/a
Victoria; Newcraighall; Cramond; James Gillespies; Clermiston primary schools. Provision of temporary capacity.	2018	£103k	Building Warrants	Small loss of overall playground space on temporary basis.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you Convener for your answer, I have a short supplementary. I was interested to see that in 11 of these primary schools that are having an additional capacity built into them that will result in a loss of playground space and I wondered if the Convener agreed with me that perhaps you need to be looking at strategies for making better use of that limited playground space available if we want to address the issues surrounding childhood obesity and health in our young people, thank you.

**Supplementary
Answer**

I think that's a fair point because every time we look at expanding schools or actually building a school we do reduce the playground space so we need to consider that. There are no national standards unfortunately for playground space, otherwise it would make it much easier but I am aware of it and we all consider every way in which we can help to save playing fields or substitute close by in order to get people kids play space.

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QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for
answer by the Lord Provost at a
meeting of the Council on 15 March
2018**

Question (1) If Edinburgh 2050 is to encourage the widest conversation amongst all strata of our City, building on the experience of other Cities and our own earlier Radical Enlightenment, can the Lord Provost indicate the progress in raising the £350,000 that is estimated to be needed, in cash or kind, to launch this conversation?

Answer (1) The City Vision Steering Group, supported by partner organisations including the Council, is taking forward engagement approaches with key stakeholders including young people and major employers in the city. Plans to increase engagement with representative community organisations are being developed. A number of organisations have expressed interest in supporting the City Vision activity. The date for the dinners was changed and these will take place later this month. I shall update on progress thereafter.

Question (2) What tangible offers of support did he and the Chief Executive receive following the January dinners involving key leaders of the Edinburgh business community?

Answer (2) See answer (1) above.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost for your answer. You know we wish you every success with this exciting vision and I just wonder if you feel you are getting all the support you need to drive it forward.[]

Supplementary Answer Absolutely, at this time all the support that I've asked for I have received. The delay in organising the dinners is more to do with the business commitments of the private sector that are trying to engage with so we just have to be slightly more patient with them.

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 15 March
2018**

With Edinburgh's population expected to increase by over 100,000 over the next 20 years...

Question (1) Has the Administration has been in contact with utility companies to work out a strategy to cope with the expected rise in utilities including gas, electrics, water, network cabling and sewage to name a few?

Answer (1) The latest Scottish Government population projections predict an increase in population of 78,400 in Edinburgh over the next twenty years.

The Council's annual housing land audit and delivery programme (HLADP) estimates delivery of new homes for all planned housing sites on a year by year basis. The latest HLADP demonstrates that there is sufficient land for 31,300 new homes across the City and these are currently being delivered at an average of 2,300 homes per year. The programme of delivery is used by the Local Development Plan Action Programme to identify infrastructure actions to address the impact of new developments. This information is shared with utility companies and they are asked to identify actions in response to the programme.

Question (2) Is there a need to identify a new water treatment works to cope with extra demand for water and if so where would it most likely be located?

Answer (2) Scottish Water are currently modelling future infrastructure requirements. They are not planning for new water treatment works.

However they have commissioned independent research into the operation of the Seafeld Waste Water Treatment Plant including possible future investment. The report on this is due on 23 March 2018. It is likely that a report will be submitted to the Transport and Environment to update members on the implications.

Question (3) How will the administration aim to deal with the expected rise in all aspects of waste due to increased housing?

Answer (3) As set out in the Action Programme report to Finance Committee on 23 January 2018 the Council has identified the indicative annual revenue funding implications for completed infrastructure at year ten. For waste management this is set out below.

Waste water sewer infrastructure is the responsibility of Scottish Water. The costs of maintaining surface water drainage infrastructure is part of road maintenance by the Council. The above report identified estimation of annual revenue funding implications for new streets and roads in new development as being the subject of further work. It is expected that this will be estimated in the financial assessment of the next LDP Action Programme.

Refuse collection per annum: £1.272 million

Refuse disposal per annum: £2.038 million

Street cleaning per annum: £0.181 million

The Council's long term financial plan assumes that a proportion of Council tax revenue would be used to offset the revenue and loan charge impact.

Question (4) Of the £200M shortfall in required infrastructure investment identified in the LDP Action Plan reported to the Finance and Resources Committee 23 Jan 2018, what is the shortfall in the South West Locality?

Answer (4) As set out in the report to Finance Committee on 23 January 2018 the Council has modelled the impact of the Local Development Plan Action Programme on the Council's budgets. This has been carried out through a financial model.

It is not possible to identify how much of this shortfall could fall within any particular locality.

QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 March 2018**

I have been informed that as road surfaces age to beyond 25 to 30 years the bitumen becomes brittle and the road requires to be resurfaced. At this stage of failure, no amount of patching will solve the pothole issue. Preventative road resurfacing is required to be carried to renew such roads and extend the serviceable life.

Question (1) What is the best estimate of the kilometres of Edinburgh road surfaces that have reached the end of their serviceable life?

Answer (1) This Council's approach is to prioritise road surface repair/replacement based on the Road Condition Index score. This score is based on an annual survey of road conditions across all of Scotland's local authorities and identifies the percentage of roads in need of maintenance.

The current RCI for Edinburgh's roads is 36.4%.

Question (2) What is the cost to resurface a kilometre of an average Edinburgh road?

Answer (2) The cost to resurface a road differs significant depending on the treatment method and therefore an average cannot be provided.

Question (3) What are the number of injury claims due to uneven surfaces per ward, per month, for the last 5 years?

Answer (3) The table below shows the number of injury claims per ward for the last five years

Ward	Ward Name	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Ward Total
1	Almond	1	2	1	2	0	6
2	Pentland Hills	1	0	0	1	2	4
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	1	2	2	0	0	5
4	Forth	2	2	1	1	3	9
5	Inverleith	3	4	1	2	1	11
6	Costorphine/Murrayf'd	2	2	1	0	0	5
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	0	3	4	3	4	14
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	2	2	0	0	1	5
9	Fountainbridge/C'hart	2	1	3	2	1	10
10	Meadows/Morningside	2	1	2	4	3	12
11	City Centre	19	18	12	22	16	97
12	Leith Walk	6	2	2	2	3	15
13	Leith	2	3	0	2	0	7
14	Craigtinny/Dudd'n	2	1	1	1	1	6
15	Southside/Newington	2	3	0	4	3	12
16	Liberton/Gilmerton	2	2	2	0	0	6
17	Portobello/Craigmillar	3	1	1	0	3	8
	Year Total	52	49	33	46	41	247

Question (4) What are the number of claims for vehicle damage due to potholes/uneven surfaces per ward, per month, for the last 5 years?

Answer (4) The table below shows the number of claims for vehicle damage over the last five years.

Ward	Ward Name	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Ward Total
1	Almond	13	9	22	43	10	97
2	Pentland Hills	33	8	14	33	17	105
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	67	13	4	24	12	120
4	Forth	8	6	13	14	7	48
5	Inverleith	10	10	7	32	6	65
6	Costorphine/Murrayf'd	20	8	8	30	3	69
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	20	17	37	22	14	110
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	5	10	6	14	0	35
9	Fountainbridge/C'hart	13	14	21	26	8	82
10	Meadows/Morningside	22	20	24	40	14	120
11	City Centre	38	31	45	39	11	164
12	Leith Walk	28	8	10	30	2	78
13	Leith	8	4	11	36	0	59
14	Craightinny/Dudd'n	7	4	8	18	5	42
15	Southside/Newington	11	8	14	30	18	81
16	Liberton/Gilmerton	9	9	22	23	6	69
17	Portobello/Craigmillar	5	6	4	12	3	30
	Year Total	317	185	270	466	136	1374

Question (5) What are the number of roads which have been resurfaced through capital revenue per ward, for the last 5 years?

Ward	Ward Name	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	Ward Total
1	Almond	2	14	1	2	1	20
2	Pentland Hills	1	7	6	1	7	22
3	Drum Brae / Gyle	5	7	2	5	0	19
4	Forth	1	8	0	1	0	10
5	Inverleith	2	11	4	0	1	18
6	Costorphine/Murrayf'd	2	2	3	2	14	23
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	5	8	2	2	0	17
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	10	2	2	0	22
9	Fountainbridge/C'hart	2	1	7	0	2	12
10	Meadows/Morningside	1	5	2	4	2	14
11	City Centre	0	2	3	4	3	12
12	Leith Walk	0	1	1	0	1	3
13	Leith	0	1	0	0	0	1
14	Craigentiny/Dudd'n	6	0	1	1	1	9
15	Southside/Newington	4	1	2	5	1	13
16	Liberton/Gilmerton	2	7	11	2	0	22
17	Portobello/Craigmillar	3	4	2	1	0	10
	Year Total	44	89	49	32	33	247

Answer (5) The table below shows the number of roads resurfaced using capital funding in the last five years. There were no roads resurfaced using revenue funding.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and can I thank the Convener for answers. Just to clarify, the road condition index for Edinburgh roads is 36.4%, is that good, is it bad, is it in line with the national average?

Supplementary Answer It's slightly worse than it was last year, I'll be quite open with you about that, but as you know we have the road improvement plan which will I hope go a long way towards solving some of these issues we've seen, for example in the last week a doubling of the crews out fixing potholes at the moment in direct response to the effects of the winter weather worsening the conditions of certain areas of the city. In terms of the average, I believe it's somewhere in the middle, you'll have to get some more complete figures from me at later if you're truly interested in exactly which position we sit.

QUESTION NO 14

By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

To ask the Convener for the details of all un-adopted housing developments in Kirkliston and South Queensferry.

Specifically:

- Question** (1) The name or address of each development?
- Answer** (1) This information is provided in the table below.
- Question** (2) Which of these are still under 2 years since the development completed, and therefore not yet started the road adoption process?
- Answer** (2) The status of each site is described in the notes column of the table provided. This includes all of the live adoption sites within the requested area.
- Question** (3) Of the others which are currently going through road adoption, please provide the following:
- The approx. date the process started
 - The current status (I.e. How close to adoption it is)
- Answer** (3) The date of the application in the table indicates the date this process started and the current status is provided in expected timescale column.
- Question** (4) Of those identified in (3), where the adoption process has been going for a year or longer, please provide the following:
- The outstanding issues
 - The expected timescales for resolution
- Answer** (4) General information on each is provided in the table however more detailed information is available from the Locality team if required

RCC Reference	Site Name	Address	Developer	Date of Application	Note	Expected Timescale
ED/17/0007	Bankhead Road, Dalmeny, Sth Queensferry	Bankhead Road, Dalmeny, Sth Queensferry	Westpoint Homes Ltd	30/01/2017	New site under construction	N/A
ED/13/0035	Scotstoun Ave (ex Agilent) DW Phase 1	Scotstoun Avenue, Sth Queensferry	David Wilson Homes	04/11/2013	Letter to be issued to reduce Bond to 10% - This site will soon enter the 1 year defect liability period.	One year defect liability period to commence Spring 2018
ED/13/0040	Scotstoun Ave (ex Agilent) DW Phase 2	Scotstoun Avenue, Sth Queensferry	David Wilson Homes	04/11/2013	Letter to be issued for reduction to 30% - Site works still ongoing	Site works almost complete - dates TBA
ED/13/0029	Scotstoun Ave (ex Agilent) Phase A, Infrastructure	Scotstoun Avenue, Sth Queensferry	David Wilson Homes	26/09/2013	Bond Reduced to 50%, Still under construction	Site works ongoing - dates TBA
ED/13/0033	Scotstoun Ave (ex Agilent) Cala Phase 1	Scotstoun Avenue, Sth Queensferry	David Wilson Homes	04/11/2013	Bond Reduced to 50%, Still under construction	Site works ongoing - dates TBA
ED/15/0017	Ferrymuir - Bellway	Ferrymuir, South Queensferry	Bellway Homes	24/07/2015	New site under construction	Site works ongoing - dates TBA
ED/09/0014	North Kirkliston - Area J (Longacre)	Burnshot Road, Kirkliston	Cala Homes Ltd	11/11/2009	Road not adopted yet due to outstanding snagging items on Burnshot Road. Cala Homes to carry out investigation and repairs	Awaiting response from Cala Homes
ED/13/0037	North Kirkliston Area K (Ashton Gardens)	Housefield Drive, Kirkliston	Walker Group	29/11/2013	Contractor seeking meeting with Locality for final inspection	Final inspection meeting due in March 2018
ED/12/0014	North Kirkliston-Area Y (Elms)	Housefield Drive, Kirkliston	Barratt East Scotland	28/09/2012	Site complete adoption to be progressed	Adoption certificate to be prepared Spring 2018

ED/15/0031	North Kirkliston Area G (Ellwood)	Housefield Drive, Kirkliston	Walker Group	21/10/2015	Site still under construction	N/A
ED/10/0010	North Kirkliston-Areas C & D (Beeches)	Eliston Road	Barrett East Scotland	22/04/2010	Bond reduced to zero, letter sent Feb 2018, adoption to be progressed	Adoption certificate to be prepared Spring 2018
ED/10/0011	North Kirkliston-Area B (The Willows)	Kirkland Park Street	David Wilson Homes	22/04/2010	Bond reduced to zero, letter sent Feb 2018, adoption to be progressed	Adoption certificate to be prepared Spring 2018
ED/10/0022	North Kirkliston-Area A	Kirkland Park Street	Barratt East Scotland	09/11/2010	Letter to be issued for reduction to 20%	Snagging works still to be inspected - One year defect liability period should commence following inspection in Spring 2018
ED/10/0012	North Kirkliston-Area X	Kirkland Park Street	Home Group	22/04/2010	Site complete adoption to be progressed	Adoption certificate to be prepared Spring 2018
ED/04/0012	Drambuie	Stirling Road, Kirkliston	Miller Homes	2004	Not adopted, Miller Homes never completed snagging list	No contact from developer regarding adoption.
ED/08/0001	The Granary	Path Brae, Kirkliston	Cruden Homes	06/12/2007	No contact from the developer yet to start the final adoption process	Expected to start defect liability period in 2018

QUESTION NO 15

By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Question (1) How many individual compensation claims were received in 2017 as a result of alleged personal injury or vehicle damage and because of the condition of Council adopted roads and pavements?

Answer (1) There were 267 individual compensation claims in 2017. A breakdown by ward is below.

Ward 1	14
Ward 2	23
Ward 3	15
Ward 4	13
Ward 5	9
Ward 6	10
Ward 7	26
Ward 8	1
Ward 8	2
Ward 9	12
Ward10	19
Ward11	57
Ward12	9
Ward13	1
Ward14	10
Ward15	29
Ward16	8
Ward17	9

Question (2) How many of these claims resulted in a financial payout by Edinburgh Council?

Answer (2) There were 49 claims that resulted in a financial pay-out. A breakdown by ward is below.

Ward 1	1
Ward 2	13
Ward 3	1
Ward 4	1
Ward 5	2
Ward 6	1
Ward 7	8
Ward 8	1
Ward 8	0
Ward 9	5
Ward10	6
Ward11	2
Ward12	1
Ward13	0
Ward14	0
Ward15	5
Ward16	1
Ward17	1

Question (3) What was the total cost of compensation payments for successful claims in 2017?

Answer (3) The total cost of compensation payments was £24,050. A breakdown by ward is below.

Ward 1	£108
Ward 2	£7,495
Ward 3	£80
Ward 4	£70
Ward 5	£410
Ward 6	£117
Ward 7	£935
Ward 8	£804
Ward 8	£0
Ward 9	£1,616
Ward10	£963
Ward11	£1,493
Ward12	£202
Ward13	£0
Ward14	£0
Ward15	£5,935
Ward16	£75
Ward17	£3,748

NOTE If the information is available, please provide this information by ward or locality

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

At the Council meeting of 24 August 2017, the Council passed a motion on Kirkliston congestion which agreed “to continue dialogue with Lothian Buses around introducing a direct service to the City Centre”. As a full 6 months have now passed:

Question (1) How many letters or emails have the Convener and senior officials sent to Lothian Buses [between 24 August 2017 and 05 March 2018](#) regarding the introduction of a service between Kirkliston and Edinburgh City Centre? Please provide date, format (email/letter), and who it was sent from, and if not commercially sensitive, a copy of the correspondence.

Answer (1) Kirkliston is well served by a number of bus services, including First Scotland East’s Service 38/38A. This service provides a direct service to the city centre, seven days a week, with a 10 minute frequency at peak times. Other services provide connections to the Gyle, Edinburgh Park, Heriot Watt and West Lothian. Lothian Bus service provision is based on commercial decisions taken by the company themselves. Although the City of Edinburgh Council own some 91% of Lothian Buses PLC (the remaining being owned by East Lothian, Midlothian, and West Lothian Councils), the Transport Act 1985 prevents the Council from interfering in its operations. Lothian Buses makes its own decisions for the company on routes, fares, and service frequencies. The Council has no power to direct Lothian Buses or any other commercial operator to provide buses in a particular area, or follow a particular route.

Question (2) How many meetings have the Convener and senior officials had with Lothian Buses [between 24 August 2017 and 05 March 2018](#) and, of these, how many have included a discussion regarding the introduction of a service between Kirkliston and Edinburgh City Centre? Please provide date and who was in attendance

Answer

(2) I meet with Lothian Bus twice per month and officers meet with representatives of Lothian Bus, across a wide range of matters, on a regular basis. Given the commercial confidentiality surrounding discussion on operational issues, it would be inappropriate to provide the detailed information requested.

Supplementary Question

I have to say the SNP and Labour amendment specifically stated that they were going to continue dialogue with Lothian Buses about a bus provision in Kirkliston. Then my question specifically asked for information about dates and numbers of meetings on numbers of letters and alluded to the fact that you may not need to disclose the decisions or views expressed in those meetings if that was commercially sensitive. Now considering the earlier answers to the questions asked by Councillor Lang, I do hope that this response is not a non-response response because something else has been forgotten by the Administration so I ask again, will dates and Council attendees be provided to me without disclosing any details of the content or views of the discussions that took place, because otherwise how would after we hold that amendment up to scrutiny.

Supplementary Answer

The answer given to you in written format here puts together a position quite clearly. You may feel that you would want to categorise it as a forgotten decision, it's not, I am in continuous dialogue with Lothian Buses but as stated very clearly on this in the answer, it doesn't involve just Lothian Buses, these are commercial decisions and the way in which we deal with that is quite open. We are in regular contact, I said to you quite clearly, I meet twice a month with various representatives of Lothian Buses and our officials are meeting right across the bus sector. I will provide him with more information if you care to have that, but I would ask for a bit of caution around this particular question when dealing with it in full Council, thank you.

QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Mary Campbell for
answer by the Convener of the
Education, Children and Families
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 15 March 2018**

- Question** (1) What plans are there to engage with the Scottish Government over the timing and financial support for wave 4 schools, including Trinity, Castlebrae and Liberton High Schools?
- Answer** (1) Senior Officers in Communities and Families make regular contact with officials in the Scottish Government and the Scottish Futures Trust to ensure the Council has the latest information about future funding opportunities.
- Question** (2) What are the plans and timelines for developing detailed briefs for wave 4 schools to take advantage of potential funding?
- Answer** (2) Officers will bring a report to the May Committee meeting on plans for Wave 4 funding.
- Question** (3) What options are being looked at to secure the full funding needed for wave 4 schools and when will those options be reported to elected members?
- Answer** (3) The capital funding for any new school project is likely to be a combination of some or all of Council capital, developer's contributions or government funding. The latest capital funding situation is as approved by Council at its meeting on 22 February 2018 and any changes to this would require to be reported to a future meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee or a meeting of the full Council. There are also revenue implications for any new build or major refurbishment projects and these will require to be factored into any business cases developed for Wave 4 projects with appropriate revenue budgets established before the projects can be delivered.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you. I'd just like some clarification on the answer to my second question. The report to the May Committee, will that just contain a plan or will actually be telling schools which school is likely to gain funding, because I know there's a real desperation to find out what's happening and is the May report just further delaying letting people know what's going to be happening?

**Supplementary
Answer**

I think in relation to the funding, it's very difficult to be precise in relation to the funding till we know what the Scottish Government funding is going to be and when we know what the Scottish Government fund is going to be then we have to apply. So depending on the number of schools that the Scottish Government will fund will depend on the budget we need to leave us set aside in this Council to fund the whole programme. So it's very very difficult to be precise. What I'd hoped we'd try and do is start prioritising as part of this process at the next Committee so that we can have some certainty in terms of prioritisation but in terms of a timescale and delivery and what we're going to deliver, we need to wait for the Scottish Government has determined what funding they have got, and then we need to see what funding we need to put in place so we can't do that until that funding's known.

QUESTION NO 18

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Question

Please will the Convener provide a list of all current and pipeline projects in the cycling capital infrastructure programme with

- a) original planned completion date and
- b) current planned completion date?

Answer

The table below provides the information requested for the current cycling capital infrastructure programme.

Comments by the Lord Provost

The next question and two subsequent questions are in the name of Councillor Booth. Unfortunately due to I understand an unwell child this morning, Councillor Booth is not with us. The Standing Orders are quite clear that the questioner gets the opportunity to ask a supplementary, so I don't think there's an opportunity to do so. However if Councillor Booth was to submit those supplementaries in writing, I would ask the Convener of Transport and Environment and Vice-Convener of Children and Families to answer those as rapidly as they can.

Response by Councillor Burgess

Thanks very much Lord Provost. Councillor Booth does have a supplementary so he will send those on.

Cycling Capital Infrastructure Programme - March 2018

NOTES

1. Schemes with 'no current delivery date' are ones which we had been intending to deliver in the short term, prior to winning Community Links Plus (CL+). The programme is currently being revised as a result of the addition of CL+ and will be updated once timing and resources are confirmed.

Project Type	PROJECT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	CURRENT STATUS			Date Project Initiated	Original Anticipated Delivery Date	Current Anticipated Delivery Date
			IN PROGRESS	START-UP/RE-START PHASE	AWAITING RESOURCE / ON HOLD			
cyc + walk	City-wide route signs/ map boards/ courtesy signs	Installation of Courtesy Signage and wayfinding boards.				2016	2017 and ongoing	Ongoing
cyc + walk	North Edinburgh Path Network	Drainage and surface improvements.				2016	Winter 2017/2018	March to June 2018
cyc + walk	Innocent Path - tunnel lighting upgrade	Installation of new lights within tunnel.				2016	2017	2018/19
cyc + walk	Lower Granton Road	New / widened shared use path. From Trinity Road to Granton Square.				2016	2017/18	Autumn 2018
cyc + walk	QuietRoute 6 (2 schemes) 1. Grange Road 2. Meadows - Castle Terrace	Street improvements and new crossings.				2016	2017/18	1. Grange Rd scheme - Autumn/Winter 2018 2. Meadows – Castle Terrace scheme: No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)

cyc + walk	Waterfront Promenade (West Shore Road to Granton Harbour)	New off-road seafront shared use path.				2016	2017/18	Winter 2018/19
cyc + walk	Barnton Avenue West Golf Course link	Lighting of small path at end of golf course path.				2017	2017	2018/19
cyc + walk	West Approach Road (part of Roseburn to Union Canal)	New off-road path.				2015	Funding dependant, no original fixed date for construction	Preliminary design progressing, no current date for construction
cyc + walk	QuietRoute 5 Holyrood Park	Improved paths and new crossings.				2016	2017/18	Preliminary design underway, construction winter 2018/19
cyc + walk	Newcraighall/Queen Margaret University Lighting Project	Improved lighting on Newcraighall Park				2017	2017/18	2018/19
cyc + walk	Meadows - Union Canal (Innocent Path to Canal Phase 2b)	Segregated cycle lanes and toucan crossings on Home St and Brougham Place. Footway and cycle improvements on Lochrin Place and Tarvit Street.				2013	2016/17	2019/20
cyc + walk	West Edinburgh Active Travel Network (WEATN)	Segregated cycle lanes, crossings, street improvements and new bridge over Fife Railway.				2017	2019/22	Procurement of design consultants underway, phased delivery: 2019-2021
cyc + walk	Meadows to George Street	Segregated cycle lanes and street improvements.				2017	2020/22	Procurement of design consultants underway, phased delivery: 2020-2022

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			IN PROGRESS	START-UP/RE-START PHASE	AWAITING RESOURCE/ON HOLD			
cyc + walk	Little France Park	Path through new parkland.				2016	2017/18	Spring 2018
cyc	City-wide public bike parking	Cycle rack installations.				ongoing	ongoing	On hold pending appointment of replacement Active Travel Technician - expected within 3 months
cyc	Various locations - tram route - AECOM to confirm cost	Cycle safety improvements along the tram route				2016	2017/18	Phase 1 – delivered Phase 2 - March 2018 Phase 3 - Autumn 2018
cyc	QuietRoute 8 (6 schemes) 1. Bankhead Avenue to Bankhead Drive 2. South Gyle Access 3. Russell Road 4. Balgreen Road Crossing 5. Roseburn Park 6. Saughton Park to QuietRoute 8	Street improvements and new crossings.				2016	2017/18	1&2. Bankhead Avenue to Bankhead Drive & South Gyle Access - to be delivered as part of the wider Community Links Plus West Edinburgh Active Travel Network. 3. Russell Road – on hold until CCWEL is delivered. 4. Balgreen Road Crossing – Autumn 2018 5. Roseburn Park – March -April 2018 6. Saughton Park to QuietRoute 8 – no current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	QuietRoute 60 Davidsons Mains Park	Path and lighting improvements.				2016	2017/18	By Autumn 2018

cyc	Craiglockhart Road North - link to Canal	Path widening and surfacing.				2015	n/a dependant on Scottish Water agreement	By Summer 2018
cyc	QuietRoute 20 (Craigleith to Leith Walk)	Quiet Street improvements and new crossings.				2016	2017/18	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	QuietRoute 61 (3 schemes) 1. Hay Avenue & Niddrie House Avenue 2. Gilmerton Road 3. Old Dalkeith Road	Street improvements and new crossings.				2016	2017/18	1&2. Hay Avenue, Niddrie House Avenue & Gilmerton Road: no current delivery date (see Note 1 above) 3. Old Dalkeith Road: Winter 2018
cyc	City Centre West to East Cycle Link	Segregated cycle lanes, crossings and street improvements.				2015	2017/19	Initial works (dependant on more minor TRO issues) - 2018/19 Main works (all sections) - 2019/20, potentially into 2020/21
cyc	QuietRoute 30 Holyrood Park to Ratcliffe Terrace	Street improvements and new crossings.				2016	2017/18	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	Marchmont Road - Kings Buildings	Advisory cycle lanes. New gyratory at Oswald Road/Kilgraston Road. Blackford Avenue/Main Street junction upgrade.				2014	2015/16	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	Forthquarter - Silverknowes Promenade	Path widening and crossing, West Granton Road, West Shore Road, Forthquarter Park with Silverknowes Promenade.				2014	2015/16	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)

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			IN PROGRESS	START-UP/RE-START PHASE	AWAITING RESOURCE/ON HOLD			
cyc	Leith - Portobello (Water of Leith to Links Place)	On carriageway cycle provision.				2015/16	2017/18	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	Fountainbridge/Dundee Street	On-carriageway cycle provision. Segregated link between Telfer Subway and Union Canal.				2015	2017/18	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	Residential cycle parking	On-street secure cycle parking application, consultation and TRO works through consultant.				2016	2017/20	2018/20
cyc	Cultins Road shared footway	Begin discussions with land owners to agree sale or construction of adoptable path on verge to west of Cultins Road.				2015	2017/18	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	Sighthill Crossing link	Changing junctions to prioritise cycle north south movements to and from the Union Canal.				2017	2018/19	Now included in West Edinburgh Active Travel Network
cyc	Crewe Road South/ Orchard Brae	On carriageway cycle provision.				2015	2017/18	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)

cyc	St. Leonard's - Canongate/Holyrood Drive	On carriageway cycle provision, Calton Road, crossings, path improvements at Viewcraigs.				2016	2018/19	Preliminary design underway, no current date for construction
cyc	One-way street exemptions (Phase 1)	Signs, markings, traffic management.				2017	2018/21	No current delivery date (see Note 1 above)
cyc	BioQuarter to Dalkeith Rd and Mayfield	On carriageway cycle provision.				2016	Funding dependant, no original fixed date for construction	Feasibility report completed. No current delivery date (See Note 1 above - also depends on partners' resources (Scottish Enterprise, NHS, Edinburgh University))
cyc	A8 Gyle - Newbridge (QuietRoute 9)	Path widening between Ingliston Road and Eastfield Road and design of new junctions at Ingliston Road and Gogarstone Road.				2017	2018/19	2018/19
cyc	QuietRoute 9 1. Balgreen Road 2. Saughtonhall Drive 3. Pinkhill and Ladiebridge Paths 4. South Gyle Gardens to Edinburgh Park 5. Link to Edinburgh Zoo	Crossings, link paths and street improvements				2016	2017/18	1-2,5. Balgreen Road, Saughtonhall Drive & Edinburgh Zoo link: Preliminary design underway, no current date for construction due (see note 1) 3. Pinkhill and Ladiebridge Paths: Dependant on land ownership resolution 4. South Gyle Gardens to Edinburgh Park: to be delivered as part of the wider Community Links Plus West Edinburgh Active Travel Network

			CURRENT STATUS					
Project Type	PROJECT NAME	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	IN PROGRESS	START-UP/RE-START PHASE	AWAITING RESOURCE/ON HOLD	Date Project Initiated	Original Anticipated Delivery Date	Current Anticipated Delivery Date
cyc	Roseburn Path - Union Canal	New off-road path, bridges and park improvements.				2015	Funding dependant, no original fixed date for construction	Preparation for Planning Application underway, no current date for construction
cyc	Pennywell Road	Pennywell Road segregation and links to North Edinburgh Path Network.				2017	Project dependant on CEC housing development programme	Preliminary design underway, no current date for construction

QUESTION NO 19

**By Councillor Staniforth for answer
by the Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 March 2018**

Question

How much has been or is planned to be spent by way of participatory budgeting in a) 2017-18 and b) 2018-19, both in absolute terms and as a percentage of the net revenue or capital budgets??

Answer

In 2017/18, the following participatory budgeting projects were, or are being, undertaken:

- £eith Decides – allocation of Community Grants Fund;
- South Central Neighbourhood Partnership – Neighbourhood Environment Programme;
- Your Choice: Youth Projects (Activity Agreements), led by Economic Development service;
- Local Employability Initiative (including Scottish Government match funding), led by Economic Development service; and
- Choose Youth Work, led by Communities and Families service.

Across these five projects, total funding of £0.232m has been allocated, equating to 0.03% of the Council's service revenue budget. The Council will build on these and previous years' foundations in moving towards the aim of allocating at least 1% of its overall budget by means of participatory budgeting by 2020/21.

Council-wide plans for 2018/19 are being finalised. The outcome of the 2018/19 Choose Youth Work initiative will, however, be reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 22 May 2018, with over fifty applications received and on-line voting on these projects, allocating total available funding of £0.166m, currently in progress.

A steering group has additionally been established to distribute an element of Tynecastle High School's 2018/19 Pupil Equity Fund allocation of £0.077m through participatory budgeting principles, with awareness-raising sessions already undertaken and a range of proposals under development to be voted upon in June.

Following confirmation of additional localities investment of £0.250m as part of the approved 2018/19 revenue budget, opportunities are being examined to allocate this funding through participatory budgeting approaches. The Council is also examining, with Police Scotland colleagues, the potential introduction of participatory budgeting projects as part of a refreshed Service Level Agreement. Identification of other budgets to be allocated using a participatory budgeting approach is an on-going process.

In line with the Council's commitment to enhance participatory democracy and empower communities, a participatory budgeting champions programme has been established to raise awareness and grow community capacity across all areas of Council activity. This awareness will facilitate expansion of use of participatory budgeting across commissioned and other mainstreamed services.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for his answers on participatory budgeting. Obviously it showed that this financial year only 0.03% of the budget is going towards participatory budgeting. The target for the end of this term is 1%, I think that's quite right, I think it's right to be ambitious with regard to this, but when will the Council see a comprehensive plan as to how that goal is to be reached?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank Councillor Staniforth for his question. Some of this is being worked on at the moment. I'm not able to tell you off the top of my head exactly when that will be forthcoming but I do agree that it's important that we keep moving in this direction of travel and I can assure you that we have the right cultures and I think the right structures in place in the Council in order to meet that 1% target

QUESTION NO 20

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Question

What progress has been made in implementing the Edinburgh related actions amongst the recommendations of the Scottish Government's Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group as published on 28 November 2017?

Answer

Link to full paper:

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/homelessness-rough-sleeping-recommendations/>

Summary of key recommendations

The group have considered a wide range of potential responses for this Winter, but have prioritised actions in the following areas on the basis of the ability to implement at speed; and the potential impact to minimise rough sleeping this Winter:

- 1. Increase capacity in temporary and emergency accommodation in Edinburgh by expanding the winter shelter capacity from 60 to 75 and deliver an additional 12 rapid-access beds (for the winter only, and only accessed via street outreach workers) – total additional cost £142,000 - £25,000 covered by Social Bite**

The additional capacity in the care shelters was increased first to 60 on 1 December 2017 and then to 75 on 4 December. Since the increase there have been no evenings where the shelters have been unable to accommodate anyone due to capacity.

The additional rapid access beds have been in place since 11 December and have operated at capacity most nights, feedback from service users has been positive and it has allowed us to engage with 46 service users, who otherwise have not accessed statutory services. To date 26 service

users have moved to positive destinations, due to the additional support provided by this service. Based on this success the Scottish Government have agreed to fund the pilot for a further 3 months.

The original pilot was due to conclude on 9 March 2018. Officers are now developing a full review document of this pilot highlighting the successes and learning. This will be available in early April.

2. Increase outreach capacity in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Aberdeen and further explore any need for additional capacity in Dundee – total additional cost £106,000 - £11,000 covered by Simon Community and £15,000 covered by Govan Law Centre.

Street based outreach workers now work each evening, prior to the winter period they patrolled 4 nights per week. This has been beneficial in identifying people who continued to rough sleep, despite the increase in capacity in the shelters, who have then accessed the rapid access accommodation.

3. Maximise use of Nightstop in Edinburgh and undertake discussion with statutory sector in Glasgow to agree how we implement Nightstop there by January 2018

The Nightstop service has been in force since 1 November 2017. To date six young people (for a total of 143 bed nights) have been accommodated. Two are currently in the service. The other four have either returned home, accessed a settled tenancy, or accessed supported accommodation.

4. Maximise effectiveness of existing and additional outreach capacity by boosting multi-agency partnership working; adopting 'by name lists' approach and empowering frontline workers through direct access to services and dedicated accommodation

This workstream has been created and officers meet with third sector partners each week to consider cases of the most vulnerable people in the city. This is now well

established and working well in terms of providing support and accommodation. To date 134 of the most vulnerable people in the city, have accessed accommodation following the development of this service.

5. Making personal budgets and/or flexible emergency fund available for frontline staff to employ where maximum flexibility is required to meet an individual's immediate housing needs, establishing trust and a basis on which further support can be provided towards a long term, sustainable successful outcome. This would only be the final resort, employed for those whom all other outreach and intervention fails. This would be treated as a pilot and the evidence gathered would inform development of thinking on the 'Housing First' approach – total additional cost £50,000.

This fund has been accessed directly by frontline outreach workers for 29 people over the winter period and has provided a flexible, creative and immediate solutions at the point of contact with homeless people. This has included allocating funds for the provision of accommodation, banks statements to access benefits, ID to allow people to access employment and transport costs.

6. At times of extreme weather, ensure flexible provision is available in Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen for anyone who will not use winter night shelters, despite all efforts – total additional cost £15,000.

Streetwork are working with the Bethany Care Van and Density Street Impact Team to provide extreme weather packs where required, this is in addition to the increase in street based outreach to ensure better coverage of the city.

Additional Information

- During the period of extreme weather, the dedication of Council staff ensured that Homelessness Services' continued to operate a service from 1a Parliament Square from 0830 to 1700 on Wednesday 1 and

Thursday 2 March and from 0830 to 1540 on Friday 3 March.

- During the same period, Streetwork's outreach team were out on each of these days targeting people on the streets in order to provide hot drinks and extreme weather packs.
- A rough sleeping count was conducted in August 2017 and identified, on that night, 55 rough sleepers. This is a snapshot of that one evening, but allowed the provision of support for those who wished to engage. Another rough sleeping count will take place on 14 March 2018

Details on Nightstop can be found here:

<http://www.rocktrust.org/nightstop/>

The Edinburgh Nightstop service aims to provide young people between the ages of 16 and 25 years with emergency accommodation for up to 2 weeks in the homes of approved volunteers (although this can be extended, depending on circumstances).

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost. First of all like to thank the outgoing Convener for the comprehensive answer on the actions of the action group, Scottish Government Action Group on this, I presume it's the incoming Convener who I welcome, we'll see I don't know, don't know who was answering, we'll see who's answering Lord Provost.

The point being that back in October I submitted a motion to this Council calling for a housing first approach, and that was remitted to the Housing and Economy Committee, the Homelessness Task Force, and no specific action has been taken on that. Given that we have all of these actions out of an interim report from the Scottish Government's Action Group and that Action Group has now recommended a Housing First approach, and that Scottish Government support that, that there is a lot of academic evidence to support the implementation of Housing First and that members of the Homelessness Task Force seem to support that option, given that we've had, we've lost a winter on this, would it not be appropriate now for our task force to create

an interim report and start an approach towards Housing First and look at other issues as more longer term matters?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Councillor Whyte I'm answering your question. I have to say Councillor Whyte you are a member of the Homelessness Task Force yourself so these are questions that you could take through that route and as a member of the taskforce you'll also be aware that the Task Force has been working very hard and is in the process of looking at a whole range of recommendations and potential solutions and we'll be making those recommendations to our Housing and Economy Committee in June. Furthermore, just in relation to recent Scottish Government cabinet secretary Keith Brown's support for Housing First, my understanding is that is expected to be taken up by Councils with no additional funding, so we need to look at this very carefully, however, I would urge that we do look at this option very carefully I'm sure.

I am not a member of the Homelessness Task Force but I'm sure members will be looking very carefully at that and of course everyone in this Chamber wants to see adequate funding and suitable solutions to alleviate the plight of homelessness for our citizens in Edinburgh, thank you Lord Provost.

QUESTION NO 21

**By Councillor Rae for answer by the
Convener of the Housing and
Economy Committee at a meeting of
the Council on 15 March 2018**

Question

In light of the petition by campaign group Living Rent to call on the City Council to introduce a Rent Pressure Zone for Edinburgh, what engagement has the convener or officers had with the Scottish Government over submission of an application from the City Council?

Answer

No petition has been presented to the City Council from Living Rent and as such no action has been taken because of it.

However, a report to Housing & Economy Committee on [18 January 2018](#) advised that Scottish Government has issued guidance to local authorities on the evidence required in support of an application for a rent pressure zone. I met with Kevin Stewart MSP, Minister for Local Government and Housing, on 20 February to discuss the guidance and Council officers and Scottish Government officials will meet shortly to discuss the guidance in more detail. Council officers will also work with COSLA, local authorities and Scottish Government to take forward a shared methodology for identifying rent pressure zones.

As Convener of Housing and Economy I will continue to engage proactively at all levels of Government and with campaign groups and other interested parties on this subject.

QUESTION NO 22

**By Councillor Rae for answer by the
Convener of the Housing and
Economy Committee at a meeting of
the Council on 15 March 2018**

Question

For answer by the Convenor of Housing and Economy: in light of the Scottish Government target to provide 50,000 affordable homes by 2021, at least 70% of which must be socially-rented, what percentage of the 20,000 affordable homes planned in Edinburgh by the council and housing associations will be socially-rented?

Answer

The Scottish Government plans to deliver 50,000 affordable homes through its funded housing programmes. These include social and mid rent and low cost home ownership. 70% of this programme is for social rent.

If the Council relied solely on Government funded programmes this would mean, on a per capita basis, 5,000 affordable homes in Edinburgh over the next five years, 3,500 of which would be for social rent. The Council's objective is to deliver double that number of homes.

The Council's [Strategic Housing Investment Plan](#) identifies that over the next five years 6,000 affordable homes will be supported by Government funded programmes with at least 70% (4,100) of these being for social rent.

Homes require around £65,000 grant funding per property to make them viable to build at social rent levels. Ultimately the amount of social rented homes that can be delivered across the city is directly related to the level of grant funding made available.

QUESTION NO 23

**By Councillor Main for answer by the
Convener of the Integration Joint
Board at a meeting of the Council on
15 March 2018**

Question (1) How many adults who have mental health and substance misuse issues were on the waiting list for Adult Counselling Services and what is the expected waiting list time, each month over the last three years?

Answer (1) There are three specialist drug and alcohol counselling services operating in Edinburgh. These are Edinburgh and Lothians Council on Alcohol (ELCA), Crew and Simpson House.

The length of wait for a service is measured by a national target (HEAT A11) which is assessed on the percentage of people entering treatment within 3 weeks. Over the course of the last three years (January 2015- Dec 2017) performance has improved against this target, and the number of people waiting for a service at the end of each month has fallen significantly.

Detailed information is given in Appendix A.

In addition, NHS Lothian/Health and Social Care Partnership provide psychological therapy services. These services are designed to support people with a range of mental health problems, which may include people with substance use issues.

There is a national target for waiting times to access psychological therapies (HEAT A12). The target is for 90% of people to be seen within 18 weeks from point of referral.

Appendix B provides detail of the number of people waiting longer than 18 weeks for treatment.

Question (2) How many adults who have mental health and substance misuse issues, attended Adult Community Treatment Services annually over the last 3 years, broken down by locality?

Answer (2) It has not been possible to collate this data in the given timescale. I will ensure that this information is forwarded to Councillor Main as soon as it is available.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost, my question is in two parts with two answers I have clarification of both I hope that's okay.

When you're diagnosed as suffering from mental health issues and in you're in need of psychiatric services you need those services right there and then and the implications of being on a waiting list could be extremely serious. Unfortunately my question of how many people are on the waiting list is not answered. Lord Provost that it had given is the number of people been waiting for more than 18 weeks and the information given shows that in the last year the total number of adults waiting for more than 18 weeks doubled to almost a thousand.

So how many people are actually on the waiting list in full?

The second part of the question is about a contract awarded in 2015 for adult community treatment services for £7.2m. It was controversial at the time so I am absolutely astonished that the Convener is unable to report how many people have benefited from this service in the first two years. Can he clarify why that is and when this information will be available, thank you.

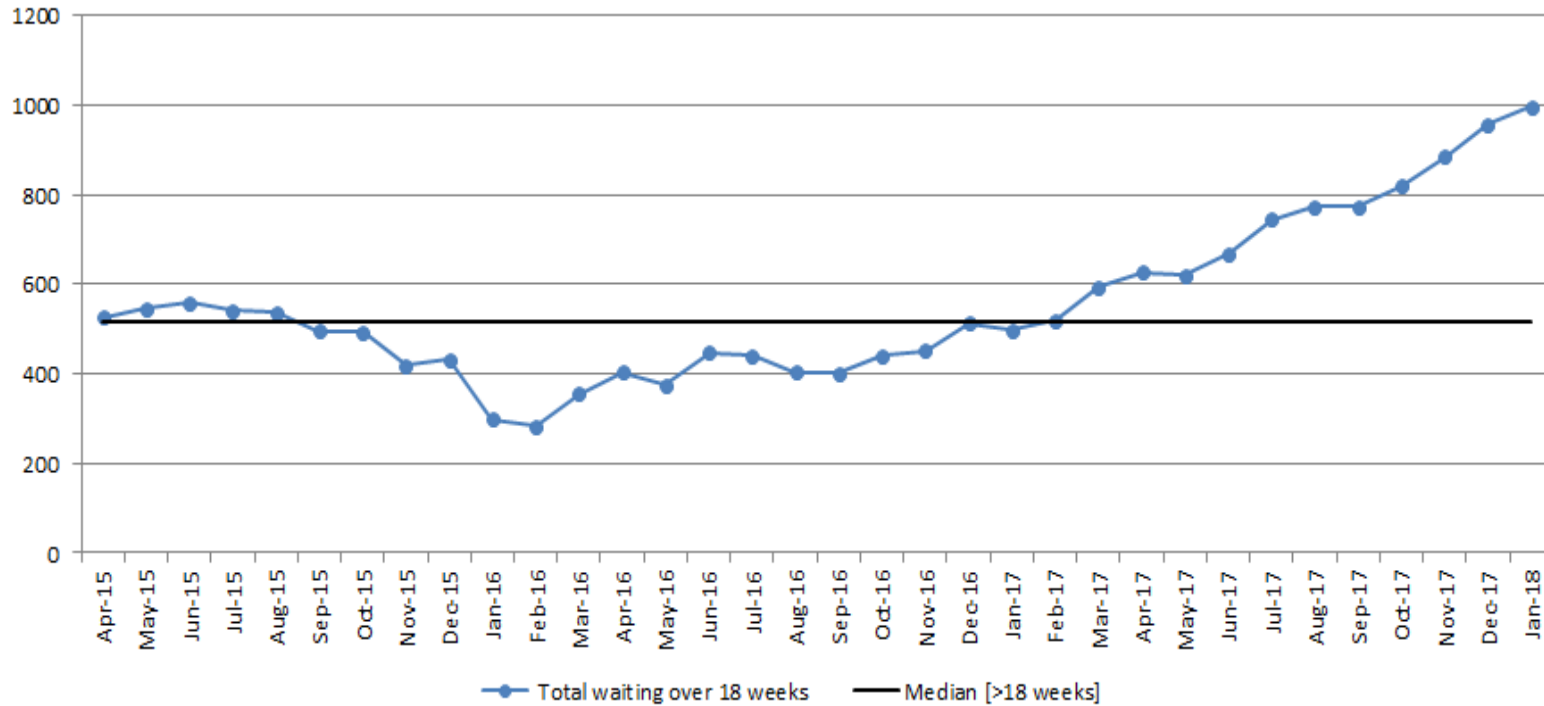
Supplementary Answer Thanks Lord Provost and can I thank Councillor Main for her question. There's a level of detail in there Councillor Main I don't have to hand at the moment. I know there was a lot of work done this week since the submission of your question and seeking to clarify exactly what it was that you were looking to establish. A lot of that information is held by NHS Lothian who are not used to responding to Council questions, it's a new experience for them, so I would welcome a further discussion with Councillor Main outwith this meeting and we can get to the bottom of the exact detail that she would like and I'll do my best to provide that.

Appendix A – Drug and Alcohol Counselling services activity 2015-17

		Ongoing waits at end of month (number of people)	Number of people starting treatment	% accessing treatment under 3 weeks
2015	Jan	129	47	91%
	Feb	123	54	81%
	Mar	139	50	98%
	Apr	126	50	66%
	May	127	45	82%
	Jun	115	57	84%
	Jul	96	45	76%
	Aug	107	56	79%
	Sep	98	52	77%
	Oct	92	53	77%
	Nov	62	63	63%
	Dec	65	21	90%
2016	Jan	60	52	77%
	Feb	36	69	93%
	Mar	30	47	100%
	Apr	33	42	100%
	May	30	40	98%
	Jun	46	25	96%
	Jul	39	55	96%
	Aug	40	47	91%
	Sep	32	47	91%
	Oct	42	46	100%
	Nov	47	47	79%
	Dec	37	32	94%
2017	Jan	57	43	84%
	Feb	49	43	91%
	Mar	49	57	79%
	Apr	30	53	85%
	May	24	64	88%
	Jun	41	51	98%
	Jul	36	48	96%
	Aug	39	56	96%
	Sep	25	57	96%

	Oct	23	39	95%
	Nov	22	43	100%
	Dec	24	25	100%

Edinburgh Adult & Older Adults Services: Number of patients waiting over 18 weeks for Psychological Therapy



The data reported details the number of patients who have waited more than 18 weeks for a psychological therapy at month end from April 2015 to January 2018.

The data adults aged 18-65yrs and older adults, and only includes Edinburgh Services.

The substance misuse figures only detail patients who are waiting for a psychological therapy and do not relate to the separate 3 week substance misuse (A11) service target.

The data does not include any patients waiting to be seen by a Lothian wide Specialist service - (e.g. eating disorders, Trauma services).

QUESTION NO 24

By Councillor Gloyer for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

During the redevelopment of Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh's elite track athletes have no suitable training facilities in the city. At the same time, they are obviously unable to take advantage of the city's Talented Athlete Scheme, which offered them free access to Meadowbank

Question (1) What was the amount allocated to the Talented Athlete Scheme in 2017-18?

Answer (1) The budget for 2017-18 was £20k.

Question (2) Will the Convener undertake to use that amount to support Edinburgh's athletes, until Meadowbank reopens, by providing travel grants to those who need to train outwith the city?

Answer (2) Any reduction on this budget would have an impact on the number of athletes that could benefit from this scheme. The Edinburgh Talented Athlete Support Scheme is open to athletes from all sports that have a national governing body recognised by **sportscotland** and provides free access to Edinburgh Leisure's gyms, swimming pools and running tracks for additional training outside of their regular club sessions. Elite track athletes in the ETASS can still access any of Edinburgh Leisure's gyms as well as track facilities at Saughton Sports Complex.

Given that alternative arrangements are available within the City and also as has previously been stated, additional costs would impact on the number of talented athletes able to benefit from this scheme, we would not recommend that funds be diverted in this way.

**Supplementary
Question**

Yes thank you Lord Provost. I would like a little bit of clarification. I thank the Convener for his answer but given given that I asserted that there are no suitable training facilities in the city for elite track athletes, I would have expected the Convener to check whether that assertion was true. The track at Saughton is too hard for sprinters to train on regularly. These sprinters are having to cover their own travel costs to go to Glasgow or to other facilities outside Edinburgh. If he's refusing to help our athletes with their travel costs to train in Glasgow or wherever else they can find, what other support can he offer to Edinburgh Athletic Club while Meadowbank has closed, for example by reducing or even waving the charges for Council facilities such as Saughton?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you Councillor Gloyer for your question. I think that is entirely the wrong interpretation of my answer. First of all I have to say when I looked at your question I did actually think it was a good idea and then did investigate whether it would be possible to pay travelling expenses and indeed to look at hardship that might be encountered by athletes. The advice I got back from my experts was that the facilities were being provided Edinburgh but my response to that was let's make absolutely sure that's the case and if there is hardship then we can look at that on an individual basis.

Taking it from this fund would impact on the number of athletes that we could harvest part of the scheme, that's all I'm seeing here. I'm not saying that we won't look for other sources of funding to alleviate hardship, should that be necessary for travelling expenses etc.

QUESTION NO 25

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Vice-Convenor of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 March 2018

Question (1) When will minutes of the last Gaelic Implementation Group be circulated to members?

Answer (1) Draft minutes of working groups are normally submitted for approval with the papers for the next meeting. However, I asked officers for the minutes of the last meeting to be circulated early to the Gaelic Implementation Group members as a draft and this was completed on the 12th March 2018.

I have also asked for a clear process and timescales for supporting future meetings to be agreed, and will update GIG members at the next meeting on Tuesday 27th March 2018.

Question (2) When will the Gaelic Implementation Group next meet?

Answer (2) The next Gaelic Implementation Group will meet on the 27 March 2018 with a view to discussing the GLP prior to its submission to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 15th May 2018. Papers for this meeting will be issued by the 20th March 2018.

In the meantime, we continue to engage with the Co-production group which is made up of GIG members to develop the GLP.

Question (3) How many full-time equivalent posts does the council have in Gaelic Development?

Answer

- (3)** We have one part time officer working three days a week on Gaelic Development. In addition, we also have a number of staff working across the council. These include policy staff within the strategy and Insight team. The Policy and Insight Senior Manager is responsible for the production of the Gaelic Language Plan.

I have asked officers for an updated and detailed list of all those officers from the relative service areas who will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the GLP.

I have also asked officers to visit Glasgow Council to understand how they have supported their approach to the Gaelic Language.

QUESTION NO 26

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 March 2018**

Question **(1)** Is the Convener aware of a recent report from the Swedish Association of Local Authorities and Regions that, following a gender-balanced budgeting process, many Swedish cities, including Stockholm, now prioritise snow clearing from walkways and cycle paths first, especially those near bus stops and primary schools, followed by local roads, followed by highways?

Answer **(1)** I am familiar with this report and had asked officers to consider this approach in the review of our Winter Weather operations

Question **(2)** Has the council considered such an approach?

Answer **(2)** Not to date. The Council's current approach gives equal priority to Priority 1 cycle ways, pavements and roads, prioritising main routes for emergency vehicles, walking, cycling and public transport.

Question **(3)** What action does the council take to co-ordinate and support the efforts of communities and volunteers in snow-clearing and gritting?

Answer **(3)** Following a citywide consultation, the Council has recently piloted a 'Resilient Communities' project. Juniper Green and Ratho Community Councils participated and were provided with equipment, training and support to develop local community resilience plans. The pilot is currently being evaluated and the outcomes will feed in to the review of Winter Weather operations.

Following last week's severe weather, Communities and Families engaged with parents and staff through Head Teachers to arrange voluntary snow clearing community events at educational establishments.