

# Minutes

## The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 23 August 2018

Present:-

### LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Frank Ross

### COUNCILLORS

Robert C Aldridge  
Scott Arthur  
Gavin Barrie  
Eleanor Bird  
Chas Booth  
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  
Graham J Hutchison  
Andrew Johnston  
David Key  
Callum Laidlaw  
Kevin Lang  
Lesley Macinnes  
Melanie Main  
John McLellan  
Amy McNeese-Mechan  
Adam McVey  
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

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### Decision

To approve the minute of the Council of 28 June 2018 as a correct record.

## 2 Questions

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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

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The Leader presented his report to the Council. He commented on:

- Edinburgh Festivals
- Signing of the City Deal commitment – thanks to those involved
- School exam results
- Meadowbank redevelopment consultation
- YouGov Survey

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Whyte         | - | Service performance – risk appetite policy  |
| Councillor Mary Campbell | - | Tourist levy  |
| Councillor Aldridge      | - | Leadership contests   |
| Councillor Day           | - | School exam results – Trinity Academy   |
| Councillor Bird          | - | Free sanitary products in schools   |
| Councillor Johnston      | - | Missed bin collections - complaints   |
| Councillor Booth         | - | Threat of extreme right wing – discussions with Police Scotland and community safety officers |
| Councillor Lang          | - | Festival Silent Disco   |
| Councillor Munro         | - | Underspend by Scottish Government – Council representations                                   |
| Councillor Fullerton     | - | Waste Complaints – congratulations for lowest level for a number of years                     |

Councillor Doggart	- Missed targets in Internal Audit findings
Councillor Cameron	- Value of filming in Edinburgh
Councillor Cook	- South Morningside Primary – Janitorial support – safety of Deanbank campus
Councillor Donaldson	- Construction Charter - welcome
Councillor Arthur	- Local Government Funding – cost of funding staff pay settlement
Councillor Watt	- Welcome Construction Charter – need to strengthen and implement this
Councillor Bridgman	- Proposed new tram line – possibility of holding a referendum on whether or not to proceed
Councillor Laidlaw	- Performance review – need for improvement in schools in poorer areas of the City
Councillor Dickie	- Holiday and weekend activities for young people and families with children with disabilities
Councillor Rust	- Leader’s tweets re Brexit – Brexit Working Group

## 4 Appointment of Members to Committees

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

### Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Webber in place of Councillor Bridgman on the Personnel Appeals Committee.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Mitchell in place of Councillor Barrie on the Regulatory Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committee.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Jim Campbell in place of Councillor Graczyk on the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee.

- 4) To appoint Councillor Doggart in place of Councillor Graczyk on the Culture and Communities Committee.
- 5) To appoint Councillor Gordon in place of Councillor Bridgman on the Finance and Resources Committee.
- 6) To appoint Councillor Key in place of Councillor Bridgman on the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.
- 7) To appoint Councillor Burgess in place of Councillor Mary Campbell on the Licensing Board.
- 8) To appoint Councillor McNeese-Mechan as Convener of the Personnel Appeals Committee.
- 9) To appoint Councillor Gordon as Sustainability Champion in place of Councillor Gardiner.

(References: Act of Council Nos 4 of 3 May 2018 and 10 of 28 June 2018; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

## **5 Appointments to Outside Organisations**

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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.

The Council had also agreed the establishment of two Limited Liability Partnerships (LLPs) to own and manage housing for market and mid-market rent with five members being appointed, including Councillor Barrie in his then role as Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree that as Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee, Councillor Kate Campbell should replace Councillor Barrie on the LLP Corporate Body.
- 2) To note that the remaining members of the Corporate Body were Councillor Cameron (as Vice-Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee) Councillor Rankin (as Finance and Resources Committee Convener), and Councillor Doggart, as well as the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Douglas to the board of Corstorphine Community Centre.

- 4) To appoint Councillor Main in place of Councillor Mary Campbell and Councillor Fullerton in place of Councillor Kate Campbell, to the Edinburgh Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.

(References – Act of Council No 8 of 29 June 2017 2017 and 9 of 1 February 2018; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## **6 Appointment to the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF)**

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The Pensions Committee had endorsed the appointment of Councillor Rankin to the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee. At their meeting in July 2018 the LAPFF had appointed Councillor Rankin to its Executive Committee and the Council was asked to ratify this appointment.

### **Decision**

To approve the appointment of Councillor Rankin to the Executive Committee of the LAPFF.

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

## **7 Office of the Lord Provost – Year One Report 2017/18**

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Details were provided on the activity and outcomes of the Lord Provost in the first year of the current administration from May 2017 to May 2018.

### **Motion**

- 1) To welcome this report from the Office of the Lord Provost and note the range and variation of the work undertaken in year one of the current administration.
- 2) To endorse the direction of travel for 2018/19 as set out in paragraph 3.20 of the report.
- 3) To call for subsequent annual reports commensurate with the routine Council Annual Report in June each year.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

To add to the motion by Councillor McVey:-

To also call on officers to report the cost to the city of Royal activities, including visits and engagements, in the year May 2017 to May 2018 to the Finance and Resources Committee within one cycle.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Rae

## **Amendment 2**

To add to the motion by Councillor McVey:-

To also call on officers to report the cost and economic benefit to the city of Royal activities, including visits and engagements, in the year May 2017 to May 2018 to the Finance and Resources Committee within one cycle.

- moved by Councillor Rust, seconded by Councillor Laidlaw

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion

## **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	41 votes
For Amendment 2	-	17 votes

(For the motion as adjusted: Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, 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, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte

Abstentions: The Lord Provost, Councillors Barrie, Bridgman and Graczyk.)

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To welcome this report from the Office of the Lord Provost and note the range and variation of the work undertaken in year one of the current administration.
- 2) To endorse the direction of travel for 2018/19 as set out in paragraph 3.20 of the report.
- 3) To call for subsequent annual reports commensurate with the routine Council Annual Report in June each year.

- 4) To also call on officers to report the cost to the city of Royal activities, including visits and engagements, in the year May 2017 to May 2018 to the Finance and Resources Committee within one cycle.

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

## **8 Planning Statutory Scheme of Delegation**

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Details were provided on proposed changes to the statutory scheme of delegation on planning applications to allow more delegated power in respect of householder development and representations in support of local developments.

### **Decision.**

- 1) To approve the proposed changes to the Statutory Scheme of Delegation.
- 2) To refer the proposed changes to the Statutory Scheme of Delegation to Scottish Ministers for approval and thereafter to adopt the scheme should such approval be forthcoming.

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

## **9 The City of Edinburgh Council Performance 2017-18 – referral from the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee had referred a report which provided a detailed overview of council performance in 2017/18 against the Council Business Plan Strategic Aims and Objectives, to the City of Edinburgh Council for consideration.

### **Motion**

To note the annual performance report for the 2017/18 financial year.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Executive on the City of Edinburgh Council Performance 2017-18 and express concern that:
  - a) of the Corporate Indicators against which the Council measured performance on its Strategic Aims, 30 had current data and targets and of these two thirds (20) were amber or red and more than one third (11) were red;
  - b) within the Local Government Benchmarking Framework the Council was in the bottom half of Scottish Council performance for almost half

of the indicators (36 of 75) with particularly poor scores on measures that related to public satisfaction with services.

- 2) Considered that this was a result of a number of years where successive Labour and SNP Administrations had failed to properly prioritise service performance, improvement, benchmarking and Best Value to the detriment of Edinburgh citizens and the services they received.
- 3) To agree that Edinburgh citizens deserved better and that as a large, City based Council, Edinburgh should be using its scale and operational base to provide Scotland-leading services and further seeking to improve towards best practice on each service as measured in the UK and beyond.
- 4) Therefore, instructs the Chief Executive to draw up a Comprehensive Improvement Plan setting out how the Council could achieve service standards across all services that met the Council's own SMART targets, achieved top half performance amongst Scottish Councils across all indicators and that identified measures of performance against recognised best practice. The Comprehensive Improvement Plan should be presented to the Council by the end of 2018 calendar year and must include specific timescales within which service improvements would be made along with plans to implement these which would be made available to be scrutinised at Council Executive Committees.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

## **Amendment 2**

To add to the motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note in particular, significant challenges and the need for concerted action on the following areas, amongst others:
  - To increase satisfaction with the standard of local schools;
  - Within social care, to reduce waiting lists and delayed discharge, to increase assessments and to increase uptake of self-directed support;
  - To improve homelessness services in order to reduce the scale and duration of stay in temporary accommodation;
  - To revamp road repairs services to ensure that defects are dealt with swiftly;
  - To improve street cleaning, recycling and satisfaction with refuse services;
  - To address capacity and processing problems in planning and building warrant services;



- To continue to develop workforce planning in order to deal with sickness absence and use of agency staff.
- 2) To note and acknowledge the work of council officers to address these issues, and agree that further work to improve performance in these areas would be reported to the relevant subject committee at the earliest reasonable opportunity.
- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Main.

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

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	39 votes
For Amendment 1	-	23 votes

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

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aldridge, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Duggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Lang, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber, Whyte and Young.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the annual performance report for the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2) To note in particular, significant challenges and the need for concerted action on the following areas, amongst others:
  - To increase satisfaction with the standard of local schools;
  - Within social care, to reduce waiting lists and delayed discharge, to increase assessments and to increase uptake of self-directed support;
  - To improve homelessness services in order to reduce the scale and duration of stay in temporary accommodation;
  - To revamp road repairs services to ensure that defects are dealt with swiftly;

- To improve street cleaning, recycling and satisfaction with refuse services;
  - To address capacity and processing problems in planning and building warrant services;
  - To continue to develop workforce planning in order to deal with sickness absence and use of agency staff.
- 3) To note and acknowledge the work of council officers to address these issues, and agree that further work to improve performance in these areas would be reported to the relevant subject committee at the earliest reasonable opportunity.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee 7 August 2018 (item 21); referral from the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, submitted)

## **10 Treasury Management - Annual Report 2017/18**

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The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on Treasury Management Activity in 2017/18.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/18.
- 2) To refer the report by the Executive Director of Resources to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee 16 August 2018 (item 13); referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

## **11 Spend to Save Funding Application – Lagganlia Outdoor Centre - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee**

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The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on an application for £40,000 of Spend to Save Funding to facilitate the construction of a purpose built outdoor learning resource at the Lagganlia Outdoor Centre, to the Council for approval.

### **Decision**

To approve the application for £40,000 of Spend to Save Funding to facilitate the construction of a purpose built outdoor learning resource at the Lagganlia Outdoor Centre.

(References - Finance and Resources Committee 16 August 2018 (item 12); referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted).

## 12 Freedom of the City – Daw Aung San Suu Kyi – Motion by the Lord Provost

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The following motion by the Lord Provost was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

1. Notes the motion passed unanimously by Council on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017
2. Notes the letter written by the Lord Provost dated 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 following the passing of the motion
3. Notes that despite sending a copy of the letter directly and subsequently sending copies through diplomatic and Armed Services contacts there has been no response to the letter.
4. Notes the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Northern Rakhine and in the refugee camps of neighbouring Bangladesh.
5. Notes the ongoing calls from the United Nations, Amnesty International and many governments to the Burmese government to stop the violence and allow UN scrutiny and safe return of those fleeing Rakhine.
6. Expresses disappointment that there has been no communication from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Therefore agrees to remove the award the “Freedom of the City” from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi effective immediately.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

### **Amendment**

To add at the end of the motion:

“, and agrees to publicise the background and reasons for this decision, and that the City of Edinburgh Council joins those calling for the immediate ending of violence, discrimination and persecution of Myanmar’s Rohingya people.”

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Booth

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 the Lord Provost:

Council:

1. Notes the motion passed unanimously by Council on 26th October 2017
2. Notes the letter written by the Lord Provost dated 9th November 2017 following the passing of the motion
3. Notes that despite sending a copy of the letter directly and subsequently sending copies through diplomatic and Armed Services contacts there has been no response to the letter.
4. Notes the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Northern Rakhine and in the refugee camps of neighbouring Bangladesh.
5. Notes the ongoing calls from the United Nations, Amnesty International and many governments to the Burmese government to stop the violence and allow UN scrutiny and safe return of those fleeing Rakhine.
6. Expresses disappointment that there has been no communication from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

Therefore agrees to remove the award the “Freedom of the City” from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi effective immediately, and to publicise the background and reasons for this decision, and that the City of Edinburgh Council joins those calling for the immediate ending of violence, discrimination and persecution of Myanmar’s Rohingya people.

(Reference: Act of Council No 10 of 26 October 2017)

## 13 Police Stations – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

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

“Council

- 1) Is concerned that only two Police Stations are certain to have a physical Police Officer presence available to the public 24hrs a day.
- 2) Invites Police Scotland to review why Police numbers in Edinburgh do not support the growth in population, and requests a report is made to each Locality Committee within 3 cycles on plans to increase Police Officers in line with the relative population growth in each Locality, relative to the Scottish average.

- 3) Makes clear that Council financial support for Local Police Officers is additional to an acceptable level of provision, and should not be used to make up for unacceptable basic Police provision in the City of Edinburgh.
- 4) Instructs Officers to confirm and update data on Local Police numbers relative to the best fit population estimates for each Police Division in Scotland, now that the midyear 2018 population data has been published, as agreed by Council, Motion 9.6 – Local Police (amended) on 15 March 2018, and make a report including this data, and adding historic & projected population levels split by Locality, available to all members of Locality Committees within one cycle.

### Local Police Numbers and mid-year Population by Police Scotland Division, 2013 and 2017

	2013			2017			2013 to 2017, change on population basis
	Local Police Officers (1)	Population (2)	Police per 10,000 citizens	Local Police Officers (1)	Population (2)	Police per 10,000 citizens	
North East	1,132	579,200	19.54	1,189	586,380	20.27	3.73%
Tayside	968	412,160	23.49	951	416,090	22.86	-2.68%
Highlands & Islands	632	305,090	20.72	641	307,210	20.87	0.76%
Forth Valley	633	299,670	21.12	634	305,580	20.74	-1.82%
Edinburgh	1,180	487,460	24.21	1,155	513,210	22.50	-7.07%
Lothians & Borders	964	476,140	20.25	922	491,260	18.77	-7.30%
Fife	839	366,900	22.87	810	371,410	21.80	-4.66%
Greater Glasgow	2,714	793,890	34.19	2,626	823,910	31.87	-6.77%
Ayrshire	862	372,240	23.16	835	370,410	22.54	-2.65%
Lanarkshire	1,465	652,590	22.45	1,439	658,130	21.86	-2.62%
Argyll & W Dunbartonshire	570	177,850	32.05	564	176,420	31.97	-0.25%
Renfrewshire & Inverclyde	678	254,230	26.67	674	255,590	26.36	-1.16%
Dumfries & Galloway	371	150,280	24.69	359	149,200	24.08	-2.47%
TOTAL	13,008	5,327,700	24.42	12,798	5,424,800	23.59	-3.38%
Ex Edinburgh	11,828	4,840,240	24.44	11,643	4,911,590	23.71	-2.99%
% Edinburgh	9.07%	9.15%		9.02%	9.46%		

- 1) <http://www.scotland.police.uk/about-us/police-scotland/212598/>
- (2) Population is taken from the mid-year Council population data (<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-bytheme/population/population-estimates>), with each Council population added to the Police Division area with the best fit.”

## **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Webber

## **Amendment**

To note the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell on Police Stations, but to delete all and replace with:

- 1) To note that there is a police presence throughout the city 24 hours a day and these Police Officers are available to assist the public as required.
- 2) To acknowledge concern regarding numbers of Police Officers in Edinburgh but note that these are not calculated by population figures, they are deployed on a needs basis.
- 3) To note that as part of the Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland 2018/19 report, approved by the Culture and Communities Committee on 16 June 2018, Community Police Officers funded by City of Edinburgh Council are additional to the basic police officer provision for the city.
- 4) To note that crime figures have come down in Edinburgh, for example motorcycle crime has reduced by 92% since the introduction of the off road Police bikes which is a major initiative as part of the Partnership Agreement with Police Scotland.
- 5) To request a representative of the Scottish Police Authority attend the next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee to discuss issues relating to policing in Edinburgh.

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

## **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	22 votes
For the Amendment	-	37 votes

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

For the amendment: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Donaldson, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk,

Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Munro, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson and Work.)

### **Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

### **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.

## **14 Participatory Budgeting – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell**

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

“Council

Notes the desire to increase the level of Participatory Budgeting in the City and further recognises that a true democratic engagement with budgets decisions must include an option to forgo spending and instead hold monies in reserve. Accordingly, instructs that including an option to place all or part of the Participatory Budget in a Participatory Budget Reserve Fund (PBRF) is available to citizens in all Participatory Budgeting choices. Any monies in this PBRF shall not be considered or included when setting the next Council Budget, but shall be used to reduce the rate of Council Tax from what it would otherwise have been, in light of the agreed Council Budget, from the start of the following financial year.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Rose

### **Amendment**

Council:

- 1) Deletes the entire text of the motion and replaces with:-
- 2) Notes that the Coalition is committed to spending 1% of the Council’s discretionary budget through Participatory Budgeting and that this should deliver real benefits to local communities by funding specific projects as chosen by a public vote. This approach offers significant benefits in increasing

community participation, improving the effectiveness of public spending and promoting greater community cohesion.

3) Accordingly, to take no further action on the proposal.

- moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Donaldson

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 17 votes

For the amendment - 42 votes

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

For the amendment: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, 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, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.)

### **Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Rankin.

## **15 Green Flag Awards – Motion by Councillor Doran**

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

“Council;

- 1) Recognises that following the annual Keep Scotland Beautiful Green Flag Awards, the City of Edinburgh now has 32 parks awarded the Green Flag, an increase of two from 2017, and that this is the highest number of Green Flag parks in a single Local Authority in Scotland.
- 2) Recognises and commends the hard work of all staff involved in managing and improving our parks, leading to continued success in Green Flag awards.
- 3) Further, recognises and commends the hard work of the many Friends of Edinburgh Greenspace groups who play a crucial role in achieving Green Flag awards through volunteering their time to get involved in the many projects and activities leading to high quality greenspace throughout our city.”



## **Decision**

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Doran.
- 2) To agree that the Lord Provost hold a celebratory reception to thank the gardeners personally.

## **16 Equalities Working Group – Motion by Councillor Cameron**

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

“To support the Inclusion and Innovation aims of the Council’s Economy Strategy; and to improve citizens’ access to:

- 1) Council services, including services operated on the Council’s behalf;
- 2) Events, meetings and visits to Council owned buildings, parks and land; and
- 3) Employment and training opportunities within the Council,

Council agrees:

- 1) To establish a Cross Party Elected Member Working Group on Equalities;
- 2) That membership includes one representative from each political group; and
- 3) That this Equalities Working Group have its first meeting before 30th September.”

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Cameron:

To support the Inclusion and Innovation aims of the Council’s Economy Strategy; and, to improve citizens’ access to:

- 1) Council services, including services operated on the Council’s behalf;
- 2) Events, meetings and visits to Council owned buildings, parks and land; and
- 3) Employment and training opportunities within the Council,

Council agrees:

- 1) To establish a Cross Party Elected Member Working Group on Equalities which will report to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee;
- 2) That membership includes one representative from each political group;
- 3) That this Equalities Working Group have its first meeting before 30th September; and

- 4) A proposed workplan will be prepared by the Group before the end of December 2018 for submission to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for consideration.

## **17 Balerno Fairtrade – Motion by Councillor Henderson**

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

“Council;

- 1) Congratulates the community of Balerno on the recent renewal of its Fairtrade status. Council is justifiably proud of its various Fairtrade initiatives and remains committed to Fairtrade principles.
- 2) Asks the Lord Provost to write to Fairtrade Balerno and mark their recent achievement in the appropriate manner.”

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Henderson.

## **18 National Barrier Asset – Motion by Councillor Miller**

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

- “1) Notes the National Barrier Asset, which was originally deployed in Edinburgh during 2017, is in use for the 2018 summer festivals and welcomes the protection it provides from security risks.
- 2) Notes that the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) has concluded its review into the requirements for security solutions in Edinburgh.
- 3) Calls for a working group to be created to develop proposals for security infrastructure, taking account of the need for flexibility of deployment, suitable locations, and designs that are appropriate for the world heritage sites.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Miller.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Mary Campbell

## **Amendment**

Council

Delete paragraph 3 of the motion and replace it with the following:

- 3) Note the substantial amount of work already underway and ask for a report back to the Culture and Communities Committee within three cycles.

- moved by Councillor McNeese Mechan, seconded by Councillor Wilson

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:

- 1) Notes the National Barrier Asset, which was originally deployed in Edinburgh during 2017, is in use for the 2018 summer festivals and welcomes the protection it provides from security risks.
- 2) Notes that the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) has concluded its review into the requirements for security solutions in Edinburgh.
- 3) Note the substantial amount of work already underway and ask for a report back to the Culture and Communities Committee within three cycles.

## **19 World Suicide Prevention Day – Motion by Councillor Bird**

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

“Council

- (i) notes that September 10th marks World Suicide Prevention Day, an event organised by International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) to raise awareness of the risks of suicide and to fund suicide prevention activities;
- (ii) notes that the 2018 theme is a continuation of last year’s, Cycling Around the Globe, to encourage the global community to engage with each other and beat the record of collectively circumnavigating the globe nine times;
- (iii) notes that a person dies every 40 seconds by suicide and up to 25 times as many again make a suicide attempt;

- (iv) recognises the work of other organisations such as SAMH, Breathing Space, Samaritans and Bipolar Scotland in reaching out to people who are suffering from mental illness and supporting those that have been affected by it;
- (v) calls for a report within three cycles outlining actions currently being taken and what further actions are required to offer training sessions to elected members, council officers and within schools in mental health first aid to enable informed and supportive conversations.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Bird.

- moved by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Henderson

### **Amendment**

Council

Adds at the end of paragraph (iii):

expresses concern that 75 percent of suicides in the country are carried out by men, with suicide being identified as the single biggest killer of males in the UK under the age of 45.

- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

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 Bird:

Council

- (i) notes that September 10th marks World Suicide Prevention Day, an event organised by International Association for Suicide Prevention (IASP) and the World Health Organisation (WHO) to raise awareness of the risks of suicide and to fund suicide prevention activities;
- (ii) notes that the 2018 theme is a continuation of last year's, Cycling Around the Globe, to encourage the global community to engage with each other and beat the record of collectively circumnavigating the globe nine times;
- (iii) notes that a person dies every 40 seconds by suicide and up to 25 times as many again make a suicide attempt; expresses concern that 75 percent of suicides in the country are carried out by men, with suicide being identified as the single biggest killer of males in the UK under the age of 45;

- (iv) recognises the work of other organisations such as SAMH, Breathing Space, Samaritans and Bipolar Scotland in reaching out to people who are suffering from mental illness and supporting those that have been affected by it;
- (v) calls for a report within 3 cycles outlining actions currently being taken and what further actions are required to offer training sessions to elected members, council officers and within schools in mental health first aid to enable informed and supportive conversations.

## Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 2 of 23 August 2018)

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Convener of the Planning Committee  
at a meeting of the Council on 23  
August 2018**

#### Question

Can you publish a table showing:

1. All the major housing developments in the North West Locality which have been approved in the last 15 years and where the Council has entered into a legal agreement with a developer with respect to Section 75 contributions.
2. The individual projects as covered by the legal agreement for each individual housing development and the agreed financial contribution for each project.
3. The current status of each project where the S75 contribution has been paid.
4. The projects where the S75 contribution is still to be paid and what, if any, trigger points exist for payment.

#### Answer

1. The attached table displays the 22 major housing sites for which 32 planning applications are relevant to the question.
2. Details of the projects and associated financial contributions including Section 75 contributions are shown by type (by column).
3. The current status of delivery of projects is not held on the Planning database and therefore this data needs to be collated. It will be provided to members in advance of the Council meeting on 20 September 2018.
4. Contributions still to be paid are colour coded on the attached table and relate to only 6 of the 22 major housing developments. Where applicable, the legal

agreements includes details of the trigger points for payment. This information is not included on the table but specific information can be provided on individual applications if requested.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I'm very grateful to the officials and the Convener for what was a fairly comprehensive set of information. On the more general point of section 75 money can I ask whether the administration believes that the recording, the monitoring and the delivery processes for the spending of section 75 money is as robust as it could be?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I thank the Councillor for his question. The processes are continually being reviewed in the Council and so we are currently looking at aligning all databases including the planning, the finance and the project data bases to ensure that there is robust information.

REFERENCE	SITE ADDRESS	DATE GRANTED	T'PORT	TRAM	PREALM	AFFHO	EDUC
<b>ALMOND - A01</b>							
01/01855/FUL	Land adjacent to Newliston Road, Kirkliston	26-Feb-07	£59,500.00				£50,984.00
03/00399/FUL	Stirling Road, Kirkliston	17-Sep-04	£90,000.00			14 units	£175,684.00
04/04627/FUL	Echline Avenue, South Queensferry	12-Sep-07	£15,000.00		£94,865.00		
05/02336/FUL	562 Queensferry Road (Barnton Hotel)	13-Oct-06	£42,500.00			£87,870.00	
12/01941/FUL	562 Queensferry Road (Barnton Hotel)	12-Nov-12	£9,000.00				
06/05149/OUT	Land adjacent to Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	07-May-09	£391,500.00		£280,000.00	25%	£4,952,236.00
11/01857/FUL	Land adjacent to Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	23-Apr-12	£15,000.00			£143,129.00	£30,000.00
14/01283/PPP	Land adjacent to Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	08-May-15				£180,467.00	£79,383.15
07/04646/OUT	1A Old Liston Road, Newbridge	08-Sep-14	£329,000.00	£690,000.00	£112,500.00	17%	£1,780,000.00
14/01509/PPP	Site North of Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry	08-Oct-15	£27,500.00			25%	£660,000.00
14/04172/FUL	Site to West of 4 Ferrymuir, South Queensferry	01-Dec-15				25%	£334,215.28
<b>DRUM BRAE/GYLE - A03</b>							
04/03378/FUL	36 Clerwood Terrace	03-Feb-06	Links				
09/01933/FUL	36 Clerwood Terrace	17-Feb-10	£110,000.00			25%	£154,104.00
12/03114/FUL	36 Clerwood Terrace [11 additional units]	20-Mar-13	£5,000.00				£28,237.00
13/04209/FUL	Site to West of 34 Clerwood Terrace [+5 units]	09-Apr-14					£12,835.00
08/02880/FUL	1-5 Bughtlin Market	10-Jun-09	£32,005.63			25%	£59,773.88
13/05183/FUL	Land to East of 20 South Gyle Wynd	05-Dec-14				25%	£543,815.92
<b>FORTH - A04</b>							
02/03635/FUL	Land adjacent to Lower Granton Road	20-Oct-03					£166,212.46
04/03604/REM	Granton Harbour (Plot 28)	16-Mar-06					£116,300.00
05/01925/FUL	West Pilton Street	11-Jul-12		£200,000.00		100%	
07/03980/OUT	67, 67B Muirhouse Avenue	15-Jun-12					£138,563.00
11/00387/FUL	Site NW of 4 South Trinity Road (Trinity Park House)	24-Mar-15	Works			£777,500.00	£187,181.43
13/00604/FUL	Land to Rear of 500 Ferry Road	27-Sep-13	£2,500.00			25%	£74,745.47
13/01954/PPP	Regeneration Masterplan Pennywell/Muirhouse	18-Sep-13					£9,498.00
13/04479/FUL	Site at former 347A Pilton Avenue	27-Mar-14	£2,000.00				
16/00155/FUL	Land to West of 14 Kingsburgh Crescent	30-Mar-17	£4,000.00				£136,600.00
<b>INVERLEITH - A05</b>							
<b>CORSTORPHINE/MURRAYFIELD - A06</b>							
12/01683/FUL	33 Ellersly Road	29-Jan-13	£34,000.00			£325,000.00	£69,492.00
15/03780/FUL	1B West Coates, Donaldsons College	23-Jun-16	£105,500.00	£261,233.00		£1,243,750.00	£101,768.00
04/03624/FUL	1B West Coates, Donaldsons College	24-Jul-07		£160,000.00		25%	£81,223.00



WARD - SITE ADDRESS	REFERENCE	DATE GRANTED	TRANSPORT	TRAM	PUBLIC REALM	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	EDUCATION
<b>ALMOND - A01</b>							
Land adjacent to Newliston Road, Kirkliston	01/01855/FUL	26-Feb-07	Puffin Crossing on Queensferry Road, Kirkliston - £28,000				Accommodation at Kirkliston PS - £50,984
			Signals upgrade on New Liston Road, Kirkliston - £20,000				
			Safer Routes to School programme - £10,000				
			TRO (Road Markings) - £1,500				
Stirling Road, Kirkliston	03/00399/FUL	17-Sep-04	Traffic Signals upgrade at Main Street/Station Road, Kirkliston-£60,000			On site provision of 14 units	Accommodation at Kirkliston PS - £175,684
			Transport Improvements (not specified) - £30,000				
Echline Avenue, South Queensferry	04/04627/FUL	12-Sep-07	Safer Routes to School programme - £15,000		Play Area contribution - £94,865		
562 Queensferry Road (Barnton Hotel)	05/02336/FUL	13-Oct-06	Traffic Calming Measures - £30,000			On site provision 6 Units + £87,870 contribution	
			Real Time Information Units - £10,000				
			TRO - £2,500				
	12/01941/FUL	12-Nov-12	Car Club - £7,5000				
			Junction Box markings - £1,500				
			Bus Stop relocation - to be completed by developer				

WARD - SITE ADDRESS	REFERENCE	DATE GRANTED	TRANSPORT	TRAM	PUBLIC REALM	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	EDUCATION
Land adjacent to Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	06/05149/OUT	07-May-09	Bus contribution £200,000		Towards 'Key Arrival site' improvements - £280,000	On site provision 25%	Accommodation at Kirkliston PS - £4,952,236
			Road Improvements - £161,500				
			Safer Routes to School programme - £30,000				
	11/01857/FUL	23-Apr-12	Local road network improvements - £15,000			Contribution - £143,129	£90,000 towards transport to St Margarets Academy for 6 years; only £30,000 paid
	14/01283/PPP	08-May-15				Contribution - £180,467	For accommodation at Catchment schools - £79,383.15
1A Old Liston Road, Newbridge	07/04646/OUT	08-Sep-14	Newbridge junction - £165,000	Tram contribution - £690,000	Community facility - £100,000	On site provision 17%	Accommodation at Hillwood PS - £1,780,000
			Bus service - £100,000		Streetscape improvements - £12,500		
			Public Transport improvements - £44,000				
			National Cycle Network - £20,000				
Site North of Ferrymuir Gait, South Queensferry	14/01509/PPP	08-Oct-15	Puffin crossing on Kirkliston Road - £25,000			On site provision 25%	Queensferry PS - £135,000
			TRO - £2,500				Queensferry HS + St Augustine's RC HS - £525,000
Site to West of 4 Ferrymuir, South Queensferry	14/04172/FUL	01-Dec-15				On site provision 25%	Education contribution towards accomm within the Contribution Zone - £495,480

WARD - SITE ADDRESS	REFERENCE	DATE GRANTED	TRANSPORT	TRAM	PUBLIC REALM	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	EDUCATION
							£334,215.28 received £247,740(i) outstanding at 90th and 120th occupations
<b>DRUM BRAE/GYLE - A03</b>							
36 Clerwood Terrace	09/01933/FUL	17-Feb-10	Signals upgrade at Clermiston Road/St John's Road- £80,000			On site provision 25%	Craigmount HS + Forrester HS - £154,104
			Upgrade Bus infrastructure - £20,000				
			Cycleways linking Clermiston to Edinburgh Park station- £10,000				
<i>original</i>	04/03378/FUL	03-Feb-06	All provisions re-established with 09/01933/FUL				
<i>[11 additional units]</i>	12/03114/FUL	20-Mar-13	Public Transport - £5,000				Fox Covert PS - £28,237
<i>[+5 units]</i>	13/04209/FUL	09-Apr-14					Fox Covert PS - £12,835
1-5 Bughtlin Market	08/02880/FUL	10-Jun-09	Public Transport Contribution - £32,005.63			On site provision 25%	High School accommodation - £59,773.88
Land to East of 20 South Gyle Wynd	13/05183/FUL	05-Dec-14				On site provision 25%	Gylemuir PS + Forrester HS or elsewhere - £543,815.92
<b>FORTH - A04</b>							

WARD - SITE ADDRESS	REFERENCE	DATE GRANTED	TRANSPORT	TRAM	PUBLIC REALM	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	EDUCATION
Land adjacent to Lower Granton Road	02/03635/FUL	20-Oct-03					Education contribution - £166,212.46 [NB/. Monies never recovered]
Granton Harbour (Plot 28)	04/03604/RE M	16-Mar-06					General Education contribution - £116,300
West Pilton Street	05/01925/FUL	11-Jul-12		£200,000 - only to be paid if CEC Tram contract let along West Granton Access		On site provision 100%	
67, 67B Muirhouse Avenue	07/03980/OUT	15-Jun-12					Accom at Craigoyston HS - £138,563 or for public transport infrastructure or accommodation at other local schools
Site NW of 4 South Trinity Road (Trinity Park House)	11/00387/FUL	24-Mar-15	Cycle Link Access works to be completed by developer			Contribution - £777,500	Accom at Wardie PS - £187,181.43
Land to Rear of 500 Ferry Road	13/00604/FUL	27-Sep-13	Signalised junction works to be completed by developer			On site provision 25%	Granton PS - £74,745.47
			TRO - £2,500				
Regeneration Masterplan Pennywell/Muirhouse	13/01954/PPP	18-Sep-13					St David's RC PS accommodation - £9,498
Site at former 347A Pilton Avenue	13/04479/FUL	27-Mar-14	TRO - £2,000				
Land to West of 14 Kingsburgh Crescent	16/00155/FUL	30-Mar-17	20% of developer net profits				School accommodation in Catchment - £136,600
			TRO - £4,000				

WARD - SITE ADDRESS	REFERENCE	DATE GRANTED	TRANSPORT	TRAM	PUBLIC REALM	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	EDUCATION
INVERLEITH - A05							
CORSTORPHINE/MURRAY FIELD - A06							
33 Ellersly Road	12/01683/FUL	29-Jan-13	Public Transport - £15,000			Contribution - £325,000	Roseburn PS - £69,492
			Safer Routes to Schools programme - £10,000				
			TROs - £7,500				
			Signals - £1,500				
1B West Coates, Donaldsons College	15/03780/FUL	23-Jun-16	Roseburn to Leith cycle route - £101,500	Contribution - £261,233		Contribution - £1,243,750	Roseburn PS and/or Craigmount HS - £101,768
			TRO - £4,000				
<i>original - Superseded by (15/03780/FUL)</i>	04/03624/FUL	24-Jul-07		Contribution - £160,000		On site provision 25%	Contribution - £81,223
	KEY:		All monies paid to CEC except:				
			Trigger outstanding				
			Monies repaid				
			Some monies received but other triggers remain outstanding				

**QUESTION NO 2**

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Transport and Environment  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

Regarding the Council's ill considered proposal to call residents to ask for £25 payment for the Garden Waste Tax, can you confirm:

**Question** (1) When first you became aware of the potential for fraud and the breach of good practice?

**Answer** (1) The potential for fraud was generally considered as part of the initial setting up of the process. The specific issue raised about fraud to third parties was first identified to Council officers by Councillor Campbell on Friday 22 June after close of business hours.

**Question** (2) On what date the process was changed, so that the Council would not place calls asking for payment, but only accept payments on inbound calls?

**Answer** (2) See response to (3) below.

**Question** (3) Explain why it took so long to close this potential security breach, when the exact nature of this issue was highlighted to senior Officer as early as 22 June\*.

\* text of email sent to Senior Officers and copied to Director, 22 June:

I was keen to catch a word with you today regarding the proposed process for collecting the fee for garden waste.

As I understand it, residents will get a letter explaining that they need to contact us to have T&Cs sent out, which they need to agree to these Ts&Cs and return a signed copy, at which point we will call them to take payment over the phone.

Leaving aside the inefficiency of this process, it seems to me to be fundamentally flawed in terms of security.

I think it is safe to assume that it will be no secret that residents in Edinburgh will be expected to pay a known amount to a known payee over a known period.

\*\*I have drafted a script that a malicious caller could use below. How can residents check the validity of a caller, given all the key information is public?

I understand that we do have an opinion that this is a compliment process. Can this opinion be shared?

As it stands, I don't see how I could advise any constituent to do other than decline to make any payment to CEC over the phone after receiving a call, but instead suggested they call CEC back using the number on the letter to make payment.

Your thoughts would be appreciated.

I apologise if I have not gained an accurate understanding of the process. I am surprised that these letters are now going out, and that we are already receiving contact from constituents on what they need to do, before any briefing has been made or offered to Members.

Kind Regards

*\*\*A draft script was outlined in the question to highlight the risk of fraud and this has been redacted for security reasons.*

**Answer**

- (3)** The email from Councillor Campbell was received on Friday 22 June at 6.14pm. This was passed to the project team on the morning of Monday 25 June. The change to process was confirmed at 2pm on 27 June.

Following discussions between the services involved, an initial change to the process for all new enquirers was made on Wednesday 27 June to reduce the risk of the fraud. This change stopped outgoing calls from the Council seeking payment for all new enquirers.

In good faith, and in order to complete the procedure which had been agreed prior to the process change, 13 citizens were contacted for payment after this date as they had already been sent terms and conditions for agreement and

return prior to the change. It should be noted that from the beginning, all outbound calls made were supported by appropriate security questions and the process had been explained to the customers at the time of their original contact. With the exception of one call made on Monday 2 July, all outgoing calls seeking payment stopped on Friday 29 June.

It should be noted that the change made on 27 June (2.5 working days following initial identification) significantly reduced the risk of fraud to third parties as the Council had ceased making calls seeking payment for any new enquirers from that date.

It should be noted that of the 56,028 transactions made, only 7800 were processed via telephone or in person in local offices. Of these, only a very small number of outbound calls were made.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her answer and I am grateful that my e-mail did alert officers to this potential fraud and the action was taken. Unfortunately the answer raises more questions in my mind.

If the policy did change to reduce the threat of fraud against residents in Edinburgh on 27 June, why was the change such a tightly guarded secret? Correcting the earlier unsafe policy would achieve nothing without also making every effort to disseminate the change as widely as possible. The answer I got back to my e-mail I didn't get until midday on 29 June and that only spoke of an understanding that the policy had been refined. The Convener herself, in an article in the Edinburgh Evening News on 2 July made no mention of the significance of the change. At no point did she say that residents wouldn't be phoned for payment. The Evening News ran the story again on 5 July regarding changes to the policy that the Council would no longer ask for payment by phone and again on 11 July the Evening News to learn that her question, there is question, the Evening News ran a disturbing story about fraudsters posing as Council employees trying to get money from vulnerable residents and it was only at that point on 11 July that the Council was



quoted with a clear statement saying that we would not call customers for a charge.

Why was there not an unambiguous statement made explaining this change of policy when you say the policy was changed on 27 June?

**Statement by  
the Lord  
Provost**

I've asked the Convener to hold just now.

Now I have mentioned this in previous Council meetings. Supplementary questions are to ask about clarification of answers given. I think the question that you've just given is not about clarification; is bringing a new topic, not unrelated, I accept, but it is a new topic. I will ask the Convener if she wishes to answer that question, but I would ask all other members, supplementaries are about clarification of the written answer given not to add new topics, Convener.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you Councillor Campbell for that lengthy question. I would like to indicate quite clearly to you that the minute you alerted us to this potential risk we acted on it, but that action requires some time to work through. Can I also talk a little bit about the scale of the risk, because in fact we had relatively few customers being phoned by us. I understand that the figure was somewhere south of 100, the risk therefore to those individuals was quite low. You also reference an article about fraudsters approaching people for money, my understanding is that that's an entirely different topic because that was doorstep calling and that could occur under any set of circumstance. To link the two I think was perhaps a little unfortunate in your question.

In answer to this I think we responded as quickly as we could, this was a massive exercise that was being undertaken by the Council, I think one of the biggest of its size.

In terms of the scale of this exercise, this was an enormous exercise on the part of the Council. I think it was fulfilled very well, you only have to look at the results that came out of this. The people of Edinburgh voted with their credit cards I suppose I should say, because most of them took

their payments online, it went very smoothly in that sense and we're talking about a very small number of people who were involved in telephone payments.

Let's look at the end results, we absolutely met our target, a very realistic target not a Conservative one, not falsely reduced in order for us to be able to pass it but a realistic one based on local authority responses from their own exercises on this. This is an exercise that has been undertaken by almost half the local authorities across the UK. Our target was met and then some. We met the target of the number of households that we wanted to get and then we augmented that by the number of bins that were registered for, so instead of making the £1.25million that we expected to make out of this garden waste charge, we made £1.4million. I think that's an indication of how willing the people of Edinburgh are to accept the need for this albeit reluctantly in some quarters but accept the need for it and I think it's an indication of the success of this overall exercise, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Transport and Environment  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

- Question** (1) How many trees has the Council recorded as requiring some work, but where that work had still to be completed on 31 July, 2018?
- Answer** (1) 2,787
- Question** (2) How does this figure compare with the same figure from the end of July 2017?
- Answer** (2) July 2017 = 2,631
- Question** (3) How many of these trees have had work outstanding for (i) over 1 year, and (ii) over 2 years?
- Answer** (3) (i) 575 (ii) 279
- Question** (4) What resources would the Forestry Service require to clear all the outstanding tree works by the end of this financial year? What level of additional resources does this imply?
- Answer** (4) To complete by year end would require hiring several arborist contractors. Without a procurement exercise it is not possible to determine the cost. Alternatively, employing an additional tree squad within the Forestry Service would allow for the back-log to be tackled over a 12-24 month period.
- Question** (5) How many trees are growing on land for which the Council is responsible, but the trees have not been included as part of the Council's Tree Management Plan?
- Answer** (5) 59,536 trees on streets and within parks and cemeteries have been digitally mapped and are regularly condition-assessed. Trees within properties managed by Facilities Management and Housing have not yet been fully surveyed or mapped, nor have trees along cycleways. This is estimated to be a total of some 82,000 trees.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her answer. Very specifically a bit of clarity on point 4 of her answer. Is the Convener intending to pursue the alternative of employing an additional trees squad within the Forestry Service so that the backlog can be cleared up?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

That is something that would have to be discussed through our budget processes and so I would not be able to give you an answer on that at this point, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 4**

**By Councillor Brown for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) What is the value of sponsorship secured around Edinburgh hosting the EUROCIITIES 2018 conference?

**Answer** (1) Significant in-kind sponsorship has been committed from a number of organisations. There has been no committed financial sponsorship to date. However, officers are continuing to discuss opportunities with potential sponsors.

**Question** (2) What is the most recent projected surplus from hosting this important event?

**Answer** (2) There is no projected surplus anticipated from hosting this event. The Council is not hosting the conference for financial reasons but for the economic and social impact of having such a prestigious international event taking place in the city.

**Question** (3) What are the arrangements for Officers and Councillors from this Council to attend this event?

**Answer** (3) The formal arrangements for attendance at the conference have not yet been finalised. However a strong presence both from Councillors, officers and partners is anticipated.

The Lord Provost, as the Council's political representative for EUROCIITIES, will be expected to host and attend a significant number of events over the course of the conference.

**Supplementary Question** Very small supplementary, what is the projected deficit?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Just to thank Councillor Brown for his question. Officers have been working extremely hard at this, I've seen a very long list of all of the organisations that have been contacted and we have had a considerable amount of support in kind. Officers will continue to look for sponsorship and support so I can't give you an anticipated deficit at that moment. I wanted to pick up on a couple of points. The question around what the surplus would be seemed to me a little bit inappropriate. This isn't about bringing money into the Council, this is an incredibly prestigious event which will bring considerable economic and cultural benefits to the City. Eurocities is a wonderful organisation, it has 140 members focused on culture, on mobility, economy, sustainability democratic participation and urban governance. The themes for this year's conference are about citizenship and democracy, culture and smart investment for our future, and there's an extensive young ambassadors programme which is entirely appropriate in the year of the young person and will give lots of young people across Edinburgh and across Europe the opportunity to be involved. I know that Councillor Bird has been involved in her role as young person's champion, the Lord Provost will be hosting, Councillor Macinnes is keen to get involved as I hope will be lots of other Councillors.

This is about learning and development. It's about working with other cities to share best practice and to overcome challenges, it's also an opportunity to raise our international profile. Edinburgh's an unashamedly European city and even though Councillor Brown's colleagues in Westminster are in the process of taking Edinburgh out of Europe given that 74 percent of people in Edinburgh voted to remain I would hope that he would throw his support behind us in keeping our friendship, our links and our partnerships with our European neighbours. This is even more important in the face of the looming disastrous Brexit imposed on us by his party.

**Comment by  
the Lord  
Provost**

To be even-handed on the matter, can I ask that answers to supplementary questions actually answer only the supplementary question.

**QUESTION NO 5**

**By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

In the February budget 2018, approved on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 there was an allocation of £100k for a subsidised bus service to provide a service between St John's Hospital and south west Edinburgh, specifically Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green.

What plans are currently being put in place to provide this essential service to this area?

**Answer**

The Council approved funding of £100k for supported public transport in Currie and Balerno.

Council officers are investigating options for providing an enhanced bus link between St John's Hospital and the Currie/Balerno and Juniper Green area. The options considered include: extending the existing service 63 (operated by Lothian Buses, supported by City of Edinburgh Council) or extending the EM Horsburgh Service 40, which is a cross boundary service (supported and managed by West Lothian Council).

The first of these options would entail bus users having to change services in order to access the hospital while the second would provide a direct link.

A new Framework Agreement for Supported Bus Services and mini-competitions will take place later this year for a number of routes. These routes are still to be developed but will be done in consultation with local communities.

In addition, discussions will continue with officers from West Lothian Council to explore opportunities for more mutually beneficial joint working with regards to cross boundary services.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Convener for your answer. I was aware of this being the current status as I had a meeting with officers on 7 June. I was just wondering if there had been anything done further on this in the interim because we know there has been the award of the framework for the Bus services, I'm just wondering if anything had progressed, since this was the current status, at all?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you Councillor Webber. I don't have any specific information I could relay at this particular time but as you will have seen from the answer and your own knowledge, it is an ongoing process and we will get back to you as soon as we have anything useful to say on it, thank you.

**Additional  
Answer  
supplied after  
the meeting**

I have written to the Public Transport Manager to ask that ward Councillors continue to be kept updated during the ongoing work around the bus service.



**QUESTION NO 6**

**By Councillor Webber for answer by  
the Convener of the Planning  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

- Question** (1) How many major development sites with more than 50 units have planning permissions that are due to expire within the next three years, broken by year, whether permission in full or in principle, including the number of units?
- Answer** (1) See table attached at Appendix 1.
- Question** (2) What is the reasonable foreseeable demand for permissions due to expansion of Edinburgh's educational estate?
- Answer** (2) The expansion of the educational estate is a consequence of the future need and demand for housing in Edinburgh. It is not possible to identify whether such expansion in itself generates additional demand for new housing but any such demand is likely to be marginal in comparison to the more fundamental drivers of growth.
- Question** (3) What are the resource implications for the Planning and Building Control if developers bring forward further applications in advance of any existing applications expiring? What level of additional resources would this represent over the resources deployed in June 2018?
- Answer** (3) It is not possible to forecast when planning applications will be submitted for individual sites. The average annual number of major housing applications submitted over the last five years is 31 and while there will be annual fluctuations it is likely to continue around this level. The relevant teams are resourced to process these. It is currently not anticipated that this will increase significantly. The forward plans of the volume housebuilders are monitored annually through the Housing Land Audit and if this situation alters, resources can be reallocated within the services.

**Question** (4) What Planning and Building Control resource are anticipated to be required to support the expansion of the Education estate?

**Answer** (4) Managers in Planning and Building Standards are in regular contact with the project teams delivering the programme to expand the educational estate. The relevant Planning and Building Standards teams are sufficiently resourced to process these. As outlined in Question (6) the issue of workload pressures is known and being addressed.

**Question** (5) What Planning and Building Control resource are anticipated to be required to support the announced and anticipated developments in West Edinburgh, including Parabola, Garden District, Cammo estate, IBG and Edinburgh Airport?

**Answer** (5) Managers in Planning and Building Standards are well aware of these developments and are in regular contact with the developers. While substantial, such developments do not signal a radical change in the teams' workload. As referred to answer (3), managers believe that the existing resource is adequate to respond to anticipated demand. As outlined in Question (6) the issue of workload pressures is known and being addressed.

**Question** (6) What plans has the Convener put in place to secure any additional resources a reasonable person would deem prudent in light of these anticipated demands?

**Answer** (6) The Administration is well aware of the general workload pressures in the Planning and Building Standards service and the impact this is having on customers. The [Planning and Building Standards Action Plans 2018/19](#) were approved by the Planning Committee on 30 May 2018. These plans include proposals to invest the additional budget provision for Planning and some of the increases in Planning and Building Standards fee income in additional staff, in line with the Capital Commitments.

**Appendix 1: Planning consents for housing development (50+ units) due to expire within 3 years**

Time period	Number of applications				No of Units			
	PPP*	AMC	FUL	Total	PPP*	AMC	FUL	Total
1/8/18 - 31/07/19	3	1	1	<b>5</b>	630	321	258	<b>1,209</b>
1/8/19 - 31/07/20	4	6	3	<b>13</b>	1,780	1,168	285	<b>3,233</b>
1/8/20 - 31/07/21	0	1	2	<b>3</b>	0	260	202	<b>462</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2,410</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>745</b>	<b>4,904</b>

Some of Planning Permissions in Principle (PPP) consents have been partially developed or have Application for Approval of Matters specified in Conditions (AMC) applications for part of the area. The number of units figure relates to the part of the PPP consent that is undeveloped and has no AMC consent.

Two of the PPP consents due to expire have AMC applications submitted, pending consideration (368 units from year 2018 – 2019, 169 units from year 2019 – 2020).

**QUESTION NO 7**

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

In response to my motion on Kirkliston Congestion at the Full Council meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017, a coalition amendment was passed which included the following;

*To acknowledge that a lack of adequate public transport provision was a major contributory factor to current congestion levels and agree to continue dialogue with Lothian Buses around introducing a direct service to the City Centre.*

- Question** (1) Can the Convener please advise what actions she has taken over the past year to secure a direct Lothian Bus Service for Kirkliston?
- Answer** (1) I refer to the answer given to Councillor Young's question on [15 March 2018](#) which indicates that it would not be appropriate for the Council to request the introduction of any new bus services.
- Question** (2) Does the Convener accept that these efforts have been a failure?
- Answer** (2) No.
- Question** (3) Given recent announcements of a further diminished service to the village from third party providers, what does the Convener now intend to do to secure this much needed service and to finally put the residents of Kirkliston on a par with the rest of our city?
- Answer** (3) Officers will raise this issue with local bus operators as part of our regular liaison with them. In addition, officers are meeting with colleagues from West Lothian Council to consider opportunities for cross boundary services.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for her answer. Just three quick supplementaries for clarification on the answer that's been given. So, first of all I was a bit perplexed by the answer to Part 1 where the Convener said that she doesn't think it would be appropriate for the Council to request the introduction of a new bus service. Last year when Stagecoach withdrew their services from Queensferry the Council stepped in and asked Lothian Buses if they would take on the service, so can the Convener confirm why Kirkliston is not deserving of the Council's intervention when Queensferry was.

In terms of the second part of the question, the Convener said that the efforts to introduce a bus service haven't been a failure, so can she tell me when the service is starting, and in terms of the motion, the wording of which is given in the question that I've posed, can the Convener confirm that she voted for that motion which is obviously a matter of Council record but she had no intention of holding any dialogue because she doesn't deem that appropriate.

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

I will stand up, as you can see Councillor Macinnes is having some difficulties with her throat.

Thank you for your supplementary. You've asked a number of questions, you also asked the Convener to answer some of them, which obviously I can't do on her behalf.

You've asked for some information, we will get back to you with that information

**Comments by the Lord Provost**

Just for a final interruption, a supplementary question is a singular event, can members please take account of that.

**Additional answer supplied after the meeting**

I would first provide clarification around the answer advising it would not be appropriate for the Council to approach Lothian Buses regarding a service to Kirkliston. A commercial bus service already connects Kirkliston to the city centre. This is the First Service 38. It runs at a 15-minute frequency during peak periods and 30 minutes at other times. This is a 7 day a week service. It is not appropriate for the Council to encourage any commercial operator to compete against another. The Council is also

restricted by the terms of the 1985 Transport Act, including a clause where we cannot contract and operate a subsidised service that runs predominantly along a route where a commercial service is already operating.

The situation in South Queensferry was different because following the withdrawal of the Stagecoach service, there was no other service connecting South Queensferry to the city centre.

**QUESTION NO 8**

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) When did the Convener first become aware of the decision by the City Wide Traffic Management Group to allow two sets of roadworks, both involving lane closures, to run concurrently on Queensferry Road?

**Answer** (1) The Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee is not generally notified of roadworks. In this circumstance the roadworks were discussed in detail, planned and agreed at the City Wide Traffic Management Review Group. All affected Ward Councillors and Community Councils were offered briefings and updates on the following dates:

- 8 June 18 – Initial Councillor and Community Council briefing
- 19 June 18 – Councillor and Community Council update
- 29 June 18 – Councillor and Community Council update
- 5 July 18 – Councillor and Community Council update
- 10 July 18 – Care Home briefing to Councillor and Community Council update
- 25 July 18 – Stage completion update

**Question** (2) Did the Convener support this decision? and if so what was her justification for this support?

**Answer** (2) The Convener was not party to this decision.

**Question** (3) Does the Convener believe that a 90 minute bus journey time from the City Centre to Cramond is acceptable?

**Answer** (3) It is regrettable that public transport operators, local residents and commuters experienced delays at peak periods during the roadworks. In an effort to mitigate the impact of the roadworks the Scottish Power works were delayed for almost a year and programmed to coincide with the school summer holidays and Fife Trade holidays.

- Question** (4) In hindsight does the Convener believe that the decision to allow the roadworks to take place concurrently was a mistake?
- Answer** (4) The North West Locality team and other key transport stakeholders (including Police Scotland and Lothian Buses) planned and managed these works to mitigate the overall impact on the strategic road network. The main Scottish Power utility works were planned and programmed for some time and deemed to be the most critical activity. However, more recently the new Care Home development has required the construction of a new access and four separate utility connections. These latter additional works were arranged to be carried out under a two week occupation during a period of known reduced traffic flow (Fife trades holiday). If the works were carried out at any other time the resultant impact would have been more significant.
- Question** (5) Given the fact that the roadworks were regularly unmanned during the closure period and that neither set of roadworks was fully completed and both will have to return, does the Convener accept that the Council has a fundamental issue with contractor management?
- Answer** (5) I do not accept that the Council has a fundamental issue with contractor management. Arrangements are agreed based on the best information available at the time. However, it will not always be possible to carry out works in accordance with these plans once on-site.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you very much Lord Provost and bearing in mind what you've just said I'll pick one of the supplementary questions which the answer threw up. So thank you again Convener for her answer. One of the things, as I'm sure was the case for all my Ward colleagues, I've received numerous e-mails every single day on these road works with regard to people being stuck in the traffic taking up to two hours to get home from the city centre to Cramond.
- The issue people came back it was raised with officers, there was discussion with officers, officers gave answers and people kept coming back and saying who's ultimately



responsible for this and the answer is the Transport and Environment Convener in this Administration.

My supplementary question is, does the Transport and Environment Convener accept responsibility for the fiasco which surrounded these roadworks and what is she going to do to make sure it doesn't happen again? I'm sorry I've just realised that's two.

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Thank you for the supplementary. Again you're asking questions of the Convener which is obviously not my place to respond on her behalf, so I think that is something the Convener can get back to you about when she's feeling a bit better.

**Additional answer supplied after the meeting**

I would refer to the forthcoming report to the North West Locality Committee, on the Queensferry Road Roadworks. This report will provide a summary of the works on site as well as the detailed planning and programming undertaken to facilitate the roadworks, and will be published the week before the committee.

**QUESTION NO 9**

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

The Council's Roads team made two submissions on the planning portal in relation to the proposed development at Cammo suggesting that the status of Maybury Road be downgraded.

**Question** (1) Given that Maybury Road currently exists as a de facto extension of the City Bypass, can the Convener please advise what modelling has been undertaken by the Council to support this transformational change to the roads hierarchy in North West Edinburgh.

**Answer** (1) The trunk road network's extension of the City Bypass to the north and west does not pass through Maybury Road, but instead passes through the M8, M9 and M90. Maybury Road is identified in the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance [street types map](#) as a 'Low Density Residential Street – Strategic'. Relevant changes in the character of the street do not represent a change to the roads hierarchy in North West Edinburgh and accordingly have not been modelled.

**Question** (2) Can the Convener please provide the justification for the proposed downgrading of a key arterial route with no viable alternative?

**Answer** (2) The principle of changing the character of Maybury Road was established in the [Edinburgh Local Development Plan](#), adopted in November 2016. Pages 58-60 set out the Maybury and Cammo Site Brief, which identifies proposals to change the character of Maybury Road through street design, safe path connections across the road and residential frontage with reduced speed limit. These measures were informed by the [Local Development Plan Transport Appraisal](#) (Vol 2 p52).

**Question** (3) Does the Convener believe that displacement of traffic onto established residential streets such as Drum Brae and Clermiston Road is desirable?

**Answer** (3) The Local Development Plan's proposals for change are intended to mitigate the impact of new development by supporting greater use of active travel and public transport. They are therefore intended to address overall growth in traffic and ensure that Maybury Road is suitable for its role as a residential street, comparable with other residential streets in the city including Drum Brae and Clermiston Road.

**Question** (4) Can the Convener please explain the decision to include a bus lane on the plans for Maybury Road given that it is currently served by no buses?

**Answer** (4) The Local Development Plan site brief proposes enhanced bus infrastructure on Maybury Road (p59). This is also informed by the Local Development Plan Transport Appraisal, which also identifies the potential for bus services on Maybury Road. However, neither of these documents propose bus lanes.

**Supplementary Question** Thanks very much Lord Provost, so I'll direct this question to the Deputy convener. In relation to the answer to part 1, we are told the trunk road network passes through the M8, the M9 and the M90. That may well be the case but does the Vice Convener seriously expect that people commuting back to Cramond or Davidson's Mains along the city bypass are going to take a 15 mile detour via Queensferry to get home rather than drive along the Maybury Road once these changes are in place?

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)** Again thank you for your supplementary. This is obviously something that is part of a whole consultation process and it's not in place as yet so certainly happy to meet your constituents to discuss in more detail, but it will be consulted on.

**QUESTION NO 10**

**By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) Could the Convener provide the number of people registered to pay Council Tax in the City Centre Ward for each of the last 10 years broken down by data zone?

**Answer** (1) The information was not available in the data zone groupings format originally requested in response to this question. An alternative dataset was agreed by officers with Councillor Mowat in advance of this response being finalised. The table below details the number of City Centre Ward properties registered for Council Tax from 1 April for the requested years.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of City Centre Ward properties registered for Council Tax at 1 April</b>
<b>2018</b>	18,429
<b>2017</b>	18,215
<b>2016</b>	18,106
<b>2015</b>	17,826
<b>2014</b>	17,624
<b>2013</b>	17,345
<b>2012</b>	17,072
<b>2011</b>	16,990
<b>2010</b>	16,833
<b>2009</b>	16,675
<b>2008</b>	16,579

**Question** (2) Please provide detail of the number of properties that have had their council tax status changed for the reasons of

- a) becoming uninhabitable,
- b) becoming a second home,
- c) or empty property

**Answer**

- (2) The data has been taken for 1 April for each of the requested years for the City Centre Ward.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Uninhabitable</b>	<b>Second Homes</b>	<b>Empty</b>
<b>2018</b>	31	N/A	552
<b>2017</b>	45	N/A	507
<b>2016</b>	39	678	601
<b>2015</b>	49	643	636
<b>2014</b>	53	646	633
<b>2013</b>	42	854	425
<b>2012</b>	41	1006	273
<b>2011</b>	45	1056	223
<b>2010</b>	43	959	320
<b>2009</b>	36	1005	274
<b>2008</b>	50	923	356

*\*Legislation changes resulted in the full Council Tax charge applying to these properties. Work is ongoing with the national system supplier to record second home status.*

**Question**

- (3) Detail the number of new properties registered for Council Tax?

**Answer**

- (3) The Lothian Valuation Joint Board is unable to break the data down to ward levels. This data reflects the total number of new properties for Edinburgh.

<b>Year</b>	<b>New Properties</b>
<b>2018/19 (Part)</b>	750
<b>2017/18</b>	3452
<b>2016/17</b>	2963
<b>2015/16</b>	3088
<b>2014/15</b>	2273
<b>2013/14</b>	2620
<b>2012/13</b>	1847
<b>2011/12</b>	2242
<b>2010/11</b>	2196
<b>2009/10</b>	2247
<b>2008/09</b>	2504

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost.

The answer to question 3 states that the Lothian Valuation Joint Board was unable to break down the data to Ward levels. This was the question about how many new houses have been built in the City Centre Ward in each of the last 10 years and I'm confused when we seem to be able to take the number of new registrations why we can't work out which are new properties which are changes so perhaps you could explain that?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I suspect that is largely a matter for the Joint Board, but the Council's obviously willing to help out in whatever way it can.

## Item no 5.11

### QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

- Question** (1) In terms of let holders invoiced by the School Lets Team how many have been invoiced 4 months or more after their let for years 2016 and 2017?
- Answer** (1) The lets team do not hold this information but can confirm we invoice termly – this is under review.
- Question** (2) What is the reason for the delays in invoicing by the School Lets Team?
- Answer** (2) Due to Transformation of Business Support (2016) the lets team went from 3 members of staff to 1 causing a bottleneck in all lets related work (issuing permits, invoicing in timely manner)
- Question** (3) Due to late invoicing (a) how much has had to be written off; and (b) how many payment plans have had to be drawn up?
- Answer** (3) (a) We do not write – off but have re-charged if there has been errors in the rates charged  
(b) none to my knowledge
- Question** (4) What steps are being taken to improve the service levels offered by the School Lets Team?
- Answer** (4) We now have 3 FTE trained in this area and are actively pursuing a lets booking system fit for purpose as our current system is not fit for purpose (data loss, corrupt and ineffective access database)

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost thank you to the Convener for his answer. If I read that answer correctly we've gone from three staff to one staff, we've now gone back up to three and we didn't have a delay we had a bottleneck, but there's clearly been issues and one of the groups using the Pentland Centre in my ward was invoiced over £3,000 over a year late and some of their charges are certainly waived if not written off. So my question is would he agree to report to the Education Children and Families Committee outlining the changes or improvements to this failing system?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Yes



**QUESTION NO 12**

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the  
Leader of the Council at a meeting of  
the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

In respect of each Elected Member Champion appointed by Council in August 2017 please advise from period of appointment to date:

- (a) The number of meetings or events attended/hosted;
- (b) Any travel or other expenses incurred by the Council;
- (c) Any outcomes achieved?

**Answer**

A report on Champions is scheduled for the Council meeting in September. This report will cover all the issues raised by Councillor Rust.

**QUESTION NO 13**

**By Councillor Douglas for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

What progress has been made with regards to finding funding to replace old electrical vehicle charging units across the city?

**Answer**

Funding has now been secured from Transport Scotland for the replacement and upgrade of a number of the Council's EV charging units. An Invitation to Tender document and associated Procurement Plan is currently being developed.

I would also ask you to note that a report is expected at the October meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee which will outline proposals to significantly augment the EV charging infrastructure in our Capital city.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you, I thank the Convener for the answer. Now with funding in place can we know when electrical charging points that are currently out of order are set to be repaired with specific reference to the one in Russell Road which I know the Convener is aware of as being out of order for quite some time?

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Thank you for the supplementary question. We'll certainly look into the one in Russell Road and happy to talk to you about that. As you know we've already said there's a report coming in October to the Transport and Environment Committee.

**Additional answer supplied after the meeting**

We have sourced external funding from Transport Scotland for the repair and/or replacement of any existing charging points across our estate. We are about to go out to procurement and are confident that once we have a contractor, that the work will be completed within 6 months. With respect to Russell Road, we are unable to repair this unit as the original software is now defunct and cannot be replaced. With the depot review currently underway, the future status of Russell Road is not confirmed and therefore

may not be suitable for a charging unit going forward, as the Transport Scotland funding currently requires us to commit to any installed units being in place for several years. This will be the subject of further discussion with input from Corporate Property and Fleet Services.

**QUESTION NO 14**

**By Councillor Laidlaw for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

- Question** (1) What steps has the Convener taken to prepare for disproportionate increase in the uptake of places at Council schools in the event of Independent schools not expanding in line with the City's population growth?
- Answer** (1) Any trends in the pupil numbers which enter Council schools increasing would be picked up in the school roll projections which are updated every year and reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee in December.
- Question** (2) Should the Scottish Government change the tax arrangement for Scottish Independent Schools, and this resulted in an increase in fees or a reduction in subsidised places, both with the effect of reducing the number of Students attending Independent Schools in Edinburgh, what preparation has the Convener instructed so that the education of any students in this position can continue uninterrupted in their local Council School.
- Answer** (2) One purpose of the school roll projections outlined in 1) above is to determine future accommodation requirements so that appropriate infrastructure can be provided for the expected future school rolls.
- Question** (3) In addressing these question, could the Convener provide:
- a) Average per pupil cost to Council (secondary and primary)
  - b) Figures for how many school age children are educated independently within each catchment (secondary and primary).
  - c) Details on how many children would have to leave the independent sector in each catchment for state schools to be over-capacity

- Answer**
- (3) a) £4,105 per primary pupil  
£6,252 per secondary pupil  
(Source: 2016/17 data – Scottish Local Government Benchmarking Framework)
- b) This data is not available.
- c) Edinburgh’s School Roll projections are published on the Council [website](#). They show the projected number of places available in each school.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost. I thank the Convener for his answer in part but I do feel it is an answer in part so I'm going to ask a quick supplementary. Relating to point 3(b) where the data is not available, I find it bizarre that as a Council that has a statutory obligation to ensure that our children are in education be that a Council school, an independent school, or home-schooled, and the fact we have roll projection for each catchment, that we don't have the data for how many pupils at each school age are being educated independently and given the proposed changes, the rise in school fees and as the Administration talked about it, perhaps some future economic uncertainty, is the Convener not worried that our already at capacity state schools, particularly on more affluent suburbs, are going to be pushed to beyond capacity by an influx of pupils from the independent sector?

**Supplementary Answer**

My understanding is in relation to the answer to Question 3(b), that this data is not available. The only place it is available is the private schools themselves and I think on a data protection act they would not be able to release the information to us as a Council, however they will have the information and as you know this is a consultation process, so I presume that they will be presenting their arguments to the Scottish Government which will take up some of the points that you're making I think.

You also should know that we are part of that consultation process and a report will be going to the Finance and Resources Committee, I think in two cycles, so you can engage with that report when it comes forward.

**QUESTION NO 15**

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Planning  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) Can the Convener please confirm whether any plans for chicanes in new housing developments are reviewed by planning officers against the Cycling by Design Guidance prior to consideration of the relevant application?

**Answer** (1) Chicanes are not normally considered acceptable for use in new housing developments. As part of the planning application process, the design of cycle routes is expected to promote cycling and walking and not introduce barriers except to address particular road safety concerns. Any such design is subject to road safety audit and would form part of an application for road construction consent.

**Question** (2) Are chicanes inspected by the Council to confirm compliance following installation by developers?

**Answer** (2) Any chicanes installed as part of a road construction consent will be inspected as part of the construction and adoption process.

**Question** (3) How many non-compliant chicanes have been installed across the city in the last 5 years?

**Answer** (3) There are no records of non-compliant chicanes being installed as part of housing developments in the last 5 years.

**Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for his answer. I appreciate the installation of chicanes cuts across both Planning and Transport and Environment so I'll focus in the supplementary on chicanes that have been installed in new developments.

In part 3 of the answer and I'll read it for the benefit of the webcast and green style "there are no records of non-compliance chicanes being installed as part of housing developments in the last five years". Very helpfully the very active cycling lobby put out a tweet last night and asked

their members to send them pictures of non-compliant chicanes which have been installed in housing developments in the last five years.

Three in one developments in Dalmeny Park alone, one in City Park, one in Corstorphine, one in South Gyle and one helpfully tweeted in by Councillor Gavin Corbett thank you, showing one at Megatgate. Given the fact that the information that we hold on this as a Council is obviously woefully inadequate, will the Convener commit to going and looking into this issue; into trying to resolve the matter of these unsuitable chicanes which are not only a barrier for cyclists but to disabled users and to people who have prams and buggies?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I thank the Councillor for his question and I am happy to arrange for the Councillor to meet with myself where it concerns from road traffic consent, RCC consent with the Convener of Transport and Environment to discuss these matters that have been raised.

**QUESTION NO 16**

**By Councillor Douglas for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

What progress has been made regarding the introduction of a community parking zone in Murrayfield on match days where large crowds are expected?

**Answer**

Investigations into the introduction of event parking restrictions on match days around the Murrayfield Stadium area are currently ongoing.

A report on a [Strategic Review of Parking in Edinburgh](#) was approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 9 August. This report notes the areas where parking problems require to be investigated and in which order. As the west of Edinburgh is the first area to be considered, it is intended to take forward the investigation of possible event parking restrictions in Murrayfield in conjunction with this strategic approach. This will help to identify possible boundaries and better avoid any unintended consequences should such a scheme be introduced.

The procurement processes for these work streams have already started and it is anticipated that these investigations will be undertaken before the end of the year.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you, I thank you Convener for the answer. I've some concerns because I asked a very similar question in February and was promised that options regarding QT parking zone at Murrayfield Stadium would come towards the Transport and Environment Committee in May. That never happened and although we have approved this report at the last Committee meeting, what I'm worried about is this going to get rolled in and delayed even further. If we were expecting this report in May surely the findings of that report must be nearly done by now. Could they be brought forward so the systems at Murrayfield can actually find out the options for improving parking on match days?



**Supplementary  
Answer (by  
Councillor  
Doran)**

Thank you for your supplementary. It did say in the answer that the report had come up to Committee on 9 August and was agreed, so also said in the answer the procurement processes for these work streams have already started and is anticipated that these investigations will be undertaken before the end of the year so hopefully we will have a response in due time at the earliest, but happy to discuss with you in more detail.

**QUESTION NO 17**

**By Councillor Douglas for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

- Question** (1) To ask, broken down by type of bin:-  
How many bins the council has had to replace in the past three years broken down by each type of bin?
- Answer** (1) Please see attached table.
- Question** (2) What the cost of replacing these bins was?
- Answer** (2) Please see attached table (and caveat).
- Question** (3) How many of these were replaced due to damage caused by collection teams?
- Answer** (3) We do not hold records on damage by collection teams only replacement requests.  
  
It should be noted that the percentage of replacements is comparable to other Local Authorities. It should also be noted that when the service was redesigned in 2015/16 there was an increase in requests for food and red & blue boxes. In addition, boxes issued when the service began in 2006/7 are reaching the end of their natural life also resulting in an increase in requests
- Supplementary Question** Thank you. Just to ask, does the Convener believe that this is an acceptable amount to be spending on replacing bins and what efforts are under way to make sure this numbers reduced?
- Supplementary Answer** Thank you very much. I can't obviously respond on behalf of the Convener, but happy to discuss these figures with you.

**Waste Bin Requests for the 3 years Aug 2015 to July 2018 by Subject**

Subject Name	2015 / 16	2016 / 17	2017 / 18	Grand Total
WS: Replace Food Individual	13,769	7,387	7,737	28,893
WS: Replace Box BLUE	9,311	7,121	9,563	25,995
WS: Replace Food Kitchen Caddy	7,314	3,302	3,444	14,060
WS: Replace Residual Ind Grey	4,017	3,873	4,488	12,378
WS: Replace Garden Individual	2,548	3,140	3,796	9,484
WS: Replace Recycling Bin	1,962	2,120	2,241	6,323
WS: Replace Residual Ind Green	1,056	286	335	1,677
WS: Replacement Food Set	943	207	292	1,442
WS: Replace Box RED	598	256	442	1,296
WS: Replace Box Set	515	363	369	1,247
WS: Replace Gull Proof Bag	263	232	234	729
WS Request 360 Recycling Bin	289	158	167	614
WS Req. Additional Garden Bin	109	193	83	385
WS Request 360 Residual Bin	21	47	22	90
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>42,715</b>	<b>28,685</b>	<b>33,213</b>	<b>104,613</b>

**Waste Bin Requests for the 3 years Aug 2015 to July 2018 by Subject & Cost (\*)**

Subject Name	2015 / 16	2016 / 17	2017 / 18	Grand Total
WS: Replace Residual Ind Grey	£84,076	£81,062	£93,934	£259,072
WS: Replace Garden Individual	£65,356	£80,541	£97,367	£243,265
WS: Replace Recycling Bin	£50,325	£54,378	£57,482	£162,185
WS: Replace Food Individual	£42,271	£22,678	£23,753	£88,702
WS: Replace Box BLUE	£26,257	£20,081	£26,968	£73,306
WS: Replace Residual Ind Green	£27,086	£7,336	£8,593	£43,015
WS Request 360 Recycling Bin	£13,710	£7,496	£7,922	£29,128
WS: Replace Food Kitchen Caddy	£6,583	£2,972	£3,100	£12,654
WS Req. Additional Garden Bin	£2,796	£4,950	£2,129	£9,875
WS: Replace Box Set	£2,905	£2,047	£2,081	£7,033
WS: Replacement Food Set	£3,744	£822	£1,159	£5,725
WS Request 360 Residual Bin	£996	£2,230	£1,044	£4,270
WS: Replace Box RED	£1,686	£722	£1,246	£3,655
WS: Replace Gull Proof Bag	£757	£668	£674	£2,100
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£328,549</b>	<b>£287,983</b>	<b>£327,451</b>	<b>£943,983</b>

**Notes:**

(\*) Costs are based on 2018 / 2019 Prices for Bins and do not represent the cost at the time.

**QUESTION NO 18**

**By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) How many approvals have been granted for Student accommodation since 2000? Provided by year.

**Answer** (1) Applications and consents for purpose-built student accommodation have been recorded separately from other planning applications on a calendar year basis since 2010. The number of consents granted each year is shown in the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of consents</b>
2010	3 (670 beds)
2011	3 (589 beds)
2012	8 (2,487 beds)
2013	5 (714 beds)
2014	2 (461 beds)
2015	12 (2,104 beds)
2016	16 (1,399 beds)
2017	6 (836 beds)
2018 to 15 August	Nil

The information for 2000 to 2009 is currently being retrieved from archives and will be provided to members in advance of the Council meeting on 20 September 2018.

**Question** (2) And subsequently, again given by the total number each year since 2000, how many bedrooms are now available?

**Answer**

- (2) Please see table below for the number of student bedspaces completed on a calendar year basis since 2010, and the cumulative total of available purpose-built student bedspaces.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Bedspaces completed</b>	<b>Cumulative total of Bedspaces available</b>
2010	888	10,498
2011	486	10,984
2012	611	11,652
2013	932	12,915
2014	1,181	13,260
2015	1,677	15,048
2016	2,178	17,215
2017	1,874	18,988
2018 at 15/8/18	n/a – survey undertaken 2019	n/a

The information for 2000 to 2009 is currently being retrieved from archives and will be provided to members in advance of the Council meeting on 20 September 2018.

**QUESTION NO 19**

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by  
the Leader of the Council at a  
meeting of the Council on 23 August  
2018**

**Question**

What discussions or representations did the administration make to the UK & Scottish Governments to secure funding from the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal for enhancing:

- (a) the Hermiston and Ingliston Park & Rides?
- (b) new Park & Rides at Lothianburn, Edinburgh Park & Edinburgh Gateway stations?

**Answer**

The Transport element of the Edinburgh and South-East Scotland City Region Deal has been informed by the West Edinburgh Transport Appraisal with the City Deal including £36m of identified funding to support its implementation.

The WETA appraisal included consideration of an upgraded bus interchange facility at Ingliston Park & Ride, as well as a new Park and Ride at Kilpunt, West Lothian together with other public transport infrastructure improvements. City Region Deal partners will prioritise the WETA recommendations in line with the identified funding.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I'd like to thank the Leader for his answer. The West Edinburgh Transport Appraisal was published in February 2010. Is there any work being done to identify any additional funding streams to develop park and rides especially at Edinburgh Park and at Edinburgh Gateway.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I think the Convener of Transport and Environment would probably be better to answer that or the Vice-Convener, I'll make sure that someone writes to you about the specific actions taken to expand park and ride provision in that area of the city.

**Additional  
answer  
supplied after  
the meeting**

I would refer to the Public Transport Priority Action Plan report presented at the Transport & Environment Committee on 9 August. This report indicated that in regard to Park and Ride sites, the Council would explore the potential to introduce a charge for parking and utilise this income to fund prudential borrowing. The outcome of a feasibility analysis on this will be reported to a future committee meeting. The potential benefits (if any) of providing car parking at Edinburgh Park and Edinburgh Gateway, including the practicalities and deliverability, will be considered in a wider Regional context and I would again refer to the Public Transport Priority Action Plan and the wider activities being looked at under this.

**QUESTION NO 20**

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) What proportion of road repairs and resurfacing has been outsourced in each of the last five years?

**Answer** (1) All revenue funded road repairs are carried out by Edinburgh Roads Services (ERS). In addition, ERS carry out some capital works.

However, we do use external framework contractors to deliver capital funded resurfacing works. The table below shows estimate of the % of capital works delivered by external contractors.

Financial Year	External
2013/14	40%
2014/15	41%
2015/16	42%
2016/17	51%
2017/18	64%

**Question** (2) What is the anticipated proportion for the current year?

**Answer** (2) Road repairs continue to be delivered both by ERS and external contractors. The estimate for capital works is 70% being completed by external contractors in 2018/19 due to an expected increase in the number of capital schemes being delivered, compared with 2017/18.



**QUESTION NO 21**

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) What have the administration done in the last 15 months to improve safety at the Dalmahoy junction?

**Answer** (1) Electronic vehicle-activated warning signs were erected in April 2017. These are triggered by vehicles waiting to turn at the junction and warn traffic approaching the junction to slow down.

The speed limit on a 1.2km section of the A71 and a 300m section of Dalmahoy Road on the approach to the junction was lowered from 50 to 40mph in April 2018.

Details of these measures, together with the background to the scheme, were provided in a Business Bulletin to the Southwest Locality Committee on 19 June 2018.

**Question** (2) With only one landowner having agreed in the last 3 years and with less than 14 months before the section 75 monies have to be handed back – how confident is the Convener that agreement will be reached with the other two landowners?

**Answer** (2) The remaining landowners have been engaged; one has responded.

If both parties demonstrate a willingness to facilitate the sale of land that will benefit the wider community, there is no reason why an agreement cannot be reached.

Compulsory Purchase Order powers are available if required.

**Question** (3) Has any design work for the junction been carried out? and if so, please can you share this detail?

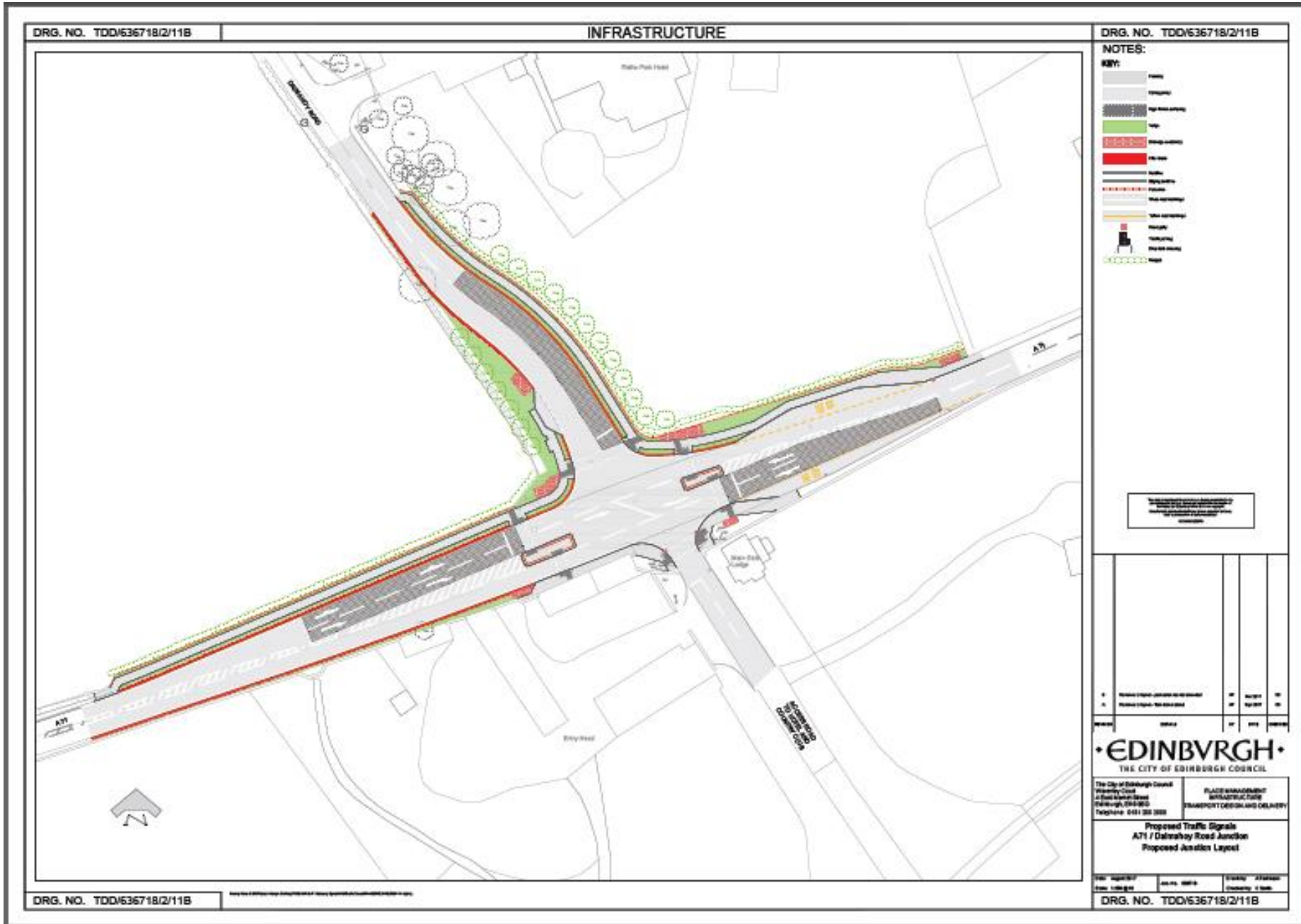
**Answer** (3) The junction layout design is complete.

A plan has been shared with the Community Council and residents, and has also been displayed in Ratho Library. This is attached.

**Question** (4) What is the estimated timeframe from agreeing a deal with the other landowners to completion of the improvements to the junction?

**Answer** (4) As stated previously, provided that both parties are willing to sell, and if there are no unforeseen delays to the process, it is hoped that the Council can be in full possession of the land by January 2019.

That being the case, construction could feasibly begin in Spring 2019, with construction estimated to take 4 to 5 months.



**QUESTION NO 22**

**By Councillor Mitchell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

Regarding the VIP Waste email address, please may the Convener confirm:

**Question** (1) Since January 2018 to date, per month and by ward:

- a) How many were responded to within the agreed designated response timeframe?
- b) How many are outstanding?

**Answer** (1) a) Resources and Place Directorate teams work closely together to provide this service.

The following table sets out the number of Members Waste emails received since January 2018

January	667
February	351
March	445
April	295
May	282
June	251
July	287
August (part)	137

The current process does not group queries by Ward and a manual check of the 2,715 jobs would be required to provide this data. The outlook system does not provide a reporting tool for response times, however, Members Waste emails are typically logged within 24 hours on the appropriate system for action by the Waste and Cleansing Service.

- b) The mailbox is currently up to date with all jobs logged on the system for action.

**Question** (2) The follow-up procedure for informing councillors/staff of the status/progress of requests received.

**Answer**

- (2) Emails are acknowledged when the enquiry is raised and a further update is provided on the issue/complaint upon receipt from the service. If the complaint is due to a repeat service failure, the Contact Centre agent will escalate this to the Waste supervisors to allow for an update to be given to the Councillor concerned or Member Services Support Staff.

Member Services Support Staff are also being given access to the Waste Service system to enable them to track jobs directly.

As part of service improvement activities, a new system is being sourced that will specify functionality that provides a detailed overview of service requests and will also track progress. This will remove a currently manually intensive process with appropriate tracking and performance data. While this is being progressed, the service will review its current process to introduce a manual tracking process, with updates for all enquiries.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, thank Convener or Deputy Convener. For clarification, the last paragraph in Answer 2, I can't actually remember the last time I got a follow up response from what actually happens, so if that is what the process is at the minute can we ensure that that's actually happening please.

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Yes we can certainly do that

**Additional answer supplied after the meeting**

I have contacted the Waste and Cleansing Manager to reaffirm that follow-up emails should be sent as the process specifies. He has now had a meeting with the Contact Centre Manager with responsibility for the mailbox, to ensure this process is being followed within the team managing the mailbox enquiries.

**QUESTION NO 23**

**By Councillor Mary Campbell for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Education, Children and Families  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

Which schools have active travel action plans, and when were they produced, and last reviewed?

**Answer**

0.8% of schools do not have a Travel Plan – this does not mean that they are not engaging in road safety activities etc.

22.1% schools are currently working on a Travel Plan.

77.1% of schools have existing Travel Plans which should be updated annually.

**Supplementary  
Question**

I'd like to thank the Convener for his answer. I was just wondering if I would be able to find out which schools have active travel plans as the data is just broken down by percentage. I'm happy with an e-mail thank you

**Supplementary  
Answer**

It's the very question I asked the Director this morning. As soon as he tells me, I'll tell you.

**QUESTION NO 24**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) What legal powers does the Council have to influence the timetabling of utility works on adopted roads in the City?

**Answer** (1) The Council as Roads Authority has power under Section 115 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 to 'Give directions as to timing of works'.

The effective co-ordination of road works is one of the most important aspects of road works legislation. The New Roads and Street Works Act sets out the duties of road works authorities when co-ordinating and utilities when co-operating to ensure safety, minimise inconvenience to people using a road and to protect the structure of the road and apparatus in it.

The Code of Practice for the Co-ordination of Works in Roads forms part of the legislative framework for all works in roads.

The aim is to balance the statutory rights of road works authorities and utilities to carry out works with the expectation of road users that disruption from work shall be kept to a minimum.

**Question** (2) What requirements are placed on utility companies and bus operators to place notices on bus stops which are either closed or where services have been diverted as a result of planned road works?

**Answer** (2) Utilities can be asked to put notices on bus stops where the Road or Transport Authority believes it is necessary to do so. This can be specifically requested as part of the approval process. However it depends on a number of factors including duration of works, time of day works are being carried out and what arrangements bus companies have put in place as a result of the works.

Members of the public are encouraged to use Lothian Buses web site and Mobile App that has up to date information on bus stop closures and the alternative arrangements in place.

Lothian Buses and other Public Transport Operators are an integral part of the approval process and are involved in site meetings and discussions with utilities at the planning stages. Lothian Buses place out temporary bus stops where they are needed.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost. Can I ask the Vice Convener on the second part of the question that I asked, can I just simply ask her if she'll take away and maybe look further at this issue of a lack of notification on bus stops which are closed during extensive roadworks because we did have this problem in Queensferry Road when busses were diverted for two weeks, there were no notices on bus stops and I think it's a little bit much to expect particularly older people to rely on apps from Lothian Buses. So can I simply ask her to go away and pursue this matter a little bit further with officials to make sure that we are pursuing this with utility companies, thank you.

**Supplementary  
Answer (by  
Councillor  
Doran)**

Thank you for the supplementary, we'll certainly do that.

**Additional  
answer  
supplied after  
the meeting**

I have written to the four Locality Transport and Environment Managers to pick this up with their teams and ensure appropriate consideration is given to signage on bus stops closed during periods of extended roadworks.



**QUESTION NO 25**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) On what date did she write to the chief executive of Transport Scotland following Council's approval of motion 9.2 on 15 March 2018?

**Answer** (1) I unfortunately did not proceed with this request as it was missed in the follow-up to the council meeting. Please see below, however, for continuing development of this topic by the Scottish Government.

**Question** (2) Will be publish a copy of her letter and the reply received from the chief executive of Transport Scotland?

**Answer** (2) Not available.

The Scottish Government published an [update](#) on this matter as part of the Questions to Ministers in June 2018.

**Question** (3) What assessment has officials made of the legality of current Fairtrade road signs in Edinburgh in light of the written parliamentary answer given by the Transport Secretary on 26 June 2018 (reference S5W-17275)?

**Answer** (3) Local roads authorities are granted the power to erect road signs under national legislation issued by the UK government. That legislation determines which signs can be used, how they may be used and where they may be used. Every local authority is required to ensure that the signs that they provide fall within the legal boundaries set out by standing legislation.

In the main, and as is reflected in the statement made by the then Minister for Transport, local authorities are afforded significant discretion in terms of the signs that they provide. One example where we sought special agreement from the Scottish Government was when we introduced tram safety

signage, which is, of course, specific to Edinburgh's needs. Even so, all signs must comply with the legislative requirements.

It is the view of officers that, if the issuing body (represented in Scotland by the Scottish Government) has determined that a particular type of sign does not meet the requirements of the standing legislation, then that sign may not be used on or adjacent to any road within Scotland. Any such signs should therefore be removed.

**Supplementary  
Question**

This one isn't so nice. Lord Provost could I simply ask the Vice-Convener on behalf of the Administration, if she'll apologise that we have yet another example of a motion which the Administration has forgotten to act on?

**Supplementary  
Answer (by  
Councillor  
Doran)**

Thank you for your supplementary. Happy to apologise and we need to ensure that doesn't happen again.

**QUESTION NO 26**

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

In response to March 2018 Questions on Garden Waste Collection it was noted that only 46% of eligible households were predicted to opt-in to the new scheme and that the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centres are being prepared for increased demand.

Given refurbishment works at Seafield Depot due to complete September 2018 and Sighthill (Bankhead) Depot due to complete June/July 2019:

- (a) What is the current capacity at both depots while work is ongoing, in relation to garden waste and other approved waste?
- (b) In each case how does this compare to the capacity prior to work commencing?
- (c) In each case what will the capacity be once the work is completed in September 2018 and June/July 2019 respectively?

**Answer**

- (a) It should be noted that the overall capacity of a site does not just reflect the number of skips on site but also transport available to remove the waste from the site. Waste will be removed from sites at varying rates of frequency.

The current skip provision at all three depots are:

Seafield – 14 skips, 2 of which are for garden waste

Sighthill – 16 skips, 2 of which are for garden waste

Craigmillar - 17 skips, 2 of which are for garden waste

- (b) There has been no change in the waste accepted on the sites during the construction, this has been managed through increased containers and transport on site to manage the waste.

- (c) The skip provision at both sites is expected to remain the same following completion of these works. However, the changes will allow for more flexibility to change the composition of skips on each site to reflect demand.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her answer. As of yesterday I was informed by constituents that Sighthill Depot was in fact closed although there was nothing in the Council website. We were subsequently told by Council officers that this related to health and safety. The question is, when will it will reopen and when will the website be updated?

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Thank you for that supplementary. I'll have to find out and get back to you.

**Additional answer supplied after the meeting**

Firstly, I would clarify that the information presented during the supplementary question, on the Sighthill Household Waste Recycling Centre being closed on Wednesday was factually incorrect. The Waste and Cleansing Manager has confirmed that Sighthill was not closed on Wednesday 22 August. It was certainly busy with queueing traffic but was at no point closed. There was a brief closure on Monday for around 30-40 minutes for a large scale skip changeover following the busy weekend, it has otherwise been open. This short closure was for health and safety reasons, to ensure users of the site were not put at any risk by the necessary movement of large and heavy containers. As a Council safety is a prime concern, and the short notice closure of the site for this brief period on Monday was to ensure the safety of our customers. It is a normal part of site operations.

The site is obviously under development pressure and will continue to be until April/May next year. The decision was taken to keep the site open during the construction period, acknowledging the site would be restricted, rather than completely close it, given its popularity.

There is a temporary exit road at the site which approximately every 2 weeks requires to be recompacted

but the team endeavour to do this prior to site opening. If for whatever reason this needed to be done in opening hours then the site would close for approximately 30 minutes.

**QUESTION NO 27**

**By Councillor Burgess for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

What actions are taken to ensure that streets are clean and bins are not overflowing during Edinburgh's summer festivals and other times of peak demand?

**Answer**

Every year, cleansing activity is increased to manage demand as the city population almost doubles during the festival, and is planned based on demand over previous years.

This summer 40 additional staff have been brought in to support the existing 90 city centre street cleansing operatives to cope with demand over the busy summer period.

Crews provide a 24-7 service, covering 180km of city centre streets to clear litter, service bins and uplift fly-tipping – all of which require extra resource as visitors pour into the city during August.

As part of the #ouredinburgh campaign, city centre bins – of which there are 350, emptied daily – have been specially branded to encourage the public to drop their rubbish in, while posters and social media posts featuring lame gags promise to 'bin our bad jokes if you bin your litter'.

Day time 'barrow beat' staff are assisted by a night services crew, on hand to service litter bins waste near pubs, clubs and fast food shops while Environmental Wardens will focus on particularly busy periods, discouraging litter-dropping and fly-tipping, working alongside the Waste Compliance Team to enforce again any trade waste infringements by businesses.

In Princes Street Gardens the servicing of the underground 'Silo' bins has been increased from the usual frequency of twice per fortnight to two times per week.

Vehicles are routed on a daily basis to empty litter bins across the area. This will be routed twice daily with a number in hot spot locations serviced 3 times per day. The frequency of emptying will be monitored using the fill rate sensor data depending upon their location and festival event activities, therefore, an additional vehicle is being deployed to provide increased frequency of litter bin emptying.

As experienced recently during the period of hot weather, litter bins in some locations can become full to overflowing in a very short period. The barrow-beat staff assist with tackling this issue by bagging the contents of the bin to provide sufficient capacity for public use in advance of the next vehicle servicing visit.

A dedicated power washing resource is in place to target known problem locations that demand this type of service; this includes Closes off the High Street, Scotsman Steps and other known problem locations associated with the night time economy.

The Fringe Festival Society manage litter within the High Street performance area. However, the Council does supplementary cleaning in the morning prior to the performances starting.

In addition to this, communal domestic waste containers in the city centre streets have their frequencies increased to deal with the additional visitors' waste from those staying in residential areas.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thanks to the Transport and Environment Committee Convener for her answer about litter and overflowing bins during the festival. I think it's clear, despite the best efforts of the Council to keep streets clean and bins from overflowing during the festival, it's clear that Edinburgh sometimes buckles under the pressure of a doubling in summer population in some areas.

Can the Vice-Convener say how many of the additional staff employed in street cleaning referred to in the answer are new staff and how many are staff redeployed from other service areas of the Council?

**Supplementary  
Answer (by  
Councillor  
Doran)**

As far as I'm aware there were 40 new staff employed but I don't know the in-depth details for you. I have met a number of them as you probably saw from lots of photos I had taken with them, but I'll certainly find out in detail and give that information.

**Additional  
answer  
supplied after  
the meeting**

I can confirm that of the 40 additional staff brought in to help with cleansing operations during the festival, all 40 staff are new to the council, provided by our agency partner Pertemps.



**QUESTION NO 28**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

When did the council last undertake a review of pedestrian waiting times at key crossings in the city centre, what were the findings, and what action was taken as a result of the review?

**Answer**

The council does not have a programme to review pedestrian waiting times at key crossings in the city centre.

However, a review was undertaken earlier this year of pedestrian crossing times at key junctions within the vicinity of the Tram in the city centre, which included the maximum waiting times for pedestrians. The outcome of this included adjusting pedestrian waiting times where they were believed or reported to be excessive.

When signalised junctions or crossings junctions are installed, refurbished or changed signal timings, including pedestrian waiting times, are set in line with National Guidance. This takes into account any local requirements, such as volumes of pedestrians using the crossing points.

The council also check and investigate any feedback received about crossings and will make alterations to the timings as necessary where issues are identified.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her answer on pedestrian waiting times. Unfortunately the answer didn't actually provide the details of the pedestrian waiting times at key junctions, so could I please ask the Vice-Convener if she will arrange for the specific waiting times at key junctions to be published?

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Happy to do that

**Additional  
answer  
supplied after  
the meeting**

Waiting times at key junctions along Princes St will be calculated and published. It is anticipated this will be by the end of this month.

**QUESTION NO 29**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) When does the council intend to open the cycle path on Leith Street for use by cyclists?

**Answer** (1) The newly constructed two-way cycleway on Leith Street, whilst completed, will unfortunately remain closed for the foreseeable future. This is primarily due to the access arrangements in both northbound and southbound directions and its continuation with the impending reconstruction of Picardy Place.

Officers are currently liaising with Laing O'Rourke on the programming and phasing of the reconstruction of Picardy Place and temporary traffic management to explore the possibility of opening the cycleway for southbound cyclists only.

In addition to the above, the Redetermination Order has been referred to Transport Scotland/Scottish Ministers for consideration, in line with the report to the Transport and Environment Committee on [17 May 2018](#).

**Question** (2) How will the council evaluate the experience of users of Leith Street, including disabled people, other pedestrians and cyclists?

**Answer** (2) The reconstruction of Leith Street comprises extensive works to create a much more accessible and people-friendly thoroughfare than the existing layout.

Any feedback received from the Active Travel Forum, from Councillors, user groups and members of the public will be gathered, considered and responded to in line with normal practice.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost. Again I thank the Convener for her answer on Leith Street. I think cyclists will be somewhat perplexed as to why a new cycle path has been built on Leith Street but remains unopened and barriered off. Will the Vice-Convener agree to meet with relevant stakeholders to discuss a timetable for opening this cyclepath?

**Supplementary  
Answer (by  
Councillor  
Doran)**

As you are aware, the Convener and Vice-Convener are happy to meet with local people using it and have done on many occasions, so I'm happy to set that up.

**QUESTION NO 30**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question**

What training has been provided to locality transport officers in active travel and provision of active travel infrastructure over the last three years?

**Answer**

There has been no specific training for locality transport officers over the last three years. However they are in regular contact with colleagues working in Active Travel and take account of the best practice guidance available in carrying out their duties.

In addition training on the approved [Edinburgh Street Design Guidance](#) will be rolled out across relevant Council staff (including Locality staff) starting in September and will emphasise active travel and public transport in more standardised design solutions.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, this is the last one you'll be pleased to hear. On active travel training for locality transport officers I think it will be a matter of some concern to the active travel community that there is no specific active travel training for locality transport officers. We obviously have an excellent active travel team but they lead on the strategic issues. It's surely right that if we are serious about driving forward on supporting active travel that our locality transport officers do this again. So can I ask the Vice-Convener if she will agree to re-examine the issue of specifically of training on active travel for locality transport officers?

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Certainly worthwhile talking to you about that and have a meeting maybe going over that with you.

**QUESTION NO 31**

**By Councillor Staniforth for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) The reason given for the closure of the footpath beside Princes Street Gardens during the 'Summer Sessions' events is public safety. Has there been an assessment into the possibility of closing the road to traffic instead, keeping the way open for pedestrians?

**Answer** (1) The footway has not been closed to pedestrians. Barriers were placed along the mid-line of the footway to allow continued pedestrian access and access to the bus stops whilst maintaining a sterile area in front of the spiked park railings.

**Question** (2) What degree of public consultation has there been on the safety measures put in place during the 'Summer Sessions' events?

**Answer** (2) There has been no public consultation on safety measures. This would not be normal practice. Safety measures are discussed and agreed between appropriate Council Officers and representatives of the emergency services at Events Planning and Operations Group meetings.

The issues that have arisen out of this series of events, and the summer Festivals as a whole, will be discussed in the annual 'Managing the Festival City' report.

**Supplementary Question** Thank you, I thank the Convener for her answer. This supplementary question is for answer by the Convener so I would be happy to accept a response by e-mail given her current throat issues. Would the Convener agree with me that though it's not normal practice to consult on safety measures, when there is a situation that safety measures and the need for them can be predicted well in advance and that it is likely to have a serious impact on residential amenity as it did with the summer sessions, that it would actually be appropriate to consult in those situations in future?

**Supplementary  
Answer (by  
Councillor  
Doran)**

I'm sure the Convener will be happy to e-mail you a more detailed response on that.

**QUESTION NO 32**

**By Councillor Staniforth for answer  
by the Convener of the Culture and  
Communities Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 23 August  
2018**

**Question**

Given the recent reported misuse of firearms by police in Edinburgh (by the Edinburgh Evening News and the BBC), what discussions have been had with the police via our community partnership or otherwise regarding the deployment of armed police in Edinburgh?

**Answer**

The Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership held discussions with Police Scotland and the Council Administration for the Culture and Communities Committee around the issue of Armed Response officers in Edinburgh during the negotiations of the Police Partnership Agreement.

The discussions concluded that the deployment of Armed Police Officers is a national policy for Police Scotland and therefore falls out with the remit of the agreement. National police deployment decisions and armed response matters are operationally independent decisions for the Chief Constable, with Scottish Police Authority (SPA) oversight.

The Culture and Communities Committee received a presentation and input from Police Scotland at the Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19 June 2018 regarding Armed Policing in Edinburgh.



**QUESTION NO 33**

**By Councillor Miller for answer by  
the Convener of the Planning  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 23 August 2018**

**Question** (1) Since April 2016, how many applications have there been for planning consent for change in use to Short Stay Commercial Visitor Accommodation; how many have been granted; how many have been refused?

**Answer** (1) Table 1 below sets out the planning applications and certificates of lawfulness received with the outcome.

**Question** (2) Since April 2016, how many enforcement cases have been logged in relation to the use of residential accommodation for holiday letting?

**Answer** (2) 99 enforcement cases have been logged since April 2016 which have used a compatible description.

Table 1

Type of Application	Number of Applications	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn	Pending Consideration
Planning Permission	6	1	2	1	2
Certificate of Lawfulness	7	3	1	1	2

**Background information**

Database analysis is dependent on descriptions used by the applicant in making an application and by enquirers in reporting an enforcement case. The statistics have been gathered using a broad interpretation of "Short stay commercial visitor accommodation" and "holiday letting".

**QUESTION NO 34**

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 23 August 2018**

As Council will recall, after a detailed investigation by the Council into problems with the surface dressing in 2017 of roads at 10 sites across four Wards including Craigcrook Road and three others in Inverleith, we were told that surface dressings need 3-4 months of good temperatures to fully bed in before the winter frosts arrive.

The Council's response at the time was to call on the contractor to do remedial works using the same approach under the existing contract.

- Question** (1) What lessons have been learned from this exercise of investigating reported issues with surface dressing of roads?
- Answer** (1) The additional measures incorporated into the contract include:
- additional sweepers to remove loose chippings
  - water bowser and pressure washers on stand-by to deal with any dust issues (note: to date there have been no dust issues reported this year)
  - Dedicated recovery vehicle provided by the Council's parking contractor to remove parked cars
  - [Information Leaflet](#) available on Council website with FAQ's
- Question** (2) What measures are in place for monitoring how these remedial works perform?
- Answer** (2) Monthly inspections of the completed dressings will be carried out and on-site inspections take place at the point that the work is being undertaken.
- Question** (3) If there is a recurrence of these issues, how will that be addressed?

**Answer**

- (3) As an initial measure, sweeping of the carriageway and adjacent footways will be carried out until all loose chippings have been removed. Depending on the severity of the failure, further remedial works will be considered which could range from temporary patching to permanent repairs using alternative materials.

As surface dressing can only be carried out during summer months, if the failures are superficial, the defects will be permanently repaired next summer with another dressing.

Any remedial works required will be undertaken at the cost of the contractor.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you very much Lord Provost and thank you very much Convener for your detailed response. I appreciate you are unwell so it's just a quick question to ask in response to my third question regarding what will happen if there's a recurrence of issues with the surface dressing, you've given a very detailed response about type and consideration if it happens and something like that I would just like to have an understanding of timing when will it be actually be considered you know and when will it actually be looked at if there is a problem with the resurfacing?

**Supplementary Answer (by Councillor Doran)**

Thank you for your supplementary I will certainly look into that and we'll get back to you with more timing issues.

**Additional answer supplied after the meeting**

As identified in the original answer, any issue with surface dressing would be first inspected to identify what the issue is and the safety implications of it. Safety is always our prime concern and if there was an immediate safety issue it would be addressed immediately, if not it would likely wait until the follow year's surface dressing window for remedial works.

**QUESTION NO 35**

**By Councillor Rae for answer by the  
Convener of the Planning Committee  
at a meeting of the Council on 23  
August 2018**

**Question**

Of student housing developments given planning consent since February 2016, what is the total gross floor area occupied by a) student accommodation b) by residential accommodation?

**Answer**

The council's Student Housing Guidance, which came into effect in February 2016, states that:

*'sites with greater than 0.25ha developable area must comprise a proportion of housing as part of the proposed development, to balance the mix of land uses and to contribute to housing land need. On these sites the new build residential gross floor area shall represent a minimum of 50% of the total new build housing and student accommodation gross floor area.'*

There have been 11 consents for student housing developments since the guidance came into effect. Of these, 10 had a developable area of less than 0.25 ha and did not require the provision of residential accommodation.

One application (17/03675/FUL) had a developable area of greater than 0.25 ha. This was granted consent by the Development Management Sub Committee without the provision of residential accommodation. Committee accepted that, in this particular case of conversion of an office building, mixed use would not be appropriate.

The 11 consents totalled 10,434 sq. m. of student bedspace and no residential accommodation.

**Supplementary  
Question**

I thank the Convener for his answer on that. In light of the answer which shows that policy passed over two years ago to ensure that student housing grew at the same rate as other housing and clearly has failed to do so. Surely at this stage we should be looking at reviewing that policy, thank you?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I thank the Councillor for her supplementary question. With reference to that, I note there's very few applications since the guidance came about. There's been 11 applications for student housing and 10 of those were less than the trigger point of 0.25 per hectare so the policy wasn't relevant for those and on 11th application it had site specific issues, it was Robbs Loans in the Saughton area of the city. It's an old office block which was being converted for student housing. It was viewed that it was by the Development Management Sub-Committee on the day it was viewed that it wasn't appropriate, housing couldn't be accommodated in that particular instance again that wasn't relevant. So in context of the policy, I don't accept that it's not being used it's just that there hasn't been an appropriate use for it but nonetheless with the City Plan up for review there will be an opportunity to comment on all policies and all policies are reviewed on a regular basis in any event, thank you.

**Comments by  
Councillor  
Aldridge**

A point of order, and it's intended to be helpful. There were a number, for understandable reasons, the Convener of Transport and Environment was unable to answer a number of the questions and a number of questions were responded to by saying an e-mail would be provided to the Member, these questions are for a matter of public record and I wonder whether the content of those supplementary e-mails might be included for example in the minutes of the meeting for consideration at the next Council meeting.

**Comments by  
the Lord  
Provost**

Yes and I would suggest that the e-mails should actually be circulated to members at the same time.