

**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING 6**

**25 OCTOBER 2018**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

## Item no 5.1

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Mary Campbell for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

#### Question

In the last five years, how many property tenders put out by the council have received -

- a. No bids
- b. 1 bid

Please break down the information by financial year.

#### Answer

The table below provides year by year breakdown.

Year	Total Property tenders	No. Nil Bids	No. '1' Bids
2013/14	3	0	0
2014/15	1	0	0
2015/16	4	0	0
2016/17	8	0	0
2017/18	1	0	0

**Note:** The data is taken from 'contracts awarded' using Public Contract Scotland – there may be other projects published in 17/18 but not awarded until 18/19.

Additional New build / building extensions are awarded using the SCAPE or HUBCo Frameworks – these are 'single supplier' Frameworks and are not included in the data above.

## Item no 5.2

### QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Staniforth for answer  
by the Convener of the Culture and  
Communities Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 25 October  
2018**

The council has recently passed a Fair Fringe charter. Despite that this Fringe it has been alleged that C Venues classes its staff as 'volunteers' and pays them only £200 plus accommodation for working over the festival period.

**Question** (1) What is being done to publicise venues that have signed up to the Fair Fringe Charter and to make both the public and performers aware when a venue has not?

**Answer** (1) The Council approved a Edinburgh Festival Workers Welfare Commitment on 31 May 2018. It is working with the Fringe Society to promote a responsible and credible Festival worker environment in the city.

The information on who has signed up for the Fair Fringe Charter is held by Fair Fringe (an alliance of Fringe workers and Edinburgh-based campaign groups advocating for improvements in pay and conditions). The Fringe Society have been in contact with Fair Fringe to discuss sharing this information but there has not yet been an agreement.

**Question** (2) What is being done to ensure that those venues signed up to the Fair Fringe Charter adhere to it?

**Answer**

- (2)** The Council expects that the Fair Fringe grouping will monitor adherence with the Charter.

However, following the Fringe Society's independent workers' survey in October 2017, the Fringe Society has been working closely with City of Edinburgh Council, participants, venues, and third parties on a number of practical measures to address issues flagged by the survey including a Guidance on Good Employment on the Fringe document; posters in venues to ensure workers know their rights; and a series of one to one meetings with all venues referenced in the survey. The Society is also committed to developing a Guidance on Volunteering Best Practice ahead of the 2019 Fringe.

Venues and employers across the Fringe have embraced these steps and have welcomed the help, advice and constructive approach taken by the Society.

## Item no 5.3

### QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Laidlaw for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

**Question** (1) Can the Convener provide an update on plans for routine grounds maintenance of arterial routes in the city which was confirmed in September 2018 as not in place but currently being investigated?

**Answer** (1) Procurement for routine grounds maintenance was advertised earlier this year however there were no tenders submitted. Officers are arranging to meet with Transport Scotland to discuss the potential for collaborative working for these activities.

**Question** (2) Could the Convener provide the following details in her answer?

- a) Scope of work being considered.
- b) Routes deemed 'arterial' under these considerations.
- c) If the work would be delivered by contractors or council employees.
- d) Timescale for proposals and if these will come to Transport and Environment or Finance and Resources Committee.
- e) If commercial sponsorship for landscaping and/or public art has been considered.

**Answer**

- (2)**
- a) The focus will be on removal of litter in line with legislative standards and to manage vegetation where required.
  - b) The routes being considered are the areas of the A1, A199, A8, A70, A71, A90, which are the responsibility of the City of Edinburgh Council.
  - c) This work requires special qualification and equipment to carry out work alongside high speed roads. It has therefore been determined that the use of an external contractor is most appropriate in this case.
  - d) It is intended to have management arrangements in place as soon as practically possible. The total cost of this contract is expected to be within delegated authority as set out in the Council's contract standing orders.
  - e) A procurement exercise is underway to appoint a contractor who will be responsible for roundabout and gateway signage.

Public art has not been considered at this stage. However, it could be included within existing contracts for advertising within the urban environment on a project by project basis, if appropriate.

## Item no 5.4

### QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Housing and  
Economy Committee at a meeting of  
the Council on 25 October 2018**

From 1st December 2015, private landlords are responsible for ensuring that an electrical safety inspection of their property is carried out by a registered electrician at least every five years.

As of 1st December 2015, under sections 13(4A) and 19B(4) of the Housing (Scotland) Act 2006, private landlords in Scotland are required by law to ensure that their properties are electrically safe.

This covers:

- Any installations in the property for the supply of electricity
- Electrical fixtures and fittings
- Any appliances provided by the landlord under the tenancy.

Landlords must be able to prove that all of the above are in a reasonable state of repair and in proper working order.

Can the Convener please confirm;

- Question**
- (1)** What proportion of our Council Housing stock has received an Electrical Installation Condition Report in the last 5 years?
- a) Across the city
  - b) Broken down by ward

- Answer**
- (1)** a) Since the legislation was introduced in 2015, 83% or 16,530 of all council homes have already received an electrical installation condition report and electrical installation certificate. Based on the current programme we estimate that the remaining 17% of homes will be assessed by the end of 2019, ahead of the 2020 deadline.

b) The table below shows this broken down by ward, except for the capital programme which is not recorded by ward.

Ward	Electrical Installation Condition Reports
Almond	199
City Centre	70
Colinton/Fairmilehead	310
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	55
Craigtinny/Duddingston	873
Drumbrae/Gyle	279
Forth	1,735
Fountainbridge/ Craiglockhart	219
Inverleith	254
Leith	734
Leith Walk	177
Liberton/Gilmerton	1,244
Morningside	34
Pentland Hills	522
Portobello/Craigmillar	985
Sighthill/Gorgie	2,167
Southside/Newington	378
Capital Programme	6,295
Total	16,530

**Question**

**(2)** Does the Council routinely carry out Electrical Installation Condition Reports on a change of tenancy?



- Answer** (2) Yes.
- Question** (3) Of the Council Housing stock inspected under the Electrical Installation Condition Report regime, how many properties have been found to be electrically unsafe?
- a) Across the city
  - b) Broken down by ward
- Answer** (3) This information is not recorded as repairs are carried out at the point of inspection or the individual circuit is isolated until a full repair can be carried out.
- Question** (4) Of the Council Housing stock inspected under the Electrical Installation Condition Report regime, how many properties have been found to be uninhabitable?
- a) Across the city
  - b) Broken down by ward
- Answer** (4) No properties had been found uninhabitable after an inspection as repairs are carried out at the point of inspection or the individual circuit is isolated until a full repair can be carried out.
- Question** (5) What arrangements the Council has in place to ensure all Council Houses have an Electrical Installation Condition Report?
- Answer** (5) The Council will ensure that all homes will receive an electrical inspection by the end of 2019, a year ahead of the 2020 deadline. Electrical inspections are carried out as part of the Council's capital programme to modernise, repair and maintain homes.

## Item no 5.5

### QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

The “research paper” produced by the Council indicated that, were the Council to have the power and were it to choose to use it, the likely rate of TVL would be £1 per night bringing in £11m per annum less costs. It also indicated there would be strong pressure to spend any funding raised on tourism/events marketing.

### Question

In these circumstances can the Council Leader indicate how he would prioritise the spending allocation of his hypothetical £11m per annum?

### Answer

The Council this month launched a consultation to gather views from stakeholders on the best possible arrangements for introducing a Transient Visitor Levy (TVL) in the city.

This consultation asks residents, businesses, industry stakeholders, and visitors themselves how they would wish the revenue raised to be utilised.

Any decision on the allocation of funding will as usual be determined at full Council.

## Item no 5.6

### QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor McLellan for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

**Question** (1) In the light of severe traffic disruption caused in East Edinburgh this month by the repeated over-run of gas mains repairs at the major Duddingston Road West-Milton Road junction, what contact has she had with Scotland Gas Networks (SGN) about their programme?

**Answer** (1) Throughout these works there has been regular liaison between Council Officers and SGN.

**Question** (2) In view of the resultant disruption to Council road resurfacing projects and considerable inconvenience to road users, will she be reporting this matter to the Scottish Road Works Commissioner?

**Answer** (2) I have asked officers to review SGN's performance across the city. If this review identifies performance concerns Officers will raise these concerns at the next Area Roads Authorities and Utilities Committee meeting, which is attended by representatives of the Scottish Road Works Commissioners Office.

## Item no 5.7

### QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor McLellan for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

**Question** How much it will cost to replace the minibuses which are currently used on Lothian Buses' 69 service through Willowbrae and the Lady Nairne estate?

**Answer** The Council does not hold this information.

**Question** What subsidy has Lothian Buses asked the Council to provide to maintain this service?

**Answer** Lothian Buses has not asked the Council to provide any subsidy to maintain the service.

**Question** How much the temporary replacement service to be provided by Prentice Coaches will cost per year?

**Answer** The Council does not hold this information.

## Item no 5.8

### QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor McLellan for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

**Question** (1) If the First Minister has agreed to his request of October 4 that the Scottish Government's national consultation with the Scottish tourism industry on the Transient Visitor Levy will be completed by the end of December?

**Answer** (1) Attached is the letter sent to the First Minister following the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee meeting on October 4th. I'm happy to share the formal response with Councillors when I receive it.

**Question** (2) If not, what indication of a timescale for the completion of the national consultation has he received?

**Answer** (2) At COSLA's conference in October, the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, Economy and Fair Work outlined a timescale which would indicate conclusion of the national conversation before the Council's consultation has concluded.

**First Minister  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP**

Date: 4 October 2018

Dear First Minister

I am writing to welcome your announcement that the Scottish Government will be progressing with a national consultation on the Tourist Tax. A balanced national consultation exercise will add an important dimension to this debate.

I am pleased to share that the Council Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee today agreed that the City of Edinburgh Council would also embark on a local consultation in order to inform a proposal for a viable Edinburgh TVL Scheme.

This process is due to complete by the end of December and I look forward to sharing the findings with you. I am also happy to share the research and analysis that the council has done to date so that it can be used to support the national consultation.

In discussing this matter, the Committee asked that in writing to you, I also seek assurances that the national consultation would be done to a similar timescale as our own consultation with a view to reaching a decision on this matter as soon as practicable.

I look forward to hearing from you around your proposed timescales and to continued engagement on this issue.

**1** Yours sincerely

  
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## Item no 5.9

### QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Cook for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

- Question** (1) Can the Convener confirm if the target completion date is March 2019 or March 2020, by property, for all overdue maintenance work included as part of the Tranche 1 programme, as listed in the attached Table?
- Answer** (1) The attached table has been updated to reflect targeted completion dates for ongoing and future works.
- Question** (2) If the target completion date is no longer March 2019 or March 2020 for the Tranche 1 works, can the convener provide the amended target completion date, as well as the original target completion date?
- Answer** (2) The attached table has been updated to reflect existing and revised targeted completion dates. Any change has been highlighted by a (R).
- Question** (3) Add any other works commissioned since February 2018 as part of the essential overdue maintenance catch up programme, including the new Tranche number / property reference, property name, description of overdue maintenance works, commission budget and target completion date?
- Answer** (3) One further project has been commissioned since February 2018 for Tranche 1 works (shown on the attached table as 1.36).
- Question** (4) For each property, can the Convener provide an estimate of how much of the work identified has now been completed?

**Answer**

- (4)** The table has been updated to reflect the percentage complete of each project. For guidance, the following assumptions should be noted;
- The percentage shown relates to the overall project timescale which includes design, tender, construction and the 12-month defects and liability period post completion on site. Some projects will also span a 2-year period.
  - Projects shown as 95% are considered to have the construction phase complete on site and are now in the 12-month defects & liability period.
  - Projects shown as 40% or below are still within the pre-construction phase (design & tender).

**Question**

- (5)** Would the Convener agree that this is a helpful format for reporting progress on overdue School's Maintenance as agreed by Council, and therefore agree to provide this information to all Members in May and September each year, until all works in Tranche 1 and subsequent tranches have been completed?

**Answer**

- (5)** An update briefing note will be provided to all members in May and September each year.



**Table 1: Capital Works Programme Commissions issued at 20 February 2018**

	<b>Property</b>	<b>Proposed work</b>	<b>Budget ('000)</b>	<b>Target End Date</b>	<b>% Work Done</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Tranche 1</b>	<b>35 Buildings in Tranche 1 Capital works overdue maintenance programme</b>	<b>£20,488</b>		
1.1	Balgreen PS/Nursery	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, window renewal, mechanical & electrical installation improvements, fire alarm and intruder alarm upgrade, internal and external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£1,470	Mar-20	20
1.2	Bonnington Centre	Commission for fire Alarm upgrade	£35	Mar-19	95
1.3	Broughton PS	Commission for mechanical and electrical upgrade including fire alarm, windows upgrade /repair rooflight and external fabric enhancement. Upgrade drainage to pool.	£836	Mar-20	40
1.4	Brunstane PS & Nursery	Commission for external fabric enhancement, including concrete sills and lintels.	£70	Mar-20 (R)	30
1.5	Buckstone PS	Commission for the water supply separation from the school	£60	Mar-19	95
1.6	Clermiston PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, internal and external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings, heating and boiler upgrade, repair tarmac, railings and handrails.	£1,315	Mar-20	50
1.7	Clovestone Gdns HOP	Commission for boiler and heating upgrade	£115	Oct-18 (R)	95
1.8	Corstorphine PS	Commission for upgrade radiators, heaters and fans to gym hall.	£90	Oct-18 (R)	95
1.9	Craiglockhart PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including window upgrade, mechanical and electrical improvements, heating den boiler upgrade, internal & external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floor coverings. Repair tarmac.	£626	Mar-20	21
1.10	Davidsons Mains PS	Commission to replace rooflights	£17	Mar-19	95
1.11	Duddingston PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including window upgrade, mechanical and electrical improvements, heating and boiler upgrade, internal & external fabric improvements, decoration and	£900	Mar-20	10

		replacement floor coverings. Repair tarmac.			
1.12	East Craigs PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, internal and external fabric improvements, replacement / upgrade of pipework, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£601	Mar-19	95
1.13	Echline PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, external fabric enhancement, pipework upgrade, boiler and heating upgrade, mechanical & electrical improvements.	£655	Mar-19 (R)	50
1.14	Ferrylee HOP	Commission for boiler and heating upgrade	£130	Oct-18 (R)	95
1.15	Fox Covert PS/ St Andrew's Fox Covert PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, windows and doors upgrade, decoration and replacement of floorcoverings, electrical installation improvements, renew bounding fencing and replacement of gates.	£1,000	Mar-20	43
1.16	Gracemount PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, window and doors renewal, toilet replacement, mechanical and electrical installation improvements, sanitary improvements, internal & external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£710	Mar-20	38
1.17	James Gillespies PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, window renewal, toilet replacement, mechanical and electrical installation improvements, sanitary improvements, internal and external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£685	Mar-20	70
1.18	Jewel House HOP	Commission for boiler and heating upgrade	£131	Oct-18 (R)	95
1.19	Leith PS & Nursery	Commission for boiler upgrade and staff toilet improvements	£191	Mar-19	95
1.20	Lorne PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, window and doors renewal, mechanical and electrical installation improvements, internal and external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£451	Mar-20	70
1.21	Murrayburn PS	Commission for boiler and heating upgrade, windows and external doors upgrade, mechanical and electrical installation works, internal and external fabric improvements and	£1,385	Mar-20	50

		tarmac repair in playground.			
1.22	Queensferry PS/Early Years Centre	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, ceilings renewal, windows and doors upgrade, mechanical and electrical installation upgrade, Internal & external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£1,300	Mar-19	28
1.23	Ratho PS	Commission for playground upgrades, sanitary facilities renewal, small power and lighting upgrade works including decoration and replacement of floorcoverings.	£405	Mar-20	30
1.24	Sciennes PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, windows and doors upgrade, sanitary improvements, fire alarm upgrade, decoration and replacement of floorcoverings, electrical installation improvements and heating system upgrade.	£676	Mar-19	30
1.25	Seafield Laboratory	commission to upgrade fire alarm system	£20	Mar-19	95
1.26	St Catherine's	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, heating and pipework upgrade and decoration and floorcovering replacement.	£478	Mar-19	95
1.27	St Marys (Leith)	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing, windows and doors upgrade, toilet replacement, pipework replacement, mechanical and electrical installation improvements, internal and external fabric improvements, decoration and floorcoverings replacement.	£1,321	Mar-20	50
1.28	St Ninians PS	Commission to upgrade asphalt roof, upgrade boiler and heating system, mechanical & electrical installation improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£1,000	Mar-20	49
1.29	Stockbridge Library	Commission to upgrade heating and boiler.	£40	Mar-20	30
1.30	St Thomas of Aquins	Commission to upgrade lighting installation	£210	Oct-18	95
1.31	Trinity PS	Commission for refurbishment of the school including roofing replacement, window renewal, boiler and heating upgrade, toilet replacement, mechanical and electrical improvements, internal and external fabric improvements, decoration and replacement floorcoverings.	£1,800	Mar-20	50
1.32	Usher Hall	commission for Boiler and heating upgrade	£820	Jun-19 (R)	30

1.33	Viewforth Children's Centre	Commission for mechanical and electrical upgrade of distribution boards.	£45	Mar-19	95
1.34	Wardie PS	Commission for installation of fire alarm system, upgrade roofing, windows renewal, internal & external fabric improvements, decoration and replace floor coverings.	£865	Mar-20	30
1.35	Waverley Court	Commission to re balance heating and upgrade staff sanitary facilities.	£35	Mar-19	20
1.36	Craigentenny PS	Masonry and roofing upgrade	£502	Mar-19	30

## Item no 5.10

### QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 25 October 2018**

As we approach the 6th birthday of the inception of new plans to replace the Salvesen Steps following the failure of previous plans due to inter-departmental difficulties.

Can the Convener please advise;

**Question** (1) Whether she believes that this lengthy and ongoing delay is acceptable?

**Answer** (1) The delays in progressing the replacement of the Salvesen Steps are regrettable but I believe these have been for acceptable reasons. I appreciate the importance of these steps to the local community and I understand that officers are working closely with partners and funding organisations to progress the replacement as quickly as possible.

**Question** (2) What the reasons are for the ongoing delay?

**Answer** (2) It has proved difficult to develop the conceptual design to a more detailed plan as this needs to take into account the complex geological location, funder requirements, and community preferences.

**Question** (3) Why stakeholders were told at a meeting in August 2017 that concerns regarding flood levels had been resolved only to then be told in June 2018 that this was in fact not the case?

**Answer** (3) The original flood modelling was undertaken in 2016/7, as part of the option studies. To take account of the preferred changes to the walkway design in 2018, further modelling has now been undertaken

**Question** (4) What the current timeline is for the advancement of this project?

- Answer** (4) It is currently anticipated that if the programme for replacement goes well the earliest the walkway would open is in 2020. However, the timeline is currently difficult to estimate as the detailed designs need to be developed and funding confirmed, including the involvement of other stakeholders.
- Question** (5) What she has done personally to advance the commencement of works on this vital link in the River Almond walkway?
- Answer** (5) I have reinforced the importance of this project with officers and I am reassured that it is being treated as a priority and forms part of the list of key strategic priorities for the Parks, Greenspace and Cemeteries team.

## Item no 5.11

### QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

#### **Question**

Given the introduction of new bin collection days on October 8th could the Convener of Transport and Environment Committee provide details of missed bin collections for each of the weeks since introduction; by collection stream and the number of missed bin collections reported for each type of waste stream and complaints received?

#### **Answer**

Please find below a table showing the service requests for missed and full bins for the two weeks from 8 October to 21 October 2018. This is broken down by collection stream. For context, it is anticipated that there would be in the region of 850,000 collections in the same period.

For comparison, I have also attached a summary of the total missed and full bin collection information for the year to date and the total full or missed bin collections from 2015 – 2018 (for the period January – September).

**Domestic Missed and Full Bin Service Requests for the 2 weeks**  
**08/10/18 to 21/10/18**

Bin Type	08/10/2018 - 14/10/2018	15/10/2018 - 21/10/2018	Grand Total
Bin Room / Cham	14	20	34
Communal	133	133	266
Food Communal	17	23	40
Food Individual	188	248	436
Garden Individual	182	449	631
Glass	7	35	42
Packaging / DMR	146	156	302
Paper Bank	25	31	56
Rec Ind Green Bin	204	725	929
Recy Ind Blue Box	69	129	198
Recy Ind Red Box	5	21	26
Residual Ind.	439	559	998
Residual Sacks - Black Sacks	1	2	3
Residual Sacks - Gull Proof Sacks	3	7	10
Side Loading Bin	37	21	58
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,470</b>	<b>2,559</b>	<b>4,029</b>



**Domestic Missed and Full Bin Service Requests by month January –  
September from 2015 – 2018**

	2018	2017	2016	2015
January	4,728	6,258	8,383	4,120
February	1,955	3,336	5,289	2,706
March	3,402	3,422	3,715	2,428
April	2,680	2,934	3,466	2,860
May	3,292	3,063	4,016	2,491
June	3,003	3,272	3,988	5,027
July	3,582	4,270	3,755	3,896
August	3,202	3,124	4,857	3,485
September	3,092	3,111	4,292	3,681
Total	28,936	32,790	41,761	30,694

## Item no 5.12

### QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 25 October 2018**

The Hawes Pier at Queensferry is used for the landing of tenders from cruise liners visiting Edinburgh and as such the infrastructure there is critical to the city's growing cruise liner business and the revenue this brings.

Can the Convener please confirm;

- Question** (1) When the channel and harbour around the Pier were last dredged?
- Answer** (1) The City of Edinburgh Council undertook substantial improvement works on the structure of Hawes Pier in 2011/12. This included dredging works.
- Question** (2) When dredging is next due to be carried out?
- Answer** (2) There are no current plans for dredging at Hawes Pier. Initial discussions have, however, been held on the possibility of dredging in the near future and a feasibility study will be undertaken to establish the exact scope of the works and the funding required.
- Question** (3) If she is aware that Pier users believe that the channel to the Pier could become unnavigable within 2 years if dredging is not carried out?
- Answer** (3) I am aware that pier users requested dredging however detailed investigations would be required to determine if the channel would become unnavigable. Bathymetric (underwater contour) surveys are carried out every 2/3 years and the most recent study has not identified this issue (still to be checked).
- Question** (4) If she is aware that the consequences of (3). above would be a loss of all cruise liner business and its associated revenue to the City of Edinburgh Council?
- Answer** (4) The Bathymetric survey reports have been sent to shipping agents and no concerns have been raised to date

## Item no 5.13

### QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Rust for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 25 October 2018

**Question** (1) Please confirm all costs (to date or anticipated) associated with implementation of the new charging system for garden waste collection, including:

- a) postage;
- b) production of stickers;
- c) advertising/promotion;
- d) registration;
- e) collection/removal of brown bins from nonparticipants;
- f) any other known costs.

**Answer**

(1) a) postage;

The cost of postage to date (including printing and fulfilment) has been £90,205.

- b) production of stickers; £3,555
- c) advertising/promotion; £18,286
- d) registration; The registration system is part of a wider project and it is not possible to calculate the cost of setting up this part of the system
- e) collection/removal of brown bins from non-participants; This will be dependent on the number of residents who do not register for the new collection service and do not wish to keep their brown bin.
- f) any other known costs;

Costs in the region of £18,000 have been incurred to date.

**Question** (2) What additional staffing resource has been put in place by the Council and are any appointments permanent or temporary?

**Answer** (2) Four additional call centre agents have been brought in for the duration of the registration period. An additional six call centre agents are currently employed on a temporary basis to help manage the transition to the new household waste collection schedules as opposed to the Garden Waste collection charges. A permanent Technical Officer position has been recruited to focus on the creation and maintenance of garden waste routes.

## Item no 5.14

### QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

**Question** (1) How many agency staff are being employed by the Council between 4pm and midnight in respect of waste collection?

**Answer** (1) There are nine agency staff who have been retained by the Waste and Cleansing service as a contingency to support the first four weeks of the new kerbside waste collection routes.

**Question** (2) For how long is this arrangement anticipated to last?

**Answer** (2) The requirement for these staff is anticipated to last until 4 November 2018 at the latest.

**Question** (3) What is the cost to the Council?

**Answer** (3) £11,292

## Item no 5.15

### QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Bridgman for answer  
by the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 25 October  
2018**

#### Question

- (1) Can the Convener please provide details of why the Management Committee of the Community Wing at Craigmount High School have now been told that they cannot have a lease for their accommodation, when they had previously been told that they must take on a lease and they have been putting some effort into getting themselves in a position to be able to do so?

#### Answer

- (1) Discussions took place this year involving Lifelong Learning Council Officers and the Management Committee (MC) about the possibility of a lease: this does not exist at present and the MC office bearers are vulnerable in having unprotected legal liability.

The following factors influenced the decision not to proceed:

- The Council is looking to review all existing leasing arrangements with Management Committees citywide.
- The Craigmount Wing is unique, being the only School Community Wing with a Management Committee
- Indications from the Management Committee in discussions were that they would struggle in terms of their capacity to take on a lease

Lifelong Learning Officers met with the MC office bearers on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 to communicate the decision and to discuss next steps. Officers stressed that they wish to collaborate with the MC in shaping the Community Wing programme and promised to continue with free or low cost lets for MC generated activity until March 2019, pending the development of a new management model for the Wing. While this will take time to work out with the school, Lifelong Learning and the MC itself, initial indications are that the MC

is mostly reassured by the decision on the lease and by the approach being adopted. As agreed with the MC Chair, LL Officers will meet the MC and its members once the working model has been further defined with the School.

We appreciate that this is a significant change for the MC and want to work closely with them in order to develop a governance model for the wing which incorporates MC input to ideas and programming, as a long established and committed community organisation.

**Question** (2) The Community Wing at Craigmount is quite unusual in the respect that the accommodation they are in is part of the school building, rather than a separate unit on the school grounds. With this in mind, can the Convener categorically state that his department's current activity regarding the Community Wing will not result in the Community Wing ceasing to exist, their valuable work stopped and the space that they use handed over to the high school for use as classrooms etc?

**Answer** (2) Our most recent school roll projections were published last December. You can view them here:

[http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20256/school\\_places/1551/school\\_roll\\_projections.](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/info/20256/school_places/1551/school_roll_projections)

Craigmount High School is projected to face accommodation pressures from 2023 – partly due to the significant new housing developments that are planned for within its catchment area e.g. the Maybury housing site which is expected to deliver approx. 1700 new homes over the next 10 years.

The Council recently carried out an [informal consultation](#) to consider establishing a new secondary school in West Edinburgh as a way of alleviating the accommodation pressures on the local high schools. This will be considered further as part of the Council's next Local Development Plan.

In this context it is difficult to categorically state that the departments activity will not result in the Community Wing ceasing to exist. However, the view from both the present School Management and from Lifelong Learning management is that with some creative thinking, the wing has the potential to become a great community and school resource.



## Item no 5.16

### QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

#### **Question**

Given than many households may still have the old red recycling boxes, can the Convener confirm that householders are now welcome to use red or blue boxes for glass recycling?

#### **Answer**

Householders can use either red or blue boxes for the collection of glass, small electrical items and textiles.

## Item no 5.17

### QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

**Question** (1) What is the education spend per pupil at James Gillespie's High School (JGHS)?

**Answer** (1) £4,033/pupil, this figure excludes utilities, facilities management and rates.

**Question** (2) What is the number and proportion of students at JGHS who are Gaelic Medium Education (GME) students?

**Answer** (2) There are 107 GME Students representing 8.5% of students.

Apart from the Gaelic language, no subject is presented in the medium of Gaelic at SQA level. There are a small number of syllabus inserts with Broad General Education.

In 2018, 14 students presented for Higher Gaelic language.

**Question** (3) What is the number and proportion of teachers at JGHS who teach in GME?

**Answer** (3) There are approximately 5 teachers ,including the Head Teacher, who are able to teach in the medium of Gaelic representing 4.09 FTE teachers.

**Question** (4) What proportion of their lessons do each of the GME teachers at JGHS teach in a) Gaelic, and b) English?

**Answer**

- (4)** With the exception of the syllabus inserts at BGE and Higher Gaelic teaching in the school is in the medium of English. In addition to this Gaelic culture is also celebrated through music arts and other cultural pursuits. The teacher proportion is as follows:

Teacher A = 100% GME, 0% English

Teacher B = 33% GME, 67% English \*

Teacher C = 6.7% GME, 93.3% English \*

Teacher D = 100% GME, 0% English

Teacher E = 100% GME, 0% English

\*Classes are not exclusively GME Students, but may be taught bi-lingually.

## Item no 5.18

### QUESTION NO 18

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018**

#### **Question**

What funding has the council received from the Scottish Government in each of the last three years for the promotion of Gaelic, and what has it been spent on?

#### **Answer**

In terms of the ring-fenced funding, the following sums have been provided in each of the last three years:

2016/17 - £0.300m;

2017/18 - £0.330m; and

2018/19 - £0.305m.

The precise allocations depend on both (i) the overall available funding quantum and (ii) Edinburgh's share of Scotland-wide pupils educated in the Gaelic medium as recorded in the Pupil Census.

The funds have been spent on staffing and resources.

## Item no 5.19

### QUESTION NO 19

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 October 2018

**Question** (1) Please list by month the number of requests received since 1 November 2017 to clear leaves from footpaths and cycle paths and in each month listing the requests received by phone; email; web; twitter; in person, and by letter.

**Answer**

(1)

Month	Service Requests for Footway and Cycleway Leaves Removal
November 2017	115
December 2017	71
January 2018	43
February 2018	22
March 2018	4
April 2018	6
May 2018	6
June 2018	15
July 2018	10
August 2018	2
September 2018	7
October (part month)	9
Total	310

**Question**

(2) Please list the dates since 1 November 2017 when large mechanical sweepers have swept the off-road cycle paths, including but not limited to the Roseburn, Warriston, Water of Leith and Ferry Road paths.

**Answer** (2) There is currently no recording of mechanical sweeping of cycleways. However due to the design of our cycleways many of them are inaccessible to large mechanical sweepers.

**Question** (3) Please provide the URL on the council's website where concerns with

- a) footpaths
- b) off-road cyclepaths

can be reported

**Answer** (3) All concerns can be recorded on the web page - [https://my.edinburgh.gov.uk/app/report\\_it\\_forms/litter](https://my.edinburgh.gov.uk/app/report_it_forms/litter)

**Question** (4) What action has been taken since 1 November 2017 to implement a proactive approach to the sweeping of leaves from footpaths and cyclepaths?

**Answer** (4) Leaves are removed as part of regular street cleaning activities annually from September through to January. The Council operates nine larger mechanical sweepers that can lift significant loads from streets. These are supplemented by nine smaller pedestrian sweepers which can remove leaves from pavements and cycle paths.

Areas are targeted based on local knowledge, site inspections and through service requests and enquiries and include areas of high footfall, cycle paths, and proximity to sheltered accommodation. This prioritised approach has led to a reduction in service requests from 452 down to 310 for the same period last year.