

**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL**

**MEETING 9**

**7 FEBRUARY 2019**

**QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

## Item no 5.1

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Corbett for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

#### Question

In light of the draft budget settlement for Edinburgh issued on 18 December 2018 which has increased the provisional budget gap faced by the city council in 2019-20 from £28m to £39m and, given the absence of any commitment in the draft budget for Scotland on greater fiscal flexibility for Scottish local authorities, what impact does the convener believe that he and senior colleagues have had in making the case for Scotland's capital to get a fair funding settlement?

#### Answer

Following Stage 1 consideration of the Budget bill on 31<sup>st</sup> January, and the announcements by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, the estimated budget savings requirement for 2019/20 is now £33.1m.

The Council Leader and I have met or contacted the Cabinet Secretary for Finance, the Minister for Public Finance, their Special Advisers, MSPs and MPs to convey our views on the Financial Settlement for Edinburgh announced in December last year.

We emphasised the need for an increase in revenue funding, for greater relief on the £2.4m estimated Council share of the rise in teachers' superannuation costs and our view that the Council should have greater powers to raise its own revenue, identifying specifically, the case for a Transient Visitor Levy and a Workplace Parking Levy.

As members will be aware, the Scottish Government has moved in a favourable direction on all these points. These have all been notable successes, particularly in view of the very great competing demands on the Scottish budget from elsewhere in the public sector.

The administration's budget proposals will take account of these changes and what we have heard during public engagement on the draft budget proposals.

## Item no 5.2

### QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Corbett for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

#### **Question**

In light of the £17.9m cut on like for like government revenue funding for Edinburgh in 2019-20, by how much would council tax have to rise to offset that reduction, both as a percentage rise and as an amount within each band?

## Answer

Members received an update on the impact of the provisional Local Government Settlement for 2019/20 at the Finance and Resources Committee meeting on 1 February 2019. This level of settlement increased the overall in-year savings requirement by £8.9m, once account was taken of existing overall, and health and social care-specific, funding assumptions.

While there is a risk that increasing Council Tax levels by more than 3% would trigger a consequent loss of corresponding, or greater, amounts of grant funding, if this increased requirement were addressed solely by means of changes to Council Tax, it would result in a further rise of 3.2% (i.e. a total of 6.2% for the year), resulting in the following increases per band:

<b>Band</b>	<b>Existing Council Tax levels</b>	<b>Assumed Council Tax increase per budget framework (i.e. 3%)</b>	<b>Further required increase to address provisional level of grant funding relative to current framework assumptions (i.e. additional 3.2% increase)</b>
	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2019/20</b>
A	£826.79	£24.80	£26.46
B	£964.60	£28.94	£30.87
C	£1,102.39	£33.07	£35.28
D	£1,240.19	£37.21	£39.69
E	£1,629.47	£48.88	£52.14
F	£2,015.31	£60.46	£64.49
G	£2,428.71	£72.86	£77.72
H	£3,038.47	£91.15	£97.23

## Item no 5.3

### QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

In November 2017 I asked a question of the Convener of Transport and Environment, regarding the number of pedestrian crossings in Edinburgh which had been fitted with a pedestrian signalling box with rotating cones underneath which enable partially sighted individuals to know when it is safe to cross. As a follow up I asked how many of these cones were actually functioning. The Convener was unsure at the time but assured me that she would come back to me in an individual basis and if necessary to the Chamber, with information about the working cones. In her words "If there is a problem, a widespread problem, we'll put in place a programme to make sure that those are fitted correctly."

- Question** (1) Has any further research been done on the 409 traffic signal installations in the city that have rotating cones to see if they are functioning?
- Answer** (1) There are currently no recorded faults with any of the rotating cones. Faults are actioned immediately when reported and an annual inspection is undertaken for all tactile rotating cones.
- Question** (2) Has a programme been put into place to make sure that they are fitted correctly?
- Answer** (2) All tactile rotating cones are fitted as per the manufacturers' recommendations.

## Item no 5.4

### QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** (1) Since the introduction of the new service last October there have been delays on a weekly basis to the Friday collection of waste, in particular food waste, right across the Inverleith Ward, why is this happening?

**Answer** (1) It is clear that there have been occasions where there has been a delay in Friday collections in the west of the city. Friday is the last collection day of the week and analysis of the issues recently experienced would indicate that the impact of missed collections earlier in the week did impact on the collection schedule on a Friday.

**Question** (2) What is being done to improve the situation?

**Answer** (2) Resources have been realigned within Waste and Cleansing, as outlined in my note to elected members on 22 January, to address these issues in the short term and we are seeing a significant reduction in complaints as a result of this. Work is on-going to complete the development of the waste transfer station at Bankhead by summer 2019 which will also help to improve the service in the west of the city. The Transport and Environment Committee was invited to tour that facility, along with other strategic Waste development facilities, on 30<sup>th</sup> January.

## Item no 5.5

### QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** Over the Christmas period what contingencies were put in place to make sure that communal recycling units were emptied more frequently to reflect seasonal demand?

**Answer** Over the Festive period, additional resources were deployed on Mondays to collect communal dry mix recycling. The collections for communal glass and paper collections are carried out by contractors on behalf of the Council:

- For glass, additional collections were planned to take account of the public holidays.
- For paper, collections were rescheduled to take account of the public holidays.

**Question** What checks were done to make sure these uplifts were carried out by our contractors?

**Answer** Missed bin service requests are automatically directed to the contractor on receipt. In addition, a monthly review of performance is carried out and any issues are followed up directly with the contractors.

**Question** What sanctions were put in place or applied in the event of performance failures?

**Answer** The Council can seek damages to recover costs incurred as a result of service failure. However, the contractor will always be asked to address the issues in the first instance and, on this occasion, the Council has not incurred any additional costs and therefore no damages have been claimed.

## Item no 5.6

### QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Johnston for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 7 February 2019**

Could the Convener advise of the following:

**Question** (1) How many parking enforcement officers are deployed at any one time

**Answer** (1) 73 enforcement officers are deployed on each weekday.

**Question** (2) How many problem parking 'hot-spots' are currently designated?

**Answer** (2) There are currently seven streets on the Council's priority street list:

- Leith Walk;
- Annandale Street;
- Bellevue Gardens;
- North Clyde Street Lane;
- Piershill Place;
- Belford Gardens; and
- Nicolson Square.

In addition, the Council receives approximately 90 requests for ad hoc Parking Attendant visits per month. These requests are prioritised and managed and feedback is received from our enforcement contractor on each. Where streets appear regularly, these will be added to the priority street list for a period (the period a street is included on the list will depend on the nature of the issues).

**Question** (3) How many tickets were issued in 2018?

**Answer** (3) 184,570 parking tickets were issued in 2018.

**Question** (4) Can answers to 1 to 3 be provided on a ward by ward basis?



**Answer**

**(4)** The information is not held in this way.

## Item no 5.7

### QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Laidlaw for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

- Question** (1) Can the Convener confirm when the proposed clear-up of the A1 arterial route (within City of Edinburgh boundaries) will be complete and why this work which she stated at September Council “is anticipated that this work will be undertaken in October 2018.” Is still outstanding?
- Answer** (1) As previously stated, the decision was taken to seek an external contractor to carry out maintenance on the arterial routes in the city due to the specialist nature of the work and the training and equipment required. No tenders were received for this work when advertised.
- Question** (2) Can the Convener please provide a broader update on the timescale procurement for routine grounds maintenance of arterial routes (identified at October Council as the A1, A199, A8, A70, A71, A90) following the meeting of officers with Transport Scotland to discuss the potential for collaborative working for these activities, confirmed at Full Council in October?
- Answer** (2) Officers are meeting with Transport Scotland on 5 February to discuss opportunities for collaborative working, including the maintenance of arterial routes.

## Item no 5.8

### QUESTION NO 8

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019

#### Question

Could the Convener provide a table showing:

- a) the number of enforcement cases registered each month in 2018 regarding short term lets;
- b) the number of enforcement actions taken;
- c) the number of enforcement actions appealed and the outcome of the appeals?

#### Answer

Please refer to the table below.

2018	Number of Enforcement Cases Registered	Number of Actions Taken	Number of Actions Appealed	Outcome at Appeal
January	6	2	0	0
February	4	1	1	Notice upheld
March	10	5	3	3 Notices upheld
April	3	1 pending	0	0
May	2	1	0	0
June	9	1	0	0
July	6	1	0	0
August	23	1	0	0
September	5	0	0	0
October	11	0	0	0
November	1	0	0	0
December	16	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	96	13	4	4 Notices upheld

## Item no 5.9

### QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** (1) Please list the number of cycle racks that have been installed by the Road Safety and Active Travel team since 1 January 2016, listed by

- a) those installed on the roadway,
- b) those installed on the footway, and
- c) those installed elsewhere?

**Answer** (1) a) 5 cycle racks have been installed on the roadway.  
b) 538 cycle racks have been installed on the footway.  
c) 315 cycle racks have been installed elsewhere.

**Question** (2) Please list the number of cycle racks that have been installed by each locality since 1 January 2016, listed by

- a) those installed on the roadway,
- b) those installed on the footway, and
- c) those installed elsewhere?

**Answer** (2) The installation of cycle racks is carried out by the Active Travel team, with support and input from locality transport officers.

**Question** (3) Please list the number of Edinburgh cycle hire docking points that have been installed, listed by

- a) those installed on the roadway,
- b) those installed on the footway, and
- c) those installed elsewhere?

- Answer** (3) a) There have been no cycle hire docking points installed on the roadway.
- b) 39 cycle hire docking points have been installed on the footway.
- c) 11 cycle hire docking points have been installed elsewhere.

- Question** (4) Does the council consider that a TRO is required to install a cycle rack on
- a) the roadway, and
- b) the footway, and what is the reason in each case?

- Answer** (4) a) If the rack is installed within a marked cycle bay on the road, a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is required to introduce an enforceable restriction on use of the bay by other vehicles. If changes to traffic, parking or loading restrictions are required to accommodate the bay, a TRO would also be required to alter the existing restrictions

If the rack is installed on a new footway build-out and changes to traffic, parking or loading restrictions are required to accommodate the build-out, a TRO is required to alter the existing restrictions.

If the rack is installed on a new footway build-out and changes to traffic, parking or loading restrictions are not required to accommodate the build-out, a TRO would not be required. Vehicles are not permitted to use the footway, so no additional restrictions are required.

- b) If the rack is installed on the existing footway, a TRO is not required. Vehicles are not permitted to use the footway, so no additional restrictions are required.

- Question** (5) What is the approximate cost of providing a build-out to accommodate on-road cycle racks, and are these required in every instance where a cycle rack is installed on the roadway?

**Answer**

**(5)** The cost of providing a build-out will vary significantly according to various factors, including:

- the size of the build-out;
- the materials used (e.g. the use of natural stone materials will significantly increase costs);
- whether additional road or footway drainage apparatus is required;
- the location of the build-out and the consequent temporary traffic management arrangements and working restrictions during construction; and
- whether a TRO and/or a Redetermination Order (RSO) is required

Depending on the above, a budget estimate for a build-out to accommodate cycle racks could vary between £2,000 and £5,000, not including the cost of any TRO/RSO (see response to Question (6) below).

As an alternative to providing a new build-out, racks could be installed within a marked cycle bay on the road.

**Question**

**(6)** What is the approximate budgeted cost of pursuing

- a) a TRO;
- b) an RSO for a cycle rack on the roadway?

**Answer**

**(6)** A budget estimate for the cost of promoting either a TRO or an RSO for a cycle bay or build-out would be approximately £2,000. This could increase significantly if an objection led to a public hearing.

## Item no 5.10

### QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Leader of the Council at a meeting of  
the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** (1) How many press releases or press statements has he issued since 12 December 2018 criticising the Scottish Government's proposed reduction in the Council's revenue grant for 2019/20 and will he provide links to such statements?

**Answer** (1) This information is publicly available.

**Question** (2) How many blogs or opinion articles has he had published since 12 December 2018 criticising the Scottish Government's proposed reduction in the Council's revenue grant for 2019/20 and will he provide links to such articles?

**Answer** (2) This information is publicly available.

**Question** (3) How many tweets has he issued on Twitter since 12 December 2018 criticising the Scottish Government's proposed reduction in the Council's revenue grant for 2019/20 and will he provide the dates and times of any such tweets?

**Answer** (3) This information is publicly available.

**Question** (4) How many speeches has he made since 12 December 2018 criticising the Scottish Government's proposed reduction in the Council's revenue grant for 2019/20 and will he publish the text of any such speeches given?

**Answer** (4) This information is publicly available.

## Item no 5.11

### QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Deputy Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

#### **Question**

On 17 January, the Vice Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee said: "I cannot begin to describe how furious, frustrated, and let down I feel by the ineptitude of the SNP Edinburgh Council Leadership in relation to standing up for Edinburgh". Does the deputy leader of the Council share this view?

#### **Answer**

No



## Item no 5.12

### QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

#### Question

What progress has been made to implement the actions which arose from the parking monitoring report provided to Almond ward councillors on 12 July 2018? (please note that this information has been sought from parking officials through repeated emails since 2 December but none have been answered or acknowledged).

#### Answer

It is not acceptable that you did not receive a response to your emails in respect of this matter and I have spoken to the Head of Service about it.

The following table provides an outline programme for taking forward the actions:

Contact businesses to highlight parking issues	February 2019
Conduct initial survey of streets within car village	February 2019
Prepare outline design of possible restrictions and commence TRO process	March 2019
Advertise draft TRO	May 2019
Complete TRO process and implement yellow lines (this date assumes no objections.)	March 2020

## Item no 5.13

### QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor Brown for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

Can the Convener:

**Question** (1) Confirm the number and nature of events it undertook to promote Small Business Saturday on 1st December 2018?

**Answer** (1) In previous years the council has held events to promote SBS. Due to previous reductions in the economic development budget there is no longer a dedicated resource focussed on local high streets, who had previously led on promoting Small Business Saturday and would have organised any events.

**Question** (2) Confirm the number and nature of social media posts (including which platform) used to promote Small Business Saturday?

**Answer** (2) We recognise the role of social media to promote small businesses and specifically high streets. One example would be the *Pop into Party* campaign which was in direct response to concerns from local businesses that a road closure for resurfacing would impact on local businesses. This has been effective, and we will continue to look for opportunities to support small businesses and encourage people to shop locally, including dovetailing into Small Business Saturday.

**Question** (3) Confirm the number and nature of other media and non-media activities used to promote Small Business Saturday?

**Answer**

- (3)** We also recognise that we can use a range of a different tools to promote small businesses and support local high streets. Again, in the campaign Pop Into Party we used lamp post wraps in a targeted area, alongside a targeted social media campaign, to make it clear that Portobello was still open for business despite a main road being closed. This seems to have been effective and was well received by many businesses. The budget proposals look like we will have to undertake a significant service redesign. This is a good opportunity to look at how we embed support for small businesses and local town centres into the service within the wider economic context. This will include looking at what we can do next year to support our local shops, small businesses and high streets.

## Item no 5.14

### QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board at  
a meeting of the Council on 7  
February 2019**

- Question** (1) Has the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board had any discussions on what it sees its budget requirements being for financial year 2019 / 2020?
- Answer** (1) Yes.
- Question** (2) As a result of any such discussions, what at this stage is the lowest level of expenditure the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board estimates is required to discharge its statutory duties in financial year 2019 / 2020?
- Answer** (2) The Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) continues to have ongoing discussions but has not finalised next year's budget requirements.
- Question** (3) Given the range of any estimated expenditure that has been discussed, what are the minimum contributions that the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board would be minded to accept from both the City of Edinburgh Council, and from NHS Lothian, for the financial year 2019 / 2020?
- Answer** (3) This matter continues to be under discussion.
- Question** (4) On what date will the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board finalise its budget requirements for financial year 2019 / 2020?
- Answer** (4) The EIJB is meeting on 8 February and officers are working across NHS Lothian and the Council in relation to budget requirements. Further finance development sessions are planned before the EIJB meeting on 29 March where the 19/20 budget will be considered.

## Item no 5.15

### QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** (1) When was it first determined that the budget report would be published on Friday 18th January?

**Answer** (1) The decision to publish a budget report was taken at the Finance and Resources Committee on 27 September 2018.

Following receipt of the provisional settlement from the Scottish Government in December 2018, an assessment was made that 18 January 2019 would be the appropriate date to publish the budget report, to enable further consultation with the public.

**Question** (2) When were each of the opposition groups first contacted to arrange a meeting with the Chief Executive to review the budget report and what dates/times were offered?

**Answer** (2) Political Groups have been meeting with a number of Council officers, including the Chief Executive, on an ongoing basis. Specific meetings regarding the development of the Council budget have also taken place both before and after the publication of the budget report. Each Political Group has an aligned officer from the Finance Division to support them with their budget planning discussions.

The offer of detailed briefings on the budget was made by the Chief Executive's Office to both the Conservative and Liberal Democrat Groups on 17 January 2019. Council officers met with the Green Group on 15 January 2019, so a subsequent budget briefing was not offered.

**Question** (3) When was the press briefing with the Leader and Depute Leader which took place on Friday 18th January arranged?

**Answer** (3) The press briefing was arranged on the morning of Friday, 18 January 2019.

**Question** (4) Is there a budget process timetable and do opposition groups feature on this?

**Answer** (4) The budget process timetable, including engagement with opposition groups, was set out in the report to the Finance and Resources Committee on 27 September 2018.

**Question** (5) Why was it verbally indicated to elected members that the budget papers were embargoed, yet no embargo was included on issuing?

**Answer** (5) The press were advised during the press briefing that there was embargo in place until 4.00pm that day.

**Question** (6) Is the budget report the Administration's proposals?

**Answer** (6) The budget report is produced by Council officers, as is the normal practice for all reports to Council and Committee. The content of the report has the Administration's support as a draft series of proposals for public engagement.

## Item no 5.16

### QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

At the 20 September 2018 Council meeting I asked the Convener about the pavement deterioration next to Kirkliston Primary school (Q5.16). This was the latest in a series of attempts at securing repairs:

- August 2017 - first raised with officers and advised it would be the new budget year
- February 2018 - pushed back to April school holidays
- April 2018 - pushed back to summer holidays
- September 2018 - advised now due spring 2019

At the September meeting I asked for this timescale to be reviewed considering the poor condition of the pavement and while October was not possible, I was to expect to hear back from officers on options for an escalated timescale. I have received no updates and it was not carried out during the Christmas recess.

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| <b>Question</b> | <b>(1)</b> What discussions have taken place since September to try and bring the timescale forward?  |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(1)</b> This work was originally planned to be undertaken as a temporary revenue funded repair, pending the permanent repair being undertaken as part of the capital programme. Provision in the capital programme has now been made for the permanent works to be carried out in Spring 2019. |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(2)</b> Is this repair being done during the midterm break in February?  |
| <b>Answer</b>   | <b>(2)</b> Unfortunately it is not possible to complete this work during the February mid-term.   |
| <b>Question</b> | <b>(3)</b> If not and it remains as 'Spring' can I get assurances that this will definitely go ahead?   |

**Answer** (3) We are planning go ahead in Spring 2019 and will be undertaking the necessary consultation with the school, local ward members and key stakeholders in the next few weeks. The design and procurement will also be undertaken.

**Question** (4) Why has it taken 17 months to secure a fairly straightforward pavement repair which is part of an established route to school, for one of the largest primary schools in the entire Edinburgh school estate?

**Answer** (4) It was initially proposed to carry out a temporary repair at this location. However, officers have been progressing discussions on the capital programme to enable the permanent repair to be completed rather than two periods of work being undertaken in a relatively short time frame.



## Item no 5.17

### QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

Can the Convener please provide an update on the current backlog of street lighting faults logged:

**Question (1)** How many individual lights have been outstanding for over 21 days? (City wide and by ward)

**Answer (1)**

Ward	Jobs Outstanding			
	More than 21 days		More than 3 months	
	Number of lights	% of lights in Ward	Number of lights	% of lights in Ward
1	203	3%	137	2%
2	145	3%	97	2%
3	214	5%	146	4%
4	151	4%	104	3%
5	180	5%	123	3%
6	106	3%	69	2%
7	111	3%	85	2%
8	113	3%	77	2%
9	62	3%	40	2%
10	120	5%	86	3%
11	478	11%	326	7%
12	100	5%	84	4%
13	125	5%	113	5%
14	139	4%	106	3%
15	154	5%	97	3%
16	180	3%	124	2%
17	202	5%	156	4%
<b>City Wide</b>	2,783	4%	1,970	3%

**Question (2)** How many individual lights have been outstanding for over 3 months?(city wide and by ward)

- Answer** (2) See the table above. It should be noted that some of this information was also requested by Cllr Lang and answered in the last Council meeting (Dec 2018). It should also be noted that the Council, as discussed previously, is undertaking an extensive 3 year street lighting LED renewal programme which will bring significant benefits in reducing and reporting of repairs.
- Question** (3) What efforts are in place to reduce this backlog?
- Answer** (3) Additional resources have been focused on increasing repair outputs to reduce the backlog of outstanding issues.
- Question** (4) Is the department still prioritising overdue faults where there are 2 or more lights out in the same location? If so, how long is this approach expected to continue?
- Answer** (4) The prioritisation of faults remains unchanged, with five or more consecutive dark lights prioritised as emergencies and resource then being focused on outstanding repairs that are not deemed to be an emergency.
- Question** (5) When is it anticipated that the backlog will be cleared?
- Answer** (5) The additional resources are in place for a period of three months and progress will be reviewed regularly. New reports will continue to be prioritised alongside outstanding repairs.

## Item no 5.18

### QUESTION NO 18

**By Councillor Rose for answer by the  
Convener of the Finance and  
Resources Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 7 February 2019**

#### Question

Please detail the total amount, in cash and resource, which has been spent in the last five years on tram extension, either directly or otherwise?

#### Answer

##### **Business Case/Land Acquisition**

£5,942,241 has been incurred on the line to Newhaven (1a) with £328,526 incurred on acquisition of land to complete the sections from Roseburn to Granton (1b) and Granton to Newhaven (1c). Therefore, £6,270,767 has been spent to date for this work.

This is against Council approved funding of £7.4m to fund the initial feasibility work, the outline and final business cases.

##### **Leith Walk Tram Depot**

£371,260 has been incurred to demolish the former tram depot on Leith Walk so that a substation can be constructed, and a work-site established should the project go ahead. If the project does not proceed, this work is likely to increase the capital receipt achievable from the site.

## Item no 5.19

### QUESTION NO 19

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** (1) Any resident trying to contact you over the Festive Period received an out of office reply stating: "I will be away from the office over the Christmas recess and not answering emails from Fri 14/12/2018 until Mon 7/1/2019".

What arrangements did you put in place for oversight of this service during its busiest time of year, and following the poorly implemented route changes in October 2018?

**Answer** (1) Before adding my out of office email I spoke with the Head of Service about my set of expectations over the festive period for service delivery. While I had acknowledged at both Council and committee meetings that we could expect to see some additional pressures over this period, the reality for residents was unacceptable.

In terms of providing response to those who contacted me, my email inbox is always accessed by support staff to allow responses to be made wherever possible when I am unable to do so myself. This was the case over the period when my out of office message was on.

Your question implies that my email inbox is my only way of interacting with the service or fellow councillors. That is not so and during the festive period I was in regular telephone and email contact with the Head of Service and others on this and other matters.

In addition, the Vice Convenor was available throughout the period referenced by you.

The role of the Transport & Environment Convenor is an exceptionally busy one and, as a result, I rarely allow myself to not be in touch with the office, either at weekends, during recesses or in the evenings, whenever required.

**Question** (2) Would you like to elaborate on your apology, published in the Edinburgh Evening News on 23 January, regarding the poor service that residents have received?

**Answer** (2) No.

**Question** (3) What lessons would you pass on to any other Convener of a Council Committee, in terms of overseeing a significant operation change in a Council Service?

**Answer** (3) To assess emerging problems and their causes; to work with the service to identify appropriate remedial actions; to state clearly the expectations of the administration and residents; to explain as clearly as possible what those actions are to other councillors and to Edinburgh residents; and to closely monitor a return to expected service standards – all of which I have undertaken on the matter of the waste service changes.

In addition, I have instructed the service to come forward with two reports at the May 2019 Transport and Environment Committee. These will be an investigation of what went wrong, and the actions taken, as well as an investigation of the festive period waste service and its added impact on a deeply unsatisfactory situation. Both reports will include recommendations for the future.

**Question** (4) For each week since 1 October till 1 February, please break down the number of uplifts recorded on route smart, failed uplifts and complaints by week and waste stream.

**Answer** (4) This breakdown of the number of uplifts recorded on Routesmart is not currently available to provide. This is being developed in line with the actions which will be set out in the report to Transport and Environment on 28 February 2019. A breakdown of missed collection reports by week and by collection stream for both kerbside and communal bins is provided.

## MISSED COLLECTION REPORTS

ALL KERBSIDE MISSED BINS SERVICE REQUESTS	All Kerbside	Residual	Recycling	Food	Blue Box	Garden	Red Box	Gull Proof Sacks	Black Sacks	Christmas Trees
Week 1 - 8 October 2018	1092	439	205	188	68	183	5	3	1	0
Week 2 - 15 October 2018	2143	559	723	251	129	452	21	6	2	0
Week 3 - 22 October 2018	1710	532	457	234	105	372	6	3	1	0
Week 4 - 29 October 2018	1617	445	475	211	119	344	18	5	0	0
Week 5 - 5 November 2018	1565	505	420	230	114	285	9	2	0	0
Week 6 - 12 November 2018	1231	370	296	183	124	241	10	7	0	0
Week 7 - 19 November 2018	1145	314	297	234	114	174	6	5	0	1
Week 8 - 26 November 2018	867	223	199	204	92	135	11	2	1	0
Week 9 - 3 December 2018	817	232	224	124	92	139	2	2	2	0
Week 10 - 10 December 2018	681	171	176	108	85	137	3	1	0	0
Week 11 - 17 December 2018	799	222	206	136	95	133	7	0	0	0
Week 12 - 24 December 2018	961	253	293	197	113	98	3	2	0	2
Week 13 - 31 December 2018	1645	457	438	370	206	156	4	1	1	12
Week 14 - 7 January 2019	2404	528	407	680	423	276	3	0	1	86
Week 15 - 14 January 2019	1080	211	175	106	295	207	3	1	2	80
Week 16 - 21 January 2019	564	100	115	100	48	169	9	3	0	20

<b>ALL - COMMUNAL FULL/ OVERFLOWING BINS SERVICE REQUESTS</b>	<b>All Communal</b>	<b>Residual</b>	<b>Side Loading Residual</b>	<b>Packaging/ Recycling</b>	<b>Food</b>	<b>Glass</b>	<b>Paper</b>	<b>Bin Room</b>	<b>Bulk Room</b>	<b>Textile</b>
<b>Week 1 - 8 October 2018</b>	<b>381</b>	133	37	149	17	7	24	14	0	0
<b>Week 2 - 15 October 2018</b>	<b>420</b>	134	21	159	22	34	30	20	0	0
<b>Week 3 - 22 October 2018</b>	<b>469</b>	116	14	195	33	43	52	16	0	0
<b>Week 4 - 29 October 2018</b>	<b>666</b>	169	33	292	41	49	53	28	0	1
<b>Week 5 - 5 November 2018</b>	<b>706</b>	211	35	279	62	46	57	16	0	0
<b>Week 6 - 12 November 2018</b>	<b>614</b>	146	17	257	62	23	46	61	0	2
<b>Week 7 - 19 November 2018</b>	<b>520</b>	139	25	217	44	33	43	19	0	0
<b>Week 8 - 26 November 2018</b>	<b>498</b>	178	19	184	49	20	25	23	0	0
<b>Week 9 - 3 December 2018</b>	<b>412</b>	133	16	160	32	22	24	25	0	0
<b>Week 10 - 10 December 2018</b>	<b>515</b>	180	25	163	45	41	29	31	0	1
<b>Week 11 - 17 December 2018</b>	<b>659</b>	182	14	287	57	54	41	24	0	0
<b>Week 12 - 24 December 2018</b>	<b>464</b>	146	17	192	20	41	30	16	2	0
<b>Week 13 - 31 December 2018</b>	<b>732</b>	150	26	312	38	144	33	28	1	0
<b>Week 14 - 7 January 2019</b>	<b>883</b>	193	25	361	90	128	65	20	0	1
<b>Week 15 - 14 January 2019</b>	<b>617</b>	148	14	237	84	71	38	24	0	1
<b>Week 16 - 21 January 2019</b>	<b>451</b>	90	28	175	64	37	42	14	0	1

## Item no 5.20

### QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 7 February 2019**

**Question** (1) How many children have been refused entry into their catchment Primary school since 2016?

Please sort by Ward and name each school

**Answer** (1) Please see table below.

**Question** (2) How many children have been refused entry into their catchment Secondary school since 2016?

Please sort by Ward and name each school

**Answer** (2) Please see table below.



WARD NAME	WARD NO	CONTAINS SCHOOL	School	Catchment Turned Down as at August 2016	Catchment Turned Down as at August 2017	Catchment Turned Down as at August 2018	Grand Total
Almond	1	Y	Cramond Primary School			1	1
Almond	1	Y	Dalmeny Primary School				0
Almond	1	Y	Davidson's Mains Primary School				0
Almond	1	Y	Echline Primary School				0
Almond	1	Y	Hillwood Primary School				0
Almond	1	Y	Kirkliston Primary School				0
Almond	1	Y	Queensferry Primary School			3	3
Almond	1	Y	St Margaret's RC Primary School				0
Almond	1	Y	Queensferry High School				0
Almond	1	Y	The Royal High Secondary School				0
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Clovenstone Primary School				0
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Currie Primary School		1		1
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Dean Park Primary School				0
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Juniper Green Primary School		1		1
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Nether Currie Primary School				0
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Ratho Primary School				0
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Balerno Community High School				0
Pentland Hills	2	Y	Currie High School				0
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	Clermiston Primary School				0
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	East Craigs Primary School	3			3
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	Fox Covert Primary School				0
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	Gylemuir Primary School				0
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	St Andrew's Fox Covert RC Primary School	3	2		5
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	Craigmount High School				0
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	Forrester High School				0
Drum Brae/Gyle	3	Y	St Augustine's RC High School			1	1
Forth	4	Y	Craigroyston Primary School				0
Forth	4	Y	Forthview Primary School				0
Forth	4	Y	Granton Primary School				0
Forth	4	Y	Pirniehall Primary School				0
Forth	4	Y	Trinity Primary School			2	2
Forth	4	Y	Wardie Primary School				0
Forth	4	Y	Holy Cross RC Primary School	4	10	7	21
Forth	4	Y	St David's RC Primary School (Edin)	12	7	9	28
Forth	4	Y	Trinity Academy				0

Forth	4	Y	Craigroyston Community High School				0
Inverleith	5	Y	Blackhall Primary School				0
Inverleith	5	Y	Ferryhill Primary School				0
Inverleith	5	Y	Flora Stevenson Primary School			2	2
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Inverleith	5	Y	Stockbridge Primary School		1		1
Inverleith	5	Y	Broughton High School				0
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	6	Y	Carrick Knowe Primary School				0
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	6	Y	Corstorphine Primary School				0
Corstorphine/Murrayfield	6	Y	Roseburn Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Balgreen Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Broomhouse Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Canal View Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Dalry Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Longstone Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Murrayburn Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Sighthill Primary School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Stenhouse Primary School			3	3
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	St Joseph's RC Primary School (Edin)	1	13		14
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Tynecastle High School				0
Sighthill/Gorgie	7	Y	Wester Hailes Education Centre				0
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	Y	Bonaly Primary School		1		1
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	Y	Buckstone Primary School				0
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	Y	Colinton Primary School				0
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	Y	Oxgangs Primary School				0
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	Y	Pentland Primary School				0
Colinton/Fairmilehead	8	Y	St Mark's RC Primary School				0
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	9	Y	Craiglockhart Primary School				0
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	9	Y	Tollcross Primary School				0
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	9	Y	St Cuthbert's RC Primary School	5	8	6	19
Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	9	Y	Firrhill High School				0
Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	Bruntsfield Primary School				0
Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	James Gillespie's Primary School				0
Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	South Morningside Primary School				0
Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	St Peter's RC Primary School	9	6	2	17
Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	Boroughmuir High School		1	5	6

Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	James Gillespie's High School				0
Meadows/Morningside	10	Y	St Thomas of Aquin's RC High School	1		17	18
City Centre	11	Y	Abbeyhill Primary School				0
City Centre	11	Y	Royal Mile Primary School				0
City Centre	11	Y	St Mary's RC Primary School (Edin)	1	10	1	12
Leith Walk	12	Y	Broughton Primary School				0
Leith Walk	12	Y	Bun-sgoil Taobh na Pairce				0
Leith Walk	12	Y	Leith Walk Primary School				0
<b>WARD NAME</b>	<b>WARD NO</b>	<b>CONTAINS SCHOOL</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Catchment Turned Down as at August 2016</b>	<b>Catchment Turned Down as at August 2017</b>	<b>Catchment Turned Down as at August 2018</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>
Leith Walk	12	Y	Lorne Primary School				0
Leith Walk	12	Y	Drummond Community High School				0
Leith	13	Y	Hermitage Park Primary School				0
Leith	13	Y	Leith Primary School				0
Leith	13	Y	Victoria Primary School				0
Leith	13	Y	St Mary's RC Primary School (Leith)	5	8		13
Leith	13	Y	Leith Academy				0
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	Craigentenny Primary School				0
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	Duddingston Primary School				0
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	Parsons Green Primary School	1			1
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	The Royal High Primary School	2			2
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	St John's RC Primary School	2	10	3	15
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	St Ninian's RC Primary School (Edin)	4			4
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	Portobello High School				0
Craigentenny/Duddingston	14	Y	Holy Rood RC High School		14	11	25
Southside/Newington	15	Y	Preston Street Primary School				0
Southside/Newington	15	Y	Prestonfield Primary School				0
Southside/Newington	15	Y	Sciennes Primary School				0
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	Craigour Park Primary School				0
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	Gilmerton Primary School				0
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	Gracemount Primary School				0
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	Liberton Primary School	3		4	7
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	St Catherine's RC Primary School	9	23	4	36
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	St John Vianney RC Primary School	1	5		6
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	Gracemount High School				0
Liberton/Gilmerton	16	Y	Liberton High School				0
Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	Brunstane Primary School				0

Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	Castleview Primary School				0
Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	Newcraighall Primary School		1		1
Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	Niddrie Mill Primary School				0
Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	Towerbank Primary School		1	2	3
Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	St Francis' RC Primary School	16		1	17
Portobello/Craigmillar	17	Y	Castlebrae High School				
Total				82	123	84	289