

## Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 19 March 2013

### Present

Councillors Hinds (Convener), Orr (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Bagshaw, Barrie, Booth, Brock, Doran, Gardner, Bill Henderson, Jackson, Lunn, McInnes, Mowat and Perry.

### 1. Deputation: Moray Feu Residents – Charlotte Square – Public Realm Traffic Regulation and Redetermination Order

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The Committee considered a deputation request from Dr Ashley Lloyd, on behalf of the Moray Feu Residents, in relation to a report by the Director of Services for Communities on two traffic regulation orders and a redetermination order in support of the approved Charlotte Square public realm improvements. Legal advice received by the Committee from the Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance advised that hearing deputations on traffic regulation orders could expose the Council to legal challenge.

### Decision

- 1) To agree not to hear the deputation on the grounds that it could expose the Council to legal challenge.
- 2) To invite the deputation to remain for the Committee's consideration of the Director of Services for Communities report at item 10 below.

(Reference – e-mail dated 20 November 2012, submitted.)

### 2. Deputation: Kirkliston Community Council – Kirkliston Public Transport Issues: Response to Petition

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from John Cross, Kirkliston Community Council, on Kirkliston's Public Transport Issues.

The deputation outlined his main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following assertions:

- Kirkliston was poorly served by public transport.

- Kirkliston suffered through not being served by Lothian Buses, with a resultant high fares cost penalty and poor access to a comprehensive bus network.
- the public transport network had not evolved in response to the expansion of housing in Kirkliston.
- bus services for Kirkliston had recently been cut by some 50%.
- the Council had a responsibility to provide adequate bus services for Kirkliston through subsidy, however, extra housing being built in the area might mean that some services could become commercially viable in the future.
- the Council should encourage more bus operators to serve Kirkliston.

## Decision

The Convener thanked the Deputation for his presentation and invited him to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 11 below.

(Reference – e-mail dated 6 March 2013, submitted.)

### 3. Deputation: Merchiston Community Council – Merchiston Gulls De-nesting Pilot Project

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Dr Mairianna Clyde, Chair of Merchiston Community Council, on the Merchiston Gulls De-nesting Pilot Project.

The deputation outlined her main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following:

- That the Council should continue with the gulls de-nesting pilot project in order to confirm the positive results.
- The cost of carrying out the pilot project was £9,000 which was substantially lower than the cost of £25,000 per year estimated for the project. The costs for future years should be substantially reduced as there would be no need for a roof survey and visits from Council officers were likely to be shorter.
- De-nesting is cheap, humane and effective.
- There was no evidence of displacement of gulls to surrounding areas.
- The suggestion by the Council that further de-nesting activities should be offered to residents on a commercial basis failed to differentiate between detached and semi-detached houses and tenement areas. It would be difficult to raise money from all residents in a tenement building, and only co-ordinated action by a public authority would work.

- Dumfries and Galloway Council offered a free de-nesting service for residents.
- If the project was extended, the de-nesting work could begin in April 2013 in time to interrupt another nesting season and build on the experience the Council had gained in running the services last year.

## Decision

The Convener thanked the Deputation for her presentation and invited her to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 15 below.

(References – e-mail dated 11 March 2013, submitted; paper by Merchiston Community Council, tabled.)

## 4. **Deputation: Braidwood Neighbourhood Association – Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access: Response to Petition**

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Elizabeth Mulligan, Marion Bradley and Marion Chalmers of the Braidwood Neighbourhood Association on Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access.

The deputation outlined their main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following assertions:

- The location of Dumbiedykes at the foot of a steep hill made access to local amenities very difficult for the elderly and infirm, as well as mothers and toddlers.
- Many of the residents of Dumbiedykes were elderly or experienced mobility issues and had real difficulty getting around.
- To get to the Southside residents had to take two buses via George Street as the gradients were too steep to manage. Residents required access to the Southside to visit the doctor, dentist and to access affordable shopping.
- Travel to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary was also difficult for residents who had to take two buses.
- Residents in Dumbiedykes were being penalised because of the lack of bus services and were experiencing social isolation.
- The Braidwood Neighbourhood Association had devised a proposal re-route of the 36 service and 49 route service which was contained within their tabled paper.

## Decision

The Convener thanked the Deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 12 below.

(References – e-mail dated 11 March 2013, submitted; paper by Braidwood Neighbourhood Association, tabled.)

## 5. Deputations: George Street Festival Traffic Management

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### 5.1 – Essential Edinburgh

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Andy Neal, Chief Executive of Essential Edinburgh on George Street Festival Traffic Management.

The deputation outlined his main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following assertions:

- Essential Edinburgh had supported last year's event in George Street, however, businesses in George Street had experienced a downturn in business last year due to lack of access to parking, unfair competition and the frontage of some businesses being blocked off.
- Alternative proposals for George Street had been discussed at a recent Events Planning Operations Group (EPOG) meeting. Essential Edinburgh were under the impression that the agreement from the EPOG meeting was for three options to be worked on by the roads team and presented to the Committee.
- Essential Edinburgh would like consideration to be given to trying something different this year and would like to come back with an alternative proposal.
- Essential Edinburgh were concerned that a precedent that was being set and wondered how the Council would react if the Masonic Hall "Fringe Company" proposed the same idea in the other block of George Street. This could potentially lead to all four blocks of George Street being closed to traffic.
- Essential Edinburgh were keen to work with the Council and a desirable outcome would be to agree a vision for the street to shape future proposals and make future decision making easy and transparent.

## **Decision**

The Convener thanked the Deputation for his presentation and invited him to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 39 below.

(References – e-mail dated 13 March 2013, submitted; paper by Essential Edinburgh, tabled.)

### **5.2 – Salt “n” Sauce Productions**

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Tommy Sheppard, Director, Salt “n” Sauce Productions, on George Street Festival Traffic Management.

The deputation outlined his main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following assertions:

- Salt “n” Sauce Productions supported the recommendations in the George Street Traffic Management report.
- The closure of George Street worked well last year and very few problems were encountered.
- Opinions were divided from businesses about the closure of George Street. However, there were a number of factors at play last year that could have affected the downturn in business, such as the Olympics, the recession and the relatively good weather.
- Salt “n” Sauce Productions had engaged with businesses over the last six months to discuss how they could address their concerns. Other providers/businesses had been invited to offer food and drink from the Speigelterrace and many providers supported the recommendations in the report.

## **Decision**

The Convener thanked the Deputation for his presentation and invited him to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 39 below.

(Reference – e-mail dated 14 March 2013, submitted.)

### **5.3 – George Street Association**

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Josh Miller, Chair of the George Street Association, on George Street Festival Traffic Management.

The deputation outlined his main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following assertions:

- The George Street Association supported the comments made by Essential Edinburgh.
- The overall idea of bringing the festival back into the centre of Edinburgh was something they were in favour of.
- Whilst last year's event was a great success, there were concerns about the effect the closure of George Street had on the rest of the street. Other licenced premises and retailers were badly affected and some businesses opposite the Assembly Rooms traded down.
- There was evidence to suggest that the full closure of George Street to traffic resulted in people not wanting to shop in the area.
- To have a downturn in business during one of the busiest times of the year was unfair. The event should attract people and benefit all businesses in George Street.
- The George Street Association had suggested placing the Speightent in St Andrew's Square as an alternative proposal.

## **Decision**

The Convener thanked the Deputation for his presentation and invited him to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 39 below.

(Reference – e-mail 18 March 2013, submitted.)

## **6. Minutes**

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### **Decision**

To approve the Minutes of the Transport and Environment Committee of 15 January 2013 as a correct record.

## **7. Key Decisions Forward Plan**

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The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period April 2013 to June 2013 was presented.

### **Decision**

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for April to June 2013.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## 8. Business Bulletin

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The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 19 March 2013 was presented.

### Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## 9. Transport and Environment Committee – Policy Development and Review Work Programme

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Approval was sought for the Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme for May 2013 to July 2013.

### Decision

- 1) To approve the Work Programme for May to July 2013.
- 2) To refer the Work Programme to the Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee for detailed consideration.

(Reference – Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme, submitted.)

## 10. Charlotte Square – Public Realm Traffic Regulation and Redetermination Orders

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Details were provided of two Traffic Regulation Orders and a Redetermination Order that were advertised on 18 May 2012 in support of the approved Charlotte Square public realm improvements. The report advised the Committee of the representations made to Council during the statutory consultation period and made recommendations to address the objections received.

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- 1) To agree to abandon the proposed 7.5T weight restriction on Hope Street.
- 2) To agree to reduce the loading prohibitions proposed on the east side of Hope Street.
- 3) To note the relaxation to allow HGVs through the Queensferry Street/Shandwick Place “bus gate” at night.

- 4) To note the responses to the objections and the steps that had been taken to address those objections, including the incorporation of traffic signals at North Charlotte Street junction.
- 5) To instruct officials to write to the Scottish Government to propose that a public hearing be held into the TRO objections and that this should be combined with the required Scottish Ministers' review of the Redetermination Order.
- 6) To delegate to the Director of Services for Communities the making of the Orders, pending decisions from the public hearing.
- 7) To note that a further report on the proposed implementation of a 20mph speed limit on Charlotte Street and the wider residential area would be brought to the Committee.
- 8) To note that a further report would be submitted to the Committee on the enforcement of Heavy Goods Vehicle (HGV) bans, and to ask the Director of Services for Communities to also report at that time on the following points raised by the Moray Feu Traffic Sub-Committee:
  - (i) that the monitoring and use of air pollution and noise pollution data in Edinburgh was independently reviewed;
  - (ii) that air quality and noise data was used to assess the health impacts of moving traffic from commercial streets to residential areas, where any health impacts were necessarily exacerbated by the greater time that residents are exposed to street pollution in their home.
- 9) That the above report also consider the concerns raised by the Moray Feu Traffic Sub-Committee on passive diffusion tube monitoring.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **11. Kirkliston Public Transport Issues: Response to Petition**

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The Petitions Committee had considered a petition on Kirkliston Public Transport provision and had requested the Director of Services for Communities to report to the Transport and Environment Committee.

Details were provided of the background of recent bus service changes in Kirkliston, together with issues around the relationship between the Council and Lothian Buses. Funding issues and actions proposed to help address the issues raised in the petition were also outlined.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree the actions proposed to address the issues raised in the Petition.



- 2) To note that Kirkliston Community Council would be consulted on proposed improvements.
- 3) To note the intention to tender for a Framework Contract covering the supply of Supported Bus Services.
- 4) To note the intention to retender bus service 63 under the above Framework Contract.
- 5) To advise the Petitions Committee of the decision of the Transport and Environment Committee and to note that an update would be provided in the Petitions Committee Business Bulletin.

(References – Petitions Committee, 3 December 2012 (minute item 3(a)); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **12. Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access: Response to Petition**

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The Petitions Committee had considered a petition on Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access and had requested the Director of Services for Communities to report to the Transport and Environment Committee.

Details were provided of the background to current public transport provision in the area, together with some suggestions for assisting residents in achieving their aims. Funding issues and actions proposed to help address the issues raised in the petition were also outlined.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that a demographic survey of the Dumbiedykes area was planned to establish the transport needs of residents.
- 2) To note that community representatives would be included in this process.
- 3) To note that a comprehensive report detailing the results of the demographic study and proposals for addressing the issues raised in the Petition would be brought to the Committee in due course.
- 4) To note that further discussions would take place with bus operators with a view to bringing forward improved public transport access for Dumbiedykes.
- 5) To advise the Petitions Committee of the decision of the Transport and Environment Committee and to note that an update would be provided in the Petitions Committee Business Bulletin.

(References – Petitions Committee, 22 January 2013 (minute item 3(a)); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## 13. Water of Leith Phase 2

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A verbal update was provided by the Director of Services for Communities on the progress of the Water of Leith Phase 2 project.

### Decision

To note the verbal update by the Director of Services for Communities.

## 14. The Leith Programme: Consultation and Design

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Details were provided of the consultation that had been carried out as part of The Leith Programme, to help inform a final design for improvements to Constitution Street, Leith Walk and Picardy Place. A delivery timetable for the programme was outlined.

### Motion

- 1) To agree the longer term vision for the corridor, as outlined in paragraphs 2.27 to 2.32 of the Director's report, as a proactive step towards achieving sustainable transport targets for Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree the final design for Constitution Street which should be implemented from April 2013 onwards.
- 3) To agree the outline design for Leith Walk between the Foot of the Walk and Pilrig Street, with the final design to be approved through an oversight group of the Convener, Vice Convener and local Councillors and implemented from September 2013.
- 4) To agree the design principles for the section from Pilrig Street to Picardy Place, as outlined in paragraphs 2.30 and 2.31 of the Director's report.
- 5) To instruct officers to pursue third party funding for a more comprehensive urban design solution to the southern section of the route, including enhanced elements for pedestrians and cyclists, and the creation of a signalised junction at London Road, and to note that:
  - (i) if third party funding was awarded, the final design would be approved through an oversight group of the Convener, Vice Convener and local Councillors.
  - (ii) if third party funding was not confirmed by the end of 2013, officers would pursue a design for approval through an oversight group of the Convener, Vice Convener and local Councillors for the southern section, based on the preliminary design and amended with consultation feedback, that was deliverable within available budget.
- 6) To agree to refer the Director's report to the Planning and Economy Committees for noting.

- 7) To agree that officers hold discussions with relevant stakeholders on signage and branding and report back to a future Transport and Environment Committee.
- 8) To thank officers involved in the preparation of the report and the organisations and individuals who responded to the consultation exercise.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Orr.

#### **Amendment**

- 1) To approve recommendations 3.1.1 to 3.1.6 in the report by the Director of Services for Communities.
- 2) To agree to consider a report on the feasibility of implementing 20mph zones on part or all of Leith Walk once the pilots already underway within the City of Edinburgh had concluded, and dependent on support from the public being evident in responses to the Local Transport Strategy consultation.

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw.

#### **Voting**

For the motion	-	13 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

#### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 31 July 2012 (minute item 3(b)); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

#### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Booth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of Greener Leith.

## **15. The 2012 Merchiston Gulls De-nesting Pilot Project**

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Details were provided of the outcome of the 2012 Merchiston Gulls De-nesting Pilot Project. Updated information and advice on dealing with nesting gulls had been made available in both printed format and via the Council's website.

#### **Motion**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that no funding was available in the budget for continuation of the project and further de-nesting activities should be offered to residents on a commercial basis.

- 3) To note that the Director's report discharged the instruction from the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 21 February 2012 to undertake an initial one year de-nesting project in Merchiston and to receive a report on the effectiveness of the pilot, to include information on any displacement to adjacent areas.
- 4) To note that the Director's report also fulfilled the instruction from the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 21 February 2012 to provide further reports on the Dumfries Project, along with information on any relevant initiatives to Committee on an annual basis.
- 5) To note that officers would be prepared to offer assistance to the Merchiston Community Council, or any other organisations, should they wish to apply for funding from Neighbourhood Partnerships for de-nesting activities.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Orr.

#### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note the success of the de-nesting pilot scheme and also the fact that the scheme was significantly below budget.
- 2) To agree to continue the pilot and also ask the Director to identify budget for expansion of the scheme if the pilot continued to be successful.

- moved by Councillor McInnes, seconded by Councillor Jackson.

#### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To approve recommendations 3.1(a) to 3.1(d) in the Director's report.
- 2) To agree to receive a report on the current and potential future approaches to reducing the amount of food waste which gulls may be able to access, including but not limited to advice and information for residents and businesses; and ensuring all waste was contained in a way that could not be accessed by gulls or other animals.
- 3) To agree to receive a report on whether any preventative measures could be offered on a commercial basis to residents that included but were not limited to wire, netting and anti-roosting spikes.

- moved Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw.

#### **Voting**

For the motion	-	9 votes
For amendment 1	-	4 votes
For amendment 2	-	2 votes

## **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee, 21 February 2012 (minute item 2(b)); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **16. Improving Air Quality in Edinburgh – Low Emissions Zone (LEZ) Options**

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An update was provided on options around Low Emission Zones (LEZ) as previously requested by the Committee.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that as most of the costs were likely to be funded by Scottish Government grant, to approve the commissioning of appropriate external consultancy support to carry out a full feasibility assessment of Low Emissions Zone/Emissions Management options for the city.
- 2) To note that the recommended assessments should include those options for air quality set out in the Issues for Review component of the “Development of a New Local Transport Strategy” report and consider further the feasibility of alternative options, employing the Government’s recently revised Vehicle Emissions Factors (VEFs).
- 3) To agree that feasibility assessments and associated comparison studies are commenced following publication of the Scottish Government’s forthcoming National Framework for Low Emissions Zones.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 23 November 2012 (minute item 16); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **17. Powderhall and Hopetoun – Update Report**

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An update report was provided on the difficulties encountered in completing the road adoptions at both the Powderhall and Hopetoun ‘village’ developments.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the amount of time taken to find a satisfactory solution to the parking issues raised by owners of Powderhall and Hopetoun.
- 2) To agree to formally consult with the owners of Powderhall and Hopetoun on the following two options:
  - (i) The partial adoption of the roads and pavements excluding the parking bays.

- (ii) A parking permit discount arrangement which would involve full adoption.
- 3) To agree to write to Taylor Wimpey to:
- advise them of the proposed course of action.
  - request that they considered submitting a revised Road Construction Consent (RCC) that excluded the private parking spaces until the matter was resolved.
  - confirm that they would be advised of the outcome of the consultation with the owners.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee, 13 September 2012 (minute item 5(a)); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **18. Road Safety Plan: Progress Update**

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An update was provided on the implementation of the Road Safety Plan for 2020. The update provided background on the Plan's development to date and progress against the Plan's short-term interventions (2012-12), and also outlined future implementation through interventions that covered the Plan's medium-term period (2013 -15).

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the positive progress made under the "Streets Ahead Road Safety in Edinburgh" partnership.
- 2) To agree to the changes to the Plan set out in the Director's report.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 4 May 2010 (minute item 22); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **19. Review of Experimental Traffic Regulation Order – Business Parking Permits**

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Approval was sought to commence the statutory procedures to make permanent the measures introduced under an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) which introduced amendments governing business and retailers' parking permits in the Extended Controlled Parking Zones (S1 to S4 and N1 to N5).

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree to the commencement of the statutory procedure to formally vary the TRO.
- 2) To agree to the introduction of a business parking permit for class two retail outlets. The permit would initially cost £300.00 per annum, with a maximum of two permits allowed per business.

- 3) To agree that there was no requirement for retailers' vehicles to be liveried.
- 4) To agree to two permits per business, with a maximum of two vehicles allocated to each permit.

(References – Transport, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, 29 November 2011 (minute item 30); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **20. Waste and Recycling Update**

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An update was provided on the performance in reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill and increasing recycling rates, and on the progress made in the implementation of the policy of not collecting excess domestic waste.

### **Decision**

To note the contents of the report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **21. Review of Provision of Scientific Services in Scotland**

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Details were provided of a review currently underway of scientific services in Scotland. The aim of the review was to identify opportunities for creating a shared service available to all Scottish local authorities.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To note that the Council was participating in the review programme recognising that this did not commit the Council to joining a shared scientific service.
- 3) To agree to receive a further report to update the Committee on progress following the review of options and the publication of a business case in late summer 2013.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **22. Response to SEPA Statement on Consultation Arrangements for Flood Risk Management Planning**

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Approval was sought for the Council's response to the consultation by SEPA entitled "Flood Risk Management (FRM) Planning in Scotland: Statement of Consultation Arrangements". A response was required to be submitted by 22 March 2013.

## **Decision**

To approve the response to SEPA that reflected the observations and comments outlined in the Director's report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **23. Scottish Water Environment Consultations**

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Approval was sought for the Council's responses to the following two consultations by the Scottish Environmental Protections Agency (SEPA):

- Working Together to protect and improve Scotland's Water Environment: Getting involved in Developing the Second River Basin Plan; and
- Improving the physical condition of Scotland's Water Environment - A consultation on a supplementary plan for the River Basin Management Plans.

## **Decision**

To approve the responses to the two consultations by SEPA as detailed in Appendices one and two to the Director's report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **24. Achieving Excellence Performance Report to October 2012 – referral from Committee**

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 22 January 2013 considered a report providing an update on performance against specific targets and outcomes across the Council's Performance Framework for the period to October 2012. The report was referred to the Transport and Environment Committee for further scrutiny.

## **Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance, submitted.)

## **25. Tackling Dog Fouling in Edinburgh**

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In response to a Motion by Councillor Day, details were provided of the measures used to tackle dog fouling based on a successful and award winning Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Campaign. Approval was sought for the introduction of two further pilot schemes to tackle dog fouling in the city.



## **Decision**

- 1) To note the success of the Forth Neighbourhood Partnership Model and its implementation elsewhere in Edinburgh.
- 2) To approve the introduction of the Green Dog Walkers' Scheme on a pilot basis in Edinburgh.
- 3) To approve of the introduction of the Pride campaign on a pilot basis in Edinburgh.
- 4) To agree to receive a further report on the review of the pilot schemes after six months of operation.
- 5) To discharge the motion from Councillor Day remitted to Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee from Council on 20 September 2012.

(References – Act of Council No 19 of 20 September 2012; Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 11 October 2012 (minute item 3.1); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **26. Emergency Water Ingress Charges**

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Approval was sought for proposed amendments to the current charging arrangements for responding to emergency water ingress requests.

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the revised charges for response to emergency water ingress charges as detailed in the report by the Director of Services for Communities.
- 2) To agree that the revised charging arrangements be monitored and reviewed and that a further report be presented to the Committee in one year's time.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **27. ECOSTARS Edinburgh**

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An update was provided on the progress of the ECOSTARS Edinburgh scheme, which provided recognition and advice on environmental best practice to operators of goods and passenger vehicle fleets.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the Director's report and endorse the activities of the ECOSTARS Edinburgh project.

- 2) To instruct officers to assess the provision of additional benefits from membership of the scheme, which could encourage other fleet operators to join and report any proposals back to the Committee.
- 3) To request a further report prior to the end of the Intelligent Energy Europe (IEE) funded period, to include proposals for continuation of the project beyond May 2014.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **28. Building a Vision for the City Centre**

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Approval was sought to commence a consultation exercise on proposals for improving pedestrian space in the City Centre that drew on findings of a recent report commissioned by the Council by Gehl Architects.

### **Decision**

- 1) To agree the principles for improved pedestrian space in the City Centre and the consequential changes required to vehicle and public transport movements.
- 2) To agree the consultation and engagement plan.
- 3) To note the intention to report the outcomes of the consultation to the Committee in June 2013.
- 4) To agree to add cyclist groups and pedestrian groups to the list of stakeholders listed under “users of the city centre” in Appendix 1 to the Director’s report.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee, 22 February 2011 (minute item 11); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **29. Cleanliness of the City (CIMS) Report**

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Details were provided of the latest Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) assessment of Edinburgh’s streets that was carried out in December 2012 by Keep Scotland Beautiful (KSB).

### **Decision**

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **30. Proposed Waiting Restrictions Spylaw Bank Road – Committee Site Meeting**

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An update was provided on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting restrictions in Spylaw Bank Road. Approval was sought for a revision to the original proposal following the Committee site visit on 8 February 2013.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To set aside the remaining objections and approve the implementation of the amended TRO which had removed the proposed parking restrictions from the entrance to number 5 Spylaw Bank Road to its junction with Hailes Approach, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the Director's report.
- 2) To agree that the Director of Services for Communities send a copy of the report to all objectors for their information.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 15 January 2013 (minute item 16); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **31. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions Coltbridge Terrace – Traffic Regulation Order**

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Details were provided of the objections received during the consultation on a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for double yellow line waiting restrictions in Coltbridge Terrace.

#### **Decision**

To set aside the objections and make the order as advertised to improve public safety, maintain emergency vehicular access and improve traffic flow.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **32. Services for Communities: Financial Monitoring 2012/13 – Month 10 Position**

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Details were provided of the month 10 revenue monitoring position for Services for Communities (SfC). At this stage a balanced position was forecast on the general fund and surplus income of £2.5m was forecast on the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).

#### **Decision**

To note Services for Communities' financial position at month 10.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **33. Scottish Water Consultation: Shaping the Future of Water and Waste Water Services in Scotland 2013 - 2040**

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Approval was sought for the Council's proposed response to a Scottish Water consultation document "Your Views Count", which would inform Scottish Water's draft plan to shape the future of water and waste services in Scotland between now and 2040.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note Scottish Water's draft plans detailed in the consultation document "Your Views Count", responses to which would help to shape their final strategic projections and business plan for 2015-2020 and the future of water and waste water services in Scotland between now and 2040.
- 2) To approve the Council's draft response to the consultation document detailed in Appendix 1 to the Director's report, subject to the consultation response being amended to place less emphasis on high quality drinking water and to request that SEPA direct more resources to sewage capacity and flood prevention.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **34. Crewe Toll Roundabout – Safety Monitoring**

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In response to a motion by Councillor Hinds, of a series of safety improvements were implemented to make the Crewe Toll roundabout safer for cars, cyclists and pedestrians.

The Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee had asked that road incidents at the roundabout be monitored for one year following the implementation of the safety improvements. The findings of a road safety audit carried out at the junction between October 2010 and June 2012 was presented.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To discharge the motion by Councillor Hinds.
- 2) To note the reduction in the rate of road accidents during the monitoring period at Crewe Toll roundabout following the implementation of the safety improvements.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee, 8 July 2009 (minute item 8); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **35. Seafield Street and Arboretum Place/Arboretum Avenue/Inverleith Terrace – Commencement of Statutory Procedures to Permit the Use of Footway Cyclists**

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Approval was sought to commence the statutory procedure to redetermine sections of footway to cycle track at Seafield Street, Arboretum Place, Arboretum Avenue and Inverleith Terrace.

#### **Decision**

To instruct the Director of Services for Communities to initiate and make the necessary Redetermination Order for the footpaths detailed in the Director's report under the relevant sections of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **36. Cycling – Invitation for visit to the Netherlands**

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Approval was sought for the Vice Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee to visit the Netherlands in June 2013. The trip, organised by the Dutch Embassy in London, provided the opportunity to learn from good practice in relation to cycling policy, integrated modes of travel and achieving value for money.

#### **Decision**

To approve a visit to the Netherlands by the Vice Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

### **37. Heritage Lottery Fund Application – Saughton Park and Gardens**

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Details were provided of an application by the Council to the Heritage Lottery Fund to fund the restoration and regeneration of the historic Saughton Park and Gardens, which were presently in a poor state of repair and not fit-for-purpose.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note that an application for funding had been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund to renovate Saughton Park and Gardens.
- 2) To note the intention to submit a more detailed report at the end of the development phase in 2015.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## 38. Priority Parking in Craigleith and Blinkbonny/Ravelston – Results of Formal Consultations

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Details were provided of the results of the public consultations regarding proposals to introduce Priority Parking Schemes in the Craigleith and Blinkbonny/Ravelston areas.

### Decision

- 1) To approve the implementation of the Craigleith Priority Parking Area on a reduced scale focusing on the locations where there was support for the scheme.
- 2) To approve the readvertising of the Blinkbonny/Ravelston Priority Parking proposals and to write to the residents of the area informing them of the consultation process.
- 3) To approve the amendment of residents' parking permit charges to bring prices into line with other Priority Parking areas in Edinburgh.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 23 November 2013 (item 7.3); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## 39. George Street: Festival Traffic Management

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Approval was sought for a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to close George Street between Hanover Street and Frederick Street to facilitate event space during August 2013.

### Motion

- 1) To authorise officers to pursue a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) that would close George Street to traffic between Hanover Street and Frederick Street during August 2013.
- 2) To refer the Director's report to the Corporate Policy and Strategy and Economy Committees for noting.
- 3) To agree that if an alternative proposal was received from Essential Edinburgh that had support from officers and required Committee approval, a special meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee would be arranged before June 2013 to consider the proposal in more detail.
- 4) To agree that officers meet with all appropriate stakeholders to discuss proposals for the future use of George Street during the Edinburgh Festival and report back to a future meeting of the Committee.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Orr.

## **Amendment**

To take no action.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor McInnes.

## **Voting**

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

## **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **40. Dropped Kerb Access – Motion by Councillor Bagshaw**

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The following motion by Councillor Bagshaw, seconded by Councillor Booth, was submitted in terms of standing order 8.1:

“Committee:

Notes the common problem of dropped kerbs without appropriate road markings to keep them free, which allows access to them to be blocked by parked vehicles to the detriment of pedestrians with prams, wheelchair users, other less mobile people and cyclists.

Notes that the Responsible Parking (Scotland) Bill is seeking to address this problem but that it has yet to pass through the Scottish Parliament and may not take effect for a number of years.

Recommends that the city’s Neighbourhood Partnerships carry out an audit, to be completed by the end of 2013, of dropped kerbs and the extent to which there are measures in place to protect access to them; and develop an action plan to ensure access is protected.

Agrees that all new dropped kerbs should be accompanied by an appropriate traffic regulation order or other appropriate measure to keep them clear and open for use.”

## **Decision**

To continue the motion to the next meeting of the Committee to allow a short report to be prepared on the costs involved in implementing the proposal and for an update on progress with the Responsible Parking (Scotland) Bill.

## **41. Dr Andrew Mackie – Valedictory**

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The Convener advised that Dr Andrew Mackie would be retiring from his role as Environmental Health and Scientific Services Manager from April 2013.

The Convener, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Dr Mackie for his years of service to the Council and wished him well in the future.