## Item No 6.1 Business Bulletin

### **Transport and Environment Committee**

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Recent news Background

#### 1 Niddrie Burn Restoration

The Niddrie Burn Restoration (NBR) comprises the realignment of 1.8 Km of the Niddrie Burn from near the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary (ERI) to the Jack Kane Centre. The new ERI Link Road runs from Greendykes Road to Little France Drive at the ERI. Work on Niddrie Burn Restoration and ERI Link Road is now complete. There are minor issues of snagging to be rectified.

A bus lane enforcement camera has been installed to ensure that it is only authorised vehicles that will use the road. The only vehicles authorised to use this road are buses, taxis and emergency vehicles.

Project outturn costs are estimated at £11.000m which is within the project budget of £11.075m. However the Main Contractor has indicated that they are preparing a claim for additional costs associated with adverse weather and utility diversions. Advice from the project consultant suggests that these claims are not valid.

Persimmon Homes have now started building affordable homes. As part of the Council's Development Agreement with Scottish Enterprise and the Developers, bridge abutments require to be built for access to a future housing area on the north bank of the burn. The Council will meet the cost of the construction of the bridge abutments, which are estimated at £500k. This sum is included in the £11.000m estimated project outturn cost. It is anticipated that the work will begin on the abutments in September and will be complete by November 2013.

Official Opening will be TBC

#### 2 Update: BBQ's within the Meadows.

The Meadows and Bruntsfield Links Advisory Group met on 25 March 2013 to agree the relocation of a number of barbecue sites with the aim of reducing the number of different areas throughout the park where barbecuing is allowed.

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This will make it clearer to park users where they are and aren't allowed to barbecue and make it easier for Council staff to manage the situation. The Neighbourhood Team has made arrangements to move the sites and to update the leaflets and maps accordingly.  The Police and Local Community Safety Team are working together to tackle the problem of public urination with a number of actions in progress including new signage,	
increased patrols in problem areas and the Police are now issuing Fixed Penalty Notices.	
The analysis and impact of this work will be reported back to committee in the form of a report in October 2013.	
Forthcoming activities:	