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Public Realm Strategy - Annual Review 2012-13

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Executive summary

Public Realm Strategy - Annual Review 2012-13

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an annual review of the Council's Public Realm Strategy. The report reviews progress to date and considers key actions for public realm change in 2013.

The Strategy was approved in December 2009 and contained an Action Plan with priorities and a timescale for implementation. The Action Plan is a mechanism that will allow the implementation of the Public Realm Strategy.

The main focus for 2012 has been on developing guidance and design frameworks that will guide changes to the public realm in future years. Significant investments have helped to improve the quality of the city's streets.

In 2013, a considerable number of significant schemes and investment in public realm will be delivered. The completion of consolidated policy guidance on urban and street design will be the means of implementing Government policy in 'Designing Streets'.

Presenting the annual review to the Transport and Environment committee allows the delivery of the public realm strategy to be seen alongside consideration of the capital budget.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee:

1. notes the progress that has been made over the past year in delivering the actions of the Public Realm Strategy;
2. agrees the future actions and priorities identified in Appendix 1; and
3. agrees to a review of the Public Realm Strategy.

Measures of success

Delivery of the actions and priorities set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

Financial impact

Public realm and street improvements continue to be funded by co-ordinating priorities in the capital programme for footways and carriageways, project funding from departmental budgets and aligning with developer contributions and drawing in partner funding where possible.

The planned priorities for 2013 will be funded from this range of sources.

Equalities impact

Impacts on equalities and rights have been considered through Equalities and Rights Impact (ERIA) evidence. Improvements to public realm would result in enhancements of rights and benefits to health and physical security, through improved lighting and pedestrian space, for example.

Enhancements of equalities can be demonstrated for people with disabilities, through physical improvements to facilities, materials etc as well as through improved quality of design guidance.

Overall there would be no adverse equalities and rights impact arising from this report.

Sustainability impact

- The proposals in this report will help to reduce carbon emissions, for example, the lighting strategy seeks to reduce energy and use improved materials, the priorities for public realm include measures in schemes to improve traffic flows and improve pedestrian space.
- The proposals in this report will increase the city's resilience to climate change impacts through the use of natural materials and sources that are local to the area.
- The proposals in this report will help achieve a sustainable Edinburgh because the review of guidance includes measures to improve technology, through lighting, use better materials, help to increase pedestrian priority and thereby assist in reduction of car use.
- The proposals in this report will help achieve a sustainable Edinburgh as improvements in public realm and recognised as being key to economic wellbeing.
- The proposals in this report will assist in improving social justice by improving public realm to cater for all users, increasing accessibility for all.

Consultation and engagement

Public consultation and engagement were undertaken during the preparation of the Council's public realm strategy in 2009. Further consultation will take place with the preparation of new guidance and in developing new schemes for implementation, including many that are subject to a formal planning process. The majority of changes and improvements are reported to council's committees for approval.

Background reading/external references

- Edinburgh Public Realm Strategy, 3 December 2009.
- Report to Planning Committee- Public Realm Strategy: Annual review 2011/12- 1 March 2012 item 16.

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1. Background

- 1.1 The Public Realm Strategy, approved in December 2009 by the Planning Committee, sets out the Council's public realm aspirations for Edinburgh. It seeks the support of developers and partner organisations in securing resources, maintaining momentum and ensuring the implementation of the Strategy.
- 1.2 The Strategy was developed to highlight the benefits of public realm investment through the success of the projects like St Andrew Square and the Grassmarket. A focus on valuing public spaces and supporting vitality in city streets has proved successful in other cities.
- 1.3 The Strategy gave the Council the opportunity to demonstrate its commitment to providing high quality, coherent and coordinated public realm, fitting of a capital city, which enhances Edinburgh as an international destination for residents businesses and visitors. The input from a wide range of stakeholders during the consultation period provided the Council with information and support to develop a clear aspiration for Edinburgh's public realm and set out how this was going to be achieved.
- 1.4 The Public Realm Strategy sets out five objectives. These objectives are:
 - to raise awareness of the significance of the public realm;
 - to provide a clear framework for delivery and maintenance;
 - to develop priorities for investment in the public realm;
 - to develop an approach to public realm funding; and
 - to achieve excellence by following and sharing best practice.

The action plan was developed to take forward the objectives through a series of priorities and a timescale for their implementation. These included, for example, developing further policy guidance/ strategy, training programmes, developing funding mechanisms and setting priorities for delivery of specific improvements.

Related Guidance and Policy

- 1.5 Government policy for making improvement to the public realm is now set out in 'Designing Streets', published in 2010. The policy seeks to ensure that changes to new and existing streets and spaces raise the quality of the public realm.
- 1.6 The Council has already adopted its own streetscape guidance, 'The Edinburgh Standards for Streets'. Emerging Council design guidance for urban design, buildings and street design will help to underpin the objectives of the public

realm strategy. The Council's Streetscape Delivery Group assists in aligning budgets and priorities for street improvements and public realm.

Reporting and Progress

- 1.8 The Council's Planning Committee agreed to set up an annual review of the strategy to provide an update of progress on the Action Plan. Reports were presented to the Planning Committee in 2010/11 and 2011/12. In this period city dressing, lighting and open space strategies have been approved, bringing together key strands of public realm. A developer contribution process specifically for public realm was approved and now forms part of the comprehensive guideline. Training for staff and awareness raising programmes for public realm have been delivered. The Council's street design guidance, critical to the delivery of public realm was prioritised for review. The Council's Streetscape Delivery Group has maintained a programme for setting priorities for public realm delivery.
- 1.9 Presenting the annual review to the Transport and Environment Committee allows the delivery of the public realm strategy to be seen alongside consideration of the capital budget.

2. Main report

- 2.1 Significant progress has been made in a number of key areas. Details of the annual review of 2012 and priorities for 2013 are outlined in Appendix 1.

Annual Review 2012

- 2.2 The focus for 2012 has been on developing guidance and design proposals for improvements to public realm, particularly in the city centre.
- 2.3 The Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Edinburgh provides a framework for the delivery of street lighting improvements and the future lighting of Edinburgh, recognising the impacts of light pollution and bringing reductions in energy use.
- 2.4 A public realm framework has been prepared for Rose Street and planning applications approved for significant improvements to Charlotte Square and Chambers Street.
- 2.5 Waverley Steps, a key city centre connection, have been enhanced as part of the Waverley Station improvements.
- 2.6 Improvements have also been achieved from the capital programme with new paving on Cranston Street, and some of the Old Town Closes.
- 2.7 Developer contributions for public realm have assisted in bringing a high quality sandstone finish to the frontage of the Assembly Rooms in George Street, resolving an issue highlighted by the Gehl Architects report.

Priorities for 2013

- 2.8 Delivery and co-ordination of investment for priority schemes will be the main task for 2013. Significant investments and public realm improvement projects planned for key streets and spaces will come forward. These projects will include Rose Street, Castle Hill, The Leith Programme, Charlotte Square, Waverley Bridge and Chambers Street. Small scale schemes in Thistle Street and at the Playhouse will be completed creating considerable improvements at a local level.
- 2.9 The Council will continue to develop design solutions for key streets and spaces, especially in the city centre. Key projects are identified in Appendix 1 and shown on the plan in Appendix 2. While the main areas for change are included in these priorities, it is recognised that developer-led initiatives may bring forward priorities earlier than anticipated. It will be important for the Council to take advantage of these opportunities and align funding where necessary. Through the delivery of the projects the Council will continue to prioritise the removal of unwanted street furniture.

Public Realm Strategy Review

- 2.10 The completion of the tram project in the city centre in 2014 provides a unique opportunity for the Council and its partners to consider further improvements to places and spaces in the city centre.
- 2.11 The public realm strategy has been in place since December 2009. With the review of street design guidance and potential for changes to public realm in the city centre and town centres in particular, it is proposed that the public realm strategy is now reviewed. This will bring it into line with this new era in public realm, public space and street design. In order to capture the decisions and changes proposed across the city it is expected to complete the review of the strategy by the end of 2013.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
- (a) notes the progress that has been made over the past year in delivering the actions of the Public Realm Strategy;
 - (b) agrees the future actions and priorities identified in Appendix 1; and
 - (c) agrees to a review of the Public Realm Strategy.

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Links

Coalition pledges	<p>P31 Providing for Edinburgh's economic growth and prosperity.</p> <p>P40 Work with Edinburgh World Heritage Trust and other stakeholders to conserve the city's built heritage.</p>
Council outcomes	<p>CO7 Edinburgh draws new investment in development and regeneration.</p> <p>CO8 Edinburgh's economy creates and sustains job opportunities.</p> <p>CO9 Edinburgh residents are able to access job opportunities.</p> <p>CO19 Attractive Places and Well Maintained- Edinburgh remains an attractive city through the development of high quality buildings and places and the delivery of high standards and maintenance of infrastructure and public realm.</p> <p>CO26 The Council engages with stakeholders and works in partnership to improve services and deliver on agreed objectives.</p>
Single Outcome Agreement	<p>SO1 Edinburgh's economy delivers increased investment, jobs, and opportunities for all.</p> <p>SO2 Edinburgh's citizens' experience improved health and wellbeing, with reduced inequalities in health.</p> <p>SO4 Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.</p>
Appendices	<p>Appendix 1- PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY: ACTION PLAN – Annual Review and Priorities for 2013</p> <p>Appendix 2- Plan illustrating Planned and Developing Priorities for the City Centre</p>

APPENDIX 1

PUBLIC REALM STRATEGY: ACTION PLAN – ANNUAL REVIEW AND PRIORITIES FOR 2013

1.0 2012 ANNUAL REVIEW

OBJECTIVE 1: TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PUBLIC REALM

THEME	ACTION	2012 Review
Promote value of public realm	Include references in plans, strategies and frameworks	<p>The approved Area Development Frameworks for the Southern Arc and the Waterfront and Leith highlight key actions to improve public realm.</p> <p>The Council's Economic Development Strategy launched in 2012, highlights the importance of continued investment in public realm and infrastructure.</p> <p>Essential Edinburgh's Vision recognises the importance of delivering a quality public realm and public spaces.</p> <p>The successful Grassmarket and South Queensferry BIDs were developed to maximise the value of the areas public spaces/ public realm.</p> <p>The Draft Edinburgh Design Guidance provides detailed advice on establishing developments which, at their heart, develop the quality of public realm Edinburgh wishes to create.</p>
	Highlight wider benefits in training on ESS	<p>A guard rail protocol, approved by Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee in June 2012, has been developed to tackle the removal and reduced use and reliance on this type of street furniture without compromising public safety.</p>
	Disseminate outputs from studies	<p>Report presented to Planning Committee in October set out the findings from the Grassmarket Study and outlined the scope of changes being planned within the Public Realm Framework for Rose Street.</p> <p>Public Space pages on the council web site have been set up to highlight information and links to guidance and projects that form part of the public realm strategy.</p>

OBJECTIVE 2: TO PROVIDE A CLEAR FRAMEWORK FOR DELIVERY AND MAINTENANCE

THEME	ACTION	2012 Review
City Dressing Strategy	Progress Strategy proposals	<p>Short Life Working Group established to review priorities.</p> <p>Permanent banner infrastructure procured for key locations, including Corstorphine, Lothian Road etc.</p> <p>Guidance amended to incorporate key town centre locations for city dressing, including Dalry, West End.</p>
Lighting Strategy	Prepare lighting strategy during 2010/11	<p><i>A Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Edinburgh</i> was approved by Planning Committee on the 14 June 2012.</p> <p>Work has started on delivering the actions. Edinburgh World Heritage is undertaking surveys of streets in the WHS to inform the inventory of historic lighting. Photographic surveys are being undertaken of the city at night to inform and develop a historic lighting plan and a programme for lighting schemes for key buildings.</p>
Open Space Strategy	Strategy finalised in September 2010	Internal council workshop- review session took place in December 2012 to consider progress on the Action Plan. Progress will be reported in the Open Space Annual Monitoring Report.

OBJECTIVE 3: TO DEVELOP PRIORITIES FOR INVESTMENT IN THE PUBLIC REALM

THEME	ACTION	2012 Review
Tram related projects (Princes Street, St Andrew Square, Leith Walk, Haymarket, Picardy Place, West End).	Develop designs and implement improvements around the Tram route and tram stops.	<p>Improvements to the public realm have emerged in 2012 with the completion of the tram works in the city centre. The Princes Street tram stop is now in place with the stops at Haymarket, St Andrew Square and Coates and Atholl Crescent also established.</p> <p>New street lighting is now in place along Princes Street, bringing an improvement to the pedestrian experience as well as updating the quality and efficiency of the lighting in line with the Lighting Strategy.</p>

THEME	ACTION	2012 Review
City Centre Connections	Deliver the priorities, responding to opportunities that will allow the council to bring forward improvements linked to private development initiatives and developer contributions.	<p>Sandstone paving and improvements to the footways on the south side of George Street were completed, complementing the refurbishment of the Assembly Rooms.</p> <p>Cranston Street , Borthwick's Close, Old Fishmarket Close and West College Street were improved with new natural stone paving and revised setted carriageway through the capital programme.</p> <p>Waverley Steps have been improved as part of the Waverley Station redevelopment, reinforcing this key city centre connection.</p> <p>The Rose Street Public Realm Framework was completed and reported to committee in September 2012. Early improvements include new uniquely designed planters and significant de-cluttering of street furniture. Christmas/ Winter lighting was extended for the entire length of the street for the first year.</p>
Development Site projects	Co-ordinating public realm strategies and bringing forward improvements to complement private developments.	<p>Significant schemes are underway in the city centre, but few completed in 2012.</p> <p>The paving within Bakehouse Close was improved with the completion of the new student housing development.</p>
Waterfront linkages	The Waterfront and Leith Area Development Framework identifies opportunities for public realm enhancement.	The footways in Bernard Street have been renewed as part of the roads and footways capital investment. The Shore pedestrian priority and public realm improvements have been completed, complemented by the enhancement and repair of Henderson Street, a key setted street in the heart of Leith.

THEME	ACTION	2012 Review
Supporting Local communities	This will continue through the local neighbourhood programme, subject to the availability of funding. Squares and Gardens will depend largely upon funding from developer contributions	The 21 st Century Homes development by the Council at Gracemount has established new public realm with squares, landscaping and open space areas.

OBJECTIVE 4: TO DEVELOP AN APPROACH TO PUBLIC REALM FUNDING

THEME	2012 Review
<p>Developer Contributions</p> <p>A guideline on Developer Contributions for Public Realm was approved by the Planning Committee in September 2010 and incorporated into consolidated guidance on contributions on 19 May 2011.</p>	<p>Developer contributions have been adversely affected by the economic downturn. However, there are development changes that will bring improvements to public realm either delivered by the development directly or through contributions to the council.</p> <p>A contribution from the Assembly Rooms was key to the delivery of paving improvements to the frontage, improving the first section of George Street.</p> <p>Legal agreements that include public realm have also been completed for development at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lochrin Basin and West Tollcross ▪ Fountain Brewery/ Gilmore Park (includes a canal bridges and towpath and canal connection contribution) ▪ Kinnaird Park ▪ Holyrood Road ▪ Newhaven Road ▪ George Street <p>These contributions should be forthcoming in 2013.</p>

OBJECTIVE 5: TO ACHIEVE EXCELLENCE BY FOLLOWING AND SHARING BEST PRACTICE

THEME	ACTION	2012 Review
Process	Review Edinburgh Standards for Streets	The programme for the preparation of consolidated street design guidance is ongoing. Work has been focussed on developing a street design framework and the design principles that will apply in each case. This guidance, together with the Edinburgh Design Guidance that was consulted on at the end of 2012, will be used to interpret the local development plan where new developments are proposed.
	Deliver training on new guidance	Training and awareness has taken place around the new guard rail protocol and the Lighting Strategy.
	Review Streetscape Delivery process	<p>The Streetscape Delivery Group reviews public realm priorities and aligns them with other Council projects to deliver added value and coherent design across the city.</p> <p>The Streetscape Delivery Group is establishing a project plan to look at bringing consistency to the way projects for street improvements are set up across the council.</p>
Product	Finalise Grassmarket public realm project	A before-and-after review of the impact of public realm work in the Grassmarket has been carried out by consultants. This concluded that the project has delivered economic and placemaking benefits and identified a number of lessons that could be learned and applied to future public realm projects. These results were reported to the Planning Committee in October 2012 and will be used to inform future public realm projects.
Innovation	Awareness of innovation and good practice through Design Initiative.	Public Realm continues to feature in the themes of the speakers for the After Dark Debates.
Maintenance	To be reviewed	A protocol for the review of the use of guard rail was approved by the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee in June 2012. Training is proposed to allow officers to implement the protocol.

2.0 PRIORITIES FOR 2013

- 2.1 Outlined below are the key aims and actions for public realm and street design over the coming year.

Objective 1: To Raise the Significance of the Public Realm

- 2.2 **Design Guidance.** The Edinburgh Design Guidance will be completed and presented to committee with supporting detail on street design, providing Edinburgh specific guidance which will implement the Government policy 'Designing Streets' at a local level. The consolidated Street Design Guidance will provide placemaking guidance for new developments as well as providing a more coherent approach to design changes and improvements for the city's streets.
- 2.3 **Local Development Plan/ Local Transport Strategy.** The Proposals Action Plan for the Local Development Plan (LDP) will set out clear guidelines and principles to ensure co-ordinated public realm and street design in key development sites.

Objective 2: To provide a clear framework for delivery and maintenance

- 2.4 **Lighting Strategy and City Dressing.** Edinburgh World Heritage will continue to work with the Council to progress the historic lighting inventory. This information and research will be used to inform the Council's street lighting hierarchy and decisions on street lighting types, focussing on bringing a greater emphasis on historic lighting lamps and standards. A lighting plan for the city centre will be developed, setting out how the city centre, in particular, should be lit. This will be informed by the protected key views across the city.
- 2.5 Opportunities will also be explored to use street lighting to assist in the future infrastructure for wireless broadband as part of the Connected Capital project being led by the Council.
- 2.6 Continued co-ordination of **city dressing** and Christmas lighting will take place in discussion with Council partners.

Objective 3: To develop priorities for investment in the public realm

- 2.6 The key investment priorities and actions for 2013 will continue to focus on the city centre and its future with Tram as well as the Old Town with improvements to the Royal Mile and the closes, in town centres, Leith and the Waterfront, supporting local area and neighbourhood schemes.
- 2.7 Significant developments and improvements at Waverley Station, Haymarket Station, the mixed use development on Market Street/ Advocates Close, University accommodation on Holyrood Road, mixed use development on East Princes Street and Charlotte Square will be completed or well underway in 2013, improving the environment, connectivity and pedestrian experience in the city centre.

- 2.8 The focus for public realm priorities will be linked to these development changes, whether they are commitments to invest in 2013 or to consider design solutions and co-ordinating funding.
- 2.9 Opportunities to improve paving and street/ building lighting in the vicinity of new developments will be taken on a case-by-case basis.
- 2.10 The following tables set out the priorities for public realm over the next year. Planned Priorities includes those projects that are already under design consideration and will be delivered or commenced in 2013. Those schemes without funding and in design development are noted in the Developing Priorities table.

Planned Priorities

PROJECT	Description
Leith Programme	Improvements to public realm and street scene along the corridor from Picardy Place through Leith Walk, Constitution Street, to the entrance to Leith Docks. This work will be delivered by the Council and will follow important infrastructure work by Scottish Water.
Waverley Bridge	Improving the quality of the public space at this gateway and key link between the Old and New Town. Increasing the pedestrian priority and use of the space, with widening of footways and revised traffic arrangements. This work will be delivered by the Council.
Charlotte Square	Comprehensive enhancements to the public realm around the Square; including widening of footways around the gardens, upgrading lighting, improving pedestrian movements and enhancing the quality of materials. This work will be delivered by the private sector and the Council.
Rose Street	Continue to deliver improvements based on the approved public realm framework. This will include entrance features and new street lighting, furniture and paving. Improvements to the crossing and footway arrangements on Hanover and Frederick Streets. Funding is in place for one section of Rose Street. This work will be delivered by Essential Edinburgh and the Council.
Chambers Street	Support the changes and improvements to Chambers Street led by the Museum and the University to bring a comprehensive improvement to the public space. The initial phase of change will be funded by the University/ Museum.
Thistle Street/ lanes	Improvements to the street to improve pedestrian environment and support business activity. This work will be delivered by the Council through the capital programme.

Castle Hill	A comprehensive enhancement of this premier historic route, following important infrastructure work by Scottish Water. The original setted street will be retained and enhanced with new kerbs and Caithness stone footways. The road and footway will be created as a single shared surface, improving the pedestrian environment. The Improvements will be delivered by the Council through the capital programme.
Playhouse	Improvements to the paving in front of the Playhouse will extend the granite paving outside the Omni centre. This work is being delivered by the Council with funding from the Playhouse.
Royal Mile Action Plan	<p>Improvements to sections of the route at Castle Hill (outlined above), Trialling pedestrian priority between St Mary's Street and the Bridges and delivering traffic calming around the Canongate Kirk will create an enhanced environment for pedestrians along the Royal Mile. This work will be delivered by the Council.</p> <p>Gullans Close and Advocates Close will be improved with new paving and lighting through the Council Capital programme and developer contributions.</p>
St Andrew Square	<p>Comprehensive public realm improvements for the remainder of the square linking with the improvements along the tram route and to the gardens. This work will be delivered by the Council.</p> <p>Design co-ordination will be requirement to co-ordinate development proposals emerging on West Register Street.</p>
King Stables Road/ Abbeyhill and Calton Road/ New Street/ York Place/ Shandwick Place/ Frederick and Hanover Streets	Improvements to the footways and lighting will be delivered through the council capital programme.

Developing Priorities

Funding for these projects is not yet confirmed.

PROJECT	Description
Lothian Road Crossing and Tollcross Junction	Work will continue, developing revised proposals for key junctions/ crossings on the Lothian Road corridor. A key project identified in the Southern Arc ADF. Funding will be sought to deliver these projects.
Cowgate	Design development will be continued to ensure the emerging student developments on Holyrood Road and improvements on the Royal Mile are co-ordinated. Improvements will be considered in future priorities.
Haymarket/ West Maitland Street/ Morrison Street	<p>Comprehensive Public Realm enhancements associated with the station redevelopment and the new tram stop continue to be a priority for design development and delivery.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to complementing the funding and improvements to West Maitland Street shop fronts being led by Edinburgh World Heritage with public realm improvements along the tram route.</p> <p>The Southern Arc Area Development Framework identifies Morrison Street for improvement with revised traffic arrangements and improvements in public realm.</p>
Victoria Street	Completing improvements to footways and restoring the setted surfaces in Victoria Street would link the improvements in the Grassmarket and George IV Bridge and complete the connections in this part of the Old Town.
Princes Street, George Street and the city centre	<p>Consultation on 'Building a Vision for the City Centre' will inform changes and temporary projects, as advocated by the Gehl Architects report of 2010, will be developed for the city centre. This is a priority in bringing forward further improvement around the tram route. These projects will be delivered by the Council.</p> <p>Opportunities exist to bring enhancement to the environment in George Street, building on the quality of improvements made to the paving at the front of the Assembly Rooms. The council will use temporary arrangements to bring opportunities for bringing greater pedestrian activity and priority to the street, building on the successes of changes during the summer/ winter festivals.</p>
East Princes Street	Street Lighting, pedestrian circulation and crossing improvements are necessary to complete the Princes Street improvements delivered by the tram project.
West End	Opportunities to extend the improvements and enhancements being delivered in Charlotte Square and South Charlotte Street and in the

	vicinity of the new tram stop in Coates and Atholl Crescent will help to resolve pedestrian linkages and spaces in and around the west end of Princes Street.
Potterrow/ Bristo Square and The Causey	<p>The University will be coming forward with the next phase of its masterplan in the city centre, renovating McEwan Hall and bringing improvements to the key public space, Bristo Square as well as delivering minor improvements to junction arrangements in the area. To facilitate these improvements and link with enhancements already in place on west College Street, the re-alignment of Potterrow will be explored.</p> <p>There is an opportunity to link investment by the Council with other funding sources to bring improvements to West Cross Causeway and assist the local community trust in realising their proposals for the Causey.</p>
The Great City Street	Improvements to the corridor from Bernard Street (linking with the Leith Programme project) through to Granton Square are highlighted in the Waterfront Area Development Framework. Opportunities exist to improve pedestrian priority and public space at specific locations.

Objective 4: Develop an approach to public realm funding

- 2.10 **Developer contributions.** Funding from developer contributions will continue to be co-ordinated through legal agreements. The council will continue to work with external partners such as Edinburgh World Heritage, Essential Edinburgh and other BID companies to match funding to achieve improvements in public realm.
- 2.11 Given the significance of public realm to the city, consideration requires to be given to developing dedicated provision for public realm in the Council's budget.

Objective 5: To achieve excellence by following and sharing best practice

- 2.12 **Training and project/ funding coordination.** Work will continue to run training to support changes in guidance on public realm. The work of the streetscape delivery group will continue to co-ordinate priorities for funding and work streams.
- 2.13 **Maintenance.** The Council will continue to deliver its commitment to remove unwanted street furniture.

APPENDIX 2- Plan illustrating Completed, Planned and Developing Priorities for the City Centre

