



Transport and Environment Committee

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Sustainable Lighting Strategy

A Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Edinburgh was approved by the Planning Committee on 14 June 2012.

On 15 May 2014 The Planning Committee heard of the Progress made on a number of strands of the strategy which will assist in realising the objectives of the Sustainable Lighting Strategy for Edinburgh and agreed to refer it to the Transport and Environment Committee for interest.

Historic Lighting is being reintroduced to key streets, key buildings and features are being re-lit using new technology, lighting is being used for art installations and city dressing initiatives and street lighting is being improved to respond to adaptive technologies, reducing impacts on night skies.

Alive after Five

The 'Alive after Five' campaign, operated by the Council in partnership with [Essential Edinburgh](#) and [Marketing Edinburgh](#), was designed to boost retail activity and promote the east end, west end and city centre during the 2013/14 winter festival.

As part of the campaign, from 2 to 28 December 2013, drivers could park for free after 5.00pm or 5.30pm, depending on the location, at certain pay and display parking places within the Central, Peripheral and Extended Controlled Parking Zones.

Essential Edinburgh submitted a report, prepared by Lynn Jones Research, entitled 'Alive after Five Campaign Evaluation' to the Council in January 2014 (Appendix 1). While the report deemed the campaign had been a success it also concluded that, '... the Alive After Five campaign should concentrate more on offering and promoting extended shop opening hours compared to free parking as free parking is not considered important to the majority of Edinburgh evening visitors'. This conclusion supported a previous report, which found that the parking element of the Alive after Five scheme was not the major incentive for people to come in to the city.

The findings of two reports and further discussions with Essential Edinburgh have led to the decision that free parking should not be included as part of any future 'Alive after Five' campaigns. It has been agreed that Essential Edinburgh should continue to promote sustainable travel options, to those who wish to benefit from extended shop opening hours.

For further information, see:

[Planning Committee 14 June 2012](#)

[Planning Committee 15 May 2014](#)

[Parking in Central Edinburgh During the Winter Festival](#) – report submitted to Transport and Environment Committee 29 October 2013

[Marketing Edinburgh / Essential Edinburgh – Edinburgh's City Centre Evening Experience Survey Results](#). – report presented to the Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee of the Transport and Environment Committee on 10 May 2013

Flood Risk Management

Characterisation

The Flood Risk Management (Scotland) Act 2009 (FRM Act) requires the production of Flood Risk Management Plans covering 14 Local Plan Districts, which have been identified across Scotland. There will be two sets of complementary plans, Flood Risk Management Strategies produced by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and Local Flood Risk Management Plans produced by lead local authorities. Edinburgh is in the Forth Estuary Local Plan District.

This is the process of identifying potential sources of flooding and the receptors that could be impacted (commercial and domestic properties, infrastructure etc) in the Potential Vulnerable Areas (PVAs) identified across Scotland

The Flood Risk Management Strategies will identify the main flood hazards and impacts, setting out objectives for reducing the risk of flooding and the best combination of actions to achieve this. The Local Flood Risk Management Plan takes these objectives and explains what actions will be taken to deliver them, within a six-year planning cycle. The first cycle will run from 2015 to 2021.

Objectives

Having summarised causes and consequences of flooding in PVAs, objectives are set to reduce the potential risk of flooding.

The City of Edinburgh Council is the Lead Authority for the Forth Estuary District. This includes 13 other Local Authorities, SEPA and Scottish Water. Although the Lead Local Authority is responsible for the production of the Flood Risk Management Plan, its content will be drawn from, and agreed by, all local authorities, Scottish Water and SEPA within the Local Plan District.

Shortlist

This is a screening exercise. Measures will be reviewed and prioritised.

Part of the plan development process involved the identification of a Short List of possible measures to manage flooding. This should take account of any proposed schemes, such as Water of Leith Phase 2.

Measures might include flood walls, storage reservoirs, bypass culverts, maintenance works, planning requirements, early warning systems etc.

SEPA is currently carrying out a process of appraisal for flood risk management measures to be included in the plans. This will identify a short list of proposed measures by March 2015. The process that produces the short list can be split into three distinct parts.

The Act requires consultation to start on the draft Local Flood Risk Management Plans in December 2014, and the final Local Flood Risk Management Plan to be completed by December 2015.

- 1- Characterisation
- 2- Objectives setting
- 3- Identifying a Short List of measure

It is intended that measures will apply across the relevant catchment area.

A consultant, appointed by SEPA, is progressing the Characterisation. It is intended to report this to the Transport and Environment Committee in November 2014, prior to the public consultation which will be led by SEPA

Flood Risk Management – continued

In addition to the Local Plan District Partnership there is a requirement to put a board of senior officers in place, to which any issues can be escalated. It is intended the Head of Service for Transport should represent the City of Edinburgh Council on this Board.

Flood Risk Management - Forthcoming Activities

The next step in the process will be the development and refining of objectives and the production of a short list of measures. The characterisation, objectives and short list of measures will be the subject of a public consultation which will be led by SEPA.

A report will be prepared for the Transport and Environment Committee in November 2014, prior to the public consultation period starting in December 2014.

SEPA intends to commence consultation in December 2014. Initially, the consultation will focus on characterisation with objectives being introduced part way through the process. It is anticipated that the short list of measures will be available for consultation over three months starting in March 2015. Prior to this a further report will be submitted to Committee in early 2015, seeking approval for the Short List of Measures.

The Scottish Government will confirm the prioritisation of measures when considering the plans from all 14 Districts.

The programme of work is as follows:

- 1 First Draft of Characterisation - May 2014
- 2 Commencement of Public Consultation - December 2014
- 3 Setting of Objectives - February 2015
- 4 Production of Short List of Measures - March 2015
- 5 Initial Findings of the Surface Water Management Integrated Catchment Study with Scottish Water - May 2015
- 6 Completion of Consultation - June 2015
- 7 Production of Flood Risk Management Plan

There will be a series of Business Bulletins to ensure Elected Members are fully informed. Committee Approval will be sought prior to setting of the Short List of Measures and completion of the Flood Risk Management Plan.

Forthcoming activities:

The Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee will meet on 3 June 2014 at the conclusion of the Transport and Environment Committee.

The next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee will be at 10 am on Tuesday 26 August 2014 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh. Papers for this meeting will be available online from Wednesday 20 August 2014.