

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am Tuesday 3 June 2014

Present:

Councillors Hinds (Convener), McVey (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Bagshaw, Barrie, Booth, Brock, Doran, Gardner, Keil, Jackson, Lunn, McInnes, Mowat and Walker (substituting for Councillor Perry)

1. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 18 March 2014 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 29 April 2014 as a correct record.

2. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period June 2014 to August 2014 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for June to August 2014.

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

3. Rolling Actions Log

As part of a review of the Council's political management arrangements, the Council had approved a number of revisions to committee business processes including the requirement that Executive Committees introduce a rolling actions log to track committee business.

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log for 3 June 2014 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the Rolling Actions Log for the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 2) To note that future actions agreed by the Committee calling for further reports or information would be added to the Actions Log.

- 3) To request that a report updating the Committee on progress made in developing the Bike Lease Scheme (Item 28) be submitted to Committee in 3 months.

(References – Act of Council No. 12 of 24 October 2013; Rolling Actions Log – 3 June 2014, submitted.)

4. Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 3 June 2014 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

5. Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme

Approval was sought for the Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme for June 2014 to March 2015.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme subject to the following item being amended:
 - Bus/Tram Integration - to be considered at the next Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee on 26 August 2014.
- 2) To refer the Work Programme to the Transport and Environment Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee for detailed consideration.
- 3) To refer the Work Programme to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee for information.

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

6. Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019

Approval was sought for the delivery and monitoring arrangements proposed for the implementation of the new Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019. The Strategy aimed to continue to contribute to the Council's long standing approach of enabling people to choose sustainable modes of transport.

Decision

- 1) To approve the delivery and monitoring arrangements for the implementation of the Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019.

- 2) To note the intention to review the governance and funding arrangements for the Active Travel Action Plan.
- 3) To continue the employment of the Active Travel (Walking) officer.

To note that a report providing an update on progress with the issues detailed at 2) and 3) above would be submitted to Committee before the end of 2014. (References – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

7. Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019: Parking Action Plan

Approval was sought for a proposed way forward towards implementing the revised Parking Action Plan, including anticipated timescales and associated cost implications.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to the commencement of the preparatory and investigatory work on the individual workstreams identified within the report.
- 3) That a report be submitted to Committee in January 2015 detailing shared use parking, visitor permits, the overall approach to charging, Sunday parking on main routes, extending controls to evenings and weekends and measures to manage demand for permits.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

8. Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019: School Streets - Update on Project Development

School street closures formed part of a suite of options for helping to create a safer, more pleasant environment to encourage travel to school by foot and bike. Approval was sought for the new Local Transport Strategy (LTS), 'school streets' to be trialled at up to five schools.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made developing the project.
- 2) To agree the process for selection and consultation.
- 3) To request a report on the outcomes of the consultation to a future Committee.
- 4) To add Victoria Primary and Wardie Primary to the list of schools participating in the trial subject to confirmation that both schools had applied within the required timescale.

References – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

9. Subsidised Bus Service Contracts: Update

The results of the tendering processes for subsidised bus services 63 and 64 were detailed. The extension of contracts for subsidised bus services 13, 20 and 42 were also outlined, together with the results of negotiations over a new contract for the subsidised element of Lothian Buses service 38 and the associated financial implications.

Decision

- 1) To note the award of new contracts covering subsidised bus services 38, 63 and 64.
- 2) To note the extension of existing subsidised bus service contracts covering services 13, 20 and 42 for a further twelve months.
- 3) To agree that service 63 (Queensferry-Hermiston Gait) and service 12 (Ratho) be reviewed in 6 months.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (item 12); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

10. Leith Programme: Design and Implementation

An update was provided on the activity taken forward on the Leith Programme since the design principles were approved in March 2013. The Committee were asked to note an Oversight Group has been established to approve Leith Programme designs and that funding of up to £3.6M has been made available by The Scottish Government for an 'exemplar commuter corridor' design for Leith Walk.

Decision

- 1) To note the designs approved by the Oversight Group set out in appendices 1-3 of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.
- 2) To note the completion of Phase 1 of the Leith Programme, along Constitution Street from Old Dock Gates to the Foot of the Walk, including the upgrade of the junction at Bernard and Baltic Streets.
- 3) To note that construction of Phase 2 was underway on Leith Walk between Crown Street and Pilrig Street.
- 4) To note confirmation of £3.6m from Scottish Government (via Sustrans Scotland) for the delivery of an exemplar commuter corridor.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 18 March 2013 (item 3); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

11. Budget Commitment to Cycling

The Council had agreed to spend 7% of its 2014/15 capital and revenue budgets on projects to encourage cycling as a mode of transport in the City. A summary of the Council's capital and revenue expenditure on cycling for 2014/15 was submitted for approval.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed Council expenditure on cycling for 2014/15.
- 2) To give further consideration to devolving funding for small scale cycle improvement schemes to Neighbourhood Partnerships in 2015/16 and to promoting and publicising the small projects funding stream in local communities.

(References – Act of Council No.2 of 13 February 2014; report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

12. Development of Major Cycling and Walking Projects- Implementation Plan

Approval was sought for the appointment of consultancy services for the development of major cycling and walking projects including a Roseburn to Leith Walk cycle link and a Roseburn to Union Canal path link.

Decision

To approve the appointment of consultancy services for the development of major cycling and walking projects including a Roseburn to Leith Walk cycle link and a Roseburn to Union Canal path link.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

13. Delivering the Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019: 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out – Consultation Proposal

As part of implementing policy **Safe4**, the Local Transport Strategy 2014–2019 included a priority action of consulting with the public and stakeholders on detailed proposals for the 20mph network for the city centre, main shopping streets and residential areas.

A proposed draft network of 20mph, 30mph and 40mph roads to be the basis for public and stakeholder consultation was submitted for approval.

Motion

- 1) To approve the draft network of 20mph, 30mph and 40mph roads as the basis for consultation.
 - 2) To proceed with a public and stakeholder consultation as set out in the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To approve the draft network of 20mph, 30mph and 40mph roads as the basis for consultation.
 - 2) To proceed with a public and stakeholder consultation as set out in the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.
 - 3) To include the maps relating to Options 1 and 2 as part of the public and stakeholder consultation.
- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Jackson

Voting

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

Decision

- 1) To approve the draft network of 20mph, 30mph and 40mph roads as the basis for consultation.
- 2) To proceed with a public and stakeholder consultation as set out in the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.

(Reference – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

15. Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation 2014/15

An update was provided on the new pedestrian crossing priority list for 2014/15.

Decision

- 1) To approve the updated pedestrian crossing priority list as per Appendix 1.
- 2) To note the locations that did not meet the priority list criteria in Appendix 2 and those constructed in 2013/14 in Appendix 3.
- 3) To note the locations that did not meet the priority list criteria in Appendix 2 and those constructed in 2013/14 in Appendix 3.
- 4) To approve the consultation and construction list for locations detailed in Appendix 4.
- 5) To request a future report on the results of the consultation carried out on the locations proposed for pedestrian crossing improvements.

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

16. *improve it* Programme – Final Update

An final update was provided on the changes and savings made as part of the *improve it* Programme.

Decision

- 1) To note the closure of the *improve it* Programme.

- 2) To note the annual cumulative savings of £6.7m delivered in 2013/14 and the total gross savings of £14.2m delivered by the programme since 2011/12.
- 3) To note the programme's positive impact on service performance to date, including increased recycling levels and improved street cleansing performance.

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

17. Edible Edinburgh: A Sustainable Food City Plan

The Edible Edinburgh Sustainable Food City Plan was presented. The Council was also asked to commit to playing a key role in the implementation and progression of the plan in partnership with Edible Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To endorse the Edible Edinburgh Sustainable Food City Plan
- 2) To commit to playing a key role in implementing and progressing the plan.
- 3) To agree to work with Edible Edinburgh to progress actions which required direct Council involvements as outlined at paragraph 3.5 of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.

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

18. Landfill and Recycling- Final Report

An update was provided on performance in reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill and increasing recycling. The amount of waste sent to landfill in 2013/14 reduced by 4685 tonnes, or 3.4%, when compared against 2012/13. In total, 132,564 tonnes was sent to landfill in 2013/14. The proportion of all waste (including street sweepings) recycled this year was 39.3%, compared to 37.9% in 2012/13.

Decision

To note the report.

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

19. Cleanliness of the City

The outcome of the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) assessment of Edinburgh's streets, which had been undertaken by Keep Scotland Beautiful in March 2014, was detailed. The Council had achieved a score of 72 with 95% of the streets surveyed as clean.

Decision

To note the report.

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

20. Scottish Environment Protection Agency Consultation- Scotland river basin district

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) was required to prepare a second river basin management plan by the end of 2015. The Council had been invited to comment on SEPA's proposed new approaches to address the significant water management challenges in the Scotland river basin.

Decision

To approve the submission of the consultation response as set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.

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

21. Declaration of Cammo Estate as a Local Nature Reserve

It was proposed to carry out a consultation on the declaration of Cammo Estate as a Local Nature Reserve.

Decision

To approve the proposal to consult on the declaration of Cammo Estate as a Local Nature Reserve under the provisions of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949.

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

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Keil declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Member of the Cammo Estate Advisory Committee

22. Proposal for a Bill to extend the Pentland Hill Regional Park Boundary – consultation response

The Council had been invited to respond to a proposed private member's bill intended to promote the expansion of the Pentland Hills Regional Park. In order to meet the consultation deadline, the Council's response to the proposal had been submitted by the Acting Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener.

Decision

- 1) To ratify the content of the consultation response.
- 2) To note the action taken by the Acting Director of Services for Communities in consultation with the Convener in submitting the response to meet the consultation deadline.

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

23. Appointments to Sub-Committees and Working Groups Etc 2014/2015

The Committee was invited to appoint the membership of its Sub-Committees and Working Groups for 2014/2015.

Decision

- 1) To appoint the membership of the Committee's Sub-Committees and Working Groups Etc for 2014/2015 as detailed in the appendix to the report by the Director of Corporate Governance.
- 2) To note that the Committee's Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions specified that the membership of the Committee's Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee would be the same as the parent Committee and that the Vice-Convener of the parent Committee would be the Convener of the Sub-Committee.
- 3) That Councillor Booth replace Councillor Bagshaw on the Carbon, Climate and Sustainability Working Group.
- 4) To await the outcome of work done by members of the Transport Forum to scope ideas and options for a Walking Forum before appointing a new chair of the Cycle Forum.

(Reference – Transport and Environment Committee 18 March 2014 (item 8); report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

24. Council Energy Services Company – referral from the Economy Committee

The Economy Committee had considered a report the Council Energy Services Company and referred it to this Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Economy Committee 22 May 2014, submitted)

24. Tables and Chairs Summer Festival Trial in George Street

Approval was sought to extend the operating hours of the current tables and chairs permit system on a trial basis between 31 July 2014 and 25 August 2014 relating to a number of businesses on George Street.

Motion

- 1) To agree to extend the operating hours of the current Tables and Chairs permit system on a trial basis.
- 2) To agree that this trial would take place on George Street between 31st July and 25 August 2014, the duration of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

- 3) To agree that, for the duration of this trial, businesses on George Street would be permitted to apply for permission to use tables and chairs until midnight instead of 10pm (noting that it was the responsibility of businesses to apply for the appropriate complementary license and that this report did not seek to fetter the discretion of the Licensing Board or Regulatory Committee).
 - 4) To agree to accept a report on the outcomes of this trial.
 - 5) To agree that while the trial arrangements would be tested only on George Street in 2014, the report on outcomes would consider extending the trial to other areas of the city during the Festival in future years.
 - 6) To note that site notices would be displayed giving people the opportunity to object.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey.

Amendment

- 1) To agree to extend the operating hours of the current Tables and Chairs permit system on a trial basis.
 - 2) To agree that this trial would take place on George Street between 31st July and 25 August 2014, the duration of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.
 - 3) To agree that, for the duration of this trial, businesses on George Street would be permitted to apply for permission to use tables and chairs until midnight instead of 10pm (noting that it was the responsibility of businesses to apply for the appropriate complementary License and that this report did not seek to fetter the discretion of the Licensing Board or Regulatory Committee).
 - 4) To agree to accept a report on the outcomes of this trial.
 - 5) To agree that while the trial arrangements would be tested only on George Street in 2014, the report on outcomes would consider extending the trial to other areas of the city during the Festival in future years.
 - 6) To delay implementation of the trial until such time as all interested parties had been consulted on the proposals.
- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Jackson

Voting

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

Decision

- 1) To agree to extend the operating hours of the current Tables and Chairs permit system on a trial basis.
- 2) To agree that this trial would take place on George Street between 31st July and 25 August 2014, the duration of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

- 3) To agree that, for the duration of this trial, businesses on George Street would be permitted to apply for permission to use tables and chairs until midnight instead of 10pm (noting that it was the responsibility of businesses to apply for the appropriate complementary License and that this report did not seek to fetter the discretion of the Licensing Board or Regulatory Committee).
- 4) To agree to accept a report on the outcomes of this trial.
- 5) To agree that while the trial arrangements would be tested only on George Street in 2014, the report on outcomes would consider extending the trial to other areas of the city during the Festival in future years.
- 6) To note that site notices would be displayed giving people the opportunity to object.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 29 October 2013 (item 5); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

25. Heat Generation Policy Statement: Scottish Government Consultation

The Scottish Government had invited the Council to comment on a proposed policy statement on heat generation. A proposed response was submitted for approval.

Decision

To approve the response on the Heat Generation Policy Statement.

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

26. Priority Parking Areas – TRO Consultation Responses

An update was given on the progress of proposals to introduce priority parking schemes in various areas around Edinburgh. Details were given of objections received as part of the public consultation process to introduce priority parking areas in Priestfield, Blackford and Lockharton.

Decision

- 1) To approve the making of the Traffic Order for the priority parking scheme in the Priestfield area.
- 2) To approve the making of the Traffic Order for the priority parking scheme in the Lockharton area.
- 3) To proceed with the priority parking scheme proposed for the Blackford area subject to the agreement of local Ward Members.

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

27. Ratcliffe Terrace/Grange Loan/Fountainhall Road and Mayfield Road – Objections to Traffic Regulation Order

Details were provided of the objections received on proposals to alter waiting and loading restrictions on Ratcliffe Terrace, Grange Loan, Fountainhall Road and Mayfield Road.

Decision

- 1) To note the results of the formal consultation carried out as part of the statutory process, to implement the changes on Ratcliffe Terrace, Grange Loan, Fountainhall Road and Mayfield Road.
- 2) To uphold the objection received from a local business on Ratcliffe Terrace, and notes the amendments which are proposed to the advertised Order to address the concerns raised by the objector.
- 3) To set aside the remaining objections received to the proposed changes at Ratcliffe Terrace/Grange Loan/Fountainhall Road, and gives approval to make the Traffic Regulation Order as amended.
- 4) To delegate authority to the Director of Services for Communities, in consultation with the Convener, Vice-Convener and local ward Members, to decide whether to proceed and make the Order as advertised for Mayfield Road following further discussions with affected stakeholders.
- 5) To note that it would be necessary to initiate a new Traffic Regulation Order process for Mayfield Road should it be decided to implement an amended layout at this location.
- 6) To note that an update would be provided to the next Committee on 26 August 2014 on the proposals for Mayfield Road.

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

28. Objections to Proposed Reductions to Lengths of Double Yellow Lines – South Morningside

Approval was sought to make a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the yellow line waiting restrictions at various junctions within the South Morningside area by four metres and replace them with a single yellow line restriction, operating between the hours of 0800 and 1800 Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

Decision

- 1) To set aside the objections received.
- 2) To make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

29. Objections to Various Proposed Parking Restrictions, Shandon

Approval was sought to make a Traffic Regulation Order to amend the parking restrictions in the Ashley/Shandon Area. Six objections had been received to the proposals.

Decision

- 1) To set aside the objections received.
- 2) To approve the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

30. High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 – Implementation of Provisions referral from the Planning Committee

The Planning Committee had considered a report High Hedges (Scotland) Act 2013 Implementation of Provisions and referred it to this Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Planning Committee 26 March 2014)

31. The Edinburgh Living Landscape Programme

In response to a motion by Councillor Gardner, an update was provided on progress made to date in delivering the Edinburgh Living Landscape Initiative.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made in realising an Edinburgh Living Landscape initiative.
- 2) To support the initiative as a means of developing an ecosystem approach to land management, including creating attractive and biodiverse landscapes across the Council's outdoor estate, thereby helping meet the Council's 'biodiversity duty'.
- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Booth.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 14 January 2014 (Item 27); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

32. Time to Cross - Motion by Councillor Bagshaw

The following motion by Councillor Bagshaw was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.1:

“Committee:

- 1) Recognises the benefits of encouraging walking as a sustainable form of transport and the need to protect our most vulnerable road users, namely the young, the old and the disabled.

- 2) Further recognises that crossing the road is a key area of risk and stress for many pedestrians.
 - 3) Acknowledges research from University College London showing that when children walk to school with their parents they walk at a speed of 0.9 m/s, yet the guidance for green man time on our signalised crossings is 1.2 m/s, and that the current assumed walking speed, which determines green man time, is too fast for 85% of women and 76% of men aged 65 and over.
 - 4) Welcomes the Living Streets Time to Cross campaign to enable everyone to cross the road in comfort.
 - 5) Instructs officers to examine the challenges for people safely and easily crossing the road, including waiting time, crossing time, provision of dropped kerbs and tactile paving, raised crossings and pedestrian priority while crossing at side-roads, and risky or illegal behaviour by different road users, and to identify and prioritise action where pedestrians are currently finding most difficult to cross.”
- moved by Councillor Bagshaw, seconded by Councillor Booth

Amendment

- 1) To agree paragraphs 1), 2), 3) and 4) of the motion.
 - 2) To delete paragraph 5) of the motion.
 - 3) To note the ongoing work being carried out by officers to address the challenges for people safely crossing the road.
 - 4) To refer the motion to the Walking Forum for consideration.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey

Voting

For the motion	-	6 votes
For the amendment	-	9 votes

Decision

- 1) Recognises the benefits of encouraging walking as a sustainable form of transport and the need to protect our most vulnerable road users, namely the young, the old and the disabled.
- 2) Further recognises that crossing the road is a key area of risk and stress for many pedestrians
- 3) Acknowledges research from University College London showing that when children walk to school with their parents they walk at a speed of 0.9 m/s, yet the guidance for green man time on our signalised crossings is 1.2 m/s, and that the current assumed walking speed, which determines green man time, is too fast for 85% of women and 76% of men aged 65 and over.
- 4) Welcomes the Living Streets Time to Cross campaign to enable everyone to cross the road in comfort.

- 5) To note the ongoing work being carried out by officers to address the challenges for people safely crossing the road.
- 6) To refer the motion to the Walking Forum for consideration.