

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 12 January 2016

Present:

Councillors Hinds (Convener), McVey (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Barrie, Booth, Cardownie, Nick Cook, Donaldson, Doran, Gardner, Bill Henderson, Jackson, Keil and McInnes

1. Deputation: Leithers Don't Litter

Zsuzska and Gerry Farrell from Leithers Don't Litter project attended the meeting to highlight the work that the project had taken forward to clean up the Leith area with the aim of making it a litter-free zone. Of particular concern to Zsuzska and Gerry were the instances of dog fouling in Leith, not only the negative image gives an area but the health risks it poses.

Decision

- 1) The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the rest of the meeting.
- 2) To note the presentation.
- 3) To thank those involved in the Leithers Don't Litter project and the wider community for their work.

2. Deputation: Brightons and Rosefield Residents' Association, Portobello Amenity Society and Portobello Heritage Trust

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Vic Michel and Judith Read on behalf of Brighton and Rosefield Residents' Association in relation to a report by the Executive Director of Place on the Road, Footway and Bridges Capital Investment Programme for 2016/17.

Vic and Judith requested that the Committee agreed to the reconstruction of Brighton Place with a setted surface in line with council policy for a conservation area. They advised that Brighton Place was a main gateway to Portobello and that the setted surface provided a sense identify for the area.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place at item 3 below.

3. Road, Footway and Bridges Investment – Capital Programme for 2016/17

Approval was sought for the allocation of the Road, Footway, Street Lighting, Bridges and Flood Prevention Capital budgets and programme of work for 2016/17.

Motion

- 1) To approve the allocation of the capital budget for 2016/17 shown in Appendix A to the report.
 - 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2016/17, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices C and D.
 - 3) To approve the programme of proposed bridge works for 2016/17, as detailed in section three of this report, and in Appendix H.
 - 4) To agree to the asphalt reconstruction (Option 2: removing setts) at Brighton Place.
 - 5) To request a further report to the Transport and Environment Committee in March 2016 with regard to the re-allocation of resources as a result of the proposed introduction of asphalt reconstruction (Option 2: removing setts) at Brighton Place.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To approve the allocation of the capital budget for 2016/17 shown in Appendix A; with the exception of the work stream for Cycling Allocation. Instructs a report to be brought back in one cycle detailing how this would be subsumed into the Carriageways and Footways work stream to best benefit all carriageway and footway users.
 - 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2016/17, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices C and D.
 - 3) To approve the programme of proposed bridge works for 2016/17, as detailed in section three of this report, and in Appendix H.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

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| For the motion | - | 10 votes |
| For the amendment | - | 3 votes |

Decision

- 1) To approve the allocation of the capital budget for 2016/17 shown in Appendix A to the report.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2016/17, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices C and D.

- 3) To approve the programme of proposed bridge works for 2016/17, as detailed in section three of this report, and in Appendix H.
- 4) To agree to the asphalt reconstruction (Option 2: removing setts) at Brighton Place.
- 5) To request a further report to the Transport and Environment Committee in March 2016 with regard to the re-allocation of resources as a result of the proposed introduction of asphalt reconstruction (Option 2: removing setts) at Brighton Place.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 27 October 2015 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

4. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 27 October 2015, as a correct record.

5. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period March 2016 to June 2016 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for March 2016 to June 2016.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted)

6. 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 updated to 12 January 2016 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that future actions agreed by the Committee calling for further reports or information would be added to the Rolling Actions Log.
- 2) To note the rolling actions log and to approve the closure of actions 3, 4, 9, 10, 13, 15, 18 and 28.
- 3) To note the expected completion date for rolling actions 14, 21, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 35 had been revised.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 24 October 2013; Rolling Actions Log 12 January 2016, submitted)

7. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 12 January 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin.

(Reference - Business Bulletin – 12 January 2016, submitted)

8. Water of Leith Conservation Trust – Third Sector Organisation Grant Award 2016/17

Committee approval was sought for a third sector organisation award to the Water of Leith Conservation Trust (WOLCT) of £25,175 for 2016/2017.

Decision

- 1) To approve the 2016/2017 third sector organisation award to the Water of Leith Conservation Trust.
- 2) To agree that an overall reduction from 2014/2015 levels of 10% be applied and be spread over 2016/2017 and 2017/2018.
- 3) To note that the award for 2016/2017 would be £25,175.
- 4) To note that these reductions support the Council's response to overall budget pressures, while enabling the continuation of a collaborative approach to the management of the Water of Leith.
- 5) To agree that discussions would be held with the Trust to identify likely funding and service levels over the three year period from 2018/19 onwards.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 17 March 2015 (item 22); report by the Acting Director of services for Communities, submitted)

9. Enforcement of Fixed Penalty Notices for Littering and Fly Tipping

A report summarising the outcome of discussions held with the Procurator Fiscal regarding the enforcement of Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) amounts for both littering and fly tipping was submitted.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report.
- 2) To discharge the remit from 2 June 2015 to report to the Transport and Environment Committee on discussions with the Procurator Fiscal in relation to the enforcement of FPNs.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 2 June 2015 (item 27); report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

9. Attitudes to Recycling – Presentation

Lesley Sugden, Waste Strategy Manager, introduced the New Kerbside Recycling Service, the phased approach in which it was introduced and performance statistics. The new service had been introduced to improve participation rates and to make the service more user friendly.

The new service had introduced same day collections, smaller landfill bins and new recycling bins. The number of people participating in presenting their bins had been 30%; the new service had increased this to over 70% participation. Previously, 1.8 kilos of recycling had been presented per household, under the new service this had increased to 4 kilos; food waste recycling had also increased by over 50%.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the presentation.
- 2) Officers to feedback comments received regarding the readability of the calendar to the Design Team for their attention.
- 3) To request that a members briefing be provided in respect of the reporting systems outlined within the presentation
- 4) To note the thanks of the Committee to the Officers involved in providing the recycling service.

(References – presentation by the Executive Director of Place)

10. Delivery of the Local Transport Strategy 2014-19: Proposals for a Pilot of On-Street Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the Marchmont and Sciennes Area

A pilot of on-street electric vehicle charging, in partnership with Transport Scotland, had been undertaken. Details of the pilot scheme in the Marchmont and Sciennes Community Council area were provided.

Decision

- 1) To note the outcome of the public consultation in the Marchmont and Sciennes Community Council area on the potential locations of charging points.
- 2) To authorise the installation of on-street electric vehicle charging points as a pilot scheme in the Marchmont and Sciennes Community Council area.
- 3) To approve the commencement of the statutory procedures to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order variations in support of the installation of on-street charging points in the pilot area, which would be subject to further consultation.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 17 March 2015 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

11. Pedestrian Crossing Upgrade – Marchmont Road

Public consultation had been undertaken regarding the proposed upgrading of the pedestrian crossing on Marchmont Road. A summary of the consultation was provided.

Decision

- 1) To approve the construction of the proposed puffin crossing at Marchmont Road.
- 2) To note the results of the public consultation.
- 3) To set aside the representations to allow construction to progress.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

12. Active Travel Action Plan Review 2016

A report summarising the progress made in relation to targets and actions associated with the Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP) was submitted for consideration.

Motion

- 1) To note the progress to date on outstanding actions.
- 2) To note the results of the consultation on prioritising actions in Appendix 1.
- 3) To approve the revised Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP) document including the revised action list and timescales in appendix 2 and the revised QuietRoutes map in Appendix 3.
- 4) To discharge the motion by Councillor Keith Robson at the June 2015 Transport and Environment Committee to consider the costs of a cycle and walking route from the Pentlands to Portobello.
- 5) To include reference to the segregation of cycling where appropriate.
 - moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To note the progress to date on outstanding actions.
- 2) To note the results of the consultation on prioritising actions in Appendix 1.
- 3) To approve the revised Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP) document including the revised action list and timescales in appendix 2 and the revised QuietRoutes map in Appendix 3; subject to removal of Action No J4 Rollout of 20mph speed limits across Edinburgh.
- 4) To discharge the motion by Councillor Keith Robson at the June 2015 Transport and Environment Committee to consider the costs of a cycle and walking route from the Pentlands to Portobello.
 - moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Jackson

Voting

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| For the motion | - | 10 votes |
| For the amendment | - | 3 votes |

Decision

- 1) To note the progress to date on outstanding actions.
- 2) To note the results of the consultation on prioritising actions in Appendix 1.
- 3) To approve the revised Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP) document including the revised action list and timescales in appendix 2 and the revised QuietRoutes map in Appendix 3.
- 4) To discharge the motion by Councillor Keith Robson at the June 2015 Transport and Environment Committee to consider the costs of a cycle and walking route from the Pentlands to Portobello.
- 5) To include reference to the segregation of cycling where appropriate.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 2 June 2015 (item 33); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

13. Transport for Edinburgh – Developing a Strategic Plan

The Committee was asked to note that the Transport for Edinburgh Strategic Plan, setting the strategic direction and outcomes for the company and its subsidiary companies, Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Tram, would be reported to Committee later this year.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note that the Transport for Edinburgh Strategic Plan would be reported to Committee later this year.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Hinds declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Chair and member of Transport for Edinburgh Board.

Councillor McVey declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Member of Transport for Edinburgh Board.

Councillor Mowat declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Member of Transport for Edinburgh Board.

Councillor Bagshaw declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Member of Transport for Edinburgh Board.

(References – Act of Council No 11 of 10 December 2015; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

14. Public Utility Company Performance 2015/16 – Quarter 2 (July, August, September 2015)

Details were provided of the performance of Public Utility Companies (PUs) during the period July 2015 to September 2015 (Quarter 2), for the 2015/16 financial year.

Decision

To note the report and the arrangements for securing an improved level of performance from all Public Utilities.

(Reference – Minute of the Transport and Environment Committee, 18 June 2012 (item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

15. School Streets Phase 2 - Experimental Traffic Regulation Order

Details were provided of a proposed TRO for three schools participating in Phase 2 of the school streets pilot.

Decision

- 1) To note the responses to the objections and the steps that had been taken to address those objections.
- 2) To note that Bonaly Primary School no longer wished to proceed with the school streets pilot and Committee agreed that restrictions contained in ETRO/15/45 relating to this school would not proceed.
- 3) To agree to set aside the remaining objections, on the basis that, by implementing changes using an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, objections would be further considered should Committee decide to promote a permanent Order.
- 4) To agree to make the Order for the remaining three schemes, Clermiston, St Peter's RC and Towerbank, as advertised.
- 5) To agree the proposal for implementation of the approved Phase 2 schools in March 2016.
- 6) To note that schools not proceeding in Phase 2 would be invited to participate in School Streets should there be a wider roll-out of the project after the pilot ends.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 2 June 2015 (item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

16. Objection to Proposed Amendments to Residents' Mews Parking Eligibility within the CPZ – Edinburgh

Details were provided of a proposed amendment to the residents' permit scheme, ensuring that permit eligibility corresponds with current policy and practice.

Decision

- 1) To note the representations received.
- 2) To set aside the one unresolved objection and proceed to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

17. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/15/17 20mph Speed Limit - Various Road, Edinburgh

A report summarising the progress made in relation to targets and actions associated with the Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP) was submitted for consideration.

Motion

- 1) To note the objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2) To set aside the objections and give approval to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To note the objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2) To uphold the objections and agree not to give approval of the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.
- 3) Does so due to concern surrounding:
 - Potential for increase in congestion and pollution
 - The negative impact of a 'blanket' approach -diluting effectiveness of areas which genuinely benefit from 20mph
 - Cost of the project
 - Potential increase in journey times
- 4) To note the most recent opinion polling conducted by the Edinburgh Evening News demonstrating that 64% of Edinburgh residents oppose the plans as presented (sample size 1,406).

- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Jackson

Voting

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| For the motion | - | 10 votes |
| For the amendment | - | 3 votes |

Decision

- 1) To note the objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2) To set aside the objections and give approval to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

(References – minute of the Transport and Environment Committee 27 August 2013 (item 14) report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

18. Leith Programme - Objections to Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order - Leith Walk (McDonald Road to Pilrig Street)

Details were provided of a proposed TRO and Redetermination Order for Phase 4 of the Leith Programme which would involve the section of Leith Walk between Brunswick Street and Iona Street.

Decision

- 1) To note the objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order and the Council's comments in response.
- 2) To approve the proposed changes to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order detailed in this report, relating to parking and loading restrictions in Pilrig Street.
- 3) To set aside the objections received to the Traffic Regulation Order.
- 4) To instruct officials to refer the objections to the Redetermination Order to Scottish Ministers.

(References – Minute of the Transport and Environment Committee 19 March 2013 (item 14); report by Director of Services for Communities, submitted)

19. Green Flag Award and Park Quality Assessment Report

The City of Edinburgh Council had 29 of the 65 Green Flag Awards awarded in Scotland in 2015, and is ranked second amongst UK local authorities with regards to the number of successful applications in 2015.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report and to recognise the value that parks play in making Edinburgh an attractive, vibrant and sustainable city.
- 2) To note the Committee's thanks to the various Groups that had been involved in maintaining and improving the Council's greenspace estate.

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

20. Annual Review of Major Events in Parks

The results of the Annual Review of Major Events in Parks 2014/2015 were submitted.

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the Acting Director of Services for Communities report.

- 2) To agree to consult with local community groups and other stakeholders on proposals to extend the open procurement process, on the dates specified (during which events are currently held) as detailed in paragraph 3.28 in the report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities.
- 3) To agree to receive a further report on the outcome of the consultation with a view to any new arrangements coming into force in 2017.

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

21. Chalara ash dieback, Dutch elm disease and new disease threats to city trees Edinburgh

Approval was sought for the continuation of the programme to control Dutch elm disease and that measures to deal with Chalara ash dieback and other tree diseases should also be introduced.

Decision

- 1) To note the threats posed by tree diseases and pests in Edinburgh and that a further report on tree disease threats would be prepared in 12 months, or sooner, should this be required.
- 2) To note the response to the confirmation and outbreak of Chalara ash dieback disease in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note the continuing response to Dutch elm disease in Edinburgh
- 4) To note the intention to use powers under the Dutch elm disease (Local Authorities) Order 1984, as amended 1988, to ensure that disease control measures are enforceable.

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

22. 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 September 2015, was detailed.

Twelve out of 17 Wards achieved a cleanliness score of 67 or above, meeting the national standard for cleanliness. Five of those Wards achieved 72, or above, meeting the Council's high standard for cleanliness. Eleven Wards achieved a percentage clean result of 95% or above and out of those seven achieved a 100% clean result.

Decision

To note the contents of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

23. Landfill and Recycling

An update was provided on performance regarding the amount of non recyclable waste sent to landfill, and the amount of waste recycled for the period April to October 2015

Decision

To note the contents of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

24. Services for Communities Financial Monitoring: 2015/16 - Month 8 position

A forecast of the outturn position for Services for Communities against its approved 2015/16 revenue and capital budgets was provided.

Decision

To note the financial position of the Services for Communities (SfC) account and the actions underway to manage pressures.

(References – by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

25. Roadside emissions testing and air pollution – Motion by Councillor Booth

The following emergency motion by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.2.

This committee:

- 1) Notes with concern figures released on 11 January 2016 following a BBC Scotland investigation into air pollution which found that only 13 of the Scotland's 32 local authorities carry out roadside emissions testing;
- 2) Notes that Edinburgh has powers under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Regulations of 2003 to carry out roadside emissions testing, but has not used these powers;
- 3) Notes that Glasgow Council uses these powers and has tested 2,926 vehicles in 2014-15 and that Dundee Council has applied to the Scottish Government £0.5m fund for to undertake roadside emissions testing but that Edinburgh has not applied for this fund;
- 4) Notes that the last report on air quality in Edinburgh, published by the council in August 2015, found that Edinburgh breached statutory air quality standards for annual mean concentration of NO₂ at 20 locations across the city.
- 5) Believes there is significant evidence linking poor air quality with ill health;
- 6) Believes the council should take a consistent approach to tackling air pollution, including to the air pollution impacts of new planning or development proposals;
- 7) Therefore agrees to receive an urgent report at the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee which:
 - a. reviews action taken by the council to tackle air pollution to date;
 - b. reviews why no funding applications have been made by the council to the Scottish Government to undertake roadside emissions testing under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (Scotland) Regulations of 2003 and sets out the costs and benefits of undertaking such testing; and
 - c. sets out options for additional action to ensure the city complies with statutory air quality standards

Decision

To consider the motion at the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee (15 March 2016).