

Transport & Environment Committee

10.00am, Tuesday, 15 March 2016

Transport Governance

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Executive Summary

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That Committee approves the revised governance arrangements set out in Appendix 1 and notes that revised agendas will be issued by Committee Services, actions of the groups will be reviewed and redistributed, and a work plan will be developed for the two groups.

2. Background

- 2.1 Formal arrangements are currently in place to provide political oversight in relation to the Leith Programme Works and future transport in Edinburgh. A meeting is also convened, as required, to brief cross party councillors on progress of the Edinburgh St James Development. This paper sets out proposed revised governance arrangements to reflect the recent Council decision in relation to Tram and the fact the Edinburgh St James Development is moving to the next stage of delivery.

3. Main report

- 3.1 On 10 December 2015, Council took a decision to proceed with Stage 1 of a tram extension to Newhaven and requested officers to report back to Council in Spring/Summer 2017 recommending a way forward. In taking the decision to proceed with Stage 1, Council also approved the high level governance structure as set out in the Outline Business Case and authorised its immediate implementation. In doing so it requested that the Corporate Leadership Team merge the Leith Programme with the tram project, this work has now been completed.
- 3.2 Appendix 1 sets out the current and revised oversight structures for Leith Programme, future transport and Edinburgh St James Development. There are three separate meetings with terms of reference in place for the first two.
- 3.3 Given the above decision to proceed with Stage 1 and merge the projects, and the fact that Edinburgh St James is moving to the next stage of development, the current political oversight arrangements have been reviewed and are set out in Appendix 1. In re-casting the governance arrangements a distinction has been drawn between live projects and future strategy.

- 3.4 Live Projects - It is recommended that an all party oversight group is established to oversee the combined Tram and Leith Programme and the technical interfaces between the project and Edinburgh St James Development, including traffic management and wider community engagement. Furthermore it is recommended that the group is also briefed, on a quarterly basis, on the progress of the Edinburgh St James Development with the developer in attendance.
- 3.5 Future Transport - It is proposed that the Future Transport Working Group remit is retained to concentrate on strategic transport issues and the membership is widened to include Transport for Edinburgh.
- 3.6 Adopting the revised arrangements will help ensure greater focus on projects and strategic planning and will enhance partnership working with TfE. If the revised arrangements are acceptable then revised agendas will be issued by Committee Services, actions of the groups will be reviewed and redistributed, and a work plan will be developed for the two groups.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Not applicable.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Servicing of the groups will be contained within current budgets.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 Revised governance being proposed formally through this report.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 Not applicable.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation has been undertaken in relation to the preparation of this report with the Convenors of Transport and Environment and Committee Services.

10. Background reading/external references

[Council - 10 December 2015 - Edinburgh Tram Extension Next Steps](#)

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges

Council Priorities CP11 - An accessible, connected city

Single Outcome Agreement

Appendices Appendix 1 - Revised Governance Arrangements

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Annex 1 - Existing Structures

Future Transport Working Group

Remit

- to consider operational arrangements relating to the integration of tram and bus, together with interfaces with Air/Rail/Active travel, and to consider opportunities to enhance integration along the route of the tram.
- to consider air quality issues, both along the route of the tram and elsewhere in the city centre, where general traffic has been displaced.
- to consider future investment in public transport both in relation to vehicles and infrastructure, given the integration opportunities presented by Transport for Edinburgh, and consider options for improvements to the road and active travel network in the city centre adjacent to the route of the tram.

Membership

Councillors:

Hinds (Convener), Aldridge, Bagshaw, Cook and McVey

Officers:

John Bury, Ewan Kennedy, Alasdair Sim, Rob Leech, Lesley McPherson

Leith Programme Oversight Group

Remit

- To approve the design brought forward by the Leith Programme Team without the need for designs being reported to the appropriate Committee.

Membership

Councillors:

Hinds, McVey, Blacklock, Booth, Donaldson, Doran, Gardner, McVey, Mowat, Munro, Ritchie and Rankin

Officers:

Ian Buchanan, Anna Herriman, Andrew Easson, Rob Leech, Alasdair Sim.

Edinburgh St James Briefings

Remit

- No formal remit, the group is assembled as and when required for project briefings

Membership

Councillors:

Burns, Howat, Ross, Mowat, Orr, Hinds, Whyte, Corbett and Edie

Officers:

Chief Executive, All Directors (not including H&SC or Children & Families), John Bury, Communications Representative and SRO

Frequency

From time to time TIAA Henderson Real Estate attend by invitation.

Annex 2 - Proposed New Working Arrangements

Transport Projects Working Group

Remit

- To receive updates on Newhaven Tram Extension and Leith Programme project progress and current issues including interfaces with Edinburgh St James such as traffic management and community engagement;
- To receive a quarterly update from the Edinburgh St James SRO and developer on the progress of the project;
- To review the designs for the Leith Programme.

Membership

Councillors:

Leader of the Council (Chair), Deputy Leader of the Council, Convener of Transport & Environment Committee, Vice Convener of Transport & Environment Committee, Opposition Group Leaders, Opposition Transport Spokespersons

Officers:

Executive Director of Place, Head of Planning & Transport and nominee, Edinburgh Tram Extension and Leith Programme SRO, Head of Communications, TfE CEO, Supporting Officers as required

Frequency

Monthly with quarterly updates on Edinburgh St James

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Officers:

John Bury, Ewan Kennedy, Alasdair Sim, Rob Leech, Lesley McPherson, George Lowder (TfE CEO)

Frequency

8 Week cycle