

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday 15 March 2016

Present:

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

1. Deputation: Merchiston Community Council

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Kay Smith on behalf of Merchiston Community Council in relation to a motion by Councillor McInnes – Urban Gulls. The Community Council outlined the issues associated with the gull population in their area and requested that consideration be given to a gull de-nesting programme.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the motion by Councillor McInnes at item 4 below.

2. Deputation: Portobello Amenity Society / Portobello Heritage Trust / Brighton's and Rosefield Resident's Association

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from James Hurford and Stephen Hawkins on behalf of Portobello Amenity Society, Portobello Heritage Trust and Brightons and Rosefield Residents' Association, in relation to a report by the Executive Director of Place on Setted Streets and Road Additional Capital Investment 2016/17.

The deputation felt that a decision made at the Transport and Environment Committee on 12 January 2016 was based on false information as the setts at Brighton Place had not been replaced in recent years. The deputation asked that the Committee delay the removal of the setts until the review of the Councils setted street policy and Portobello Conservation Area had concluded.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the reports by the Executive Director of Place at items 5 and 6 below.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 12 January 2016 (item 3))

3. Deputation: Charlotte Chapel

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Paul Rees, Lead Pastor at Charlotte Chapel in relation to a report by the Executive Director of Place on Delivering the Local Transport Strategy 2014-19: Parking Action Plan.

The deputation thanked the Committee for the extensive consultation that had been undertaken regarding the parking action plan and asked that consideration be given to an earlier finish of parking restrictions on Sundays.

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 7 below.

4. Urban Gulls – Motion by Councillor McInnes

The following motion by Councillor McInnes was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16.1.

“This committee:

- 1) Notes continuing concern amongst residents in and around tenement areas, over the increasing and invasive urban gull population.
- 2) Notes that the Council has in the past acknowledged that there is an issue and following a campaign by Merchiston Community Council, agreed to carry out a pilot de-nesting service in 2012.
- 3) Notes that the pilot – which involved just two operatives on six days between April to June – was seen to yield positive benefits but was not continued because of a budgetary decision.
- 4) Agrees a similar pilot is carried out in North Merchiston in this calendar year but this time allowing for a transparent and accurate budgetary analysis of the costs.
- 5) Agrees to set up a working group of officials, local residents and local members to formulate a multi-agency approach to tackling the gulls problem in Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To note continuing concern amongst residents in and around tenement areas, over the increasing and invasive urban gull population.
- 2) To note that the Council had in the past acknowledged that there was an issue and following a campaign by Merchiston Community Council, agreed to carry out a pilot de-nesting service in 2012.
- 3) To note that the pilot – which involved just two operatives on six days between April to June – was seen to yield positive benefits but was not continued because of a budgetary decision.
- 5) To agree to set up a working group of officials, local residents and local members to formulate a multi-agency approach to tackling the gulls problem in Edinburgh.
- 6) To refer the matter to the South Central and South West Neighbourhood Partnership to allow them to consider funding the proposed North Merchiston Pilot, if it is regarded a priority by either body.

5. Setted Streets

Details were provided on proposals to review, maintain and manage the setted street assets in Edinburgh.

Motion

- 1) To note the content of the report highlighting current practices on the maintenance and management of setted streets.
 - 2) To agree the actions as set out in paragraph 3.18 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
 - 3) To refer the report to the Planning Committee.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To note the content of the report highlighting current practices on the maintenance and management of setted streets.
 - 2) To agree the actions as set out in paragraph 3.18 of the report by the Executive Director of Place and that no specific action be taken at present to remove the setts in Brighton Place until the strategy for setted streets outlined in paragraph 3.19 had been agreed.
 - 3) To refer the report to the Planning Committee.
- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Booth

Voting

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

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report, highlighting current practices on the maintenance and management of setted streets.
- 2) To agree the actions as set out in paragraph 3.18 of the report.
- 3) To refer the report to the Planning Committee.

(References – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 12 January 2016 (item 3); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

6. Road Additional Capital Investment 2016/17

Approval was sought for the Capital funding in 2016/17. The budget allocation and list of maintenance schemes aims to ensure that the condition of roads and footways continued to improve, whilst fulfilling the objective that the prioritisation reflects and supports the Council's Local Transport Strategy objectives and, in particular, the Active Travel Action Plan.

Decision

To approve the programme of proposed works for 2016/17 as detailed in section three of the report by the Executive Director of Place, and in appendix A.

(Reference – Minute of Transport & Environment Committee 12 January 2016 (item 3), report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

7. Delivering the Local Transport Strategy 2014-19: Parking Action Plan

The outcome of consultation with stakeholders regarding the draft Parking Action Plan was outlined. Approval was sought for a finalised version of the Parking Action Plan.

Motion

- 1) To note the full results of the Parking Action Plan recent consultation.
- 2) To approve the principle of extending 'parking restrictions / controls' to Sundays.
- 3) To reject the extension of evening controls to 7.00 pm.
- 4) To note that of 18 comparator cities across the UK, only 3 – namely Bristol, Perth and Stirling, operate those controls for the afternoon period only.
- 5) To further note that both Aberdeen and Dundee, who do have parking restrictions on a Sunday, operate those controls for the afternoon period only.
- 6) To acknowledge that the consultation feedback from Edinburgh, indicates significant concerns about Sunday morning parking restrictions/controls, particularly from traders and city centre residents/visitors.
- 7) Therefore, as referenced in paragraph 2 above, agree the principle of extending 'parking restrictions/controls to Sundays, and now instructs that a further report, in respect of the financial implications of the implementation of the wider Parking Action Plan, would be submitted to the next Transport and Environment Committee meeting in June, detailing the costs involved in:
 - The extension of any new controls to Saturdays and Sundays
 - A delayed start time on Sunday restrictions
 - The rollout of shared-use parking
- 8) To agree that the report above would seek to maximise the amount of shared-use parking, throughout the controlled area.
- 9) To additionally note that the next committee meeting in June would also receive reports on proposed changes to George Street and the Culture and Sport Committee would agree a new Events Strategy.
- 10) To further agree that the June report would also contain proposals for a revised pricing strategy, as proposed within the wider Parking Action Plan, noting that the introduction of a structured, policy driven pricing strategy, would have the potential to generate additional revenue.

- 11) To note that all the issues referenced in the paragraphs above, would be taken into full consideration prior to final agreement on the wider Parking Action Plan at the next Committee meeting in June.
 - 12) To note that this in-principle agreement, and the proposals within the draft Parking Action Plan, would result in no immediate financial implications to the Council, this side of any actual implementation.
 - 13) To agree to discussion with public transport providers with a view to improving Sunday service provision.
 - 14) To agree that the eventual implementation of these proposals would be carefully monitored and any subsequent feedback would feed into a review following an initial period of operation of the new controls.
 - 15) To note that zones 5, 5a and 6 would not change.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, Seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the results of the PAP consultation.
 - 2) To approve in principle the maintenance of Current Controlled Hours (as detailed in Paragraph 3.31 of the report) on the basis that:
Results of consultation and stakeholder engagement demonstrate that:
 - 81% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with evening controls, with 86% suggesting that controls should remain the same as at present.
 - 83% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with Sunday controls being introduced to Zone 1 to 6 and part of 7.
 - 3) To express concern that Committee had been asked to approve the PAP without information on the full financial implications. Instructs officers to bring back a revised Parking Action Plan within two cycles to reflect recommendation 1.1.2 and provide full financial implications of the PAP alongside this.
 - 4) To request a report back to committee which examines how proportionate implementation of double yellow lines might be used to help improve city centre traffic management, including on Sundays.
- moved by Councillor Nick Cook, seconded by Councillor McInnes

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the results of the Parking Action Plan consultation.
- 2) To approve in principle the extension of parking controls to evenings and weekends.
- 3) To agree to continue consideration of the precise hours of operation and details of the parking action plan for one cycle to allow a redrafting of the report, including the full financial details of the proposed hours of operation.

- moved by Councillor Bagshaw, Seconded by Councillor Booth

Votes

For the motion	-	10 votes
For amendment 1	-	3 votes
For amendment 2	-	2 votes

Decision

- 1) To note the full results of the Parking Action Plan recent consultation.
- 2) To approve the principle of extending 'parking restrictions / controls' to Sundays.
- 3) To reject the extension of evening controls to 7.00 pm.
- 4) To note that of 18 comparator cities across the UK, only 3 – namely Bristol, Perth and Stirling, operate those controls for the afternoon period only.
- 5) To further note that both Aberdeen and Dundee, who do have parking restrictions on a Sunday, operate those controls for the afternoon period only.
- 6) To acknowledge that the consultation feedback from Edinburgh, indicates significant concerns about Sunday morning parking restrictions/controls, particularly from traders and city centre residents/visitors.
- 7) Therefore, as referenced in paragraph 2 above, agree the principle of extending 'parking restrictions/controls to Sundays, and now instructs that a further report, in respect of the financial implications of the implementation of the wider Parking Action Plan, would be submitted to the next Transport and Environment Committee meeting in June, detailing the costs involved in:
 - The extension of any new controls to Saturdays and Sundays
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 - The rollout of shared-use parking
- 8) To agree that the report above would seek to maximise the amount of shared-use parking, throughout the controlled area.
- 9) To additionally note that the next committee meeting in June would also receive reports on proposed changes to George Street and the Culture and Sport Committee would agree a new Events Strategy.
- 10) To further agree that the June report would also contain proposals for a revised pricing strategy, as proposed within the wider Parking Action Plan, noting that the introduction of a structured, policy driven pricing strategy, would have the potential to generate additional revenue.
- 11) To note that all the issues referenced in the paragraphs above, would be taken into full consideration prior to final agreement on the wider Parking Action Plan at the next Committee meeting in June.

- 12) To note that this in-principle agreement, and the proposals within the draft Parking Action Plan, would result in no immediate financial implications to the Council, this side of any actual implementation.
- 13) To agree to discussion with public transport providers with a view to improving Sunday service provision.
- 14) To agree that the eventual implementation of these proposals would be carefully monitored and any subsequent feedback would feed into a review following an initial period of operation of the new controls.
- 15) To note that zones 5, 5a and 6 would not change.

(Reference – Minute of the Transport and Environment Committee, 25 August 2015 (item 19); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

8. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 12 January 2016, as a correct record.

9. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for June 2016 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for June 2016.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted)

10. Rolling Actions Log

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log updated to 15 March 2016 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the rolling actions log and to approve the closure of actions 3, 4, 6 and 28.
- 2) To note the expected completion date for rolling actions 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27 had been revised.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 24 October 2013; Rolling Actions Log 15 March 2016, submitted)

11. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 15 March 2016 was presented.

Decision

To note the Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin.

(Reference - Business Bulletin – 15 March 2016, submitted)

12. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Programme 2016/17

Details were provided of Transport Scotland's revenue allocation to the City of Edinburgh Council for 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' activities during 2016/17.

Decision

- 1) To note the allocation of £452,663 of revenue funding from the Scottish Government in 2016/17 on a 50% matched basis as part of the Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Initiative, to pursue and enhance the promotion of sustainable transport.
- 2) To agree the broad programme of initiatives, as set out in the report.
- 3) To agree to delegate powers to the Senior Manager – Roads Network, in consultation with the Convener and the Vice Convener, to further develop and deliver a plan and detailed programme for spending these monies.

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

13. Carbon Literacy Programme for Edinburgh

Details were provided regarding a Carbon Literacy initiative in Edinburgh and the role of the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership in the delivery of such a programme.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Executive and the pilot carbon literacy programme for Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree a further report detailing the key findings of a pilot carbon literacy programme with three city organisations would be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in Spring 2017.

(References – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

14. Transport Governance

Details were provided of revised governance arrangements to reflect a recent Council decision regarding Tram and the Edinburgh St James Development moving to the next stage of delivery.

Decision

- 1) To approve the revised governance arrangements set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place and to note that revised agendas would be issued by Committee Services, actions of the groups would be reviewed and redistributed and a work plan would be developed for the Transport Projects Working Group and Future Transport Working Group
- 2) To note that substitute members would be allowed to attend each of the groups.

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

15. Edinburgh Street Design Guidance – Carriageway and Footway Renewals Programme.

Details were provided on how the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance would be embedded in the delivery of the carriageway and footway renewals programme.

Decision

- 1) To approve the use of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance for the design of all carriageway and footway renewals schemes.
- 2) To agree that any medium to large scale renewal schemes (footway or carriageway) on Strategic and Secondary Retail/High Streets (including for example city centre streets, town centres and neighbourhood shopping streets) take as their scope the entire street width from building façade to building façade.
- 3) To note that, as previously agreed by the Committee, initial experience with use of the guidance, including the design of carriageway and footway renewal schemes in 2016/17 would be reported back to the Committee by the end of 2016.

(Reference – Minute of Transport & Environment Committee 25 August 2015 (item 18); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

16. 9% Budget Commitment to Cycling

The Council had agreed to spend 5% of its 2012/13 transport budgets (capital and revenue) on projects to encourage cycling as a mode of transport in the city, and that this proportion would increase by 1% annually.

A summary of the proposed capital and revenue expenditure on cycling for 2016/17 was submitted.

Motion

To approve the proposed Council expenditure on cycling for 2016/17.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, Seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To note the content of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note the administration's pledge to dedicate a percentage of transport spend for cycling, which has now risen to 9%.
- 3) To appreciate the commitment's desirability and recognise that the continued backlog in road and footway works makes this commitment unaffordable.
- 4) To instruct officers to bring back revised proposals in one cycle, detailing how the dedicated cycle budget would be integrated into the wider net capital expenditure and net revenue expenditure budgets for transport and spent on road and pavement repair projects which would improve safety for all users.

- moved by Councillor Cook, Seconded by Councillor Jackson

Voting

For the motion - 12

For the amendment - 3

Decision

To approve the proposed Council expenditure on cycling for 2016/17.

(References – Act of Council, 9 February 2012; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

17. Car Free Sunday

Authorisation was sought to hold a Car Free event on Sunday on 25 September 2016.

Decision

- 1) To authorise the Executive Director of Place to proceed with arrangements for Car Free Sunday event on 25 September 2016.
- 2) To authorise the Executive Director of Place to arrange events on the spaces created by the closure of streets selected in Localities, with the assistance of an external contractor.

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

18. Review of School Crossing Patrol Service

Approval was sought to review and develop a methodology to prioritise the Council's School Crossing Patrol service

Motion

- 1) To approve a review of the School Crossing Patrol Service.
- 2) To approve the proposed criteria to be used in the review.
- 3) To approve the proposed methodology to be used in the review.

- 4) To note the intention to present the outcome of the review to the Transport and Environment Committee at its meeting in October 2016.
- moved by Councillor Hinds, Seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To approve a review of the School Crossing Patrol Service.
 - 2) To approve the proposed criteria to be used in the review.
 - 3) To approve the proposed methodology to be used in the review.
 - 4) To note the intention to present the outcome of the review to the Transport and Environment Committee at its meeting in October 2016.
 - 5) To note that the cost to undertake a review through consultants is estimated to be approximately £62,000 and that this cost would be contained within the 2016/17 School Crossing Patrol Budget.
 - 6) To note that the Council had committed to reduce consultancy costs by £2m in the financial year 2016/17
 - 7) To note that the Council expressly rejected cuts to school crossing provision in the 2016/17 draft budget proposals.
 - 8) To call for the review of the school crossing patrol service to be carried out in-house and for the resources saved through in-house provision to be used to cover the 25% of the school crossing locations which currently remain vacant.
- moved by Councillor Bagshaw, Seconded by Councillor Booth

Voting

For the motion - 9 votes

For the amendment - 6 votes

Decision

- 1) To approve a review of the School Crossing Patrol Service.
- 2) To approve the proposed criteria to be used in the review.
- 3) To approve the proposed methodology to be used in the review.
- 4) To note the intention to present the outcome of the review to this committee at its meeting in October 2016.

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

19. Supported Bus Services Future Network

An update was provided on the assessment of supported bus services.

Decision

- 1) To note the outcome of the assessment of supported bus services.
- 2) To approve the termination of contracts offering fewest benefits (taking account of any mitigating factors) i.e. the Lothian 42 and 60, Horsburgh 64 and Waverley 70.
- 3) To approve the implementation of an enhanced service 18 with greater benefits, subject to tender returns.
- 4) To approve the renewal or continuation of contracts for services 20, 38, 63, 13 and 68.
- 5) To agree that every effort be made to secure sponsorship by third parties of Festive bus services as referred to, and that the outcome of this exercise be reported back to the August meeting of the Committee for further consideration..
- 6) To authorise the Executive Director of Place to consult West Lothian Council on cross-boundary services.
- 7) To receive a report on the outcome of these actions at a future meeting.

(References – Minute of Transport & Environment Committee 27 October 2015 (item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

20. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/14/15 Belgrave Place, Edinburgh

Details of objections to a traffic regulation order were provided and agreement sought to cancel proposed parking amendments in Belgrave Place.

Decision

To cancel the amendments made to the traffic regulation order (as described in TRO/14/15) in Belgrave Place.

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

21. Objections to Proposed Disabled Bay – Oxfangs Library Car Park (TRO 13/13/49)

Details were provided of an objection received in respect of a traffic regulation order. Withdrawal of the proposed traffic regulation order was sought.

Decision

- 1) To set aside the proposed traffic regulation order.
- 2) To leave the current bays as unenforceable until such time that the new car park is constructed to include seven new disabled persons parking places with the associated traffic regulation order.

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

22. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Kirkgate, Currie (TRO 13/55F)

Details of objections received to the proposed traffic regulation order to introduce waiting and loading restrictions on a section of the Kirkgate, Currie was presented.

Decision

To set aside the proposed traffic regulation order in order that a more comprehensive public consultation on the proposals would be carried out, prior to a new traffic regulation order being proposed.

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

23. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Pentland Drive at Pentland View (TRO 13/55/F)

Details were provided of a proposed a traffic regulation order in respect of waiting and loading restrictions on a section of Pentland Drive at the Junction with Pentland View

Decision

- 1) To acknowledge that the objection against the traffic regulation order had been considered.
- 2) To set aside the objection to the traffic regulation order and to approve the implementation of the waiting and loading restrictions.

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

24. Call on the Council to invest in improved facilities and to increase the number of inspections to tackle dog dirt – referral from the Petitions Committee

The Petitions Committee had referred a petition entitled ‘Call on the Council to invest in improved facilities and to increase the number of inspections to tackle dog dirt’ to the Transport and Environment Committee for consideration..

Decision

- 1) To note the referral report.
- 2) To note the ongoing work by Officers to address the issues raised by the petition.
- 3) To include an update in the Petitions Committee Business Bulletin.

(References – Minute of Petitions Committee 3 February 2015 (item 4) report by the Interim Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted)

25. Delivering Improvements in Waste and Recycling Collection Services - Presentation

Gareth Barwell, Waste and Cleansing Manager provided the Committee with a verbal update on improvements being implemented in respect of waste and recycling collection services. Various initiatives are being developed to ensure a high quality and reliable waste and recycling service to the residents of Edinburgh, such as:

- Service Reorganisation.
- Improved Consistency of Collections.
- Improved Customer Interaction.
- Improved Information.
- Improved Engagement and Enforcement.
- Investment in Staff / Vehicles / Depots.

Decision

To note the presentation 'Delivering Improvements in Waste and Recycling Collection Services'.

26. 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 December 2015, was detailed. The City of Edinburgh Council had achieved a score of 74 with 97% of the streets surveyed achieving the nationally recognised standard of cleanliness.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note with concern that over a third of environment-related complaints received in December 2015 were in connection with fly tipping or dumping.
- 3) To note that Committee believes that fly tipping can blight public spaces and land where it occurs, having a significant negative impact on the quality of life for residents.
- 4) To agree to consult with the National Fly Tipping Prevention Group and any other relevant groups, and to receive a report within 2 cycles exploring examples of best practice in tackling fly tipping from other local authorities and significant landowners, and setting out a detailed and costed action plan for tackling dumping and fly tipping in the City of Edinburgh.

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

27. Corporate Performance Framework – Performance to November 2015

Details regarding the Council's performance against Transport and Environment strategic outcomes, covering the period to November 2015 was provided.

Motion

To note the performance for the period to November 2015.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, Seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment

- 1) To note the content of the report.
- 2) To note with concern that the Council had missed its targets in each and every month of the last 11 months in the category of recycling, and in each of the last 8 months in the categories of emergency street lighting repairs carried out within two hours and emergency road defects required within 2 hours.
- 3) Committee believes that this was an unacceptably poor level of service and therefore agreed to receive a report within one cycle setting out the actions the Council would take to ensure that targets in these areas were met in the future.

- moved by Councillor Booth, Seconded by Councillor Bagshaw

Voting

For the motion - 11 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

Decision

To note the performance for the period to November 2015.

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

28. Landfill and Recycling

A performance report regarding the amount of non recyclable waste sent to landfill and the amount of waste recycled for the period April to December 2015 was presented.

Decision

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

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

29. Saughton Park and Gardens Heritage Lottery Fund Delivery Phase Grant Award

Details were provided of the Council's successful application for funding via the Heritage Lottery Fund 'Parks for People'.

Decision

- 1) To note The Council's second round application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to improve Saughton Park and Gardens had been successful and that the five year Delivery Phase of the project commenced at the start of 2016.
- 2) To note that an update report would be submitted to the Committee prior to the start of the Construction Phase.
- 3) To note that the proposed micro hydro scheme at Saughton Park would happen and that officers were currently investigating funding options.

(Reference – Minute of Transport and Environment Committee 2 June 2015 (item 6), report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

30. Roadside Emissions Testing and Air Pollution – Motion by Councillor Booth

The following motion by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29.1.

“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 it 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 that 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 had 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.

- c) sets out options for additional action to ensure the city complies with statutory air quality standards.”

Amendment

- 1) To note the comprehensive members briefing previously circulated to all Councillors following the BBC programme ‘Car Sick’ broadcast on 11 January 2016.
- 2) To agree that action outlined in the members’ briefing demonstrates this Councils commitment to adopting sustainable long term projects for improving air quality in Edinburgh, including significant use of Scottish Government funding as detailed.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, Seconded by Councillor McVey

Voting

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

Decision

- 1) To note the comprehensive members briefing previously circulated to all Councillors following the BBC programme ‘Car Sick’ broadcast on 11 January 2016.
- 2) To agree that action outlined in the members’ briefing demonstrates this Councils commitment to adopting sustainable long term projects for improving air quality in Edinburgh, including significant use of Scottish Government funding as detailed.