

Transport and Environment Committee

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Edinburgh Playing Out

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Executive Summary

This report is a follow up to the Playing Out report presented to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on Tuesday 12 April 2016. The recommendations of the aforementioned report highlighted the need for a protocol to be developed and guidelines written for residents to apply for permission to hold an event under the Council's new Playing Out policy, to be agreed by the Transport and Environment Committee.

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Playing Out

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 It is recommended that the Committee:
 - 1.1.1 notes the recommendations of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee report of Tuesday 12 April 2016;
 - 1.1.2 approves the implementation of a one year pilot project; and
 - 1.1.3 approves the public consultation, application and cost recovery procedure.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 12 April 2016 approved the recommendation to develop guidance for residents wishing to organise Playing Out events and develop a set of procedures for hosting such an event.

3. Main report

- 3.1 The Planning and Transport Division will draw up a pilot arrangement, for a period of one year, to assist local communities, city wide, who wish to hold 'Playing Out' activities in residential streets.
- 3.2 The pilot arrangement will start at the beginning of the 2016 school summer holiday period for a duration of four months.
- 3.3 Following completion of the pilot period the findings will be reported back to the Transport and Environment Committee.

Procedures

- 3.4 Only non-traffic sensitive streets of a residential nature will be considered as part of the scheme. Permission for the closure will be agreed through the Locality Teams who will have local knowledge of any other events in the surrounding area which may have a direct impact.
- 3.5 The applicant is required to seek the agreement of all affected residents and be able to demonstrate, to the Council, a supporting majority of not less than 70% in support of the proposed event.

- 3.6 Ideally a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) under the Road Traffic Regulation Act would be promoted for a number of streets over a period of months. This would limit the amount of work in raising Street Notices for each application and be more cost effective, with costs split proportionally across all applications.

Example:

Option 1 - A Day Notice would currently incur a cost of £410 (Exc VAT).

Option 2 - An advertised TTRO would incur a cost of £550 (Exc VAT) + the cost of the advert - typically around £500 say.

If we had, say, 10 communities with 10 streets advertised under one advert in Option 2 this would equate to £100 each for the whole pilot period and allow a number of events to take place in that time.

By raising a Day Notice under Option 1 the cost to the organiser would be £410 for each and every event.

- 3.7 The applicant will be responsible for erecting Street Notices or information signs to inform residents of any approved closure.
- 3.8 The organiser will be responsible for storing equipment locally and will be responsible for implementing and removing the closure.
- 3.9 The Council can provide, at a cost, the signage required and provide the organisers with details of barrier suppliers.
- 3.10 Emergency and pedestrian access must be maintained at all times.
- 3.11 Given the unknown numbers of potential closures, communities will be given their first event free of charge, after which cost recovery will be sought for any additional events.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 Development of a procedure which minimises staff time and costs associated in promoting the TTRO.
- 4.2 Increase in the number of Playing Out events across the city.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 Staff time costs will be incurred during the development of the procedures.
- 5.2 Staff time will be incurred in promoting the necessary TTRO.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There is a risk that the equipment is not set out by parents in accordance with Council instructions. This would result in the road not being correctly closed in terms of the Road Scotland Act 1984.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 The rights of the child will be enhanced by improving children's right to play (UNCRC article 31), including children with disabilities.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There is no adverse economic, social and environmental impact arising from this report.
- 8.2 The proposals in this report will reduce carbon emissions locally for the duration of any road closure, reducing children's exposure to emissions from road vehicles whilst playing outside.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 Consultation and agreement will be carried out by residents within each community as part of the Playing Out process as laid down in the guidelines.

10. Background reading/external references

- 10.1 [Playing Out report to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee of 12 April 2016.](#)

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11. Links

Coalition Pledges	P33 – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used.
Council Priorities	CP1 – Children and young people fulfil their potential. CP2 – Improved health and wellbeing: reduced inequalities. CP4 – Safe and empowered communities.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO2 – Edinburgh’s citizens experience improved health and wellbeing, with reduced inequalities in health. SO3 – Edinburgh’s children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential. SO4 – Edinburgh’s communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
Appendices	None