

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## Transport and Environment Committee

**10.00am Thursday 10 August 2017**

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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## **1. Order of business**

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- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

## **2. Declaration of interests**

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- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

## **3. Deputations**

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- 3.1 If any

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 Transport and Environment Committee 21 March 2017 (circulated) - submitted for approval as a correct record

## **5. Forward planning**

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- 5.1 Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan (circulated)
- 5.2 Transport and Environment Committee Outstanding Actions Log (circulated)

## **6. Business bulletin**

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- 6.1 Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin (circulated)

## **7. Executive decisions**

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- 7.1 Roads Services Improvement Report – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 7.2 Delivering the Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019: Parking Action Plan – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 7.3 Parking in Dumbiedykes and the Pleasance Areas – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 7.4 Petitions for Consideration: Lothianburn Park and Ride & Redesign the traffic light priorities at Junction of Slateford Road and Shandon Place – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.5 Appointments to Working Groups – 2017/18 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 7.6 Re-appointment of Non-Executive Director to the Board of Lothian Buses Limited – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

## **8. Routine decisions**

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- 8.1 Updated Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation 2017/18 – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.2 Waste and Cleansing Service - Performance Update – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.3 Waste and Cleansing Improvement Plan - Progress Update – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

## **9. Motions**

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- 9.1 Motion By Councillor Doggart – Leith Walk Works - Remitted from Full Council on 29 June 2017
- “1) Council regrets the inconvenience caused by the collapse of the Council’s contractor Land Engineering, the company responsible for undertaking the Phase 4 repairs to Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and McDonald Road. Council specifically regrets the additional disruption caused to the residents and businesses of Leith Walk and Leith by the company’s collapse and the inevitable delays incurred to the works programme.
- 2) Council instructs the Executive Director of Place to report within one cycle on the circumstances of the appointment and subsequent collapse of Land Engineering detailing the procurement processes used.
- 3) In particular, the report should detail:
- the work undertaken, if any, to assess the financial viability of Land Engineering in light of the company's large losses in 2015.
  - an explanation of whether and when any subsequent reviews of the company's financial position took place after the awarding of the contract.
  - whether any bonds, or other indemnities, were included in the contract.
  - the financial consequences of the demise of Land Engineering for council tax payers.
- 4) Council further instructs the Executive Director of Resources to provide a report to the appropriate Committee detailing any potential improvements to procurement processes that could be undertaken to improve financial checks on contractors’ viability both before and for the duration of any future long term contracts.”

9.2 Motion By Councillor Laidlaw — Weeds Issues Across the City - Remitted from Full Council on 29 June 2017

“Council recognises that the current surfeit of weeds and overgrown vegetation on our streets, pavements, footpaths and verges is unacceptable, undermines the fabric of the city and has not been properly addressed since the ban of the use of glyphosate and that current arrangements to split weed control between Waste and Cleansing and Parks, Greenspace and Cemeteries are under-resourced and have failed to address the problem and that sporadic use of eight gardeners and one soon to be delivered weed stripper is not sufficient.

Council notes that current arrangements do not meet DEFRA’s Best Practice Guidance Notes for Integrated and Non-Chemical Amenity Hard Surface Weed Control which state ‘local authorities have a duty of care to the public untreated weeds in block paving may create a trip hazard.’ and that weed build up is also covered by the Environmental Protection Act.

Council instructs the Director of Place to take immediate action on the recommendations of the report of the Transport & Environment Committee, 1 November 2016, Item 7.3 ‘Alternatives to the use of glyphosate based herbicide to control weeds on streets and green spaces be revisited’ to be put into action within one cycle, particularly targeted on the worst affected areas, including a particular focus on the world heritage site ahead of the Festival season.

Council asks for a report from the new Transport & Environment Committee to review full integration of weed removal into the Waste and Cleansing function as part of proposed improvements to street cleaning.”

9.3 Motion by Councillor Booth – Picardy Place Junction

“Committee:

- 1) Notes the decision of council on 10 March 2016 in regard to the regeneration of the St James Quarter, including a decision on the future governance of the Growth Accelerator Model (GAM) works programme and cross-party members' oversight of the project;
- 2) Notes that the Transport Projects Working Group has not met since the council election in May;
- 3) Expresses concern at the lack of public consultation on changes to a significant element of the city's transport infrastructure;
- 4) Agrees that public consultation on proposed changes to the Picardy Place junction should take place as soon as possible;
- 5) Agrees that the redesign of a significant city centre junction and surrounding streets presents an opportunity for traffic reduction, development of active travel infrastructure, and improvement of the public realm;
- 6) Therefore agrees to receive a report within one cycle setting out options for achieving this in Picardy Place and surrounding streets, and that this report will also set out the decision-making process to date on Picardy Place, and

the proposed future decision making, and in particular what the democratic oversight of the process has been.”

#### 9.4 Motion by Councillor Burgess – Reducing Plastic Bottle Pollution

“Committee:

Recognises the large quantity of plastic bottles that are currently disposed of and littered in the City and end up polluting the environment;

Notes the interest at national level in a deposit return system for drinks containers and agrees that Edinburgh Council should write to Scottish Ministers in support of this initiative;

Notes the success of such systems, especially in Scandinavia and the Baltic countries, at reducing both litter and associated costs for local authorities;

Further notes that plastic bottles are used during Edinburgh council service delivery, including school packed-lunches, and requests a report on ways of reducing this use.”

## Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

### Committee Members

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Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Arthur, Barrie, Booth, Bruce Burgess, Cook, Douglas, Gloyer and Key.

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