

Transport and Environment Committee

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Transport and Environment Committee Strategic Work Programme

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Executive Summary

The Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council Business Plan 2017-22 was approved by Council on [24 August 2017](#).

This report sets out the elements of the Programme for the Capital which sit within the remit of the Transport and Environment Committee.

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Transport and Environment Committee is asked to note the work programme for the Committee, as set out in the Programme for the Capital and summarised below.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council Business Plan 2017-22 was approved by Council on 24 August 2017.
- 2.2 This sets out the commitments of the Council Administration in the context of the Council strategy, City Vision, the Community Plan, the budget plan, the people plan and Directorate Business Plans.
- 2.3 A detailed Business Plan for Place will be developed to reflect these plans and will reflect how services will approach challenges and improve services for citizens.
- 2.4 A report detailing how progress against the Programme for the Capital will be measured will be presented to Council in October. This will be reflected in the Place Directorate Business Plan and in future reports to the Transport and Environment Committee.

3. Main report

Strategic Context

- 3.1 The Council has set out five strategic aims:
- A **Vibrant City** - Edinburgh to be a vibrant and thriving city with a unique heritage, leading economy and a world-renowned reputation for culture and sport.
 - A **City of Opportunity** - Edinburgh to be a city in which everyone has access to opportunities to live fulfilling lives and ensure no one is left behind.
 - A **Resilient City** - Edinburgh to be a city that is resilient with citizens that are protected and supported with access to sustainable and well maintained facilities.
 - A **Forward Looking Council** – An organisation that collaborates effectively with our partners, focuses on prevention and ensures we are fit for the future.

- An **Empowering Council** - A council which empowers our citizens to take action, participate and make decisions for themselves.
- 3.2 The Council have made 52 Commitments to the city, all based around six themes:
- **Deliver an economy for all** – local jobs, growth and affordable housing.
 - **Build for a future Edinburgh** – a planning system that works to protect **and develop our city**.
 - **Deliver a sustainable future** – a better environment and transport system that works for all.
 - **Deliver for our children and families** – improving lives and future.
 - **Deliver a healthier city for all ages** – strong and vibrant communities.
 - **Deliver a Council that works for all** – more empowered, transparent and improved public services.

Transport and Environment Committee Remit

- 3.3 The Transport and Environment Committee remit includes: Strategic Transport Planning, Traffic management, roads and parking, Public transport, Public Realm, Sustainability, carbon reduction and energy issues, Flood prevention, Waste services, Environmental health and trading standards, Parks and green space, Street Cleaning and open space maintenance.
- 3.4 The remit is primarily focused on the theme: **Deliver a sustainable future** – a better environment and transport system that works for all.
- 3.5 The detail of the commitments is provided in appendix 1 of this report.
- 3.6 The work programme for the Committee will be focused on these Commitments with regular reports for approval and/or information throughout the course of the Business Plan period.
- 3.7 The Key Decisions Forward Plan on today’s agenda outlines the reports which are already scheduled for decision at upcoming Committee meetings.

4. Measures of success

- 4.1 The measures for success are still be developed and will be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in December 2017.

5. Financial impact

- 5.1 The activities set out in this report are currently reflected in the Place budget 2017/18.

- 5.2 The Council's proposals for budget savings in future years will be presented to Finance and Resources Committee on 28 September 2017 for consultation. The final proposals will be submitted to Council early in the new year for approval.

6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 The Place Directorate Business Plan will be updated to reflect the Programme for the Capital.
- 6.2 The risk, compliance and governance impacts of the Programme for the Capital are being considered within the Council's framework for managing these activities and will then be reviewed regularly.

7. Equalities impact

- 7.1 There are no direct Equalities impacts arising from this report.
- 7.2 As services develop to deliver the Programme for the Capital, Equalities impacts will be assessed in the normal way.

8. Sustainability impact

- 8.1 There are no direct Sustainability impacts arising from this report.
- 8.2 As services develop to deliver the Programme for the Capital, Sustainability impacts will be assessed in the normal way.

9. Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 The Programme for the Capital has been developed to incorporate feedback from consultation and engagement.
- 9.2 Consultation and engagement will be undertaken at the appropriate time as services develop activities to align with the commitments set out in the Place Directorate Business Plan.

10. Background reading/external references

None.

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11. Appendices

- 1 Council Commitments – Deliver a Sustainable Future

Appendix 1 – Delivering a sustainable future Council Commitments

A better environment and transport system that works for all

- C16. Invest £100m in roads and pavements over the next 5 years. This will include road and pavement maintenance, installing more pedestrian crossings, increasing the number of dropped kerbs and dedicate safer foot and cycle paths as well as introducing more pedestrian zones.
- C17. Guarantee 10% of the transport budget on improving cycling in the city.
- C18. Improve Edinburgh's air quality and reduce carbon emissions. Explore the implementation of low emission zones.
- C19. Keep the city moving by reducing congestion, improving public transport to rural west Edinburgh and managing road works to avoid unnecessary disruption to the public.
- C20. Explore the introduction of a lane rental for utility companies to reduce traffic pressures.
- C21. Retain Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Tram in public ownership.
- C22. Deliver the tram extension to Newhaven by 2022 after reviewing the business case and delivery plan to ensure they are robust.
- C23. Implement improvement plans for Waste and Cleansing Services to improve street cleanliness in every ward. Reintroduce a free bulky item collection service to tackle fly tipping.
- C24. Reduce the incidence of dog fouling on Edinburgh's streets and public parks.
- C25. Increase recycling to 60% from 46% during the lifetime of the administration.
- C26. Improve parking for residents by expanding provision of park and rides for commuters.
- C27. Tackle pavement parking and reduce street clutter to improve accessibility.

C43. Continue to upgrade our existing parks and plant an additional 1,000 trees in communities. Protect major recreational areas such as the Meadows, Leith Links and Princes Street Gardens.