



# Business bulletin

## Transport and Environment Committee

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## Recent news

### Edinburgh Tram – York Place to Newhaven

In September 2017, the Council approved the updated Outline Business Case for completing the existing tram line to Newhaven, and approved the commencement of Stage 2 activities, including the commencement of the procurement process to select preferred contractors along with the commencement of project consultation.

A commitment was made to update and refine the business case following the completion of the procurement exercise, and bring a report back to Council by Autumn 2018 recommending a way forward.

The project team continue to progress with all activities associated with the procurement stage of the project and tenders for the main works were released to four shortlisted bidders on 20 April 2018. Tenders for the utility works are due to be released in mid June.

The Project consultation in relation to temporary traffic management during construction, business support, and final road layouts commenced in March and closed on 29 April 2018.

Over 1,500 people attended events along the route and the Council received over 1,450 responses to the consultation. Work is now underway evaluating all submissions and a presentation will be provided at the Committee meeting in June setting out the results of the evaluation and next steps.

This was the first stage of engagement and further engagement will follow in late summer after responses have been analysed and the design proposals have been updated.

The project team continue to engage with key stakeholders including Edinburgh Trams, THRE Edinburgh St James, Forth Ports, community councils, active travel groups and key utility companies.

The project will continue to report each cycle to the Transport & Environment Committee through the business bulletin.

## Background

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## Ross Development Trust - Update

In December 2016 the Council entered into a development agreement with the Ross Development Trust (RDT) to allow several improvements to West Princes Street Gardens (WPSG) and which included the replacement of the Ross Bandstand and restoration of the Ross Fountain to begin.

The proposed enhancement to the gardens will not only allow from improved accessibility for all, but will also reinforce the Gardens civic, commemorative, botanical and cultural status.

As reported to Culture and Communities Committee 20 March 2018 that although significant progress has been made to date with the completed refurbishment of the cottage and restoration of the Ross fountain (due for completion at the end of June 18), clarity on the detail of future governance and operation of the new Pavilion and Garden Reception Building was a requirement for the substantive fundraising appeal and campaign. Through a series of workshops in January 2018, the potential opportunities to create a foundation that would enable the key parties to address the maintenance and future management issues and to ensure delivery of the project, securing a long-term sustainable legacy for the gardens were reviewed. The agreement in principle was the creation of a new ALEO could not only maximise fundraising potential for the redevelopment but also give donors and the public clarity and reassurance on the operation and legacy of the bandstand post redevelopment.

At the request of the Committee, further work was undertaken through an independently chaired workshop on the 21 May to focus on the following

- full examination of the business case to ensure concerns can be addressed regarding any over commercialisation and limited environmental impact on the Gardens.
- agreeing and publishing a public consultation document that will summarise relevant issues, including the remit of the ALEO and a detailed proposal for how it will be managed and governed.
- events usage within the pavilion and gardens.

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Public consultation will run between the 25 June and 17 August, to ensure that all interested member for the public have an opportunity to share their views on the proposals

Once consultation has ended a further report will be brought to committee with the intention to refer to full Council for sign off. Included in this will be

- Full results from the Public Consultation.
- A recommendation to sign off the Business Case
- Provide the clarity around the proposed ALEO and how the governance will be managed to meet its objectives.

West Princes Street Gardens are a loved asset held in common good for the public in Edinburgh, and will always remain accessible and welcoming to everyone in the city through the continued ownership of the gardens and Pavilion with the Council

### **Fountain update**

Work on the £1.8m Ross Fountain restoration commenced in July 2017 and will be completed for the end of June 2018, and the restoration work has been carried out by Industrial Heritage and Kelsen. This work has been made possible through the kind donations from Edinburgh World Heritage, Mr Springford and a private benefactor

The planting around the new fountain border has been design by officers in support of the Glow Gold September campaign, which aims to raise awareness of childhood Cancer. The campaign will see several iconic venues illuminated in gold from dusk until dawn in September, including Edinburgh Castle, the Kelpies, and The Gateshead Millennium Bridge.

In celebration of the completion of the Ross Fountain, there will be a free to attend community event on Sunday the 8th of July between 12-4pm. The official switching on of the Fountain is a fantastic milestone to have reached with flowing water returning to the City's much-loved Ross Fountain.