

# Transport and Environment Committee

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## Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments six monthly progress update

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### Executive Summary

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The Council Business Plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) was approved by the Council in [August 2017](#). The plan has been built around 52 commitments the Council Administration have pledged to deliver over the next five years. This report sets out the progress against the 13 coalition commitments where Transport and Environment has responsibility.

## Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments six monthly progress update

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that Transport and Environment:
  - 1.1.1 note the progress against the 13 coalition commitments; and
  - 1.1.2 note that the coalition commitments form part of the wider Council Performance Framework, which includes corporate performance indicators covering corporate performance and council service delivery;

### 2. Background

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- 2.1 The Council Business Plan was approved at City of Edinburgh Council in [August 2017](#). The plan sets out the administration's priorities and what will be achieved over the five-year period.
- 2.2 Given the importance of holding ourselves to account on delivery of the commitments, a Performance Framework has been developed to support their implementation. The framework was approved by City of Edinburgh Council on [23 November 2017](#) and referred to Corporate Policy & Strategy Committee for further scrutiny.
- 2.3 As described in the Performance Framework report, Executive Committees will scrutinise performance relevant to their remit on a six-monthly basis.
- 2.4 A refined set of all commitment measures and actions was presented to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on [27 February 2018](#). These were agreed, on the understanding that a final set of indicators would be submitted to the relevant Executive Committees for scrutiny and approval.
- 2.5 Transport and Environment Committee considered the final set of commitments actions and measures on [17 May 2018](#).

### 3. Main report

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- 3.1 Since the Business Plan was agreed in August 2017, work has begun to ensure that plans are in place to deliver on the commitments, a number of which are longer term and are planned to be delivered over the course of the administration.
- 3.2 The first 6 monthly progress update will be presented to the relevant Executive Committees in December 2018 and January 2019.
- 3.3 Transport and Environment has responsibility for 13 commitments:
  - 3.3.1 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.
  - 3.3.2 C17. Guarantee 10% of the transport budget on improving cycling in the city.
  - 3.3.3 C18. Improve Edinburgh's air quality and reduce carbon emissions. Explore the implementation of low emission zones.
  - 3.3.4 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.
  - 3.3.5 C20. Explore the introduction of a lane rental for utility companies to reduce traffic pressures.
  - 3.3.6 C21. Retain Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Tram in public ownership.
  - 3.3.7 C22. Deliver the tram extension to Newhaven by 2022 after reviewing the business case and delivery plan to ensure they are robust.
  - 3.3.8 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.
  - 3.3.9 C24. Reduce the incidence of dog fouling on Edinburgh's streets and public parks.
  - 3.3.10 C25. Increase recycling to 60% from 46% during the lifetime of the administration.
  - 3.3.11 C26. Improve parking for residents by expanding provision of park and rides for commuters.
  - 3.3.12 C27. Tackle pavement parking and reduce street clutter to improve accessibility.
  - 3.3.13 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.
- 3.4 The Appendix of this report provides a detailed update on the six monthly progress against delivery of these commitments. All of these commitments are 'on track' with relevant actions and measures in place to monitor progress.

#### **4. Measures of success**

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- 4.1 A suite of performance measures and actions has been developed to assess progress towards commitments. The monitoring of commitment progress forms part of the Council's performance framework.

#### **5. Financial impact**

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- 5.1 The financial impact is set out within the individual commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **6. Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact**

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- 6.1 Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact is integrated within the commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **7. Equalities impact**

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- 7.1 Equalities impact is integrated within the commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **8. Sustainability impact**

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- 8.1 Sustainability impact is integrated within the commitments and the Council Business Plan.

#### **9. Consultation and engagement**

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- 9.1 The commitments actions and measures have been developed and updated in collaboration with Elected Members, Senior and Service Managers.

#### **10. Background reading/external references**

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- 10.1 [Programme for the Capital: City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22](#)
- 10.2 [Implementing in Programme for the Capital – Council Performance Framework 2017-22](#)
- 10.3 [Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Council Performance Framework 2017-22 – referral from City of Edinburgh Council](#)
- 10.4 [Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments – Transport and Environment Committee 17 May 2018](#)

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## **11. Appendices**

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Appendix 1            Coalition Commitments progress update to December 2018 (to follow)



# *Coalition Commitments Progress Update December 2018*

The Council Business Plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) was approved by the Council in August 2017. The plan has been built around 52 commitments the Council Administration have pledged to deliver over the next five years. The commitments have been made to ensure that we continue to provide services to a high standard and quality, while still responding to the wider environment in which we operate.

The commitments are structured around six themes:

- **Delivering an economy for all** – local jobs, growth, and affordable housing
- **Building for a future Edinburgh** – a planning system that works to protect and develop our city
- **Delivering a sustainable future** – a better environment and transport system that works for all
- **Delivering for our children and families** – improving lives and futures
- **Delivering a healthier city for all ages** – strong and vibrant communities
- **Delivering a Council that works for all** – more empowered, transparent, and improved public services

The Council Performance Framework describes the reporting approach with commitment progress updates presented to Executive Committees every six months and to Council and Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee annually. Thirteen commitments out of 52 are within Transport and Environment Committee remit and these are on track.

## Commitments – Transport and Environment Committee

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**Convener:**  
**Councillor Lesley Macinnes**



**Vice-Convener:**  
**Councillor Karen Doran**

The Transport and Environment Committee is responsible for: 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

Lead Committee for:

- 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.
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- C25. Increase recycling to 60% from 46% during the lifetime of the administration.
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- 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.

## Commitment 16

*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.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

The first draft of the [Roads Asset Management Plan \(RAMP\)](#) was approved by Transport and Committee on 9 March 2018. The RAMP has now been expanded to include additional transport assets (i.e. cycling infrastructure) and will be re-named as the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP). The TAMP will be presented to this Committee on 6 December 2018. The purpose of the TAMP is to establish future maintenance and management of the overall road network and set out options considered to take forward the management of the Council's road assets.

Key Actions	Achievements		Status
Create and monitor Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP)	The RAMP has been expanded and now includes cycling infrastructure and park and ride sites. This will allow better implementation of renewal schemes, taking consideration of all transport network users.		Ongoing

  

Key Measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Road Condition Index	36.4%	Continual Improvement	<b>Comment on RCI/TAMP to be added.</b>
Level of total road investment	£20.747m	£100m by 2022	The level of investment takes into account capital and revenue spend across transport assets: carriageway and footway renewals, carriageway and footway repairs, street lighting and traffic signals, road safety and active travel. It is forecast that spend on carriageway and footway renewals will be higher in 2018/19.
Residents satisfaction with roads	51%	Increasing trend	The Scottish average for satisfaction with roads is 45%. Additional revenue investment in 2018/19 has allowed the rollout

Key Measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Residents satisfaction with pavements and footpaths	53%	Increasing trend	<p>of a targeted road repair programme, significantly increasing the number of defect repairs being carried out.</p> <p>Edinburgh continues to invest at some of the highest levels of footway investment in Scotland. 30% of the total carriageway and footway renewal budget is apportioned to footways each financial year with an aim of improving resident satisfaction.</p>

## Commitment 17

*Guarantee 10% of the transport budget on improving cycling in the city.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

The Councils budget for 2018/19 has set aside 10% of the Transport budget (capital and revenue) for cycling. Performance on this is reported annually to the Transport and Environment Committee. The last update was presented on [9 August 2018](#) and reported on the financial year 2016/17.

Key actions	Achievements		Status
Develop the cycling capital programme for 2018/19	The full cycling capital programme for 2018/19 was contained within the report to committee on <a href="#">9 August 2018</a> . Key projects include the City Centre West East Link and the Meadows to Union Canal.		Delivered

  

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Percentage of investment guaranteed	10%	10%	The Councils budget in 2018/19 allocated 10% of the transport budget to cycling.
Residents perception of cycling in the city – cycle routes are good	54%	Increasing trend	The Bike Life report, released every two years and last reported in 2017 indicates increased levels of cycling and a majority of feedback which supports increases in funding and amount of cycling infrastructure across the city.
Residents perception of cycling in the city – condition of cycle routes is good	47%	Increasing trend	

## Commitment 18

*Improve Edinburgh's air quality and reduce carbon emissions. Explore the implementation of low emission zones.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

On 17 May 2018 the Transport and Environment Committee agreed the approach to developing [Low Emission Zones](#) and improving air quality in the city. The zones are being developed in conjunction with the City Mobility Plan and the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation project.

The third annual report on progress of the Sustainable Energy Action Plan was presented to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 15 May 2018 and highlighted the progress in reducing carbon emissions across the city. Between 2005 and 2016, carbon emissions reduced by 33% against a target of a 42% reduction by 2020. Per capita emissions have also reduced from 7.3 tonnes to 4.3 tonnes across the same period. The report also detailed the progress of key projects in energy efficiency in buildings (domestic and non-domestic), renewables and sustainable transport. A number of initiatives have successfully secured funding from Scottish Government or grants that have enabled resources to be secured. The Committee agreed to receive update reports every two cycles on progress.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Improve and reduce the number of the Air Quality Management Zones and revise the current Air Quality Action Plan	Long term trends show concentrations are going down for both Nitrogen Dioxide (NO2) and particles (PM2.5 and PM10), although there continues to be hot-spot areas where legal standards are breached. The Central Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) has the highest concentration of sites that exceed the NO2 standards, however other locations in the St John's Road and Glasgow Road (Newbridge) AQMAs also exceed. For the first time since the declaration of the Great Junction Street and Inverleith Row AQMAs there are no breaches of NO2 standards. This trend will have to be sustained for a number of years before considering revocation.	Ongoing
Establish Edinburgh's first low emission zone by 2020	Work is underway to develop and fully test LEZ options in Edinburgh. Options to be tested in include a city-wide boundary and a city-centre focussed boundary. LEZs are being developed in conjunction with	Ongoing

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Actions contained within the Sustainable Energy Action Plan	<p>the City Mobility Plan and the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation project. Detailed LEZ proposals are expected to be available early in 2019. Edinburgh intends to progress its LEZs using the LEZ specific legislation, expected to pass by Scottish Parliament in mid-2019. Complimentary measures (such as development of sustainable transport options, park and ride facilities, and wider placemaking interventions) as part the other projects will help to ensure LEZs are effective in improving air quality and ensuing we provide for the needs of Edinburgh’s businesses and residents.</p> <p>Work continues to progress the actions contained within the SEAP programme. There are over 100 actions being taken forward by service areas and other partners. These include projects to reduce the energy efficiency in buildings both domestic and non-domestic properties, the development of renewable energy schemes, sustainable transport initiatives including the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and circular economy projects. Reporting on progress is carried out annually to Committee with the next report scheduled for May 2019. An update report is due to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in December 2018.</p>	Ongoing

Key measures	Current data	Target	Comment
City of Edinburgh Council’s carbon emissions (measured in kilotonnes)	151kt	Decrease to 112kt by 20/21 (42%)	The Council’s carbon emissions were 151kt in 2017/18, an 8% increase on the 139kt emitted in 2016/17. In order to achieve the 42% target by 2020-21, there needs to be a total emissions reduction of 7% every year over the next three years.
City Wide Carbon emissions (in kilotonnes)	3,277kt	1,901kt	Emissions in Edinburgh have now decreased by 33% against a target of 42% by 2020. If current trends are maintained then the Council should be on course to meet the 42% target.

Key measures	Current data	Target	Comment
CEC and Lothian Buses Green fleet	68%	75% meeting Euro V standard by 2018	Work is underway with Lothian Buses to ensure that Lothian Buses' fleet upgrade plans align with future LEZ requirements. The same approach is underway with the Council's own fleet.
Air Quality Management Zones improvement	6 Air Quality Management Areas	Decreasing long term trend	Long term trends show concentrations are going down for both Nitrogen Dioxide (NO <sub>2</sub> ) and particles (PM <sub>2.5</sub> and PM <sub>10</sub> ), although there continues to be hot-spot areas where legal standards are breached.

## Commitment 19

*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.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

A report detailing a Public Transport Priority Plan was presented and agreed on [9 August 2018](#) by the Transport and Environment Committee. This is a 5 year plan and short and medium term delivery priorities have been agreed with Lothian Buses. Early actions are being focussed at prioritising public transport on the A90 corridor.

A new bus operator framework has been procured. Consultation/discussion is underway with west Edinburgh local communities and stakeholders to examine route options.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Create Congestion Action Plan with Lothian Buses, Edinburgh Trams and other public transport providers	The plans to help reduce congestion were agreed by Transport and Environment Committee on 9 August 2018.	Delivered
Identify improvement actions to public transport in rural west Edinburgh	New framework contract is now in place and community consultation is underway.	Ongoing
Increase in bus provision in rural west	An additional £100,000 has been added to the Transport Budget. Current options being explored include how to re-establish a link from Balerno/Currie to St John's Hospital.	Ongoing

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Establish congestion measure and action plan	To be developed	March 2019	Plans to create a congestion measure are under consideration. Individual routes which suffer congestion are analysed and improvement actions are identified.
Increase in satisfaction with public transport	90%	Increasing trend	Satisfaction with public transport remains high. Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Tram regularly undertake their own monitoring of customer satisfaction.

## Commitment 20

*Explore the introduction of a lane rental for utility companies to reduce traffic pressures.*

Commitment Status

**On track**

### Summary

A report on the feasibility of introducing a lane rental for utility companies will be presented to Transport and Environment Committee in early 2019.

Key actions and measures	Achievements	Status
Identify legal requirements	Investigations, including analysis of the current legal framework, in to the feasibility of introducing a lane rental are still ongoing.	Ongoing
Produce a business case Reduced traffic pressures measures to be established as part of a business case if progressed.	Production of a business case is dependent on the legal framework allowing this to be progressed.	On hold

## Commitment 21

*Retain Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Tram in public ownership.*

Commitment Status

**On track**

### Summary

The political commitment to retain public ownership of Transport for Edinburgh remains in place.

Key actions and measures	Achievements	Status
Governance arrangements ensure public ownership for Transport for Edinburgh.	Transport for Edinburgh has the Council's holding in Lothian Buses to ensure public ownership is retained.	Delivered

## Commitment 22

*Deliver the tram extension to Newhaven by 2022 after reviewing the business case and delivery plan to ensure they are robust.*

Commitment Status

**On track**

### Summary

In September 2017, the City of Edinburgh Council approved the outline business case for taking Edinburgh Trams to Newhaven. The final decision on whether or not to proceed with the Trams to Newhaven project will now be decided in early 2019. Tenders for the project were received in early September and evaluations are ongoing. The final stage in this process is to seek the best and final offers from the bidders and to clarify specific elements of the bids received. This will then be used to complete the Final Business Case for consideration.

Key actions and measures	Achievements	Status
Actions contained within the Final Business Case	The final business case will now be considered in early 2019.	Ongoing
Decision to deliver the Tram extension to Newhaven by early 2019	The Council has undertaken extensive consultation with residents and businesses in Leith and Newhaven to inform the final design of the proposed route.	Ongoing
Delivery of the Tram extension if decision made by 2022		

## Commitment 23

*Implement improvement plans for Waste and Cleansing Services to improve street cleanliness in every ward. Reinroduce a free bulky item collection service to tackle fly tipping.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

[The final progress update on the Waste Improvement Plan](#) was considered by the Transport and Environment Committee on 9 March 2018. Regular performance reports have been discussed at Committee with the latest report detailing performance up to September 2018. The Waste and Cleansing service is undergoing a number of changes in order to improve performance. These include:

- Staff structure and kerbside collection model changes
- Policy and procedure, including the introduction of the garden waste charging
- Infrastructure investment, such as the opening of the new Energy from Waste plant at Millerhill
- Technological developments, including implementation of the new Routesmart system

Committee has also agreed to postpone further changes to the special uplift pricing structure until a pilot collection service to encourage the reuse of materials has been complete. The report highlighted that there was limited evidence to support the introduction of free special uplifts based on our own experience of reducing the cost of the uplifts, as well as Glasgow's experience of providing a free service. The service intends to seek a third sector partner or partners to instead deliver the pilot. This would be a more customer focussed service designed to maximise reuse and recycling of materials.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
The final Waste and Cleansing Improvement Plan was reported to T&E in March 2018	Committee noted the progress made with implementing the actions in the Waste Improvement Plan.	Delivered
Examine cost and service impact of reintroduction of free bulky item uplift	The intention is to develop a procurement to pilot in one locality. Work had been delayed by the diversion of staff to work on other major service changes, i.e. major rerouting and the introduction of the garden waste charge. However prior to developing any procurement we have identified The Remakery as a potential partner and are engaging them informally to see whether they may be interested in playing a part in such a project.	Ongoing

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Reduction in communal missed bin complaints	14,441 (Jan – Sept 2018)	Decreasing trend	Prior to the service changes in October, the number of missed bin complaints between January and September 2018 was 28% lower than the same period in 2017.
Incidences of dumping and fly tipping	4,258 (Jan – Sept 2018)	Decreasing trend	The number of reported incidences of dumping and fly tipping has increased to 4,258 between January and September 2018, from 2,688 in the same period in 2017. Much of the increase can be attributed to proactive reporting from the Councils own locally based staff.
LEAMS – street cleanliness index	88.7%	95%	The LEAMs score for Edinburgh reduced to 88.7% in 2017/18 from 92.4% in 2016/2017. The improvements being implemented in the Waste and Cleansing service are expected to have a positive impact on future performance.

## Commitment 24

*Reduce the incidence of dog fouling on Edinburgh's streets and public parks.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

The Council developed a behaviour change campaign to discourage anti-social behaviours such as littering, flytipping and dog fouling. The 'Our Edinburgh' campaign to focus on social responsibility and community participation is underway and this includes targeted campaigns to reduce dog fouling.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
The final Waste and Cleansing Improvement Plan was reported to T&E in March 2018	Committee noted the progress made with implementing the actions in the Waste Improvement Plan	Delivered
Development of a new monitoring tool for street/place cleanliness	The Council is working with Keep Scotland Beautiful to review how the CIMS cleanliness surveys they undertake could be broadened to encompass other issues which are relevant to the street scene and the impact it has on pedestrians including the presence of A boards, illegal parking, discarded traffic management items. KSB carried out a pilot survey in Ward 11 during the June 2018 survey to assess how these issues could be surveyed and presented in a meaningful manner. The service will now assess the data presented by KSB and determine whether it meets the Council's requirements. Next steps will then be to approve how the new methodology could be introduced and any agree any financial implications from implementing the change.	Ongoing

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Fixed penalty notices for dog fouling	8 (Jan–Sept 18)	Increase reporting, decrease incidents	The number of dog fouling incidents reported to the Council has increased from 833 in 2017/18 to 893 in 2018/19. The number of fixed penalty notices given for dog fouling incidents has also from 3 to 8 over the same period.
Dog fouling service requests	893 (Jan–Sept 18)	Increase reporting, decrease incidents	

## Commitment 25

*Increase recycling to 60% from 46% during the lifetime of the administration.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

The Councils Recycling Strategy, published in 2010 aimed to deliver an overall recycling rate of 60% by 2017. This comprised of 50% being delivered through sorting of waste at source, with an additional 10% being delivered through thermal treatment. A number of assumptions have changed since 2010:

- The thermal treatment facility (Millerhill) has now moved back to 2018/19 to more closely mirror the ban on sending waste directly;
- Improvements to recycling services in kerbside collection areas have been delivered, but for high density housing areas, enhanced recycling services are now planned for the years 2018-2021;
- The commercial waste collection service has been withdrawn (with the exception of waste from the Council's own buildings);
- The way in which recycling rates are calculated has changed so that the published recycling rate (by SEPA) will diverge from the Council's internal monitoring: in particular the Council's internal calculations include litter and road sweeping materials which are now classed as commercial and not included in the published rate.

A [report](#) outlining the progress to date on the Councils Recycling Strategy 2010-2025 was reported to Transport and Environment Committee on 9 August 2018. The report set out the challenges and opportunities to increase recycling and proposes a forward plan of actions for the coming years. The actions aim to ensure:

- Continued development of waste prevention, reuse and recycling projects and services;
- Continued and increasing focus on cost and efficiency of services to respond to financial constraints;
- Continued focus on service reliability and quality;
- Ongoing investment in our infrastructure;
- Development of cleansing services, while working with partners and stakeholders to deliver cleanliness.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Redesign waste and recycling collections to encourage recycling	Waste arisings have reduced from 235,162 to 209,846 tonnes between 2010 and 2018, despite the number of households	Ongoing

and minimise landfill

increasing by over 11% in the same timeframe. There are likely to be a number of reasons for this improvement in performance, however the enhancement in recycling facilities and the changes to household waste collection capacity will have had a large impact.

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Percentage of Waste Recycled	42.6%	60% by 2022	There has been a significant improvement in the percentage of waste recycled during the lifetime of the strategy with performance showing an increase from 30.4% to 42.6%. This is comparable with other local authorities in Scotland and higher than the other large cities.

## Commitment 26

*Improve parking for residents by expanding provision of park and rides for commuters.*

Commitment Status

**On track**

### Summary

Actions to improve usage within existing Park and Ride sites are contained within the [Local Transport Strategy 2014-19](#).

On the 17 May 2018 the Transport and Environment Committee agreed not to progress with a [new Park and Ride site at Lothianburn](#) but to review patronage at the existing site at Straiton with a view to increasing its usage. An update on this will be reported to Transport and Environment Committee by summer 2019.

Key actions	Achievements	Status
Actions contained within the Local Transport Strategy 2014-19	Park and Ride development and expansion strategy was approved in 2009. Expansion of Hermiston Park and Ride is a shovel ready project but no capital funding is yet available to deliver it. The Ingliston Park and Ride is also operating at capacity and requires expansion. Options to finance expansion through charging to be explored and reported back by summer 2019.	Ongoing

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Increase the number of park and rides and spaces within existing provision	Review existing usage and provision	Increasing trend	Reviews of Hermiston and Ingliston are complete and both are at capacity.
Assessment of new P&R at Lothianburn and proposed review of existing site at Straiton	Assessment complete	May 2018	Assessment of Lothian Burn is now complete. Measures to improve Straiton are still under development.
Satisfaction with residents parking	New survey to be completed every 2 years	Increasing trend	Survey still to be implemented.

## Commitment 27

*Tackle pavement parking and reduce street clutter to improve accessibility.*

Commitment Status

On track

### Summary

The Transport and Environment Committee approved [the proposed strategy and measures required to be put in place to deliver a citywide ban on all forms of temporary on-street advertising structures, not just 'A' Boards](#). The aim of the strategy is to prioritise safe movement and improve the quality of Edinburgh Streets. The citywide ban on all temporary on-street advertising structures came into force on 5 November 2015. The Councils Environmental Wardens will visit businesses to ensure awareness and maximise compliance with the ban, with formal enforcement action taken on those that remain non-compliant following this stage of the process.

One of the key objectives of the Councils [Street Design Guidance](#) is to ensure that the city's streets are accessible and easy to navigate. A recent post approval review, which was [reported to the Planning Committee on 3 October 2018](#), aims to strengthen this objective. Amendments to the guidance will help to minimise waste infrastructure, which will have a positive impact on the appearance of streets and the delivery of high quality places.

Key actions and measures	Achievements	Status
Development of a new monitoring tool for street/place cleanliness	The Council is working with Keep Scotland Beautiful to review how the CIMS cleanliness surveys they undertake could be broadened to encompass other issues which are relevant to the street scene and the impact it has on pedestrians including the presence of A boards, illegal parking, discarded traffic management items. KSB carried out a pilot survey in Ward 11 during the June 2018 survey to assess how these issues could be surveyed and presented in a meaningful manner. The service will now assess the data presented by KSB and determine whether it meets the Council's requirements. Next steps will then be to approve how the new methodology could be introduced and any agree any financial implications from implementing the change.	Ongoing
Continue to support new legislation required to prohibit double parking and parking on footways	The new Transportation Bill is current going through the Scottish Parliament. The Council have provided submissions and given	Ongoing

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evidence to the Rural and Environment Committee that is  
scrutinising the Bill.

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## Commitment 43

*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.*

Commitment Status **On track**

### Summary

The park maintenance programme sets out the improvement work required to maintain our high quality parks. Edinburgh currently has the highest number of green flags in Scotland and our parks continue to meet the standards assessed through the annual park quality assessments.

Protection of our parks is established through the [Open Space Strategy 2021](#). The [Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto](#), provides a strategic and proactive approach to the planning and managing of events within Edinburgh’s parks and greenspaces.

Key actions	Achievements	Status																
Actions contained within the Park improvement and maintenance programme	Of the 138 parks quality assessed in 2017, 1,039 issues/recommendations were identified. From these, judges highlighted three from each park that should be implemented over the next 12 months. Of the 414 recommendations, managers have confirmed that 129 have been completed, 2 have been partially completed, 14 are awaiting further information/funding/scheduling, 14 are no longer applicable, and the status of 245 is unknown due to managers not providing an update. However, Park Managers have indicated that they completed 566 park improvements/updates (including the 131 completed or partially completed ‘agreed recommendations’) between the 2017 and 2018 Park Quality Assessments.	Ongoing																
	When comparing the 2017 PQA criterion scores against the 2018 scores, 145 scores have improved, 208 have remained the same and 61 have dropped:																	
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Conservation Flora & Fauna	6	12	5
Dog Fouling	1	2	1
Educational & Interpretation Provision	6	7	2
Equal Access	0	0	1
Equipment Maintenance	14	21	6
Good & Safe Access	5	12	3
Grounds Maintenance	31	36	11
Information Provision	11	14	6
Litter Management	8	17	2
Quality of Facilities	0	0	1
Safe Facilities	1	4	0
Signage	11	18	5
Waste Minimisation	1	0	0
Welcoming	6	5	1
Woodland Management	7	17	4

Key measures	Current data	Target	Achievements
Green flag status	32	30	In 2018, following an external Green Flag Group Award peer review, the Council retained its 30 Green Flag Award parks. In addition, two parks (Fairmilehead Park and Lauriston Castle Gardens) achieved Green Flag Award status at the first time of asking, bringing the total number of Green Flag Award parks in Edinburgh to 32 (there are a total of 71 awards across Scotland). Corstorphine Walled Garden also successfully retained its Green Flag Community Award.
New Parks Quality Assessment standard	84%	92%	A new, more challenging quality standard was set in 2018. 116 of the 138 parks quality assessed met the new Edinburgh Minimum Standard. This is an increase of 11 parks from 2017.
Number of additional trees planted	Is currently being collated	Additional 1,000 by 2022	Up to date figures on the number of trees planted are currently being collated. An additional £75,000 to support this commitment was agreed in 2017/18 budget. The results of

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Number of events held in major parks	35 large events in total, 31 of which in Premier Parks	Hold number of events to maximum permitted (36 across 9 Parks)	<p>this investment and a detailed action plan to meet and exceed the commitment over 5 years will be completed as early as possible and presented to Transport and Environment Committee.</p> <p>226 organised events were held/are planned in Edinburgh's parks in 2018. The number for Premier Parks is as follows, with "large events" (i.e. over 1,000 attendees) in brackets:</p> <p>Calton Hill = 16 (4)                      The Meadows = 42 (8)                      Leith Links = 8 (4)                      Inverleith Park = 13 (3)                      Princes Street Gardens = 39 (10)                      Lauriston Castle Gardens = 6 (2)</p>