

# Item 4.2 - Minutes

## Transport and Environment Committee

2.30pm, Tuesday 5 March 2019

### Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Bird, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Cameron (substituting for Councillor Arthur), Cook, Douglas, Gloyer and Key.

### 1. Business Bulletin – Open Streets Programme

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#### (a) Deputation by the Scottish Tourist Guides Association

In terms of Standing Order 4.5, the Business Bulletin was ruled urgent by the Convener as it was agreed at the Transport and Environment Committee of 28 February 2019 that further details would be brought on the Open Streets Programme that were not available at the meeting.

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Linda Arthur on behalf of the Scottish Tourist Guides Association in relation to the Business Bulletin - Open Streets Programme.

The deputation highlighted the following issues:

- The difficulties in managing coaching tours in the Edinburgh City Centre, particularly in guiding people to Edinburgh Castle by foot.
- Problems associated with the volume of tourists arriving by cruise ship and the impact on pedestrians.
- Problems associated with the number of walking tours occurring at the same time causing congestion on routes.
- The thorough training tour guides received in order to be able to cope with these issues.
- The need to advertise the Open Streets Programme to all operators throughout the city, especially to coach drivers whose first language was not English.
- The need for parking for coach drivers.

The deputation spoke in support of the Open Streets Programme and requested that the Committee considered keeping traffic in Johnston Terrace and the Lawnmarket one way.

#### (b) Business Bulletin – Open Streets Programme

In terms of Standing Order 4.5, the Business Bulletin was ruled urgent by the Convener as it was agreed at the Transport and Environment Committee of 28 February 2019 that further details would be brought on the Open Streets Programme that were not available at the meeting.

## **Decision**

- 1) To note there would be further reports that would include information on the Open Streets Programme in August 2019 and March 2020.
- 2) To note the Business Bulletin.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 28 February 2019 (item 6); Business Bulletin, submitted.)

## **2. Strategic Review of Parking – Results of Area 1 Review and Corstorphine Consultation Results**

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### **(a) Deputation by the Corstorphine Community Council**

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Steve Kerr and Graeme Hart on behalf of the Corstorphine Community Council in relation to the Strategic Review of Parking – Results of Area 1 Review and Corstorphine Consultation Results.

The deputation highlighted the following issues:

- Concerns were raised regarding the number of vehicles entering Edinburgh that passed through St John’s Road, as well as vehicles that passed through the area to get to the airport and caused pollution in the Corstorphine area.
- Parking along busy roads was causing considerable congestion to the area.
- Concerns that new housing developments and the expansion of airport parking including a new access road would only exacerbate congestion in West Edinburgh.
- The impact on small businesses caused by the difficulties in crossing the road due to busy traffic.
- That the charge for public transport access to the airport was only encouraging the use of cars to travel to the airport.
- The need for a reduction of traffic in the city centre and intercity buses integrated with the tram.
- The need for segregated cycle ways on main roads, parking enforcement, the filtering of residential streets to allow cycle and pedestrian access and safe routes to school.

The deputation requested that the Committee consider visiting the Corstorphine Community Council and to instruct officers to also meet with the Community Council to discuss these issues prior to the decision being made in May 2019.

## **Decision**

- 1) To agree to hear the deputation.
- 2) To agree that the Convener and Vice-Convener would meet with deputation to discuss issues raised.

- 3) To note that the forthcoming City Mobility Plan would cover many of the issues raised by the deputation.
- 4) To agree that Committee Services to write to the deputations confirming the decisions related to the item.

**(b) Report by the Executive Director of Place**

On 9 August 2018 Committee considered a report on a proposed strategic review of parking across the Edinburgh area. It was proposed to conduct an initial investigation into the severity and extent of parking pressures, splitting the city into five separate, geographical areas with the aim of assessing the potential need for parking controls.

An update was provided on the results of the first of those investigations, covering Area 1, West Edinburgh. The report also provided an update on the anticipated timescales for delivering the results of the review in the remaining four areas, as well as providing an update on the separate piece of work being carried out in relation to event parking at Edinburgh's three major sporting stadiums.

**Motion**

- 1) To note the results of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 1 –West Edinburgh.
  - 2) To note the results of the consultation exercise conducted in the Corstorphine area.
  - 3) To recognise the strategic need to manage parking along the A8 corridor and the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing vehicle numbers in this area.
  - 4) To approve the preparation of detailed designs for parking controls along the A8 corridor, a process that would include further detailed investigation and consideration of the required extent and type of controls that would be appropriate for each area;
  - 5) To note that the existing B9 Priority Parking Area would be included in the planned further investigation, with the potential for this area to be transferred to Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and further investigation of issues at Clermiston would be progressed.
  - 6) To note that there would be consultation with affected stakeholders on the draft designs before authority was sought from Committee to proceed to the legal process required to introduce parking controls.
  - 7) To note the timescales for delivering the results of the review in the remaining four areas.
  - 8) To note that progress was also being made on the ongoing Stadiums review and that the results of the review would be reported to the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

## **Amendment**

- 1) To note the results of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 1 –West Edinburgh.
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  - 3) To recognise the strategic need to manage parking along the A8 corridor and the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing vehicle numbers in this area.
  - 4) To approve the preparation of detailed designs for parking controls along the A8 corridor, a process that would include further detailed investigation and consideration of the required extent and type of controls that would be appropriate for each area; however to agree that at this time those designs should not include proposals for Controlled Parking Zones but instead the use of Priority Parking Areas (PPA).
  - 5) To note that the existing B9 Priority Parking Area would be included in the planned further investigation, with the potential for this area to have the PPA extended, and further investigation of issues at Clermiston would be progressed.
  - 6) To recognise the concerning figures regarding parking pressure in the West of Edinburgh, specifically in Roseburn and Corstorphine, and to welcome the steps that were finally being taken to address the issue.
  - 7) To agree to extend the scope of the design work for parking controls westward along the A8, to include the West Craigs/North Gyle area.
  - 8) To note the report identified parking issues in Newbridge and the timetable which existed to take forward a traffic regulation order to address these issues; and therefore to agree to a formal review of the effectiveness of any new measures within six months of them being in place and a subsequent report to Committee.
- moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor Douglas

In terms of Standing Order 21.11, part of the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Macinnes, as adjusted.

## **Voting**

For the motion (as adjusted) - 7 votes

For the amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Doran, Key and Macinnes

For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

## **Decision**

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- 2) To note the results of the consultation exercise conducted in the Corstorphine area.
- 3) To recognise the strategic need to manage parking along the A8 corridor and the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing vehicle numbers in this area.
- 4) To approve the preparation of detailed designs for parking controls along the A8 corridor, a process that would include further detailed investigation and consideration of the required extent and type of controls that would be appropriate for each area;
- 5) To note that the existing B9 Priority Parking Area would be included in the planned further investigation, with the potential for this area to be transferred to Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and further investigation of issues at Clermiston would be progressed.
- 6) To note that there would be consultation with affected stakeholders on the draft designs before authority was sought from Committee to proceed to the legal process required to introduce parking controls.
- 7) To note the timescales for delivering the results of the review in the remaining four areas.
- 8) To note that progress was also being made on the ongoing Stadiums review and that the results of this review would be reported to the next meeting of this Committee.
- 9) To agree to extend the scope of the design work for parking controls westward along the A8, to include the West Craigs/North Gyle area.
- 10) To note the report identified parking issues in Newbridge and the timetable which existed to take forward a traffic regulation order to address these issues; and therefore to agree to a formal review of the effectiveness of any new measures within twelve months of them being in place and a subsequent report to Committee.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 9 August 2018 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **3. Petition for Consideration: CCWEL Cycle link - Small Business Compensation scheme**

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On 22 June 2017 the City of Edinburgh Council agreed the Petitions Committee be discontinued and that petitions would be sent to the responsible executive committees or in future locality committees for consideration.

The Transport and Environment Committee was asked to consider a petition on the CCWEL Cycle link - Small Business Compensation scheme, which requested that the Council established a Compensation fund to support businesses affected by the cycle track.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To consider the terms of the petition 'CCWEL Cycle link - Small Business Compensation scheme' as set out in Appendix one of the report.
- 2) To agree to meet with traders to discuss the options for supporting businesses through the construction period, looking at the example of the campaign in Brighton Place.
- 3) To agree that a Business Bulletin update would be brought back to the Committee in May 2019 on this item.

(References – Act of Council (No 2), 22 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

#### **4. Petitions – Repave the Cobbles at East London Street with Tarmac - referral from the South East Locality Committee**

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On 21 January 2019 the South East Locality Committee considered the report by the Chief Executive providing details of petitions which had been submitted requesting that consideration be given to upgrading the cobbles on East London Street to tarmac surface with cobbled parking bays retained in the same manner as London Street and to repair remaining cobble zones where needed.

The report was referred to the Transport and Environment Committee for consideration.

##### **Decision**

To note the report.

(References – South East Locality Committee, 21 January 2019 (item 2); Act of Council (No 2), 22 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

#### **5. Summertime Street Operations Plan: development of proposal**

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An update was provided on initial proposals to address the observed pavement crowding, and related safety and access issues, that occurred in the Old Town during summertime. The initial proposals were at a stage where further agreement was required, in order for officers to progress to detailed planning and assessment of changes to traffic and vehicle management in the area, for implementation in summer 2019 through a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO).

The report identified the resources needed to further develop these proposals, and outlined potential delivery cost areas. It also outlined how the proposals aligned with plans for City Centre Transformation (CCT).

##### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made to refine a proposal for summertime operations plan, as outlined in this report.
- 2) To agree that the Executive Director of Place progressed with the further and detailed development of a temporary operational plan.
- 3) To agree that the decision to implement temporary measures for the locations at appendix 2 of this report, through a TTRO, would be delegated to the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with Convener and Vice Convener of Transport

and Environment Committee, and after consultation with City Centre ward Councillors.

- 4) To note that a further report outlining the detail of the TTRO to be progressed for implementation in summer 2019 would be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in May 2019.

(References – Act of Council (No 6), 22 November 2018; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **6. Transport Infrastructure Investment – Capital Delivery Priorities for 2019/20**

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Approval was sought for the allocation of the Transport Infrastructure Capital budgets and programme of works for 2019/20. This included carriageways, footways, street lighting, traffic signals and structures.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2019/20 shown in Appendix 1 of the report.
  - 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2019/20, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices 5, 7, and 8 of the report.
  - 3) To note the works to be delivered in future financial years, as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report.
  - 4) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in paragraphs 3.47-3.57 of the report.
  - 5) To note that a future report would be submitted to Committee providing an overview of renewal schemes that were delivered in 2018/19 and an overview of outstanding Infrastructure projects and investment.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2019/20 shown in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2019/20, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices 5, 7, and 8 of the report.
- 3) To note the works to be delivered in future financial years, as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report.
- 4) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in paragraphs 3.47-3.57 of the report.
- 5) To note that a future report would be submitted to Committee providing an overview of renewal schemes that were delivered in 2018/19 and an overview of outstanding Infrastructure projects and investment.

- 6) To agree a follow up report would be provided, via business bulletin, detailing the costs associated with the use of the external frameworks and consultants, as noted within the report.

- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

In terms of Standing Order 21.11, the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2019/20 shown in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2019/20, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices 5, 7, and 8 of the report.
- 3) To note the works to be delivered in future financial years, as detailed in Appendix 6 of the report.
- 4) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in paragraphs 3.47-3.57 of the report.
- 5) To note that a future report would be submitted to this Committee providing an overview of renewal schemes that were delivered in 2018/19 and an overview of outstanding Infrastructure projects and investment.
- 6) To agree a follow up report would be provided, via business bulletin, detailing the costs associated with the use of the external frameworks and consultants, as noted within the report.

(References – Act of Council (No 2), 21 February 2019; Transport and Environment Committee, 12 January 2016 (item 3); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **7. Electric Vehicle Business Case: Implementation Plan**

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On 7 December 2017 the Business Case for the installation of on-street electric vehicle infrastructure was approved. A detailed Project Plan was developed along with identifying specific locations for the installation of 66 on-street charging points (including 32 fast chargers, nine rapid chargers and 24 slow chargers across the city to strengthen the existing network). The Project Plan also included key tasks such as determining the best procurement route, recruiting resources, ongoing discussions with the energy network operator on grid issues, progressing Transport Regulation Orders and liaison with contractors.

The Project Plan had a pre-installation period of 10 months with the installation period running from January 2020 to December 2020.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the feedback from the consultation exercise and that some of the issues raised would be investigated further.

- 2) To note that the further investigation would be undertaken on the implications of removing the connection charge costs and that the proposed tariff for rapid chargers would now be in pence per minute rather than per kWh.
  - 3) To approve the selected locations for 66 on-street charging points across 16 hubs in the city.
  - 4) To approve the project plan for the installation of charging infrastructure.
  - 5) To note the grant of £2.2m funding by Transport Scotland to cover all project costs of the infrastructure up to 2020.
  - 6) To note that final tariffs and charges would be submitted to Committee in due course and would require approval by Council.
  - 7) To note that further progress reports would be submitted to Committee.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the feedback from the consultation exercise and that some of the issues raised would be investigated further.
  - 2) To note that the further investigation would be undertaken on the implications of removing the connection charge costs and that the proposed tariff for rapid chargers would now be in pence per minute rather than per kWh.
  - 3) To approve the selected locations for 66 on-street charging points across 16 hubs in the city.
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  - 6) To note that final tariffs and charges would be submitted to Committee in due course and would require approval by Council.
  - 7) To note that further progress reports would be submitted to Committee.
  - 8) To recognise that, in order to incentivise electric vehicle uptake for all Edinburgh residents, future charging point expansion should afford priority to high density suburban residential areas with limited off street parking provision.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

In terms of Standing Order 21.11, the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the feedback from the consultation exercise and that some of the issues raised would be investigated further.
- 2) To note that the further investigation would be undertaken on the implications of removing the connection charge costs and that the proposed tariff for rapid chargers would now be in pence per minute rather than per kWh.

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- 7) To note that further progress reports would be submitted to Committee.
- 8) To recognise that, in order to incentivise electric vehicle uptake for all Edinburgh residents, future charging point expansion should afford priority to high density suburban residential areas with limited off street parking provision.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 9 August 2018 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **8. Use of Street Lighting for Electric Vehicle Charging**

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A report was submitted on the use of lampposts as charging sites for electric vehicles. A number of Councils were trialling the use of this technology and there were new suppliers on the market.

Whilst the technology was technically feasible there were some issues that needed further exploration. It was proposed to have further discussion with Scottish Power to evaluate an Edinburgh pilot and keep this issue under review.

### **Motion**

To note that a trial using street lighting columns for electric vehicle charging (EV) had not been proposed currently but would be kept under review.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note that a trial using street lighting columns for electric vehicle charging (EV) had not been proposed currently but would be kept under review
- 2) To agree to receive a further report within 12 months, once further conversations with key stakeholders including SP Energy Networks had been carried out, to explore the potential for an Edinburgh pilot of this technology, and that the report would also outline potential funding for such a pilot.

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Burgess

In terms of Standing Order 21.11, the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that a trial using street lighting columns for electric vehicle charging (EV) had not been proposed currently but would be kept under review

- 2) To agree to receive a further report within 12 months, once further conversations with key stakeholders including SP Energy Networks had been carried out, to explore the potential for an Edinburgh pilot of this technology, and that the report would also outline potential funding for such a pilot.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 4 October 2018 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **9. Food Standards Scotland, Capacity and Capability**

### **Audit**

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The Food Law Enforcement service of the Environmental Health Team was subject to an audit by Food Standards Scotland (FSS) between 30 April and 2 May 2018. The focus of the audit was assessing capacity and capability within the service.

The final audit report outlined the steps to be implemented in an action plan which was agreed between FSS and the City of Edinburgh Council. This report presented the detail of these actions for approval.

The report also outlined the measures already in place to protect the safety of the public, which manage and mitigate any risks which arise as a result of these pressures.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the audit report and the action plan contained in the FSS, City of Edinburgh Council Food Law Enforcement Services, Capacity and Capability Audit Report 30 April – 2 May 2018, detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 2) To note the measures in place to manage the risks inherent in regulating this important sector.
- 3) To note the steps taken to address the issues and the food safety improvement plan (Appendix 3).

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **10. Household Waste Recycling Centre Opening Hours**

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Following a decision of Full Council in February 2018 to bring the opening hours of three household waste recycling centres (Seafield, Sighthill and Craigmillar) into line with neighbouring Councils, the proposed changes were outlined.

A full consultation had been undertaken with the affected staff group and had now concluded. In addition, research had been undertaken on the opening hours and controls put in place by neighbouring authorities.

The proposed opening hours were:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 0900-1700; and
- Thursday 0900-1830.

### **Motion**

To agree the proposed new opening hours for The City of Edinburgh Council's three Household Waste Recycling Centres:

- i) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 0900-1700.
- ii) Thursday 0900-1830.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

### **Amendment 1**

1) To agree the proposed new opening hours for The City of Edinburgh Council's three Household Waste Recycling Centres:

- i) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 0900-1700.
- ii) Thursday 0900-1830.

2) To monitor changes to use of the service and incidence of fly tipping and report back within six months

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Booth

### **Amendment 2**

1) To recognise that Edinburgh's waste recycling sites had more generous opening hours than those in neighbouring authorities, but was concerned not to discourage our own citizens from recycling and believed that a review of usage was required before new opening hours could be agreed.

2) To therefore agree that, for a period of one calendar month, at all three recycling centres, data would be collected of each user's home postcode and the day and time-range of each visit; and that a report would be brought to the May 2019 Committee meeting, with a clear statistical summary, showing the pattern of usage over that month, and evidence-led recommendations for new opening hours.

- moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor Douglas

In terms of Standing Order 21.11, Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

### **Voting**

For the motion - 10 votes

For the amendment - 1 vote

(For the motion – Councillors Bird, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Cameron, Cook, Doran, Douglas, Key and Macinnes

For amendment 2 – Councillor Gloyer.)

### **Decision**

1) To agree the proposed new opening hours for The City of Edinburgh Council's three Household Waste Recycling Centres:

- i) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday: 0900-1700.

- ii) Thursday 0900-1830.
- 2) To monitor changes to use of the service and incidence of fly tipping and report back within six months

(References – Act of Council (No 3), 22 February 2018; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **11. Code of Practice for Filming in Edinburgh – referral from the Culture and Communities Committee**

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On 29 January 2019 the Culture and Communities Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place that set out the Council's policies and procedures for filming in Edinburgh.

The report was referred to the Transport and Environment Committee for its joint approval given the relevance of some of the code of Practice to its remit in regards to place management.

### **Decision**

To approve the report.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee on 29 January 2019 (item 13); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **12. Invitation to the Smart Sustainable Cities Workshop**

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The Convener of Transport and Environment was invited to attend the Smart Sustainable Cities workshop by the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Attendance was by invitation only and the workshop took place on 13 – 15 February 2019 and the Convener of Transport and Environment Committee attended to represent Edinburgh in these discussions.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note acceptance of an invitation to the Convener of Transport and Environment to attend the Smart Sustainable Cities Workshop in Madrid from 13 to 15 February 2019
- 2) To note the post-visit report would be included in the Business Bulletin on 16 May 2019.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **13. Motion by the Coalition – Bus Priority measures on the A90**

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The following adjusted motion by the Coalition was submitted and in terms of Standing Order 16.2 was ruled urgent by the Convener.

“That Committee:

- 1) Recognises longstanding residents' concerns over the volume of traffic through the Barnton Junction.
- 2) Notes the recent air quality findings in this transport corridor.

- 3) Notes that the current LDP calls for increased housing development at Queensferry, Kirkliston and the immediate surroundings of the Barnton Junction.
- 4) Notes the continuing success of public transport within Edinburgh and the ongoing strategy of encouraging its greater use.
- 5) Notes the successful use of bus lanes on the A8 and the A71 both entering and leaving the City.
- 6) Notes the committee will receive an update report on the A90 in May.
- 7) Agrees that this report will include the feasibility of introducing dedicated bus lanes along the full route of the Queensferry Road from South Queensferry to the City centre in both directions, including an understanding of key current strategic transport projects and policy development and how they will relate to provision of bus lanes.”

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.