

Business bulletin

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 20 June 2019

Dean of Guild Courtroom, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

Transport and Environment Committee

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<p>Councillor Lesley Macinnes (Convener)</p>  <p>Councillor Karen Doran (Vice-Convener)</p> 	<p>Councillor Scott Arthur Councillor Eleanor Bird Councillor Chas Booth Councillor Graeme Bruce Councillor Steve Burgess Councillor Nick Cook Councillor Scott Douglas Councillor Gillian Gloyer Councillor David Key</p>	<p>Veronica Wishart Senior Executive Assistant 0131 469 3603</p> <p>Veronica MacMillan Committee Services 0131 529 4283</p> <p>Sarah Stirling Committee Services 0131 529 3009</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Transport Scotland - Transportation Noise Action Plan</p> <p>At the end of 2018 the Scottish Government opened consultation on a Transportation Noise Action Plan (TNAP) aimed at mapping specific noise issues to inform actions that enable the Government to meet its obligations under the European Environmental Noise Directive.</p> <p>Officers did not submit a response as the consultation is predominantly concerned with trunk roads and railways and the Council contributes to the Scottish Government's Noise Action Plan process through Environmental Protection officer involvement in the Scottish Environmental Noise Steering Group.</p>	<p>Will Garratt, Place Development – Tel: 0131 469 3636</p>

Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative

The Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative (the Co-op) is one of the largest urban renewables projects in the UK. The Council has supported the Co-op by providing access to the roofs of 24 Council buildings for the installation of Photovoltaic (PV) panels. The project has been successful both in raising finance for this first phase and in generating renewable energy for the Co-op yielding a revenue for further community initiatives.

Council members continue to sit on the Co-op Board and Council officers continue to liaise with the Co-op technical staff to discuss ongoing issues such as maintenance.

The Co-op is now looking to progress a Phase 2 and secure access to a further 11 Council buildings. These include:

- The EICA at Ratho
- Leisure Centres at Craiglockhart, Gracemount and Kirkliston
- The East Neighbourhood Office
- St John's RC Primary School
- Bankhead Depot
- Drumbrae Library
- The recycling centres at Sighthill and Seafield
- Waverley Court

These buildings have been subject to a technical assessment by the Co-op that indicates that they may be suitable for the installation of PV panels, although further information is needed on energy load, grid capacity etc. Council officers are satisfied that the technical assessment indicates a potential business case however, a viable Business Case will be required, detailing the technical, financial and commercial elements of the project along with a risk assessment and project plan. This would provide the relevant assurances to the Council along with necessary information such as the purchasing costs to the Council for buying the electricity from the panels.

Formal approval for Phase 1 was provided through Finance and Resources Committee where the Co-op submitted their Business Plan for consideration. For approval for Phase 2 the Co-op will have to follow the same approach and submit a Business Plan to Finance and Resources Committee in August. The existing legal

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agreement that the Co-op has with the Council could be extended to cover a Phase 2 but this can be confirmed by Legal Services prior to submission of the Business Case. A new agreement will be drafted if required.

Officers are aware that there is a time pressure on the Co-op being able to pre-register for the Feed in Tariffs by March 2020 so will work with Co-op staff to assist the production of the Business Case and in any other areas of the project development required.

Update on Green/Coalition composite motion- Buses for all

At 16 May 2019 Transport and Environment Committee an approved composite motion called for the Convener to engage directly with Lothian Buses as follows:

Agrees that the Transport and Environment Convener will write to Lothian Buses asking:

- a. What consultation Lothian Buses undertakes with passengers and disability support groups before introducing a new bus design?
- b. What policy Lothian Buses has on the provision of separate spaces for wheelchairs and buggies?
- c. For individual years 2009 to 2019, how many buses entered public service with Lothian Buses and what proportion had separate spaces for wheelchairs and buggies?
- d. That the Managing Director of Lothian Buses holds an open meeting with passengers, parents, senior citizens and disability support groups to discuss points a-c above.

A letter has been issued by the Convener setting out these issues, requesting that the Managing Director of Lothian Buses attend a future meeting of Transport and Environment Committee to speak about Lothian Buses' position on this matter.

A further Business Bulletin will be provided at the next scheduled Transport and Environment Committee.

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Edinburgh Festival Fringe Outdoor Advertising contract – flyposting conditions)

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Following a deputation from the Southside Association at Transport and Environment Committee on 4 October 2018, raising concerns about the management of flyposting during the Fringe in 2018, officers met community representatives and Cllr Rose to gather feedback to inform the tender specification for the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Outdoor Advertising contract. The contract has now been tendered and awarded to Out of Hand Ltd.

The specification was significantly revised and includes a requirement that the contractor is responsible for cleaning down 50 metre radii of each advertising site (increased from 25 metres in the previous contract) and removing all graffiti and flyposting, including stickers, residues, string and cable ties, daily during the Fringe festival.

A further clause was added requiring the contractor to provide daily resources to carry out additional routine maintenance in several streets in “sensitive areas” to ensure they are kept clear of graffiti and unauthorised posters, stickers, etc, at all times, from early August until 20 September each year. The streets are; High Street/Royal Mile, George IV Bridge, Victoria Street, North Bridge, South Bridge, Bristo Place, Forrest Road, Teviot Place, Bristo Square, George Square, Chambers Street, Clerk Street, Nicolson Street, West Nicolson Street, Chapel Street, Buccleuch Street, (forming areas of the Southside corridor), the Pleasance, Middle Meadow Walk (and the Meadows), and Grassmarket.

Key Performance Indicators have also been included in the contract to enable the contractor’s performance to be monitored.

The contract lasts for 4 years with a possible extension for 3 years reviewed annually.

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Forthcoming activities:
