



# Item 6.1 - Business bulletin

## Transport and Environment Committee

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

# Transport and Environment Committee

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## Recent news

### Charlotte Square

Charlotte Square is one of the finest examples of Georgian architecture and Town Planning anywhere in the world, yet it is unwelcoming for pedestrians and provides a poor environment and experience for all non-motorised users.

Furthermore, the condition of the streetscape has over time deteriorated and vehicle dominance limits the opportunity for people to explore and enjoy this key city Square. An annual assessment of carriageways and footways has identified the requirement to undertake significant Capital Maintenance works on Charlotte Square within the next few years.

### Public Realm Improvements

In 2012, the Council approved public realm improvement proposals which will reallocate space for traffic in favour of pedestrians and cyclists to provide a much-enhanced experience for all non-motorised users of the Square. The proposals focus on reducing the Square's current vehicular dominance to re-establish the space as one of the key focal points of the UNESCO World Heritage Site.

In support of the proposals, the Council promoted the required Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and a Redetermination Order (RSO) made under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. Following their approval at [Transport and Environment Committee](#) on 28 October 2014, the relevant Orders were made securing the necessary powers required for the construction of the public realm improvements.

### Fordell Estates

Fordell Estates Limited (Fordell) is the largest single owner of properties on Charlotte Square and has undertaken a series of ambitious redevelopment projects, including the award winning redevelopment of the buildings at 26-31, along with eight further properties in and around Charlotte Square. These developments have attracted over 25 companies back into Charlotte Square bringing over 700 employees into Edinburgh's West End. Fordell has recently been granted planning permission for the redevelopment of another six townhouses, further enhancing the commercial rejuvenation of Charlotte Square.

## Background

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Fordell have an immense sense of pride and responsibility in revitalising the fortunes for the Square as a single entity. This has been demonstrated through their active role in developing the public realm improvements proposals.

### **Funding Arrangements**

The Council is working with the private sector, led by Fordell, to develop a funding arrangement and implementation plan for the construction of the public realm works.

The Council is also proceeding with the funding arrangement based on the principle that the cost of the public realm works will be equally shared between the Council and the private sector.

### **Next steps**

The public realm improvements, capital maintenance works and CCWEL will now be fully integrated as one and brought forward as a singular design and delivery process. A preliminary design incorporating all three projects along with a delivery plan, a revised scheme cost estimate and a construction programme will be reported to a future Transport and Environment Committee (T&E) at the appropriate time.

Details of the funding arrangement with the private sector and a full financing plan will also be reported to a future T&E at the appropriate time.

During the next stages of the project's development, further consultation and engagement will be undertaken with specific user groups, key stakeholders and the public.

The outcomes of further consultation and engagement will be reported to T&E.

Alignment with City Centre Transformation and adjacent and nearby city centre projects, including any redevelopment of the former House of Fraser property and its associated streetscape works, will be a key consideration as the project is progressed.

### **City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements – Support for businesses in Roseburn**

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The ambitious, family-friendly [City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements Project](#) (CCWEL) was approved in December 2016 following an extensive public consultation process.

The project aims to install a largely protected cycle way to and through the city centre, providing a crucial link from existing [QuietRoutes](#) in north and west Edinburgh to Leith Walk, and is intended to encourage many more people to choose to travel into town by bike or on foot instead of by car, reducing congestion and contributing to improved air quality as well as boosting health and fitness.

Statutory consultations for the project are continuing. As part of this process a public hearing for the Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order for Section 1 (Roseburn to Haymarket) will be held this summer. Subject to the outcome of the hearing, construction on Section 1 is planned to begin in early 2020.

As part of CCWEL, the Council has also been working closely with the local community to develop proposals for significant improvements to the public realm in the Roseburn area, under the title 'Rejuvenating Roseburn', to make sure the proposals reflect the needs and interests of local people. Refined placemaking plans went on display in April 2019.

A petition from small businesses affected by Section 1 was considered by the Transport and Environment Committee on 5 March 2019. This raised concerns about the proposed reduction in on-street parking/loading facilities in the Roseburn area and a perceived consequential reduction in trade.

The Committee agreed that officers would meet with traders to discuss the options for supporting businesses through the construction period, looking at the example of the recent campaign to support businesses in Brighton Place. Businesses have been contacted regarding this and a meeting will be held to discuss options further in due course.

It is proposed to develop a promotional campaign, similar to the one used for Brighton Place, in consultation with the traders. Initial ideas for inclusion in the package of support are outlined below:

### **Roseburn business support package**

Aims during construction of the works:

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- Let people know Roseburn is open for business.
- Keep people visiting.
- Present the vision for improvements.
- Make sure people know about arrangements during construction.
- Keeping people up to date/informed on progress.

On conclusion of the works:

- Let people know the works are complete and the area is operating normally.
- Highlight the improvements to the local public realm and the opportunities to visit on foot and by bike and to spend more time in the area.

### **Open for business campaign**

- Target residents in south west/west of the city.
- Profile businesses, local events and promotions.
- Key messages:
  - Roseburn is open for business.
  - Follow advice on access during works.
  - Supporting the community.
- Work with local community to look at where we can support/add value over the period of the works.

### **Campaign tools being planned**

An activity plan is being developed and includes a range of marketing tools such as:

- geo-targeted social media and online advertising
  - eg Facebook, Twitter, Google adverts, Edinburgh Reporter, Edinburgh Live.
- lamppost wraps on key approaches to Roseburn.
- banners on works site barriers.
- advertising/editorial in community magazines eg Murrayfield and Corstorphine Grapevine/EH4 Directory.
- other promotional opportunities being discussed with local community.

All of the above initial ideas are subject to further discussion and engagement with the Roseburn business community.

### **Kirkliston and South Queensferry traffic study**

The draft study report was received from the Consultants in March 2019 and was circulated to the Stakeholder group on 4 April 2019 for consideration and comment. The North West locality team organised a second stakeholder review group meeting in late April to discuss this and consider the recommendations.

Future transport infrastructure improvements/interventions may require consideration from:

- Transport Scotland;
- Locality team for local Place Improvement projects;
- Local Development Plan – Contribution Zone Section 75 projects;
- Active Travel infrastructure investment; and
- Public Transport section.

On completion of the above study, a report will be provided to the Transport and Environment Committee.

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### **Public Transport Real Time Information Infrastructure Upgrade – Bustracker and Bus Station Information System**

The 'Bustracker and Bus Station Information System – Future Strategy' report was approved by [Transport and Environment Committee on 1 March 2018](#) and noted that a future report would detail the outcome of the procurement exercise including the preferred supplier, bus station information system solution and pricing schedule for on-street options.

This is an update on current progress of the procurement exercise in advance of the report being provided.

The Public Transport Team are currently in the process of procuring a new Bus Station Information hardware and software management system and Content Management System (CMS) that will provide more efficient services at lower maintenance cost in line with approved strategy.

The new system with new technology will make a significant addition to the city's reputation for high quality public transport provision and continue to contribute to making

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sustainable public transport as accessible as possible in order to help increase overall patronage figures.

The indicative timeline for the tendering process is as follows:

- Tender documents published April 2019
- Tender returns due late May/early June

Subject to obtaining Committee/Finance Convener approval, it is anticipated that the Contract Start Date would commence Summer 2019.

### **Consultants for Infrastructure Delivery**

At its meeting on 5 March 2019 this Committee agreed the Transport Infrastructure Investment – Capital Delivery Priorities for 2019/20. Within this report it stated that consultants will be used to carry out principle bridge inspections, other bridges related work and carriageway/footway designs.

It was also requested by members that officers would supply details to the Committee of the costs for using consultants, both in 2018/19 and the estimated costs for 2019/20.

Use is being made of external frameworks and consultants to augment existing in-house resources, in the delivery of schemes, in an attempt to address resource issue within Transport Infrastructure. These still require to be managed by the in-house design and delivery team, with certain delivery models (eg SCAPE – Design and Build) requiring a high level of in-house management.

Based on the figures detailed below the costs for consultants over the two years accounts for approximately 10% of the total design, procurement, contract management and supervision costs for carriageway and footway works and 50% for structures related work.

<b>Service Area</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20 (Estimated)</b>
Transport Design and Delivery	£145,000	£240,000
Structures (excluding North Bridge and Burnshot Bridge)	£209,900	£185,000

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Total	£354,900	£425,000
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### Summertime Streets Operational Plan Update

As reported to Committee on 5 March 2019, plans for several temporary change proposals within Old Town streets in summertime have been under development.

Proposals seek to address observed pavement crowding and related safety and access issues at specific points, but must also work together across the area. Committee gave approval for the initial set of proposals to be developed further.

Progress has been maintained; however, the full set of proposals and the detail of supporting measures requires to be finalised prior to reporting the proposals as an entire package; the locations prioritised are: Pleasance, Cowgate, Cockburn Street, High Street, Lawnmarket, Candlemaker Row, Victoria Street, Blair Street, and South Bridge.

Engagement with key Old Town groups and representatives will be taking place during May 2019 on the proposals. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) will be promoted for implementation between 29 July and 6 September 2019. A communications plan will also promote the proposals and provide information and advice to support affected residents and businesses, as well as help visitors to the city during the summer

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### Forthcoming activities:

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