

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Motion by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

22 August 2019

**Item 7.1 - Appointments to Committee and Committee
Terms of Reference**

Councillor Mandy Watt to replace Councillor Maureen Child on Finance and Resources Committee.

Councillor Maureen Child to replace Councillor Mandy Watt on the GRBV Committee.

Councillor Rob Munn to replace Councillor Kate Campbell on GRBV Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh

22 August 2019

Item 7.2 - Royal Burgh – 900th Anniversary Working Group - Proposal

Council:

To approve the formation of a short-life working group, to be chaired by the Lord Provost, with the protocol, membership and remit described in the report, other than Councillor membership of said group consisting instead of:

- a) the Lord Provost;
- b) each group leader or their nominee in their place from their respective group; and
- c) an Independent councillor to be decided from their number, which failing nominated by the Lord Provost.

Moved by Councillor Jason Rust

Seconded by Councillor Joanna Mowat

Amendment by Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 August 2019

Item 8.1 - Senior Councillor Remuneration

Delete recommendations and replace with:

1.1 Council notes the report by the Chief Executive and expresses concern that, despite a request in December 2017 and further contact from Council officers, CoSLA has failed to publish or promote guidance to enable parental leave for elected members to be supported.

1.2 Council further recognises that, without supporting guidance or legislation, Councillors do not qualify for the same legal provisions afforded to employees.

1.3 Council therefore agrees to note:

a) that the Council Leader is taking adoption leave from 23 August 2019 to 7 October 2019; and

b) given the relatively short period concerned that the Depute Council Leader will cover the duties and responsibilities of the Council Leader during the period of his adoption leave.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Nick Cook

Motion by the Coalition

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Item 8.2 – Added Members and Voting Rights on the Education, Children & Families Committee

“The Council agrees to continue the report and to organise a series of meetings with the Faith Community to examine their present relationship with the Council and explore how the engagement on the voting rights of the Religious Representatives can be developed.”

Moved by: Councillor Ian Perry
Seconded by: Councillor Alison Dickie

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.2 - Added Members and Voting Rights on the Education, Children & Families Committee

Council:

Deletes recommendations 1.3 and 1.4 and replaces with:

- 1.3 Notes the convention that religious representatives have only exercised voting rights in matters related to faith based schooling or religious education.
- 1.4 Determines that religious representatives retain voting rights, respecting their role in partnering with City of Edinburgh Council to deliver religious education and faith-based schooling and respecting the long-standing convention noted above.
- 1.5 Determines that no additional members, voting or non-voting, be added to the Education, Children and Families Committee, noting the challenges of identifying a single representative pupil and the need to retain a balance in favour of elected members.

Moved by Councillor Callum Laidlaw

Seconded by Councillor Jason Rust

Amendment by the Green Group

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Delete 1.3 and 1.4 and replace with:

- 1.3 In order to balance the representation of the Added Members for Education Matters on the Education, Children and Families Committee, Council agrees the changes below:
- (a) To add an additional parent representative.
 - (b) To offer senior pupils a representative.
 - (c) To make all Added Members for Education Matters non-voting members.
 - (d) To add an additional Conservative or SNP councillor to ensure two-thirds of the membership is made up by elected members, in order to comply with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Proposed by Councillor Mary Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Gavin Corbett

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Council notes the contents of the report and the updated position following previous consideration of this matter at the Full Council meeting in May this year.

Council notes recommendations 1.1 and 1.2 and deletes 1.3 and 1.4, replacing these with the following:

Council:

- 1.3 Agrees to remove voting rights of added members, consistent with the current arrangement for the parent representative.
- 1.4 Agrees to add an additional parent representative and liaise with the CCWP to fill that space.
- 1.5 Agrees to increase the elected member positions by one in order to comply with the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.
- 1.6 Instructs officers to consult with appropriate young people's forum(s) on their preferred way to have better involvement of senior pupils with the Committee, including but not limited to the option of an added member place for a senior pupil representative, and to report back to the next Education Committee.
- 1.7 Instructs officers to consult with the current religious representatives on the Committee for ways in which they can have a more active role in advance of committee meetings to discuss matters affecting education, including but not limited to the option for something similar to the consultative committee with parents, and report back to the next Education Committee.

Moved by Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Motion by the Coalition

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Item 8.4 – Coalition Commitments Update August 2019

- 1) To agree the recommendations in the report.
- 2) To note the continuing positive and progressive work of the Coalition in delivering the Programme for the Capital, and its emphasis on a single shared vision for the city.
- 3) To note in particular the Coalition's success –

In supporting 81% of our care-experienced young people to enter a sustained positive destination, 5% above the national average, as well as 93.6% of all school leavers, the highest in 4 years.

As the first local authority to receive a very good evaluation in a child care and protection inspection, with sector leading work praised.

Tackling period poverty through the roll out of free sanitary products in all our schools.

In leading on the solution for managing Short Term Lets and making the case to the Scottish Government for a licensing regime which has resulted in a Scotland-wide consultation.

Introducing Housing First and Rapid Access Accommodation specifically aimed at helping people who are rough sleeping.

Pulling in £22million funding from the Scottish Government for George Street New Town improvements and other active travel projects.

Planting 12,000 trees since the start of this Administration.

In the investment of more than £120m in our road and path network over the life of this Administration and our Road Condition Index reaching its highest level since 2012.

In receiving 34 Green Flags for our parks and green spaces, more than any other local authority.

In exemplar community engagement at Granton, Meadowbank and Powderhall, Fountainbridge and Pennywell Council owned sites producing high quality, active travel focussed developments delivering above policy levels of affordable housing.

In increasing the number of allotments and expanding the network of community gardens and food growing initiatives to 1,833 and reducing the waiting list by 50%.

In providing PLACE funding in partnership with the Scottish Government and Festivals Edinburgh to deliver on Council priorities around inclusion and widening and deepening access to the arts.

In supporting the City's major festivals and increasing the funding for local cultural events as well as the creation of further work spaces for artists and craftspeople.

Moved by Councillor Eleanor Bird

Seconded by Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.4 - Coalition Commitments Progress Update

Council:

At recommendation 1.3 - replaces “agrees” with “notes” on line 1.

Adds the following recommendations and number as follows:

- 1.4 recognises the limitations of attaching suitable objective commentary on progress against political commitments.
- 1.5 instructs the Chief Executive, or the appropriate Director, to provide one annual report to the Executive Committees on progress against all objectives which fall within the remit of the relevant committee. These reports to set out where possible milestones or KPIs against which progress can be judged or to otherwise indicate where this is not possible.
- 1.6 Instructs the Chief Executive to provide a report to the June council meeting of each year containing the progress against all objectives. Such a report should contain all the commentary relating to each objective as agreed by the Executive Committees.

Moved by Councillor Phil Doggart

Seconded by Councillor John McLellan

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.4 – Coalition Commitments Update – August 2019

Council:

Notes this revision and update to the report on Coalition commitments progress report presented to the council in June;

Notes the new approach to determining the status of each commitment and that this has resulted in the progress on a number of commitments being re-evaluated;

However, notes that there remain a number of areas in which claimed progress is challengeable:

- 1) That despite commitment 3 the number of Living Wage employers in the city has fallen in the last year.
- 2) That despite commitment 8 the council is no closer to declaring a rent pressure zone in the city.
- 3) That despite commitment 9 9 to end the use of B&B facilities the council continues to house homeless families in B&B and has by far the highest number of breaches of the unsuitable accommodation order in Scotland.
- 4) That despite commitment 11 residents' groups have so far had no input into the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group's strategic planning.
- 5) That the introduction of bike racks can be an effective deterrent to pavement parking but that the administration has not made consistent use of them despite commitment 27 to tackle pavement parking.
- 6) That despite commitment 47 the extension of participatory budgeting has stalled and the 1% commitment is unlikely to be achieved.
- 7) That despite commitment 52 the administration abandoned Locality Committees within one year of establishing them.

Proposed by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by Councillor Melanie Main

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.4 – Coalition Commitments Update August 2019

Add recommendation 1.4:

Council agrees that the process for producing future updates will include the draft wording in relation to each commitment being considered by the relevant Executive Committee prior to its submission to the meeting of the full council.

Moved by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Councillor Gillian Gloyer

Amendment by the Green Group

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**Item 9.1 – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell -
Emissions Profile of Scotrail’s Refurbished InterCity
Fleet**

Delete all and replace:

“Council:

1. Recognises that rail is outwith the scope of Council;
2. Notes that this Council’s Air Quality team and LEZ delivery group are already in communication with rail staff and taking measurements of current air quality levels, in advance of any changes in air quality achieved by an LEZ;
3. Asks the Convenor of Transport and Environment to communicate this Council’s desire to drastically improve air quality to the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity in order that he may liaise with all rail operators on this subject and achieve a coordinated approach between local and national government”

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell - Low Grade Waste

1. Adds new point “e) Welcomes agreement secured by Green MSPs as part of a larger package in the 2019-20 Budget, to introduce a levy of around 25p on disposable drinks cups.”
2. In existing point e) new point f) change “Policy and Sustainability Committee” to “Single Use Plastics Working Group”.
3. Add final point 4) at end “Updating on progress with much more far-reaching measures to reduce plastic upstream, including proposals to ban all non-essential single use plastics and taking much firmer action on manufacturers’ and retailers’ use of excess packaging and plastic.”

Moved by: Councillor Gavin Corbett

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 9.3 – Motion by Councillor Neil Ross - Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces

Replaces Policy and Sustainability Committee with Transport and Environment Committee.

Moved by Councillor Karen Doran

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.6 – Motion by Councillor Mowat - Summertime Streets Programme

Delete all and replace with:

“Council:

1. Recognises that Summertime Streets was in response to concerns about pedestrian and vehicle interactions, and thanks officers for ensuring immediate safety concerns were addressed;
2. Notes both positive and negative feedback has been received from residents, businesses, and other stakeholders, which indicates that the approach and designs used this year should be refined and developed if they are to be repeated in future years;
3. Notes that the Transport and Environment Committee approved a report on Summertime Streets in June 2019, which described the approach towards monitoring and feedback, and noted that data and information gathered during Summertime Streets would be provided to support CCT and Open Streets, and therefore welcomes an update to Transport and Environment Committee within one cycle on this flow of information and the next steps;
4. Notes, in addition to the Summertime Streets programme:
 - 4.1. That festival-related advertising can detract from this council’s aims of safety and reduction of street clutter, and therefore asks for a review of policy which allows structures to be introduced and placed during the festival for the purposes of advertising, to be brought to Transport and Environment Committee
 - 4.2. Concerns continue to be expressed about the use of Princes Street Gardens for large private events, including safety concerns and loss of access to common good park space, and welcomes the forthcoming review of the use of the Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto and the Public Spaces Protocol, anticipated at Culture and Communities Committee in January 2020”

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.7 – Motion by Councillor Laidlaw - Venchie Project Emergency Funding

Council is asked to:

- 1) Note that the Venchie Project in Craigmillar offers a unique referred breakfast club that collects children from home and ensures that they are not only fed but are ready for school and ensures they get there on time and safely.
- 2) Recognise the value of early intervention as part of the policy of getting it right for every child and seeking to avoid the long-term effects of Adverse Childhood Experiences as well as the long-term cost benefits.
- 3) Note the Council agreed to provide universal breakfast clubs in 2015, these have proved effective in increasing attendance and raising attainment. To reassure the Council that children have not been adversely affected by the move to universal breakfast clubs in both North Edinburgh and Craigmillar, we request a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee in October 2019 which measures both the attendance and achievements at Ferryhill, St Francis and Niddrie Mill following the replacement of their referred breakfast club with a universal offer based in schools.
- 4) Recognise that the Venchie Project, like all third sector organisations across the city, should have the opportunity to work in partnership with the Council to support young people and families. To therefore request officers investigate how the Venchie, and any other Third Sector Organisation, can work in partnership to provide holiday programmes, after school provision and wider support for young people and families, as we are doing across the city.
- 5) Note that previously the council provided between and £128k and £160k in funding and accept that support of this magnitude will not be forthcoming in the future. To also acknowledge the Venchie Project has raised funds independently to meet some of its running costs.

- 6) Agree to provide temporary funding for the Venchie referred breakfast club up to the value of £10k. This will come from unallocated Council reserves and will require reinstatement in the 20/21 budget. To agree additional funding will end by 31 December 2019 when officers can confirm that all referred children are successfully transitioned to the universal breakfast clubs in their respective schools and all appropriate support is in place.

Moved by Councillor Ian Perry

Seconded by Councillor Alison Dickie

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 9.8 – Motion by Councillor Burgess – Global Climate Strike September 2019

Remove final paragraph and replace with:

“Therefore supports Council staff and employees taking part in the Global Climate Strike march and rally on 20 September who may take annual leave for this day when approved by their manager, within Council policy”.

Moved by Councillor Ian Perry

Seconded by Councillor Alison Dickie

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 9.10 - Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell – Celebrate Bisexuality Day

Council:

Agrees to insert additional wording into paragraphs 2 and 3:

- 2) Council agrees to support this day by flying the bisexual pride flag **and the rainbow pride flag** at the City Chambers on 23 September 2019 as a symbol of our commitment to supporting the bisexual people living, working, studying in or visiting Edinburgh.
- 3) Council also agrees to recognise its ongoing support for Celebrate Bisexuality Day in future years by flying the bisexual pride flag **and the rainbow pride flag** on 23 September hereafter.

Moved by Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Jason Rust

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.12 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Climate Change Impact and Management

Add at end:

“As part of this work and in light of the significant flooding caused by blocked gullies, Council agrees to an interim report to the Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles on the current arrangements for routine road gully cleaning and any additional resource requirements.”

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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**Item 9.17 - Motion by Councillor Cameron – Edinburgh
Street Names and Squares**

Council:

Agrees the motion but delete wording of the final sentence “**a woman’s name is given priority**” and replace with “**a woman’s name is given equal consideration.**”

Moved by Councillor Stephanie Smith

Seconded by Councillor Graeme Bruce

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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**Item 9.17 – Motion by Councillor Cameron –
Edinburgh Street Names and Squares**

Delete “when a street is named after a person, a woman’s name is given priority” and insert “over the course of a Council term, at least 50% of streets named after a person are named after women.”

Moved by: Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

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