

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Motion by the Coalition

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Item 7.1 – Appointments to Outside Organisations

Cllr Mandy Watt replaces Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron on Edinburgh Living LLP.

Cllr Joan Griffiths replaces Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron on Personnel Appeals Committee.

Cllr Mandy Watt replaces Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron on Corporate Body for Housing LLP.

Moved by: Councillor Maureen Child

Seconded by: Councillor Cathy Fullerton

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.3 – Edinburgh City Centre Transformation - Finalised Strategy – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council:

Deletes all and replaces with:

- 1.1 Notes the report recommendations.
- 1.2 Recognises the merits of a programme to transform central Edinburgh, in particular: to improve its public realm; prioritise sustainable travel on foot, by bike and public transport; and through these changes enable a wider range of sustainable development and public health outcomes, all while seeking to make use of a joined-up approach to city centre management.
- 1.3 Nonetheless, expresses disappointment and concern at the continued lack of specifics around many elements of ECCT - many of which remain purely aspiration in nature and considers this unacceptable for what is termed a 'finalised strategy'.
 - 1.3.1 Finds the lack of detail around bus service changes particularly concerning, given the additional pressure the council has already placed on Lothian Buses and the huge inconvenience lesser services could have on Edinburgh's working population and their families - the numbers of which cannot be catered for by a 'hopper bus'.
 - 1.3.2 Notes that Lothian Buses has formally voiced its concerns in respect of the above and the resulting consequences for the firm's financial viability.
- 1.4 Notes that, despite assurances that full funding details would be provided, little fresh financial detail is provided, with the report acknowledging huge uncertainty around later stage projects, which are deliverable only 'as and when' funding may theoretically become available.

- 1.5 Agrees for a revised, focused and detailed plan to come back to committee which progresses with a management and operations centre and seeks to demonstrate that the Council can complete - within agreed budgets and timescales - the following flagship place making projects: George Street and First NewTown Project, a refreshed Royal Mile Action Plan and the CCEW cycle link. All projects will include robust monitoring and impact assessments to inform future decision making.
- 1.6 Agrees that Open Streets requires to run in its current iteration for far longer to enable meaningful data gathering and stakeholder engagement which can also be used to inform future place making project decisions.

Moved by Councillor Nick Cook

Seconded by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.1 – Motion by Councillor Whyte - Blue Badge Scheme

Council:

Accepts paragraph 1 and welcomes these recent developments, while acknowledging that the Department of Transport policy changes refer to the position in England and Wales from 30 August 2019.

Acknowledges that Transport Scotland recognised the need to widen the eligibility criteria for the Scottish scheme to those with a wider definition of disability, including cognitive disability, and that they ran a successful pilot scheme in 2016.

Acknowledges that the eligibility criteria were then reviewed and our policy was amended in 2018.

Acknowledges that CEC administer this scheme but works with the EIJB to deliver assessments of eligibility where required.

Agrees to request the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to further publicise the wider eligibility criteria in Edinburgh.

Moved by Councillor Eleanor Bird
Seconded by Councillor Cammy Day

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor Rae - Greening the Fringe

Accepts the motion with the following amendments:

Paragraph 1 – replace the word ‘cause’ with ‘can exacerbate’ and remove the word ‘remain’

Paragraph 4 – replace with the following:

“The letter to the Scottish Government should include a request to investigate production of a good practice guide for licensed premises explaining how they can incorporate personal reusable cups/glasses and deposit schemes into their operation, so Scotland can lead the way in reduction of global plastic waste.”

Paragraph 5 – replace with the following:

“Calls for officers to investigate the possibility of hardwired power in public spaces to allow pop-up venues to use energy from renewable sources instead of having to opt for gas power and report back to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles.”

Moved by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Seconded by Councillor Donald Wilson

Amendment by the Coalition

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**Item 9.3 – Motion by Councillor Duggart - Scottish
Hockey**

Council:

Accepts paragraphs 1-3 and 5. Deletes paragraph 4

Moved by Councillor Donald Wilson
Seconded by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.4 – Motion by Councillor Daggart - Sports Pitches

Council:

Accepts paragraphs 1 to 4 and replaces paragraphs 5 and 6 as follows:

- 5) Accepts responsibility for marking pitches where conditions permit. Within the normal grass cutting regime, removing grass cuttings is unnecessary as grass is cut weekly. However, weekly cutting has not always been possible, for example due to recent weather conditions.
- 6) Instructs officers to liaise with Edinburgh Leisure, who manage sports pitches on the council's behalf, to provide a report to Culture and Communities Committee within 1 cycle setting out cost implications of removal of grass cuttings from sports pitches.

Moved by Councillor Donald Wilson

Seconded by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Addendum by the Green Group

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7. Welcomes all 1-6 and adds:

Notes further the Green budget proposal of February 2018 to allocate £90k a year for grounds maintenance equipment to reduce the time lost in repair workshop and seeks a progress update.

Recognises that, as well as condition of pitches, availability is also a major concern, both for playing and training, and notes that Edinburgh's independent schools sector has considerable scope to open up fuller access to playing fields and sports facilities for wider community benefit; and so, agrees that the feasibility study in 6c above be extended to look at how the charitable status of private schools can be utilised to improve access to their playing and training facilities.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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Item No 9.4 – Motion by Councillor Doggart – Sports Pitches

Accepts 1,2,3 and replaces 4,5,6 with the following

- 4) Understands it has a responsibility to the clubs and participating residents who use Council owned and/or operated facilities to provide those facilities to an acceptable playing standard, including marking pitches to ensure fixtures can be completed; removing all grass cuttings from, and adjacent to, sports pitches and cutting grass to an appropriate length to enable fixtures and training to proceed;
- 5) Instructs officers to provide a report in relation to the Council owned and/or operated facilities referred to above to Culture and Communities within one cycle setting out the following:
 - (a) the extent to which pitches have not met playing standards in the winter sport seasons up to the date of the report;
 - (b) establishing an action plan to prevent future standards falling below those required by clubs; and
 - (c) a feasibility study into providing a “trusted key-holder” system for clubs.

Moved by Councillor Hal Osler
Seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.5 – Motion by Councillor Miller - Parking in the City Chambers Quadrangle

Council:

Accepts paragraph 1.

Replaces paragraph 2 as follows:

“Instructs officers to provide a report to Finance and Resouces Committee recommending a policy to cover the continued parking for appropriate vehicles as well as an update on the review of Councillors free parking passes from 14 March 2019 Council.”

Moved by Councillor Alasdair Rankin

Seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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Item No 9.5 – Motion by Councillor Miller - Parking in the City Chambers Quadrangle

Accepts point (1) of the motion, and point (2) up to “restricted” then replaces the rest so it reads:

- 2) agrees that vehicle usage of the quadrangle should be restricted to legitimate and reasonable use, and asks council officers to prepare a report for CP&S on the following:
 - i) What criteria exist to permit vehicle access to the quadrangle and, if different, the criteria to be allowed to park there;
 - ii) To what extent the quadrangle is being used for long periods (i.e. more than 1-2 hours) or on a regular basis (i.e. more than once a week) by particular categories of users; and
 - iii) Proposals on how access and parking could be better managed/restricted to ensure only legitimate and reasonable use.

Moved by Councillor Louise Young
Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.6 – Motion by Councillor Main - Council Welfare Accreditation

Council agrees 1 and 2.

Replaces 3 with the following:

“3) Edinburgh Council is not accredited under the national scheme currently, but has been in contact with Scottish Legal Aid board to seek accreditation. Edinburgh Council is on a waiting list for auditing and is likely to be audited in Spring 2020.”

Adds 4 as follows:

“4) Notes that all staff are fully trained to a high standard and able to fulfil the tasks and responsibilities of their role. This is monitored through supervision and internal auditing of cases.”

Refers to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Mandy Watt

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item No 9.6 – Motion by Councillor Main – Council Welfare Accreditation

Council:

Adds to the final paragraph after Standards:

And what added benefits such accreditation would bring to the residents of Edinburgh and what demands would be placed on staff to secure the accreditation.

Moved by

Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by

Councillor Jim Campbell

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