

Motions and Amendments

Leadership Advisory Panel

10.00 am Tuesday, 31st March, 2020

Meeting will be held by Skype

Motions, Amendments and Addendums

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Amendment by Conservative & Scottish Liberal Democrat Groups

Item 7.2

Edinburgh City Centre Transformation: Meadows to George Street, Developed Design and Commencement of Statutory Procedures for Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order

Committee

Notes that the Remit of the Leadership Advisory Panel states that it is:

“9.5.1. To decide any matter of urgency arising during any recess period ... that:

(a) can not await the resumption of the normal meetings timetable;”

1. Notes the work carried out by officers on the proposals in the report but considers that:
 - a) determining this matter is not urgent as no deadline requires to be met
 - b) at this time of emergency Council officer resources are better deployed on maintaining existing Council services
 - c) that determining such controversial matters under the urgency arrangements reduces scrutiny on the removal of the George IV Bridge/Mound north-south route to general traffic and the closure of Market Street to general traffic
 - d) that major and controversial matters such as these require proper, informed consideration and scrutiny by Councillors in Committee that is open to the public

2. Further considers that additional work is required before this is presented for statutory TRO and RSO processes and that this should be presented in full in the normal Committee cycle in order to:
 - a) address the serious safety concerns regarding the crossing of the vehicular route and cycle way over Princes Street; and
 - b) to consider whether a symmetrical plan that has segregated cycle routes running along each side of the street can be produced and to allow councillors to consider the benefits and disbenefits of each approach.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Amendment by Conservative & Scottish Liberal Democrat Groups

Item 7.3

Edinburgh City Centre Transformation: George Street and First New Town: Project Update

Committee

Notes that the Remit of the Leadership Advisory Panel states that it is:

“9.5.1. To decide any matter of urgency arising during any recess period ... that:

(a) can not await the resumption of the normal meetings timetable;”

1. Notes the work carried out by officers on the proposals in the report but considers that:

a) determining this matter is not urgent as no deadline requires to be met

b) at this time of emergency Council officer resources are better deployed on maintaining existing Council services

c) that determining such controversial matters under the urgency arrangements reduces scrutiny and that major and controversial matters such as these require proper, informed consideration and scrutiny by Councillors in a Committee that is open to the public meeting under normal circumstances

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.5 Annual Review of Major Events in Parks 2018/19

Add to recommendations:

Insert After 1.1 and renumber

Notes the increase in response from residents from 75 to 454 and the growing concerns about some central and local parks being over-used for events, with loss of public space and causing public amenity issues, in particularly noise

Notes the importance of well managed city parks and green spaces for the health and well-being of all Edinburgh residents and that parks should be publicly accessible to all most of the time.

Notes also that the parks service will require an income stream due to the level of budget set,

Requests that the development of the Public Spaces Management Plan (PSMP) reflects public concerns received, and includes a major focus on ward member and local consultation to ensure the best outcomes for the city as a whole, and that the PSMP will be presented to the Culture and Communities Committee for approval.

Moved by: **Alex Staniforth**

Amendment by Conservative & Scottish Liberal Democrat Groups

Item 7.5

Annual Review of Major Events in Parks 2018/2019 and Consultation on Future Events

Committee

Agrees to delete recommendation 1.1.1 and replace with

“agree any decisions on the Public Spaces Management Plan and specifically the suggestion of procuring additional events in public parks is delayed until it can be scrutinised as part of the normal committee process”

Agrees recommendation 1.1.3 however it should be re-numbered as 1.1.2

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Motion by the Coalition

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Item 7.6 – Culture Service Third Party Grants Funding 2020/2021

The Panel:

Notes 4.1 in the report and agrees that all funds allocated can be released in the first instance to help organisations plan for impacts of COVID-19. Agrees that any available funding currently unallocated is delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to further deal with any immediate needs of partner organisations as a result of COVID-19.

Moved by: Cllr Adam McVey

Seconded by: Cllr Cammy Day

Motion By the Coalition

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Item 7.11 Temporary Changes to Contract Standing Orders

The Panel:

Inserts after “Chief Executive” in point 1.3 “in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader”

Moved by: Cllr Adam McVey

Seconded by: Cllr Cammy Day

Motion by the Coalition

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Item 7.14 Planning Contingency Measures

The Panel is asked to:

delete the word “or ” in recommendation 1.1.2

Moved by: Cllr Adam McVey

Seconded by: Cllr Cammy Day

Amendment by Conservative & Scottish Liberal Democrat Groups

Item 7.14

Planning Contingency Measures

Committee

Arrangements for Planning:

- 1) Rejects the suggestions at 4.7 - 4.8.1 and replaces with:
 - a) All applications that can be delegated within the scheme of delegation should be so processed with a strict interpretation of the scheme being used,
 - b) For local developments following consultation with the Chief Planning Officer decisions to be taken by the Chief Planning Officer in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener.

- 2) To take no decision on the delegation of major decisions until 15th April 2020 which is the last day that the agenda for next scheduled Development Management Sub Committee needs to be published; and should it not be possible to meet in person officers should advise why a remote meeting cannot be held on 22nd April to allow major applications to be considered at that meeting by the Sub Committee.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.14 Planning Contingency Measures

Add to recommendations:

Add at end:

“1.1.3 notes the intention to operate a filtering process, whereby the Chief Planning Officer in consultation with the Convenor or Vice-Convenor of Planning will determine which applications may be contentious, and which should therefore not be decided under delegated authority;

1.1.4 agrees that ward councillors for relevant applications, and members of planning committee should, where practical, continue to be notified of forthcoming decisions, and should have an opportunity to communicate to the Chief Planning Officer if they feel a particular application may be contentious.”

Moved by: **Alex Staniforth**

Motion by the Coalition

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Item 7.15 Licensing Contingency Measures

The Panel is asked to
delete the word “or ” in recommendation 1.1

Moved by: Cllr Adam McVey
Seconded by Cllr Cammy Day

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.15 Licensing Delegated Power

Add to recommendations:

Add at end

Also agrees that relevant ward councillors for HMO applications, be notified of forthcoming decisions, and will have an opportunity to communicate to the Director of Place and convener and vice-convener, in advance of any decision being made if they feel a particular application may be contentious.

Moved by: Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Edinburgh Party of Independent Councillors

Leadership Advisory Panel

Item 7.15 Licensing Contingency Measures

Insert new paragraph '4.5.2.'

Panel members recognise that due to the COVID 19 pandemic, Taxi and PHC owner/drivers have seen their income dramatically reduce; whilst many of their overheads remain, including their City of Edinburgh Council Vehicle Licensing Fee.

Panel members are aware there is a large sum of money that is ring fenced for future developments relating to Taxi/PHC inspection purposes.

Panel members also recognise that many Taxi PHC owners/drivers are self-employed and are unlikely to receive any substantive central government benefit assistance until June.

In recognition of the financial difficulties faced by Taxi and PHC driver/owners the Leadership Advisory Panel, on behalf of the Council, confirms they shall defer all Taxi and PHC vehicle licensing charges until 1st June, and thereafter offer an option for these fees to be paid over a ten-month period.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.17 Third Sector Interface

Add to recommendations:

1.3 Notwithstanding 1.2 recognises essential work being carried out by the TSI partners to ensure that the city's third sector can respond to and facilitate hugely increased demand for volunteering, and increased pressure on local voluntary organisations to respond, with standstill or reduced capacity; and therefore delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leader, the urgent task of agreeing a package of additional immediate core funding on receipt of a business case from the TSI partners.

Moved by: Alex Staniforth