

# Motions and Amendments

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 28th May, 2020

Virtual Meeting - via Skype

### Motions and Amendments

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## Motion by the Coalition

### Policy and Sustainability Committee

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#### Item 6.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Programme

Establishes to the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group membership and remit as follow:

1. Membership

The political make up will be the same as the Policy and Sustainability Committee and the membership will be the same as the Policy and Sustainability Committee by default unless parties decide to make different appointments to their allocation.

2. Convener/Chair

The chair will be the convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

3. Substitutes

Substitutes are permitted from the same political group.

4. Officers

Officers will attend to support meetings.

5. Remit

i. support and drive a co-ordinated approach throughout the Council; ii. provide additional scrutiny and oversight of the Programme; iii. Feedback and contribute to the development of options for committee;

6. Meeting Frequency

The APOG will meet on an four-week cycle but may meet more frequently if determined necessary by the Chair.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**

# Amendment by Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Programme

Delete recommendations 1.1 to 1.3 and replace with

Committee agrees to:

- 1.1 Note the report by the Chief Executive but considers that a proposed programme based on the three priorities outlined in the Council Administration budget would mean no meaningful change to policy and would fail to address the very different social, financial and economic circumstances the City and the Council face over the next period of recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic.
- 1.2 Notes that the 2050 Vision has never been presented to the Council for scrutiny, amendment or agreement, contains flaws derived from the selective method of consultation used and therefore cannot form the basis for a Renewal Programme which must primarily focus on reinvigorating the City economy and renewing Council services as lockdown eases.
- 1.3 Agrees that a revised Programme be presented at the next meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee that concentrates on:
  - a) Early reinstatement and rapid adaptation of Council services to address social distancing requirements and bring costs in line with available budget, also taking account of adaptation of service size where business/public demand for income generating services has altered;
  - b) Actions and advice to the business sector that aim to enable small and medium sized enterprises to resume operation safely as lockdown phases ease (for example with social distancing in workplaces, click and collect or delivery methods for non-essential retail and the reinstatement of the housing market);
  - c) That consideration is given to all business sectors recognising the importance of the Finance sector and SMEs to Edinburgh's economy, the capacity and different trading conditions for any hospitality sector revival and the likelihood that the tourism sector will take longest to resume;

d) Recognises that changed working practices like “working from home” may persist and bring short and long term changes to building use in the City Centre and other centres of employment and agrees to explore the planning changes required to allow buildings to be quickly adapted for new uses housing or new types of retail and leisure in light of market demand while preserving our built heritage.

1.4 On specific proposals within the report Committee agrees:

- a) That to avoid duplication of Governance any oversight of Public Health work and EHSCP renewal will be undertaken by the EIJB with appropriate delegation and additions to membership or reporting lines for any items where this proves necessary;
- b) To note the use of Internal Audit as a quasi-Risk Management function will prevent Internal Audit from subsequently auditing any processes it has assisted in implementing. Any required audit activity in such areas would require the incurring of additional expenditure through the use of the external auditor and instructs that a report be presented to Committee within one month detailing the costs involved;
- c) That full oversight of the programme be properly provided in public by the Policy and Sustainability Committee and that any working group reflect the full make-up of the Council as discussed elsewhere on the agenda.

Agrees recommendations 1.4 to 1.8 from the Chief Executive’s report with the deletion of the bullet point on “Edinburgh 2050 City Vision next steps” from Recommendation 1.5 and to renumber these accordingly.

**Moved by** Councillor Iain Whyte

**Seconded by** Councillor Susan Webber

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Programme

Agrees to option 4.14.1 with regard to governance and that the working group will be made up of the entirety of the Policy and Sustainability Committee with the opportunity for members to substitute for the working group should the need arise.

Add to recommendations at 1.5:

The need to integrate the zero carbon 2030 commitment within the adaptation and renewal programme and specifically to include the work being carried out by the Edinburgh Climate Commission by the end of June.

Add:

- 1.9 Note the opportunity to review aspects of the City Region Deal prospectus in light of the dramatically changed context and the need to align City Region Deal programmes with the adaptation and renewal programme.
- 1.10 Notes that the formation of a partnership Public Health Advisory Board, will require the input and approval of the relevant governance bodies of each partner.

**Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Policy & Sustainability Committee 28 May 2020

### Item No. 6.1

### Report Title: Adaptation and Renewal Programme

To agree the recommendations with the following adjustments:

Recommendation 1.2 add after the words 'working group' the words 'in line with option 3 in para 4.14.3 of the report with associated membership drawn from all six constituted political groups represented on the council – one member from each group.'

Add to recommendation 1.5

Agrees further that in relation to the workstream 'service operations' consideration will be given to

- a. More localised control over service delivery
- b. An improved partnership approach working with the voluntary sector, private sector and other civic partners
- c. Options for strengthening employee involvement in the governance of relevant ALEOs

Add to recommendation 1.7 and agree to include in a future report a clear description of how the governance of the EIJB programme, the council programme and the work of the new PHAB will be co-ordinated and managed to ensure appropriate scrutiny and accountability.

**Moved by** Cllr Robert Aldridge

**Seconded by** Cllr Gillian Gloyer



# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.2 – Decisions taken under Delegated Power and Operational Decision Making – COVID-19

Add new 1.1.3 - 1.1.6 and renumber accordingly:

- 1.1.3 Committee notes from Appendix 1 items D36A and D83 that requests have been made by volunteers on Community Centre Management Committees for access to community centres to provide a space to organise food distribution to local vulnerable residents.
- 1.1.4 Committee notes that this activity is entirely within the law, as Scottish guidance clearly states community centres can open 'For the purpose of hosting essential voluntary or public services, such as food banks.'
- 1.1.5 Committee notes that due to these delegated decisions to not allow volunteers access to community centres, some food bank activity is now taking place in homes, gardens and public streets, resulting in additional safety and security issues.
- 1.1.6 Therefore, Committee agrees to call for a short report in one cycle fully detailing the decisions made so far, and providing options to re-open community centres as part of Adaption and Renewal, to allow access to volunteers from community centre management committees to operate food parcel distribution, where an agreed plan of how they will operate in a safe and socially distant manner can be put in place.

**Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

# Amendment by Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.3 – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee Arrangements and Remote Council Meetings

#### Committee

Insert a new 1.2, and renumber.

1.2 While interim procedural standing orders apply, Members cannot be members of both the Policy & Sustainability Committee and the Governance, Risk & Best Value Committee.

In 1.4 (was 1.3) add at the end

including consulting with Group Leaders by the 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 on suitable dates for large scale testing and for Council meetings that do not follow the published Council diary.

Any “restrictions” as outlined in section 4.11 of the report should be agreed in advance with all Group Leaders.

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**Moved by** Councillor Iain Whyte

**Seconded by** Councillor Nick Cook

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.3 – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee Arrangements and Remote Council Meetings

Addendum to end of 1.1:

Be in place for June to August and that the current terms of reference will be reinstated from September. Further agrees to request of GRBV that the objectives for the workplan for the June, July and August meetings of GRBV will be as outlined in the report in 4.3 and 4.4.

**Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

# Addendum by Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.4 – Revenue Budget 2020/21 Update

#### Committee

Adds to the recommendations;

- 1.1.6 Notes the dire financial circumstances facing the Council and its ALEOs.
- 1.1.7 Acknowledges that the 3-year budget agreed by the Council in February is now not realistic in light of the COVID-19 outbreak and will need to be substantially reworked as a result.
- 1.1.8 Recognises that the appropriate forum to re-visit the Council's budget is the Finance and Resources committee and therefore agrees to prioritise the reinstatement of meetings of the Finance and Resources committee, with meetings to be held from the first week in July and continuing on a monthly basis until the 2021 Council budget meeting.

**Moved by** Councillor Graham Hutchison

**Seconded by** Councillor Iain Whyte

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.4 – Revenue Budget 2020/21 Update

Add:

1.1.6 That Edinburgh is likely to face a higher budget gap than many other councils as a result of the scale of funding shortfalls facing bus and tram operations and expects the Scottish Government to recognise that in further budget distribution.

1.1.7 That losses to parking-related revenue are projected at around £13.5m and, with city traffic rising again, recognises that for both policy and budget reasons, the suspension of parking charges needs to be reviewed.

1.1.8 That capital budgets are not included in the current report but are also expected to be impacted and requests a report on capital programme within two cycles.

**Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.6 – Winter Festivals Consultation

Committee:

Notes the considerable concern and public discourse on this issue, welcomes the cross party approach to prioritising and developing a public consultation, and seeks to assure the public that this is a priority for this council.

**Moved by:** Councillor Melanie Main  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Alex Staniforth

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 6.7 – Deferral of Edinburgh Summer Sessions 2020 to 2021

Add to 1.1:

“During which time seeks to secure a suitable alternative venue which is able to accommodate the size of the summer sessions events, acknowledging the possible need for social distancing of attendees, performers and crew and the potential suitability of outdoor venues in the current circumstances.”

**Moved by:** Councillor Melanie Main  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Alex Staniforth



# Cross-Party Addendum

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.11 – Outcome Report of the Short Life Working Group to Examine Communities and Families Third Party Grants

Committee agrees that funding for the additional organisations identified below shall be met from the small education grants allocation within the Council budget and beyond that sum, from the currently unallocated additional monies from the Scottish Government budget setting in February. These grants will be added to the same timeline and process as all other grants approved in the report.

Organisation	Grant Award 2019-20
Broomhouse Centre	15,805
Craigmillar Books for Babies	9,165
Dunedin Canmore - Youth Project	6,676
EVOC (East Holiday Programme)	27,500
Goodtrees	5,000
Home Start - West & South West	48,145
HOT - Alcohol Support/Emotional Health/Turn Around	138,264
Multi-Cultural Family Base - Early Years Service	62,348
Multi-Cultural Family Base (4 Corner)	27,356
Sikh Sanjog	20,237
Stepping Stones	83,434
The Big Project	25,500
The Ripple	101,207
The BIG Project	5,133
Venchie	36,132
<b>Total</b>	<b>£611,902</b>

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**Moved by** Councillor McVey

**Seconded by** Councillor Day

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 6.12 – Public Realm CCTV Continuation of Service

#### Committee

Notes the report and adds the following recommendation;

- 1.3 The CCTV Working Group has agreed a way forward but had not met since October 2019 and therefore calls for a further report in 1 cycle detailing where the project has reached in relation to progress with the CCTV upgrade procurement exercise and the anticipated timeline for delivery of the Public Realm Upgrade. Regrets the long delay in updating Edinburgh's CCTV system."

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**Moved by** Councillor Susan Webber

**Seconded by** Councillor Iain Whyte

# Motion by the Coalition

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.13 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards & Joint Boards for 2020/21

Agrees to appoint Councillor McVey as Leader of the Council and Councillor Day as Depute Leader of the Council.

Agrees to retain the appointments to committees based on the current political breakdown and retains committee membership as outlined in appendices 3, 4 and 5.

Agrees to retain current appointments as outlined in Appendix 2.

Agrees to retain current appointments to the Licensing Board and Lothian Joint Valuation Board.

**Moved by:** Councillor Adam McVey

**Seconded by:** Councillor Cammy Day

# Amendment by Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.13 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2020/2021

#### Committee

Replace recommendation 1.1 with

1.1 Agrees to appoint Council Committees in line with the proportional make-up of the Council as outlined in Appendix 1 “New Political Breakdown”

Agrees recommendations 1.2 and 1.3

At recommendation 1.2 (c) to note the following appointments to Executive Committees for 2020/21 following the Conservative Group AGM

- 1) **Education, Children & Families** – Councillor Douglas replaces Councillor Webber
- 2) **Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work** – Councillor Hutchison replaces Councillor Whyte
- 3) **Policy & Sustainability** – Councillor Cook replaces Councillor Jim Campbell
- 4) **Transport & Environment** – Councillor Whyte replaces Councillor Cook, Councillor Webber replaces Councillor Douglas
- 5) **Committee on Pupil Student Support** – Councillor Laidlaw replaces Councillor Smith
- 6) **Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee** – add 3 member Cllr Joanna Mowat

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**Moved by** Councillor Iain Whyte

**Seconded by** Councillor Susan Webber

# Amendment by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.13 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2020/2021

- 1.1 Notes that the consequence of appendix 1 as presented could result in the 8-member Green Group losing a place on most committees to, and having the same membership as, a 3-member group of some of the independent councillors, none of whom were elected as independents; none of whom have had a single vote cast for them as independents; and who have presented no manifesto or policy platform for election, this being in stark contrast to the mandate secured by all other parties in the council;

Therefore

- 1.2 Agrees to keep the appointments to committees based on the current political breakdown and appoint committee and board memberships as outlined in appendices 3, 4 and 5, with the exception of:

Cllr Corbett to replace Cllr Booth on Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals

Cllr Susan Rae to replace Cllr Melanie Main as the second Green Group member on Governance Risk and Best Value Committee

- 1.3 Agrees to keep current appointments to the Licensing Board and LVJB.

**Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**



# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Policy & Sustainability Committee 28 May 2020

### Item No. 6.13

### Report Title: Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2020/2021

To agree the new political balance of council committees set out in appendix 1 of the report.

To agree that the Liberal Democrat membership of executive committees and other committees of the council will remain the same as described in appendices 3,4 and 5 and that the Liberal Democrat member of SESTRANS will be Councillor Kevin Lang.

**Moved by** Cllr Robert Aldridge

**Seconded by** Cllr Gillian Gloyer

# Motion by the Edinburgh Party of Independent Councillors (EPIC)

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 6.13 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2020/2021

Committee agrees the political balance of the committees as described in Appendix 1 and retains all existing appointments except:

Replaces a SNP member of the Policy and Sustainability Committee with Cllr Gavin Barrie (EPIC)

Replaces a Green member on the Culture and Communities Committee with Cllr Gavin Barrie (EPIC)

Replaces a Green member of the Education, Children and Families Committee with Cllr Gavin Barrie.

Replaces a Green member on the Finances and Resources Committee with Cllr Claire Bridgman (EPIC)

Replaces a Green member on the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee with Cllr Lewis Ritchie (EPIC)

Replaces a Green member on the Transport & Environment Committee with Cllr Gavin Barrie (EPIC)

Replaces a Green Member on the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee with Cllr Claire Bridgman (EPIC)

Replaces a Green member on the Planning Committee and Development Sub Committee with Cllr Lewis Ritchie (EPIC)

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**Moved by**

**Seconded by**

# Amendment by the Coalition

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 7.1 - Motion by Councillor Whyte – Nike Conference - North Bridge Hilton

1. Notes that the Council first stood up its Council Incident Management Team on 27 February in response to the Covid-19 virus and meeting almost daily thereafter.
2. Notes the Council was first advised of a suspected COVID 19 case by the local health protection team from NHS Lothian on 3 March and were advised that a test was being carried out and the results would follow. The Chief Executive was informed the same day.
3. Notes that the positive test result was shared on 6 March and the Chief Executive was immediately informed. The Chief Executive then sent an email (on the same day) to all Councillors and Council Colleagues informing them that there was a confirmed case in the Lothians.
4. Further notes that the incident was being managed by the NHS including the dissemination of any information.
5. Notes that Council Officers were informed by the SRU that full liaison had taken place with public health authorities prior to the event, and further notes that decision to hold the event was not within the authority of CEC.
6. Notes the Council continues to issue proactive public messages and advice on its website and other sources promoting and reinforcing the latest public health guidance from Government. This included emphasising the organisations or individuals should contact Health Protection Scotland in the event of a suspected case.

7. Notes that points 1-6 answers the questions in the motion but requests a further update to Policy and Sustainability Committee in one cycle either as a stand alone report or within an appropriate update report to expand on points above and cover any other relevant points.

8. Agrees that the Council should, as set out in the Adaptation and Renewal Programme report, continue to work proactively with NHS Lothian, Health Protection Scotland and other partners to keep Edinburgh residents as safe as possible during this global crisis.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

28 May 2020

### Item 7.1 – Motion by Councillor Whyte

Add at end:

Notes further the considerable public concern over the handling of this outbreak and that the health and safety of the public is paramount.

Therefore requests that the report should:

1. Lay out an overview of the outbreak and set out clearly the various responsibilities and duties of the parties involved in responding, including the Public Health Scotland, the Council, NHS Lothian and the Scottish and UK Governments
2. Consider whether in light of later developments the response was adequate and make suggestions as to changes to the response procedure for outbreaks in future.

**Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**