

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Addendum by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 6.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Programme Update

Inserts after 1.6 (and re-numbers the remaining paragraphs):

- 1.6 Requests the Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership to provide a report to Committee, within two cycles, containing, but not limited to, the following:
- a. An explanation for the disproportionately high number of Edinburgh Covid-19 deaths that have occurred in care homes;
 - b. Details of the number of care home Covid-19 deaths where the deceased had previously been in hospital;
 - c. An explanation for the disproportionately high number of Edinburgh Covid-19 deaths in relation to the number of non-Covid-19 deaths;
 - d. Understanding why the number of Edinburgh care homes showing a suspected case of Covid-19 deaths continues to increase;
 - e. The steps taken by the Partnership, or the Public Health Advisory Board, to address the issues brought out by a) and c) in relation to future outbreaks:
and
 - f. The issues raised with the Edinburgh IJB and NHS Lothian about minimising the impact of future outbreaks across Edinburgh.

Moved by Councillor Susan Webber

Seconded by Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment – Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 6.2 – Schools Re-opening

Committee agrees recommendations

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1.1.4

1.1.5

Replaces 1.1.2 with

1.1.2 Notes that if Council is required to implement the contingency of Blended Learning in August, following Scottish Government guidance, that a minimum of 50% of in-school learning will be provided. The additional costs of this provision shall be made clear to the Scottish Government, including the impact on other Council budgets should the Council not be supported by an extra uplift in grant funding.

And adds

1.1.6 Recognises that the statement of the Deputy First Minister on 23 June means that implementation of Phase 4 rather than Phase 3 is now the objective for the return to school in August and asks for officers to report within one cycle how this can be implemented in detail with specific issues addressed to include:

- Detail on what additional hygiene measures would need to be implemented to move immediately to Phase 4 rather than Phase 3 and estimated costs
- Detail on responsive closure plans should a school or centre be connected to a virus outbreak
- Detail on what online provision can be made available to children who live with a parent falling into the shielding category

- Proportion of City of Edinburgh teaching and support staff falling into the shielding category or living in shielding households
- Costs of addressing the expected short-fall in staffing through supply teaching and estimation of whether additional recruitment is required and what measures could be undertaken to fulfil this e.g. secondments and support from other qualified individuals, including teachers who have left the profession, those with other UK or international qualifications and those close to completing their teaching qualifications, to assist in supporting learning.

1.1.7 Agrees that updates on progress towards the return to school in August will be made to every Policy and Sustainability Committee meeting between now and August in writing. That these updates can be shared with Parents and Parent Councils.

Moved by Councillor Callum Laidlaw

Seconded by Councillor Susan Webber

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

25 June 2020

Item 6.2 – Schools Re-opening

This Committee adds to recommendations;

1. Welcomes and appreciates the hard work and planning done by council officers and school staff for the return to school in August;
2. Notes the statement by the Scottish Government Education Secretary on 23 June that the national aim is now for schools to return full-time in August without social distancing should there be continued progress in suppressing the covid19 pandemic;
3. Notes that the Council's Local Delivery Phasing Plan version 1.0 will now be amended to reflect the Education Secretary's statement and that blended-learning will become a contingency plan;
4. However, recognises that the Education Secretary stressed that full-time return is contingent on continued progress in suppressing transmission of covid19, and that this is not guaranteed;
5. Further notes that HMIE will continue to scrutinise the Council's blended-learning model contingency plan for school return when submitted to the Scottish Government;
6. Recognises that covid19 contagion within schools after a full-time return may require staff to self-isolate or even for schools to be re-closed;
7. Therefore agrees that the Council will continue to develop its contingency planning for a consistent and equitable blended-learning model should it become necessary and that every possible measure will continue be explored for maximising teaching time spent in schools - including recruitment of more teaching staff including using teaching assistants, requisition of additional

teaching space, outdoor learning and online lessons by teachers to support home learning – such that the contingency plan is ready for implementation should it be necessary;

8. Further agrees that the Council's contingency plans requiring additional expenditure by the Council are costed and communicated to the Scottish Government as a matter of urgency;
9. Further notes the concern about transmission of covid19 within schools and therefore:
 - i) agrees that the Council will support schools in taking all necessary measures to support the health and well-being of children, young people and school staff;
 - ii) agrees to consult teachers and school staff unions about the return to school;
 - iii) agrees to make representation to the Scottish Government to request that testing is made available in schools particularly for teachers and other school staff;
10. Agrees that parents and school staff will be kept updated on plans during the summer holiday period;
11. Agrees that an update on the return to school and the revised Local Delivery Phasing Plan will be provided to the next meeting of this committee.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by Councillor Alex Staniforth

8.3 By Councillor Young - Blended school proposals and maximising classroom time

PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE REPORT - CHANGES ARE MARKED IN CAPS IN ORDER TO WORK AS AN ADDENDUM

“Committee recognises the extraordinary circumstances in which teachers, pupils and parents have been operating a unique home school structure over the last three months. This has required teachers to work under extremely challenging conditions to create relevant, attainable and accessible learning, which can be delivered by parents who themselves may also be supporting other children or family members, and while sustaining a ‘work from home’ for their own employment.

Committee commends the staff across our school estate and the dedication shown by parents to sustain their children’s learning. Committee also recognises the huge challenges being faced by council officers, especially given current social distancing requirements, and the limited excess capacity in many schools, and commends their efforts to find a workable solution.

However, ~~committee also recognises~~ **IN RECOGNISING** the significant criticism from parents and from members of the Scottish Parliament, on the council’s proposals for 33% in-school attendance, relative to other proposals in other Scottish local authorities **THIS COMMITTEE AGREES TO MAXIMISE CLASSROOM ATTENDANCE IN ANY CONTINGENCY PLAN, SUCH THAT 50% IS A MINIMUM LEVEL ACROSS THE SCHOOL ESTATE.** ~~Should the 2m social distancing guidelines continue then creative thinking is required to maximise classroom time – both for the sustained benefit to children’s education, and to support working families who are at risk of losing their jobs if they are unable to return to work for significant periods.~~

Committee therefore agrees **TO THE REPORT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS TO BE EXPLICIT IN THE CONTINGENCY PLAN:**

1. To **EXTEND BEYOND ONLY THE SCHOOL ESTATE AND** ~~instruct officers to~~ develop proposals to open up appropriate community centres, church halls and other safe spaces to provide extra classroom capacity.
2. To instruct the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government ~~requesting~~ **TO CONFIRM IF** new funding **WILL BE PROVIDED SHOULD RESTRICTIONS REMAIN**, which would allow additional qualified teachers to be recruited to provide further capacity across the city and also to fund extra classroom capacity.
3. To support and facilitate, when national health and scientific advice allows, families of children from the same class to share childcare and allow more parents to work.
4. To explore school partnerships/hubs in locality areas in order to share capacity and stop any geographical ‘lottery’ on the teaching of our children due to individual school excess capacity.
5. To call on the Scottish Government to amend national movement restrictions and associated guidance, when it is considered safe to do so, in order to allow close family members to help with childcare and home learning.”

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 6.3 – Revenue Budget 2020/21 Update

Add to recommendations:

To note that any extra funding associated with safe re-opening of schools remains outside of the scope of the summary in the paper; that uncertainties remain on the precise school model for August; and therefore that continued work should be carried out on the funding consequences of various school scenarios in order to inform both the council's budget position and expectations of funding from Scottish Government.

Moved by Councillor Gavin Corbett

Seconded by

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 6.4 – Capital Budget 2019/20 and 2020/21

Add to recommendations:

In light of paragraph 4.22 to request that the next capital budget report detail further opportunities to reallocate capital slippage to strategic land acquisition to support key council aims.

Moved by Councillor Gavin Corbett

Seconded by

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 6.5 – Council Support to Small Businesses

Add 1.2:

Recognises the immense challenges being faced by small businesses in light of COVID-19 and therefore agrees to set a target of spending at least 25% of the Council's total third party spend with small business by the end of 2021/22. Committee seeks a report within three cycles setting out a plan on how this target can be achieved.

Moved by Cllr Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Cllr Gillian Gloyer

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 6.6 – Scottish Citizens Basic Income Feasibility Project Final Report

Add to recommendations:

- 1.1.5 Notes that the exercise was commissioned more than 2 years ago but that interest in Basic Income has risen significantly during the Coronavirus pandemic.
- 1.1.6 Notes that, to date, of the partner councils, Fife and Glasgow have endorsed the report as a significant contribution to understanding the impact of Basic Income in Scotland, with North Ayrshire to consider the report on 30 June.
- 1.1.7 Recognises that active engagement between local, Scottish and UK Governments is critical to taking the next steps in developing understanding of the proposal and to request that the council leader write to the relevant Scottish and UK ministers to encourage them to take those steps.

Moved by Councillor Gavin Corbett

Seconded by

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 6.7 – South East of Scotland Regional Transport Transition Plan

Committee:

1.2 recognises the nature of the South East of Scotland Transport Transition Group, its objectives and the multiple partners in this initiative as well as the need for consistency and speed in reporting and decision-making.

1.3 recognises the need to incorporate additional reporting of progress, when appropriate, to the Transport and Environment Committee, once re-animated, or to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in the interim.

1.4 therefore requests a business bulletin item, Members' briefing or report are brought forward as appropriate as progress is made in conjunction with the other partners to update Council as outlined in the report.

Moved by Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 6.7 – South East of Scotland Regional Transport Transition Plan

Delete all and replace:

“Committee:

- 1.1 Notes the longstanding lack of an existing effective governance structure to create and implement regional transport strategy in the south east of Scotland;
- 1.2 Notes the establishment of the South East of Scotland Transport Transition Group in response to the letter issued by the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity (attached at Appendix 1);
- 1.3 Considers that the City Region Deal governance framework was designed to oversee specific capital investment but not to deliver a regional transport strategy in the context of a green recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic, and expresses concern at the continued lack of a suitable permanent strategic regional transport board;
- 1.4 Notes the lack of transparency, public accountability and political balance in the Transport Transition Group, and notes the absence of climate or green recovery in both the purpose and terms of the Group;
- 1.5 Agrees to call for the following changes to the Terms of Reference for the Group which has been drafted (Appendix 2):
 - 1.5.1 Restate the purpose to align with the need for a green recovery, to ensure that transport recovery contributes to meeting our climate targets;
 - 1.5.2 Restate the terms to include: the contribution that transport must make to climate targets, to broaden the purposes of travel to include education, health, leisure and community requirements as well as for work; strengthen the statement on equalities to acknowledge and address the serious and varied inequalities in access to safe affordable travel across the region;

- 1.5.3 Restate the terms of confidentiality to a presumption of publication of all papers, either in advance of the meeting if the item is not confidential, or retrospectively once a decision has been made public, and to allow all papers to be shared with all relevant elected members owing to members continued commitment to confidentiality;
- 1.5.4 Restate the membership to specifically achieve a political balance reflective of the region's local authorities; and
- 1.5.5 Restate the secretariat to mandate the online publication of meeting dates and agenda in advance of each meeting.”

Moved by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by Councillor Gavin Corbett

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 6.7 – South East of Scotland Regional Transport Transition Plan

To add 1.1.2:

Committee agrees that, among the possible interventions in paragraph 4.5 of the Report, an important measure to reduce increased private car use and to maximise the supply and attractiveness of public transport is the availability and capacity of Park and Ride sites, and instructs the Council Leader to write to Transport Scotland seeking funding to upgrade existing P&R sites (for example, Ingliston) and build new ones (for example, Lothianburn).

Moved by Cllr Gillian Gloyer

Seconded by Cllr Robert Aldridge

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.4 – Motion by Councillor Webber – Rural Roads Speed Review (Spaces for People)

Replaces all with:

Committee

- 1) recognises that the rural roads network within Edinburgh is of great importance in connecting communities and supporting the local community.
- 2) recognises that many arterial routes have speed restrictions varying from 30mph to 50 mph and that now we are experiencing much higher than previous use of these roads by pedestrians and cyclists on these and other rural roads.
- 3) recognises that Community Councils and local groups from across the city have submitted thousands of welcome suggestions to alter current road and footway conditions including speed limits. Key comments, among others, have included significant mentions of the amount of traffic as well as the speed of traffic.
- 4) notes that the Spaces for People team are working hard to incorporate as many of the near 3,000 suggestions as possible and appropriate into schemes currently being developed and brought forward.
- 5) notes that the Spaces for People initiative is a citywide programme to support sustainable travel and physical distancing measures across Edinburgh's communities, and to support for local businesses.
- 6) requests that the next Spaces for People update report to committee includes progress on the temporary review of speed limits across the city with an emphasis on rural roads within the Spaces for People initiative and indicating likely deadlines for implementation of reduced speed limits.

Moved by Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.4 – By Councillor Webber - Rural Roads Speed Review (Spaces for People)

Re-state item one to read:

“1) Recognises that across the rural parts of the city the rural road network plays a pivotal role in connecting communities and in the working life of the many farms that we are fortunate to have within our city boundary. As such, if restrictions are required it should be noted that farm traffic requires consideration when decisions are taken.”

Restate item five to read:

“5) Requests a briefing outlining progress on the temporary review of speed limits on the identified rural roads as part of the “Spaces for People” initiative and seeks to accelerate all speed limit implementation plans.”

Moved by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by Councillor Melanie Main

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