

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 6.2 – Engagement Through Adaption and Renewal

Committee agrees recommendations 1.1.2 and 1.2.1- 4

Committee agrees to replace recommendations 1.1.1 and 1.2.5 with;

1.1.1 Three phases of engagement activity on lessons learned from covid-19, ensuring alignment of our renewal programme with the City Vision, and effectively implementing change. In addition, a separate consultation to help to inform the budget process for 2021/22, given the unprecedented financial circumstances currently facing the Council. These are all subject to funding being secured from partners and other external sources.

1.2.5 Agree that the Council continues with its current plans to deliver multiple city-wide opportunities for citizen consultation and engagement and awaits the final recommendations from the Poverty Commission before considering the overall programme again in the context of the Council's circumstances in relation to available finance and personnel at that time.

Moved by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by Councillor Iain Whyte

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 6.2 – Engagement Through Adaptation and Renewal

Adds to recommendations;

1.3 Committee;

1.3.1 Notes that a web-based dialogue site such as 'Edinburgh Talks Climate' is likely to engage a self-selecting group of citizens and therefore cannot be a substitute for a citizens' assembly comprised of randomly selected residents;

1.3.2 However, further notes that because of the Covid19 pandemic and the ongoing requirement for social distancing and other public health measures, that it would not be appropriate or practical for the Council to take forward a citizen's assembly on the Climate Emergency at this particular time;

1.3.3 Therefore agrees that the establishment of an Edinburgh Citizens' Assembly on the Climate Emergency and other approaches to deliberative engagement with citizens will be reconsidered in future and once conditions are more favourable.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 6.3 - Council Response to Edinburgh Climate Commission and Sustainability Programme Update

Committee

- 1) Notes the content of the report.
- 2) Agrees that Edinburgh Climate Commission recommendations are set aside until they have been reviewed and scrutinised in detail by the Adaptation and Renewal APOG on 30 July.
- 3) Agrees that the additional recommendations pertaining to specific financial proposals are brought back in the report to Council in October in order that a detailed Business Plan can be properly scrutinised and agreed by Committee.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Susan Webber

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 6.4 – Risk Management: Managing Risk Through Covid-19

Committee

1.3 Amend to “that the Adaptation and Renewal Programme has identified, assessed and recorded risks and designed appropriate controls and actions to manage and mitigate these risks.”

1.4 Requests the Executive Director of Resources to provide a report to the next meeting of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee outlining the sub-risks identified and the controls and actions designed to mitigate and manage the strategic risks.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 6.6 – Revenue Budget 2020/21 Update

After 1.1.6 add:

1.1.7 Requests the Council Leader write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to press the City of Edinburgh's case for urgent support and to call for the potential funding sources outlined in Paragraph's 4.8 to 4.11 be passed on in full to Local Authorities as soon as available. The Council Leader's letter should also make the case for providing the additional financial flexibilities identified in Paragraph 4.23.

Moved by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Councillor Gillian Gloyer

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 6.7 - Response to Motion – Black Lives Matter

Adds at end of 1.1.2

including a strong emphasis of BAME grassroots input and leadership.

Deletes 1.3 and replace with

Agrees to delegate to the Group Leaders the appointment of a Chair of an Independent Review Group and invite interested individuals/persons to express an interest

Add a new 1.4

Agrees that the Independent Review Group develop parameters and a workplan to be presented to Council with support from the Equalities Champion and Equalities Working Group.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Replaces 1.3 with:

Agrees to publicly seek applications for a chair, to be appointed by the Group Leaders, of an independent review group to consider and make recommendations on features within the Council boundary which commemorate those with close links to slavery.

Adds 1.4:

Agrees that the new chair should make recommendations for membership of the review group, to be approved by the policy & sustainability committee.

Moved by Councillor John McLellan

Seconded by Councillor Susan Webber

Addendum by the Green Group

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Add to 1.3

‘Recognises that racial inequality and gender inequality are intersectional and therefore further agrees that a position of Co-Chair will be considered in order to ensure that chairing of the Independent Review Group is gender balanced.’

Proposed by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 6.8 – Trams to Newhaven: Developed Design and Commencement of Statutory Procedures for Traffic Regulation Orders

Committee

Accepts recommendations 1 and 2 but deletes recommendation 3 and replaces with:

1.1.4 Notes that this report was continued from the previous Committee to allow Councillors to consider the final designs prior to approving the commencement of the TRO process and to ensure Councillors have the opportunity to fulfil their duty to approve the consultation; calls for a continuation, until the final plans pertaining to the traffic orders, showing clearly what changes are proposed to the movement, stopping and loading of vehicles to facilitate the introduction of the tram plans are provided. This is not possible with the landscape plans provided as they do not show the details of the proposed changes to be enacted by the TRO and, therefore calls for the report to be continued until such time as this information is available

1.1.5 Notes with concern the consistent inclusion of floating bus stops and in light of recent comments by Living Streets;

“Living Streets Edinburgh Group has never been happy with this design concept which means that bus passengers boarding - and especially alighting from - buses have to cross a cycle way and may therefore unexpectedly encounter a cyclist, possibly travelling at considerable speed. While we recognise the benefits for cyclists, this design can only disadvantage bus users and pedestrians, especially older people and blind people, many of whose representative organisations have objected to the design concept.

Living Streets Edinburgh did not object to the first Leith Walk examples, on the understanding that a full monitoring and evaluation was carried out. The Council eventually agreed to this in 2017 but although we understand that this exercise has long been completed, it has never been published. It is wholly inappropriate to use the Covid19 pandemic and ‘spaces for everyone’ programme as the means for the sudden

mass installation of these controversial bus stop designs at virtually no notice and with minimal consultation”,

Calls for a risk assessment to take place with alternative options presented and the plans adjusted accordingly. Further, calls for a review of street design guidance to remove the possibility of floating bus stops

Moved by Councillor Susan Webber

Seconded by Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 6.9 - Regeneration Capital Grant Fund – Update on Pipeline Projects

Add at 1.1.1

Further notes the Council's financial position and that it will not be possible to allocate any additional revenue or capital funding for these projects unless a specific source of funding can be identified; but also notes the positive engagement from Officers, with North Edinburgh Arts and others, to maximise additional external resources for projects.

Add at 1.1.2

Further notes that the partnership will work within the ongoing planning application to better integrate North Edinburgh Arts into the Council's transformative regeneration plans for Pennywell; and will help resolve issues such as management and use of shared spaces.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.1 – Motion by the Lord Provost – 20 mph Limit Enforcement

Committee

Deletes paragraph 1 and replaces with:

Notes that evaluation of the Council's 20mph roll-out demonstrated that out of 66 sites surveyed, speeds dropped on average by just 1.34mph with the single biggest speed reduction in an area was recorded at just 2.1mph. Further notes that only one in five people believe traffic speeds have actually reduced locally, with 40 percent of residents having seen no information about speed limit changes.

Notes that, in deputation to the February 2020 Transport and Environment Committee, Police Scotland officers raised significant concerns at the effects that the Council's blanket approach has had on their ability to police those roads with genuine speeding issues, as speed limit changes mean they are expected to dedicate resources to roads with no established history of traffic problems.

Deletes last paragraph and replaces with:

Agrees that the Council Leader write to the Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland, requesting that they increase enforcement of speed limits, at those areas where information demonstrates there is a problem with excess vehicle speeds, across the city."

Proposed by: Councillor Nick Cook
Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.1 – Motion by the Lord Provost – 20 mph Limit Enforcement

Add at end

Further notes that in October 2019 Transport and Environment Committee agreed further changes to the 20mph scheme and speed limits in the city, which would improve road safety but are yet to be implemented. Therefore, Committee requests that these are implemented as soon as possible under Covid Emergency powers if necessary.

Proposed by: Councillor Melanie Main
Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.1 – Motion by the Lord Provost – 20mph Limit Enforcement

After fifth paragraph, insert;

“Committee regrets the decision of the administration earlier this year to end all Council funding for community policing in Edinburgh; recognises the concern which existed on the impact that such a move would have on police resourcing levels, particularly outside the city centre; and recognises that if this funding had been retained, the Council would have been in a stronger position to seek additional focus on 20mph enforcement and other community policing priorities”.

In paragraph six, delete “requests” and insert “Committee nevertheless requests”

Moved by Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.2 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Spaces for People Initiative

Committee

Deletes paragraphs 3 and 4 and replaces with:

Requests that an independent report is commissioned, within two cycles, that collects and reviews all empirical evidence and references the sources that the implementation of the spaces for people schemes have had on businesses and their trading conditions

Moved by Councillor Susan Webber

Seconded by Councillor Iain Whyte

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.2 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Spaces for People Initiative

After paragraph one, insert;

“Committee recognises the incredibly difficult trading conditions currently being faced by businesses across the city and reaffirms the Council’s commitment to work in partnership with the business community to ensure it takes practical action to support their recovery.”

After end of current paragraph 2, insert “particularly in light of government advice which discouraged people from using public transport”.

At the end of paragraph 4, insert “and looks forward to using that report to continue its two-way dialogue and engagement with high street businesses over the coming months”.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 8.3 - Motion by Councillor Watt – Public Works Loan Board Interest

Further notes Edinburgh Councils financial position has improved by £4m due to additional support announced by the Scottish Government in July 2020 after the Council Leader wrote to the Finance Secretary in April 2020 highlighting financial pressure due to Council ALEOs and specifically transport companies.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Alasdair Rankin

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