

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Addendum – Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

20 August 2020

Item No. 6.2 - Annual Performance Report, 2019/20

Committee

Adds:

1.4 Notes that the Council has been assessed for its regular Best Value Report this year and is awaiting the final Report and requests that the Chief Executive make inquiries as to when we should expect the findings and that these are incorporated into the development of the revised performance framework and a Best Value Improvement Plan that seeks to address areas of Council service where performance improvement is required.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnston

Policy & Sustainability Committee

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Item 6.2: Annual Performance 2019/20

Add to recommendations;

1. Notes with serious concern that 27 of the Council's performance indicators show that performance has declined in the last year and that significant performance challenges remain across the Council;
2. Further notes that there are 18 council performance areas for which performance is greater than 5% behind the required target or trend and are flagged as having 'Red' status and also 15 areas for which performance is behind target or trend and are flagged as having 'Amber' status;
3. Therefore requests that a briefing note is circulated to councillors prior to the full council meeting on 25 August at which this report will be further considered, detailing what plans are in place for each one of these areas to improve performance to within target levels, the expected date for achieving the target or trend and indicating who is the responsible officer;
4. Further notes that following this Council's decision to adopt a net zero by 2030 target last year, the target for carbon emission reduction of 42% by 2020 has been superseded and requires to be updated;
5. Therefore requests that revised targets for emissions reduction, specifying the annual increments required to achieve net zero by 2030, are brought forward as a matter of urgency.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

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Item No. 6.3 - Coalition Commitments Progress Update – August 2020

Committee

Deletes recommendations and agrees to refer simpliciter to Full Council for discussion.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnston

Green Group Addendum

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20 August 2020

Item 6.3: Coalition Commitments

Add to recommendations:

1.5 Notes that the use of the term “partially achieved” is so all-encompassing as to be misleading, examples including (but not limited to):

- Devolution of powers to Locality Committees being listed as “partially achieved” when the Coalition decided to abolish those committees in 2019
- Street cleanliness being listed as “partially achieved” when fly-tipping is up, street cleanliness is below target and free bulk waste pick up has not been introduced;

1.6 Notes the generous use of “fully achieved” against items such as “fair rent zones” when, disappointingly, no Rent Pressure Zone has happened and the Fair Rents (Scotland) Bill is not being progressed in Parliament; and warmly welcomes the prospect of both a Transient Visitor Levy and Workplace Parking Levy, but considers their labelling as “fully achieved” to be premature;

1.7 Notes a reluctance to use the “will not be achieved” category, for example, for the regrettable decline in recycling rate to 41% against a target of 60%; and the participatory budgeting percentage falling to 0 against a target of 1%;

1.8 Recognises that the annual commitments report appears increasingly dated in the context of the twin strategic imperatives of navigating through the coronavirus crisis and the need to deliver on the council net zero carbon commitment by 2030; and therefore considers the emerging priorities within a Green Recovery programme have far greater salience than commitments entered into in a very different context; therefore further believes that the Coalition should urgently refresh its commitments.

Moved by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

20 August 2020

Item No. 6.4 - Report Title - Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2018/19 - Edinburgh Overview

Committee

1) notes the report

2) requests a further report setting out a wider review of the data available to seek and implement best practice examples from colleague Councils (not limited to Scotland) and foster a new continuous improvement culture within the Council.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnston

Green Group Addendum

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20 August 2020

Item 6.5: Update on Liberton Primary School

Add to recommendations;

1.1.2 Agrees that further updates on the rebuilding and refurbishing of Liberton Primary School will be provided to the Education Children & Families committee

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by

Amendment by the Coalition

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 6.9 - 15a Pennywell Court and 15 Pennywell Court, Edinburgh, EH4 4TZ – Community Asset Transfer

Deletes recommendations and replaces with:

1.1 That Committee approves the disposal of 15a Pennywell Court to North Edinburgh Arts (NEA) on the terms outlined in 4.9 in the report and on such terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

1.2 Notes the section outlined in the report as part of 15 Pennywell Court is currently occupied by part of the existing Library and will be a shared access space in the future designs and agrees to retain this section of land in Council ownership.

1.3 Notes the Council's future interests in the wider regeneration proposals will be protected by a proposed Development Agreement with NEA should Committee agree to the Community Asset Transfer and requests that the Development Agreement will ensure that shared access mentioned in point 1.2 will be taken forward in partnership by the Council, taking forward with NEA to meet their access needs and any others relevant to the development of Macmillan Square.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 6.10 - Spaces for People Initiative – Response to Motion

Committee:

Deletes all and replaces with

- 1.1 Notes the content of the report
- 1.2 Notes that the report fails to provide the balanced analysis called for the by the Conservative Group at the time of instigation.
- 1.3 Calls for improved consultation and engagement to be carried out regularly with businesses that takes account of their comments and evidence of the real impact of the Spaces for People programme on business sustainability
- 1.4 Calls for the details on the evaluation methodology to be published and made available to members of P&S within one cycle

Moved by Cllr Susan Webber

Seconded by Cllr Max Mitchell

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 6.11 - Spaces for People – Programme Update

Notes that low traffic neighbourhoods were listed as part of the Spaces for People (SfP) Programme in 11th June Policy and Sustainability Committee update and no party proposed the removal of this as part of the SfP approach.

Reaffirms that low traffic neighbourhoods should continue to be taken forward by officers as part of SfP for reasons of public health and public safety.

Notes some residents in East Craigs have expressed concerns relating to the lack of public consultation on the proposed low traffic neighbourhood for their area. Further notes the current process of stakeholder engagement for the rollout of SfP projects and that widescale public consultation unfortunately cannot be part of that process due to the need to act quickly.

Therefore agrees that as well as moving forward with the SfP low traffic neighbourhood proposals, also agrees to accelerate the permanent TRO process for East Craigs low traffic neighbourhood to the earliest possible time to allow full public consultation to take place at the earliest opportunity with residents as part of the permanent TRO process.

Moved by: **Councillor Adam McVey**

Seconded by: **Councillor Cammy Day**

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee – 20 August 2020

Item 6.11- Spaces for People – Programme Update

Deletes all and replaces with:

Committee:

- 1.1 Notes, with regret that the Council continues to focus on quantity rather than quality of schemes and, that some schemes reduce the attractiveness of high streets and do not deliver the high-quality schemes that would enhance the city;
- 1.2 Notes the widespread dissatisfaction with several schemes from the communities that they will affect and impact directly and that residents' views have been largely overlooked;
- 1.3 Calls for the immediate re-opening of Braid Road, Silverknowes Road, Links Gardens, Cammo Walk, Warriston Road and Stanley Street/ Hope Street listed in Table 1 of the report;
- 1.4 Calls for the immediate termination of the following schemes, from Appendix 1 Prioritised Scheme List either due to them being "on hold" or that the schemes are yet to be implemented, published or reach the deadline for stakeholder comment
- 1.5 Notes with concern that several of the schemes have been identified as having a negative impact on the ability of Emergency Services to respond to incidents and access to emergency care settings

Location	Intervention	Estimated Cost
Newington Corridor	Subject to design	TBA
The Shore	Subject to design	TBA
Telford Road	Cycle Segregation	HOLD
Melville Drive	Cycle Segregation	HOLD
Wester Hailes Road	Cycle Segregation	HOLD
Kingston Avenue	Road Closure	HOLD
Comiston Road	Cycle Segregation	£115,000
Inglis Green Road	Cycle Segregation	£98,000
Pennywell Road	Cycle Segregation	£129,000
Quiet Corridor – Meadows/ Greenbank	Closures	£29,000
Queensferry Road	TBA	£81,000
A1 Corridor	TBA	£70,000
Slateford Road	Cycle Segregation	£48,000
Lanark Road	Cycle Segregation	£165,000
Murrayburn Road	Cycle Segregation	£12,000
East Craigs LTN	Closures / Bus Gates	£66,000
Leith LTN	TBA	HOLD
Granton Square / Gypsy Brae	Cycle Segregation	£111,000
Carrington Road	Road Closure	HOLD

2. Requests the budget allocation against each of the above schemes, totalling £924k, to be re-allocated to enhance and improve the current schemes and tackle their limitations
3. Requests an update to either P&S Committee or TEC, whichever is soonest, on the impact of the active Spaces for People schemes on winter maintenance and preparedness including but not limited to street sweeping, gully cleaning and road and footpath maintenance

Moved by Cllr Susan Webber

Seconded by Cllr Max Mitchell

Green Group Addendum

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Item 6.11: Spaces for People – Programme Update

Insert additional point at the end of recommendations:

1.1.5 In recognition of the flexible approach taken to design, implementation and alterations in situ, requests that the next update report to the Transport and Environment Committee should include an interim appraisal of the measures implemented by the programme, insight gained into the benefit of rapid delivery versus detailed preparatory work, in order to inform future approaches to interventions for walking, wheeling and cycling.

1.1.6 Agrees that the Council Leader continues to make representation to the Scottish Government regarding increasing funding for Spaces for People Programme

Moved by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item No. 6.11 - Spaces for People Programme Update

Replace 1.1.2 with the following;

“approves the recommendations for the existing schemes as set out in table 1 with the following exceptions;

- in recognition of the significant issues which have arisen from the closure of Braid Road, agrees that this road should be re-opened as a priority and the planned improvements progressed, along with an uphill cycle lane and traffic calming measures.
- believes there is insufficient evidence to justify the ongoing closure of Silverknowes Road and therefore agrees that this road should be re-opened, with appropriate cycleways installed and an investigation into the installation of additional pedestrian crossings.
- agrees to the continued closure of Warriston Road but seeks a full review in advance of the next scheduled committee approval in light of ongoing delivery access issues”.

Insert;

“1.1.5 notes the substantial concern expressed by residents in Craigmount, East Craigs and North Gyle over the proposed spaces for people changes in these communities; believes it was inappropriate to use the emergency five-day consultation process for this significant set of proposals; and therefore agrees not to proceed with these changes until a full public consultation and engagement programme is carried out and a report submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee”.

“1.1.6 reaffirms the committee’s decision that every spaces for people project should come to the first Transport & Environment Committee meeting that follows the two-month point of that project being put in place, with a recommendation to either continue or end the scheme; and for a similar report on that project to come to committee every two-months thereafter”.

Moved by Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by Cllr Robert Aldridge

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 6.13 - Update on Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2020/2021

Notes that these plans are entirely dependent on public health guidance and if guidance does not support these events they will not go ahead. Requests officers ensure there is no additional financial input from the Council above the existing budget if the plans in part or in full cannot go ahead.

Notes the recent input by the All Party Oversight Group on the Christmas and Hogmanay proposals and the positive contribution by all parties.

Welcomes that these discussions with elected members helped form the recommendations and commends officers and the operator for the positive way they have engaged in these issues under difficult circumstances.

Agrees an update report on how local business can get involved in the Christmas and New year festivals.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item No. 6.13 Update on Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2020/2021

Committee:

Agrees 1.1.1, 1.1.3, 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 subject to;

- i. a full risk assessment being carried out which will consider operational, reputational risks with a particular focus on risks to public health which will be reported back to Committee in two cycles; and;
- ii. Further increased opportunities for local businesses (both hospitality and retail) to benefit from these events which should include being given priority to take stands at an affordable rate to maximise their opportunities after such a difficult trading year;

Notes 1.1.2 but requests that officers continue work to find alternative sites on hard standing to site the Big Wheel and Star Flyer and that this work is reported back to Committee for approval;

Moved by Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by Councillor Iain Whyte

Green Group Amendment

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Item 6.13: Update on Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2020/2021

Delete recommendation 1.1.2

Replace with:

1.1.2 note that the Big Wheel and Star Flyer in East Princes Street Gardens will require planning permission and are subject to approval and further notes that committee's preference is that such attractions be held on areas of hard standing rather than public parks. Therefore instructs officers to seek an appropriate area of hard standing for the Big Wheel and Star Flyer - subject to the requirements of contractual obligations and planning permission - and to hold those attractions in East Princes Street Gardens only if there is no possible alternative.

Moved by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item No. 6.13 - Update on Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay 2020/21

Replace 1.1.4 with;

“notes paragraphs [4.22-4.25](#) of the report outlining how events will operate within health guidance; recognises that current guidance may change between now and late November and that the report confirms significant work is required to finalise detailed planning including possible crowd control; therefore seeks a further report with that detail by mid-November to allow for proper scrutiny and to assure the committee that participants and observers will be able to enjoy Christmas and Hogmanay events in a safe and secure way”.

Moved by Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by Cllr Robert Aldridge

Emergency Motion by the Conservative Group

Pentland Hills Regional Park – Overnight Parking

Committee notes:

New information has just come to light regarding a significant increase in the numbers of people camping within Pentlands Regional Park, with much higher than in previous years.

Notes camping is taking place around the Council-owned reservoirs at Harlaw, Threipmuir and Bonaly.

Regrets, some campers are not behaving responsibly, leaving significant amounts of litter, including human waste, sanitary items and toilet paper. Campers also appear to be sourcing wood for campfires from living trees, and swimming in the water impacting on recreational anglers who have paid to fish on the reservoirs

Recognises the potential immediate threat to the environment and the natural resources of the Regional Park.

Notes that the wider community would support the immediate closure for overnight parking at the carparks.

Calls for the Executive Director of Place to consider if these carparks could be closed overnight, and report back to this committee in one cycle.

Moved by Cllr Susan Webber

Seconded by Cllr Nick Cook

Amendment by the Coalition

Policy and Sustainability Committee

20 August 2020

Pentland Hills Regional Park – Overnight Parking

Deletes all and replaces with:

Committee:

Notes on 5th August a meeting concerning impact of a significant increase in the numbers of people overnight camping at Harlaw and Threipmuir, and related matters was held, attended by stakeholders (including local councillors, MSP, Park Management, Police, Friends of the Pentlands, Balerno Community Council, Maleny Anglers, Youth Vision Scotland and National Farmers Union).

Notes camping is also taking place around the Council-owned reservoir at Bonaly.

Regrets, some campers are not behaving responsibly, leaving significant amounts of litter, including human waste, sanitary items and toilet paper. Campers also appear to be sourcing wood for campfires from living trees, and swimming in the water impacting on recreational anglers who have paid to fish on the reservoirs

Recognises the potential immediate threat to the environment and the natural resources of the Regional Park.

Notes that Pentland Hills Regional Park (PHRP) Joint Committee will meet in September with a date being agreed between CEC Committee Services and Midlothian Council and West Lothian Council.

Notes that a report is under preparation by PHRP management team for consideration at PHRP Joint Committee. This will consider implementation of a range of measures, including restricting overnight car park access.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day