

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 7.1 – Appointments to Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies 2020/21

Replaces Cllr Howie with Cllr Key on Culture and Communities Committee.

Repacs Cllr Howie with a Conservative Councillor on Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.

Notes that Cllr Rankin is taking a leave of absence on health grounds, in line with the changes to senior Councillor rules as recommended by COSLA and approved by the Scottish Government, effective immediately.

To appoint Cllr Munn as the acting Convener of Finance and Resources Committee at an SRA of 62.5% of Leader's. Also agrees to replace Cllr Rankin with Cllr Munn on an interim basis on all respective working groups, bodies and committees. Appoints Cllr Munn as Chair of the Pensions Committee.

Agrees to replace Cllr Munn with Cllr Dixon on Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to end these interim arrangements once the Leader of the Council informs him of a date that Cllr Rankin will return to carry out his responsibilities as Convener.

Moved by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies 2020/21

Council

Agrees to appoint Council Committees in line with the proportional make-up of the Council as outlined in Appendix 1 “New Political Breakdown” of the report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 28 May 2020 adjusted to take account of Cllr Howie resigning from the SNP Group.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Joanna Mowat

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees

Add to recommendations:

Replace Claire Miller with Alex Staniforth on GRBV committee.

Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Outside Bodies 2020/21

Council:

That in order to comply with the Council's Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions one SNP member will be replaced by one EPIC member on the following committees:

- Culture and Communities
- Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub Committee

Moved by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.1 – Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings

Council:

5.1 Quorum add: If the absence of a quorum for a meeting is due to a technical failure relating to IT the Lord Provost shall have discretion to extend the period to allow for the technical problem to be resolved'

12 Deputations add at end 'until it is practicable for such deputations to be heard in person'

Moved by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 8.2 – Support of Civic Life in the Capital City

Agrees that the amendments to the Civic Hospitality Policy, outlining the changing roles and responsibilities, be Delegated to chief executive to implement in consultation with Lord Provost and Depute Lord Provost.

Moved by: Councillor Lord Provost

Seconded by: Deputy Convener

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.2 – Support of Civic Life in the Capital City

Council

Agrees that a “read only” on-line digital archive shall be maintained which record shall be freely accessible for public viewing on edinburghlordprovost.com webpages and which shall:

- (a) record the date and venue of all civic hospitality by the Office of the Lord Provost and where appropriate link to the decision of Full Council, and
- (b) list any decisions of Full Council asking the Lord Provost take action by way of letter, visit or other manner and the date when said action is completed.

Moved by Councillor Jason Rust

Seconded by Councillor Joanna Mowat

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.3 – Annual Performance 2019/20

Council:

- 1) notes the annual performance report for the 2019/20 financial year;
- 2) Regrets that once again, the narrative style of reporting presented gives an unbalanced view of service performance, masks comparisons of performance over time with yet another change to the way the status of KPIs are presented as compared to 2018/19;
- 3) Further regrets that the report ignores benchmarking and that views from the Edinburgh People Survey are not available due to a decision by the SNP/Labour Administration not to undertake the survey this year;
- 4) Regrets that over 40% of targets have not been met and that targets relating to trends are only being measured compared to 2018/19 when a longer term review of data would should that a number of these ranked as “Green” have actually not shown an improving trend and that for key issues like delayed discharge performance is still worse that that inherited by this Administration in 2017;
- 5) Agrees that in future any alterations to KPIs and Performance Reporting are considered and approved by Corporate Policy and Sustainability Committee in advance of any future reporting year and instructs the Chief Executive to ensure all KPIs meet established SMART criteria;
- 6) Further notes that the development of a revised performance framework is underway as part of the Adaptation and Renewal programme alongside the development of a revised Council Business Plan and agrees that this should be reviewed and subject to approval by the Council before implementation;
- 7) notes that the Council had been assessed for its regular Best Value Report this year and is awaiting the final Report in the Autumn and instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that these were incorporated into the development of the revised performance framework and that a Best Value Improvement Plan is produced that seeks to address the areas of Council service where performance improvement is required.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnston

Amendment by the Green Group

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25 August 2020

Item 8.3: Annual Performance 2019/20

This Council:

1. Endorses the decision of Policy & Strategy committee on 20 August as detailed in this report including to:

'note 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'

and

'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';

2. Therefore, welcomes the decision by Policy & Strategy to agree the proposal by Green Councillors requesting that a briefing note be circulated prior to this meeting of the full Council that details 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;
3. Requests that this briefing note is included in the Business Bulletin for the next Policy & Strategy committee;
4. Further welcomes the Policy & Strategy committee decision to agree the proposal by Green Councillors that revised targets for carbon emissions reduction, specifying the annual increments required to achieve net zero by 2030 and requests that these incremental targets are brought forward to committee before the end of this year.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.4 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update – August 2020

Council:

Notes the report and that previous Conservative amendments in 2017, 2018 and 2019 sought to improve both the pledges and the reporting process but were rejected by the SNP/Labour Administration which has sought to continue the approach of its predecessor in wasting officer time attempting to measure and justify a number of unmeasurable political statements.

Therefore, agrees that the current politically based pledge and reporting process is flawed and notes that this is likely to be superseded by the development of a revised performance framework and Council Business Plan already underway as part of the Adaptation and Renewal programme and that the public of Edinburgh will make their own judgment on the success of this Administration based on the quality and availability of core services at the end of its term.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Andrew Johnston

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.4 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update

Notes that commitment 6, to deliver the city region deal, does not include the need for the city region deal to facilitate Edinburgh's commitment to be net zero carbon by 2030.

Notes that commitment 8, to 'explore' rent pressure zones, is indicated as fully achieved but regrets that, in practice, nothing has happened to tackle high private rents.

Regrets that allocation of budget through participatory budgeting has fallen to 0% in 2019-20

Notes that commitment 48, on greater financial autonomy for the council, is indicated as fully achieved but, while welcoming moves towards transient visitor levy, workplace parking levy and greater autonomy over non-domestic rates, considers that a huge amount of work remains to be done.

Notes that a large part of commitment 52, to devolve local decisions to four Locality Committees, has been abandoned.

Therefore urges the coalition to reword commitment 6 to include a drive to make the city region deal facilitate Edinburgh's aim to be zero carbon by 2030 and to replace outdated commitments such as 8 and 52 with commitments that reflect the changes to have occurred over the last three years in particular the need to be zero carbon within ten years and the challenges presented by Covid-19 which are best met with a Green Recovery programme..

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.4 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update – August 2020

Council:

1. notes the contents of this report.
2. believes the status of “partially achieved” is so broad as to fail to provide a meaningful assessment of the degree to which a commitment is being delivered and notes that some commitments have been ‘fully achieved’ by virtue of the administration taking no action.
3. calls for a renewed focus on the delivery of core services for the remainder of this Council term given that;
 - 60% into the term, only 36% of the promised 10,000 affordable homes have been built.
 - resident satisfaction with roads, pavements and footpaths remains lower than when this administration came to power.
 - recycling rates have continued to decline when the coalition committed to increase recycling in the city.
 - no progress has been made to expand existing or create new park and ride sites.
 - the school building programme is substantially behind schedule.
 - the number of air quality management areas remains unchanged at six.
 - library usage through transaction numbers has declined when an increase was targeted.
 - the decision to remove all Council funding for community policing has, as confirmed by Police Scotland, reduced the dedicated police presence in each ward.
4. believes a report on delivery against a set of commitments made by two political groups is ultimately a political document and therefore agrees that, in future, the data required for the key measures section of each commitment should be compiled by officers but that the narrative and conclusions should be written and submitted by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.1 – Motion by Councillor Mowat – Tram Works Traffic Displacement

Deletes all and replaces with:

Council:

Notes that:

1. There are necessary road diversions currently in place to permit continued delivery of the tram extension project now that closure of construction sites has been lifted.
2. That residents' concerns have been raised about the use of heavy vehicles including buses and construction traffic on some streets with traffic calming and setts and the subsequent impact on noise and vibrations.
3. That this issue has already been raised, particularly for Bellevue Road, and that work is underway to mitigate the impact including discussions with Lothian Bus to change speed around speed bumps, the re-routing of heavy vehicles in relation to the tram project contractors and the removal or alteration of some of the traffic calming measures.
4. Acknowledges that the continued closure of Links Gardens will be reviewed as expected under the Spaces for People programme

Requests

5. That officers identify further possible mitigating actions including the use of traffic vehicle counters and a review of traffic signalling timing to help offset impact and to provide further information on the current situation within this part of the city. Recognises that walking, wheeling and cycling should be prioritised and encouraged through any further mitigation, encouraging reduced use of car journeys where possible through this area. Officers should report back to the Transport and Environment Committee at the earliest opportunity with a clear indication of resource commitments for any proposed changes.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.1 – Motion by Councillor Mowat – Tram works Traffic Displacement

1. Notes that road diversions for the tram works have been required, and that the initial effect has been an increased volume of traffic on alternative routes
2. Regrets that more people have not chosen to leave the car at home and seek a lower impact mode of travel
3. Notes the negative effects of these increased volumes of vehicles on alternative through routes and work done by council officers to support residents and mitigate negative effects so far
4. Calls for data to be collected throughout the tram programme and analysis to be reported to members identifying any “traffic evaporation” and other effects which can inform future council strategy
5. Additionally, calls for officers to identify specific measures that should be taken to prioritise and incentivise walking, wheeling and cycling throughout the area affected, including re-opening any active travel routes where possible, introducing filtered permeability, and providing segregated alternatives, and to prioritise rapid implementation all modal shift initiatives that will reduce the total amount of vehicular traffic across the affected area

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

**Seconded
by:**

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell - Public Health

Deletes all and replaces with:

Notes the ongoing need to follow national advice and guidance and for partners at a regional and City level to respond to national advice and guidance.

Notes the constructive partnership working between relevant agencies and organisations in Edinburgh to ensure public health is protected.

Agree that a Members briefing should be issued setting out the powers the Council has to act on public health guidance and the process for partnership working to implement guidance set nationally or for Edinburgh specifically.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 9.3 – Motion by Councillor Hutchison – Council Arms-Length External Organisations (ALEOs) Full Financial Disclosure

Delete all and replace with:

Notes that a members' briefing was issued on 24/08/20 on the financial position of Council ALEOs.

Given the uncertain economic climate created by the Covid-19 pandemic and a continually moving picture with regards to direct financial support for many organisations, Council ALEOs circumstances have been changing and continue to. Therefore, Council requests that the Chief Executive provides an update to the Finance and Resources Committee in one cycle on the up to date position of ALEOs' financial position, recognising the situation is subject to significant change and also that the report, or at least some of its content may have to be in the form of B-agenda.

Moved by: Councillor Rob Munn
Seconded by: Councillor Joan Griffiths

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.3 – Motion by Councillor Hutchison – Council Arms-Length External Organisations (ALEOs) Full Financial Disclosure

Agrees paragraphs one and two

Delete paragraph three and replace with

“Notes that a briefing on the financial position of ALEOs was mandated by Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 July 2020.

Notes the Notes the briefing on finances of ALEOs issued to Finance and Resources Committee members on 24.8.20; and instructs the chief executive to organise an oral briefing session to group finance leads and other relevant councillors at the earliest opportunity, to be followed with a fuller report to the next available Finance and Resources Committee.”

Moved by Councillor Gavin Corbett

Seconded by

Amendment by the Coalition

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9.4 - By Councillor Webber - Pavements and People

Council:

Reconfirms that pedestrians are at the top of the City Of Edinburgh Council transport hierarchies.

Notes the concerns expressed by Living Streets Edinburgh about the introduction of further floating bus stops and bus boarders into the roads infrastructure in Edinburgh.

Recognises that the floating bus stops have been installed on Leith Walk for some time and that monitoring does not indicate any significant risk of increased pedestrian/cyclist conflicts and therefore limited impact on pedestrian safety.

Notes that the floating bus stop concept is used extensively and successfully, in various forms, in other mainland European countries.

Notes that any blanket halt on the installation of floating bus stops would significantly delay and obstruct the delivery of the Spaces for People programme of emergency measures.

Notes the Spaces for People commitment to remove street clutter as well as the Council's ongoing commitment to reducing pavement obstructions including the A board ban.

Requests that after analysis of the spaces for people project, any area that requires the use of floating bus stop, a meeting with the relevant stakeholders will take place to ensure all options have been considered, and provide a public campaign to highlight new floating bus stop arrangements, to further emphasise the pedestrian priority when this design is used, including for example the use of "STOP" markings rather than "GIVE WAY" markings to ensure cyclists are fully aware of pedestrian priority.

Further requests additional engagement with Lothian Buses, Living Streets Edinburgh, Guide Dogs Scotland, Spokes RNIB and the Access Panel to explore any additional actions and to report back to P&S at the earliest opportunity.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Green Group

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25 August 2020

Item 9.4 – Motion by Councillor Webber – Pavements and People

1. Confirms pedestrians are at the top of the urban transport hierarchy, and therefore agrees to:
2. Implement well designed floating bus stops on streets where there is continuous segregated cycling infrastructure, including local consultation, which will ensure that all pedestrians are able to safely and confidently board buses
3. Hold a workshop including people from groups representing pedestrians, people who are disabled, bus passengers, people who cycle, and bus operators in order to explore how to provide safe bus boarding where comprehensive floating bus stop infrastructure cannot be provided and to revise the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance to include floating bus stop designs
4. A business bulletin update to the Transport and Environment Committee detailing the number and nature of pavement obstructions reported to the Council since March 2020 and any resulting enforcement action taken to ensure that pavements are clear spaces for everyone to enjoy

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 9.5 – Motion by Councillor Corbett – Flooding

Council

Adds

1) Notes reports of a number of drains which had had recent repairs failed leading to serious flooding of properties and requests that the dialogue with Scottish Water includes details of plans on how such heavy rainfall can be accommodated within the drainage system so that the historic buildings of the city can be protected;

2) Notes the importance of maintaining and therefore the unblocking of street gullies to ensure the city can cope with the exceptional weather events we have experienced recently and given the likely increase in frequency recognise the importance of ongoing winter maintenance and preparedness.

3) Requests an update to TEC, in one cycle, on the operational and financial impact the Spaces for People schemes have had in relation to the ability to carry out the planned winter maintenance and preparedness programme including but not limited to, the ability to clear and sweep the gutters and gullies, road and footpath maintenance, access for gritters and snow ploughs.

Moved by Cllr Joanna Mowat

Seconded by Cllr Susan Webber

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 9.7 – Motion by Councillor Burgess - Senior School Students

Deletes all and replaces with:

Congratulates senior schools students on their hard work and resilience in achieving grades in assessed subjects in 2020; recognises unique challenges for students and for staff in making assessments in 2020; notes the apology by the Cabinet Secretary of Education after listening to the voice and concerns of young people themselves; welcomes the decision on 11.8.20 to revert to teacher-based assessments and the forward review into how to best capture the qualifications and achievements of every individual learner; and agree that the Education Convener will write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education seeking earliest information on the assessment system for 2021 should exams not take place, in full or part, next year.

Moved by: Councillor Ian Perry

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Dickie

Emergency Motion by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council – 25 August 2020 Item 9.8 - Saroj Lal, an Inspiring Teacher and Equalities Campaigner

That Council celebrates the inspirational life of Saroj Lal who, sadly, has recently passed away, aged 82;

Recognises that 20 August 2020 represents 50 years since Saroj started teaching at South Morningside Primary School as one of the first BAME teachers in the country; commends her work in challenging stigma and narratives in school curriculums, including campaigning for equal and balanced representation of minority ethnic communities in teaching materials and children's books;

Notes that Saroj, who had been a Director of Lothian Racial Equality Council, chair of Nari Kallyan Shangho and the founder of Milan, was one of Scotland's pioneering race relations activists, feminists and equality campaigners;

Notes that she was a trailblazer in seeking fairness for all, and, in particular, disadvantaged and marginalised BAME women, and was the first Asian-born Scottish woman to be appointed as a justice of the peace;

Sends its condolences to Saroj's family, friends and colleagues, and takes a moment to commend all racial equality campaigners across Scotland, whose commitment and work in helping to end racial discrimination will have a long and lasting impact.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Alison Dickie