

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am Tuesday, 6th October, 2020

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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Addendum by the Coalition

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.4 – Edinburgh Poverty Commission

Committee:

1. Agrees that it is unacceptable that over 77,000 people, including one in five of all children, live in poverty in Scotland's capital city.
2. Understands that this has been the most extensive process of inquiry into poverty, its causes, consequences and solutions ever undertaken in a Scottish local authority area.
3. Agrees the significance of this work and the timely need for the Council to respond in an expedient way to meet the laudable and ambitious target set by the Commission to end poverty in the city by 2030.
4. Recommends that a SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time) approach is taken to map out definite aims until 2030 to ensure that the target to end poverty in the city can be realised; and further calls for this work to be underpinned with robust data and evidence throughout to enable a 'quadruple lock' on attaining this most ambitious of targets.
5. Agrees that as an immediate first action following the publication, The Council Leader writes to the appropriate Scottish and UK Government Cabinet Secretaries to raise issues of relevance for UK and Scottish Government Policies to take forward the Poverty commissions call to action recommendations.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Gammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 – Edinburgh Poverty Commission

Committee agrees recommendations 1.1 to 1.3.

1.4 Committee expresses regret that, given the work has been undertaken alongside, it will take until December 2020 to produce a comprehensive response to the Commission's report and notes with concern that no initial response is available at this stage to even suggest immediate early actions that could be taken to improve Council services for those most in need.

1.5 Committee therefore agrees to instruct the comprehensive report detailed at 1.6 of the report and that this include the cost and operational implications of committing to paragraph 1.4 and 1.5. The report should also outline how future scrutiny can be focussed in public at a Council Committee.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.4 – Edinburgh Poverty Commission

Add at end

Notes the synergy in some of the actions required to meet the outcomes of the poverty Commission and the Climate Commission and request that this is addressed in the council response and plans going forward.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Main

Seconded by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.5 – Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Annual Report

Committee

Adds

1.3 Notes reference in paragraph 4.3.6 to the Benefits Realisation Plan for the Deal and agrees that a further report be provided within two cycles detailing the Plan and how its indicators will be presented to Council to allow elected members to scrutinise the Plan and ensure it will provide a robust process for reporting and monitoring delivery of the Deal.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item - 7.7 Appointment to Working Groups

Adds

1.3 To review the membership of the West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group to reflect the dissolution of Locality Committees and as such that the Convenor / Vice Convenor of South West and North West Locality positions no longer exists and that the membership and political balance of the APOG is representative of the combined Wards covered by the work.

1.4 To further agree that the work of the Equalities Working Group, the Sustainability and Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group and the Welfare Reform Working Group have all been subsumed within the cross cutting remit of the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group and that these be dissolved. Consequently, the remit of the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group should be reviewed to include the any necessary additional elements of the remits of these Groups and the Poverty all Party Oversight Group that are not covered within the Adaptation and Renewal Programme.

Moved by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.8 - Re-opening of Public Conveniences

Replaces 1.1.4 with

1.1.4 Notes the important extended role of libraries in the community toilet scheme and regrets that to date only 6 libraries are open, further exacerbating the city-wide issues of having only a limited number of public toilets open and requests that this is considered in the plans to assess and re-open additional libraries

1.1.5 Notes the important extended role of leisure centres in the community toilet scheme and regrets that the phased approach to their re-opening further exacerbates the city-wide issues of having only a limited number of public toilets open and requests that this is considered in the plans to assess and re-open leisure centres

1.1.6 Notes the important extended role of community centres in the community toilet scheme and regrets that the phased approach to their re-opening further exacerbates the city-wide issues of having only a limited number of public toilets open and requests that this is considered in the plans to assess and re-open additional community centres

1.1.7 Recognises and thanks the five private business across the city that have signed up to the community toilet scheme that are open.

Moved by Councillor Nick Cook

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.8 - Re-opening of public conveniences

Adds at end of 1.1.4

...to be reported in three cycles to committee.

1.1.5 Notes that signage to public toilets has not been fully implemented as requested in the agree motion and requests that this is discussed with appropriate ward Councillors and implemented within 3 months.

1.1.6 Notes that communication of community facilities to the public is key to the success of any community scheme and that many of the venues taking part are unable to do so during a pandemic. Therefore agrees that a revised Community Scheme, including communications and signage campaign are included in the Public Convenience Strategy

Moved by Councillor Melanie Main

Seconded by Councillor Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.3 - West Edinburgh Update

Deletes 1.1.4 and replaces with

1.1.4 Notes that the minute of the West Edinburgh APOG on 23rd September 2020 have not been circulated to all ward Members and accepts this was an unintentional oversight given the membership changes following the abolition of Locality Committees.

1.1.5 Agrees to continue the deliberations around Phase 2 for one cycle.

Moved by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.4 - Recycling and Waste Collection Schools

This Committee:

1. Welcomes the intention to introduce a more comprehensive recycling service for council schools, including the collection of recycled materials in classrooms;
2. Requests that the current proposal not to locate any recycling bins in any school corridors is reconsidered and that placing at least one mixed-packaging recycling bin, for example near the entrance to every school, is considered;
3. Notes that food and drinks, including school milk, is prepared and/or consumed in classrooms, staffrooms, corridors and outside in areas on a daily basis, and agrees that Appendix 2 service for a typical school will be revised to take account of this.
4. Requests that a report on the progress of the introduction of the new service is brought back to committee in six months.

Moved by Councillor Melanie Main

Seconded by Councillor Alex Staniforth

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