

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.1 – Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions

Council:

Recognises that current committee memberships are not reflective of the political make-up of the Council.

Acknowledges that this anomaly contravenes the principles of fairness and proportionality and is profoundly undemocratic.

Agrees to amend the Committee Terms of reference as follows:

3.1 Deletes 'unless expressly agreed otherwise at a meeting of the full Council' and amends the remaining wording to read 'Committee membership will be proportionate according to the elected member representation of political groups, except where a committee comprises a single representative from each political group, in which case the total number of elected members on that committee will be equal to the number of political groups represented on the Council at any one time.'

Council therefore calls for a report to be presented in one cycle setting out how this can be enacted.

Moved by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by Councillor Joanna Mowat

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.2 – Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2021 - 2027

Council

Approves the report subject to the 2022 dates being updated to include the late May Spring Bank holiday being moved to Thursday 2nd June and the extra Bank Holiday taking place on 3rd June to mark Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Moved by Councillor Nick Cook

Seconded by Councillor Graeme Bruce

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.5 – City of Edinburgh Council 2019/20 Annual Audit Report to the Council and the Controller of Audit

Council

Adds to the recommendations;

1.1.6 Notes the concerns raised by the external auditor that the Council was only able to deliver 77% of approved savings in 2019/20.

1.1.8 Regrets that despite previous warnings from the external auditors in this regard, the Council is still deemed to have no long-term financial strategy.

1.1.9 Notes with concern the opinion of the external auditors that the Council's reserves are at the lower range of what they would deem to be prudent and significantly below the average of other comparable local authorities.

1.1.10 Regrets that the Council Administration did not accept Conservative proposals to increase reserves in the budget motions proposed to full Council for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

1.1.11 Requests a report from the Head of Finance in two cycles setting out a strategy for the rebuilding of the Council's reserves.

Moved by Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by Councillor Phil Doggart

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.6 – Revenue Budget 2020/23: 2020/21 Month Five Position and Framework Assumptions Update

- i) In relation to paragraph 1.1.7 of the recommendations and paragraph 4.34 of the report, to note that the council is agreeing to not more than £600k for the costs, to be taken from reserves, and that any costs in excess of £600k would need to be reported to and agreed by Finance and Resources Committee, subject to approval of Council, prior to any further commitment being made.
- ii) To note that at Finance and Resources Committee members expressed concern about a potential escalation of costs well beyond £600k and agreed that the next meeting of Finance and Resources Committee would be presented with details on the cost of the independent review and a breakdown of charges; and that thereafter an update would be provided to each committee meeting on the financial impact of the independent inquiry.
- iii) To agree that the terms of reference and programme of work agreed by the review should be mindful of reasonable expectations of best value and proportionality of cost.

Moved by: Councillor Gavin Corbett

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.7 – Town Centre Fund – Additional Allocations – referral from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Council

Accepts the recommendations of the report and replaces recommendation 1.1.3 in the report with

Agrees to fund the following:

1. Bruntsfield St Oswald's (£0.55m)
2. The Corstorphine Community Centre (£0.75m)
3. Pentlands Community Space (£0.15m)

Moved by Councillor John McLellan

Seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.7 – Town Centre Fund - Additional Allocations – referral from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

As per recommendation 1.1.3 of the report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 5 November 2020 which calls for members to select projects from the shortlist in Appendix 1, allocates the funding as per the table below, recognising the case for funding to be targeted on those projects in communities which experience the greatest disadvantage:

Project	Funding allocated (£m)	As a percentage of funding requested
Craigmillar town centre	0.170	100%
Gracemount public realm	0.100	100%
Granton station	0.759	89%
Pennywell hub	0.125	100%
Westside plaza phase 3	0.300	100%

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Chas Booth

Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.7 – Town Centre Fund - additional allocations – referral from the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

To accept the recommendations of the committee report and agrees to allocate funding to cover 100% of the stated costs for:

1. Bruntsfield St Oswald's
2. The Corstorphine Community Centre
3. Pennywell Hub

Moved by Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Addendum by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.8 – Community Centres and Libraries Re-Opening (Update)

Council accepts 1 and adds:

2.1 Recognises the huge logistical challenges firstly of re-opening Council run facilities and then keeping them running during Covid-19 and thanks all staff for all their hard work in achieving this, and for their continued support.

2.2 Recognises the importance of keeping schools open and therefore the prioritisation of existing Facilities Management resources for this purpose.

2.3 Accepts that such prioritisation of Facilities Management for schools has hugely impacted on Facilities Management resources available for other CEC buildings, including Community Centres and Libraries.

2.4 Asks therefore that:

- this additional cost of £200k, and
- any additional costs required to ensure timely re-opening of all remaining Libraries and Community Centres,

are added to Council claims to Scottish Government for recompense for the additional costs of Covid to be made in negotiations via COSLA.

Moved by Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.9 – Trams to Newhaven – COVID-19 Final Business Case Refresh – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Delete all recommendations and replace with:

1.1 Council notes the report.

1.2 Council expresses concern that the report sets out a choice between an unaffordable cancellation at an immediate cost to the taxpayer of £32m plus sunk costs OR an unaffordable risk of a strain on Council reserves in the near future of £93m. All of this based on a set of assumptions that could prove to be optimistic given potential long-term travel pattern changes from a new work from home culture.

1.3 Council condemns the actions of the SNP/Labour Administration and its allies for endangering the Council's finances and future services by accepting the 2019 Business Plan given its reliance on future fare revenue, inflated project costs and timescales and failure to take full account of the risks to fare revenue.

1.4 Council therefore agrees to instruct the Chief Executive to provide a report as a matter of urgency setting out:

- a demonstrable plan as to how ringfenced Reserves can be set aside to cover the £93m deficit identified in the report
- how this funding can be accommodated in a properly structured and long-awaited long-term financial plan as repeatedly called for by the Council's external auditors.
- the opportunity costs of building up and using Reserves to support this project including any service withdrawals or redesigns necessary
- how, given the parlous state of Council reserves in the current financial year, the Council can be insulated from current and future risk of bankruptcy

- a transparent breakdown within the tram project of cost savings and overspends identified to date against the original business plan
- actions being undertaken to enable value engineering and acceleration of the project timeline to reduce cost and mitigate risk
- a full analysis of the revenue impacts across bus and trams as was provided in the original business case (but is missing in this update) given (i) the Council's proposed merger of its Transport ALEOs (ii) the direct impact future tram fare revenue will have on bus revenue and services (iii) and the risks to future tram income which apply equally to bus income and dividends payable from Lothian Buses to CEC placing an even greater strain on Council budgets over and above the £93m risk outlined in the report.

1.5 Council further instructs the Chief Executive to seek financial assistance from Scottish Government to support both construction and loan charge costs of this project so that Edinburgh receives a fairer share of Scotland wide infrastructure spending in line with its place as Scotland's capital city.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor Susan Webber

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.10 – Spaces for People Update – November 2020 – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Accepts 1.1, 1.1.1, 1.1.2

Replaces 1.1.3 onwards with

1.1.3 Approves the new schemes as outlined in the report subject to

1.1.3.1 South Bridge – Town Centre Measures: permit further discussion on positioning of bus stops

1.1.3.2 Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Route: permit short online consultation with affected residents

1.1.4 Recommends that given the scale and complexity of the schemes for

Lanark Road, Longstone and Inglis Green Road; the A1 and A90 that these are all paused and presented to TEC in one cycle after detailed designs and feedback are shared with, and further validated by, local elected members, interest groups, businesses, transport providers and residents

1.1.5 Recommends the following suggestion from New Town and Broughton

Community Council for London Road be considered as alternative option; Re-route the planned active travel along Montrose Terrace and onto Regent Road to avoid London Road roundabout, avoiding Picardy Place whilst the tram works are in place

1.1.6 Approves the revised recommendations presented in the amendment as

Appendix 1 which includes but is not limited to; the immediate re-opening of Braid Road, Links Gardens, Silverknowes Road (North) and a further extended review and consultation along the schemes in Tollcross, Bruntsfield and Morningside given the specific issues highlighted by businesses

- 1.1.7 Recommends that officers re-examine the Silverknowes Parkway element of Pennywell Road schemes to address issues raised by households in relation to access and deliveries
- 1.1.8 Notes the schedule of proposed measures for schools (Appendix 3) and looks to accelerate and prioritise these and changes still to be implemented or assessed should be considered urgently
- 1.1.9 Notes disappointment that no measures near schools are presented for Holy Cross Primary, despite many requests from the Parent Council, the School and Ward Members.
- 1.1.10 Recognises the importance of removal of unnecessary barriers and street clutter and that their removal should be given greater priority and requests an update report on progress made within two cycles (Transport & Environment Committee)
- 1.1.11 Notes the high-level reports from Commonplace (Appendix 4) and approves the recommended schemes arising from the suggestions made as per the attached revised Appendix 1
- 1.1.12 Notes the high-level reports from Commonplace data confirm that measures to support and enhance walking should be prioritised over all other as these have by far higher support and endorsement than other measures

Moved by: Councillor Susan Webber

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Conservative Amended Appendix 1 – Project List / Recommendation and Estimated Cost

(Scheme delivery dependent on installation costs and budget)

Location	Intervention (Proposed/Actual)	Review Outcome/Update
CITY CENTRE		
South Bridge – Town Centre measures	Footway widening & cycle lanes	Proposed scheme developed for Committee approval (Appendix 2A)
Waverley Bridge	Closure	Review complete – recommendation to continue with improvements
Forest Road	Cycle segregation	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
George IV Bridge	Cycle segregation	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
The Mound	Cycle segregation	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
Princes Street East End	Bus gate	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
Victoria Street	Part time closure	Review complete – recommendation to revise to pedestrian zone to open from George IV Bridge. Revised scheme recommended for approval.
Cockburn Street	Part time closure	Continue review to explore taking access from Market Street to facilitate access for residents and traders – to report back in one cycle
Cowgate	N/A	No scheme proposed. (Budget to be reallocated to South Bridge proposals).
Chamber Street	Temporary signals at George IV Bridge Junction	Incorporated into South Bridge scheme for Committee approval.

TOWN CENTRES		
Queensferry High Street	Pedestrian space	Scheme under review with local stakeholders. Installation expected in November 20
Great Junction Street	Pedestrian space (remove)	Review complete - recommendation to remove the interventions following review and feedback from Lothian Buses.
Stockbridge	Pedestrian space	Programmed for implementation on 5/11/2020 following completion of SGN works
Gorgie / Dalry Road	Pedestrian space	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
Bruntsfield	Pedestrian space	Recommend further detailed review given specific feedback from businesses
Tollcross		Recommend further detailed review given specific feedback from businesses

Morningside	Pedestrian space	Recommend further detailed review given specific feedback from businesses
Portobello	Pedestrian space	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
Corstorphine	Pedestrian space	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes
Newington Corridor	N/A	Assessment concluded that it was not possible to introduce measures due to the road width
The Shore	Subject consideration and engagement	Proposals for this location will be considered as part of consideration of local area interventions for Leith (see below) with full consultation and outside of SFP given legal position in relation to LTN introduction

TRAVELLING SAFELY		Scheme list under review wrt available budget
Telford Road	Cycle segregation	Proposals withdrawn due to significant impact on public transport, delays and need for costly junction changes anticipated
Fountainbridge Dundee St	Cycle segregation	Scheme programmed for implementation.
Ferry Road	Cycle segregation	Review complete – recommendation to continue with installation of segregation units programmed
Melville Drive	Cycle segregation	Scheme on hold. There are alternative routes available if further funding is made available.
Teviot Place / Potterow	Cycle segregation	Scheme programmed
Buccleuch St / Causewayside	Cycle segregation	Scheme implemented. To be reviewed after two months
Crewe Toll Roundabout	Cycle segregation (Further consideration at DRG – traffic modelling)	The scheme design is to be reviewed following modelling. A Stage 2 Road Safety Audit has been completed and will feed into the design review – share ASAP with elected members
Meadowplace Road	Cycle segregation	Scheme on hold. Interventions possible if further funding is made available
Duddingston Road	Cycle segregation	Pause and due to residents concerns ie parking suspensions/local consultation required.
Wester Hailes Road	Cycle segregation (Alternative plans to be developed)	Remove scheme from Programme
Craigmillar Park corridor	Cycle segregation	Scheme programmed for implementation
Gilmerton Road	Cycle segregation	Scheme programmed for implementation
Kingston Avenue closure and connection to Gilmerton Rd via Ravenswood Ave	Road closure	Scheme currently on hold
Crewe Road South	Cycle segregation (segregator units to	Review complete - installation of segregation units completed. No further

	be installed)	changes proposed
Old Dalkeith Road	Cycle segregation (segregator units to be installed)	Review complete – recommendation to reduce segregation to maintain road width for buses and emergency vehicles. Installation of segregation units (where possible) complete
Comiston Road	Cycle segregation	Review complete – proposed to continue to monitor. Further review planned for December 2020. Installation of segregation units complete. Review with community and take account of network impact – LB included
Inglis Green Rd	Cycle segregation	Postpone Scheme and consult fully (Appendix 2B)
Pennywell Road	Cycle segregation	Review programmed December 2020, Installation of segregation units complete : REVIEW Access Issues
Mayfield Road	Cycle segregation	Scheme programmed for implementation
Quiet Corridor - Meadows / Greenbank	Various closures	Options included in Committee Report for approval (Appendix 2C)
A90 Queensferry Road	Bus Lanes and cycle segregation	Scheme to be reviewed independently of this report – full plans must be available and enhanced consultation where possible
A1 Corridor	Bus Lanes and cycle segregation	Scheme to be reviewed independently of this report – full plans must be available and enhanced consultation where possible
Slateford Road (A70)	Cycle segregation	Postpone design
Lanark Road	Cycle segregation	Scheme to be reviewed independently of this report – full plans must be available and enhanced consultation
Longstone Road	Cycle segregation	Scheme to be reviewed independently of this report – full plans must be available and enhanced consultation
Murrayburn Road (short section at Longstone)	Cycle segregation	Proposals included for Committee approval (Appendix 2B)
Orchard Brae Roundabout	Road markings	Scheme programmed for implementation

LOCAL AREA INTERVENTIONS		
East Craigs	Proposed closures & part-time bus gate	Options to be considered under separate report -
Drum Brae North	Cycle segregation	Options to be considered under separate report on East Craigs
Leith	TBA	Design under development
Corstorphine South (Featherhall)	Filtered permeability	Scheme to be developed using funding from Neighbourhood Environment

		Programme (NEPs) rather than Spaces for People (the estimated cost is £50,000)
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SPACES FOR EXERCISE		
Braid Road	Road closure	Review undertaken – recommendation to reopen immediately
Links Gardens	Road closure	Review undertaken – recommendation to reopen immediately
Cammo Walk	Road closure	Review complete - recommendation to modify and reopen south Cammo car park included in this Committee report
Warriston Road	Road closure	Review undertaken – Recommendation to remove this scheme included in this Committee report
Stanley Street/ Hope Street	Road closure	Review complete – recommendation to continue with improvements to temporary signage
Braidburn Terrace	One-way road closure	Continuation of temporary one-way arrangement considered appropriate with Braid Road closure
Silverknowes Road (North section)	Road Closure	Review undertaken - revision proposed for approval in this report Should be re-opened immediately
Silverknowes Road (South section)	Alternative on-street proposal to be developed	Following notification response - progress alternative detailed design
Granton Square / Gypsy Brae	Cycle segregation	Local engagement ongoing - scheme under development.
Seafield Street	Cycle segregation	Review programmed for December 2020.
Kings Place	Link between Proms	Temporary measures installed - Review programmed December 2020
Maybury Road	Temporary traffic lights	Review complete – recommendation to continue with no changes (note traffic lights are now 'live' but further North and another set are due to be in situ nearer Queensferry Road imminently)
Arboretum Place	Crossing point	Temporary measures installed - Review programmed December 2020
Carrington Road	Road closure	Currently on hold

Public Proposals – Commonplace Consultation	Various	Recommend approval to progress detailed designs:
Broughton Street	Pavement widening and uphill cycle lane	To approve subject to consultation with local community: develop short / medium term proposals in order to recognise impact changes in traffic management to facilitate tram construction

Broughton St Roundabout	Improvements for pedestrian crossings	For Approval
Restalrig Road South (Smoky Brae)	Pavement widening and uphill cycle lane. Road layout TBA	For Approval
Starbank Road	Pavement widening with give & go traffic management	To approve to detailed design work, subject to traffic modelling being completed to understand the impact on people moving along or living on Starbank Road, East Trinity Road and Ferry Road.
Fillyside Road - Crossing	Installation of a pedestrian/cyclist crossing point (Island – TBA)	For Approval
Fillyside Road	Pavement widening	For Approval
West End of Princes Street	Footpath widening at Johnny Walker site	No short term changes possible
Musselburgh boundary to Portobello (Edinburgh section)	Cycle segregation from CEC boundary in to Portobello	For Approval
Duddingston Road West	Cycle segregation	Assessment completed but considered not feasible due to road width
Portobello Promenade	Improved signage and minor interventions to reduce speed of cyclists	For Approval Additional/improved signage to be considered
Removal of Street Clutter	Working in partnership with Living Streets to remove street clutter	Proposed to package as a single, city wide scheme (excluding city centre) : progress report to TEC in Jan 2021
Greenbank Drive and Glenlockhart Road	Reduce speed limit to 20mph	Speed limit reduction to be considered by the Road Safety team

Schools	Various measures	See Appendix 3.
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Note: Information contained in this list will be subject to change with the potential for estimated costs to be revised during the detailed design phase. Actual costs are tracked during the procurement and installation phases.

Each project (excluding minor interventions at schools for example) is considered by a Design Review Group (peer review), subject to internal approval and shared with the agreed Notification Stakeholder Group.

On completion of all these stages the projects are considered by the Corporate Incident Management Team (CIMT) or Committee prior to implementation.

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.10 – Spaces for People Update - November 2020 - referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

1. Note this update on the Spaces for People programme
2. Approve the specific scheme changes noted in paragraph 4.5
3. Approve the new schemes as outlined in paragraphs 4.7, 4.8 – 4.11 and Appendix 2 for:
 - 3.1 South Bridge – Town Centre Measures
 - 3.2 Lanark Road, Longstone Road and Inglis Green Road
 - 3.3 A1 and A90
 - 3.4 Greenbank to Meadows
4. Approve the recommendations included in Appendix 1
5. Note the schedule of proposed measures near schools (Appendix 3) and deliver these as quickly as possible
6. Note the high level and detailed reports on Commonplace (Appendix 4) and approve the recommended schemes arising from the suggestions made (paragraph 4.36 and Appendix 1)
7. Note the issues of street clutter and unnecessary barriers and guardrails, and agree to receive an update on removal of these items to the Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Corbett

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Item 8.10 – Spaces for People Update – November 2020 – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council:

1. notes the update on the Spaces for People programme.
2. approves the specific scheme changes as noted in paragraph 4.5 and appendix 1 of the committee report, with the exception of the following:
 - a) believes there is insufficient justification for the continued closure of Silverknowes Road and therefore agrees to reopen this road with further work undertaken to establish cycleways on the route and options for safe crossing points at the north and south ends of the road.
 - b) agrees that officers re-examine the Silverknowes Parkway element of the Pennywell Road scheme to address issues with access and deliveries for households on Silverknowes Parkway.
 - c) believes there is insufficient justification for the continued closure of Braid Road, therefore agrees to reopen this road as well as install the planned improvements and appropriate traffic calming measures.
 - d) agrees the Orchard Brae roundabout be considered a priority project for implementation by the end of 2020.
3. agrees to continue consideration of the South Bridge - Town Centres scheme for one cycle pending further discussion on the positioning of bus stops.
4. recognises the changes made to the Greenbank to Meadows quiet route and agrees to continue consideration to allow for a short online consultation with affected residents.
5. agrees to proceed with the A90 scheme (subject to further consideration of changes to the phasing of traffic lights at the Burnshot junction to control peak time traffic flow) and the A1 scheme.

6. recognises the substantial concerns expressed in relation to the Lanark Road, Longstone Road and Inglis Green Road scheme and agrees this should be subject to proper public consultation before final decision.

7. welcomes the schedule of proposed measures near schools and agrees that changes still to be implemented should be considered a priority under the Spaces for People programme.

8. notes the high level and detailed reports on Commonplace and approves the recommended schemes arising from the suggestions made.

9. acknowledges the elements of the report relating to the removal of unnecessary barriers and street clutter; believes there is an opportunity for 'quick wins' which should be given greater priority and agrees to receive an update report on progress made in two cycles.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by Councillor Louise Young

Amendment by Councillor Gavin Barrie

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Item 8.10 – Spaces for People Update – November 2020 – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council notes the written deputation from the Private Hire Association to the Transport Environment Committee on 12 the November (see Item 3.10 here <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/b17338/Deputations%2012th-Nov-2020%2010.00%20Transport%20and%20Environment%20Committee.pdf?T=9>)

which amongst other matters made reference to the following;

- No consultation regarding the Spaces for People proposals have taken place with the Private Hire Car (PHC) trade.
- Both taxis and PHC currently now work on a wholly pre-booked basis
- That by and large the PHC trade support the aims of Spaces for People
- PHC have a large number of both Hybrid and Electrically powered vehicles
- That PHC are licensed for public transport by City of Edinburgh Council (CEC)
- City of Edinburgh Council use PHC's by contract for both school and social work journeys
- Pre COVID demand was such that PHC made circa seven million journeys in the city
- Key workers have been able to use PHC's throughout the pandemic
- PHC's are an integral part of the city's Public Transport Network
- People with mobility issues who cannot manage access to hackney type vehicles use PHC's
- PHC's are by CEC regulation clearly marked, nearside, offside, front and back as Private Hire Vehicles.

Council therefore recognises that it would be inequitable to not allow licensed PHC vehicles access through the bus gates proposed in the report when other CEC licensed public transport vehicles are allowed this privilege.

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Council further recognises that to deny such access on the basis of what other non-licensed vehicles might do is wrong thinking and the PHC trade should not be penalized on the basis of what other drivers might do.

Council therefore resolves that where bus gates are instigated using emergency measures licensed PHC vehicles will enjoy the same privileges as other CEC licensed public transport vehicles.

Moved by: Councillor Gavin Barrie

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.11 – Spaces for People – East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhood - referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council

Deletes all and replaces all with:

- 1.1 Notes the background to the Spaces for People programme, and particularly the proposed introduction of the Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN) in East Craigs
- 1.2 Notes the legal opinion provided to both the Get Edinburgh Moving community group and the Council indicates, that using the emergency legislation and the SfP programme to progress an LTN is not a proportionate or appropriate action
- 1.3 Recognises that option 2b presented for implementation by Temporary Traffic Regulation Order is yet to be presented to the stakeholder list and undergo the standard approved 5 day accelerated consultation and as such continues to raise concerns within the community
- 1.4 Recognises the subtle but vital differences in the verbal amendment made at Transport and Environment Committee and that presented in the revised Motion (as stated in point 4) in relation to the timing of the consultation
- 1.5 Notes this disparity continues to be cause of concern across the wider East Craigs area,
- 1.6 Agrees therefore that Option 3 presented in original report continues to be the

only democratically acceptable option available

1.7 Agrees no part of the programme will be progressed unless or until a redesign is in place that gains local support and therefore requests a full, comprehensive consultation with the local community

1.8 Agree with proposals to introduce measures to address the footway pinch points around Craigmount High School and that these are carried out under the schedule of proposed measures for schools.

Moved by: Councillor Susan Webber

Seconded by: Councillor Mark Brown

Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.11 – Spaces for People - East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhood – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Delete recommendations and insert:

Committee:

1. regrets the flawed processes and previous poor decisions on implementing the East Craigs Low Traffic Neighbourhood and recognises the damage this has caused to the relationship between the Council and the people of East Craigs, North Gyle and Craigmount.
2. congratulates the campaigning efforts of those in the community, who simply asked for the Council to consult properly before any decisions were taken, and believes the contents of the Transport & Environment Committee report vindicates those efforts over the last three months.
3. agrees that no experimental traffic regulation order should be progressed on the LTN until (a) a full public consultation has been undertaken and (b) the Transport & Environment Committee has been provided with the results of that consultation and given an opportunity to consider the appropriate next steps.
4. agrees to proceed with option 2b as set out in the committee report meantime in order to address concerns around social distancing and traffic speeds immediately outside Craigmount High School.

Moved by Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.1 – By Councillor Lang – Regulation of Fireworks

Council:

“Notes the Leader wrote to both the UK and Scottish Governments in 2018. Since then there has been some progress in the Scottish Parliament with publication in early November 2020 of recommendations from the Independent Firework Review Group and the outcome of the Scottish Government’s consultation in 2019 but regrets that the Westminster Government have taken no substantive action since. Agrees that the Leader will write again to the UK Government to support calls to change the sale of fireworks legislation which is required to make progress. Also agree the Leader will write to the Scottish Government to request a timeline on action points from the review.

Agrees that City of Edinburgh Council with partners (Fire/Police Scotland) will provide firework safety information on appropriate web/social media platforms”.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Addendum by Councillor Derek Howie

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Item 9.1 – By Councillor Lang - Regulation of Fireworks

INSERT AFTER POINT 1 and renumber

Recognises that fireworks are particularly hazardous for many of our disabled citizens, including those who cannot move out of the way quickly and their assistance animals, such as guide dogs, which may become frightened and consequently distracted from their work by fireworks, putting their owners at risk; further recognises distress caused to both pets and wild animals by fireworks, which causes stress, harm and sometimes death.

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Agrees that in the same correspondence the Council Leader will offer council backing for Scottish ministers in their dialogue with UK ministers to act promptly in relation to reform of those aspects of reserved legislation on sale and supply of fireworks which would support the Fireworks Review Group's aim of making use of fireworks safer and more responsible.

Moved by: Councillor Howie

Seconded by: Councillor Staniforth

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

19 November 2020

Item 9.2 – By Councillor Neil Ross - Additional Costs Arising from the Short Term Lets Legislation

Accepts 1-5 and replaces paragraph 6 with;

“Notes that costs from any licensing and planning system would normally be expected to be contained within the income received from applications received.

Therefore, given the current pressures on the Council’s finances, agrees the report to the Policy & Sustainability Committee, with the timeline for this being set out in the report to December 2020 Policy and Sustainability Committee on the Council’s response to the Scottish Government’s consultation. The future report will include information that sets out an assessment of whether the likely costs to the planning and licensing system, which may be received as a result of this new legislation, can be contained within the respective budget and if not the likely revenue impact for the council’s budget in year 2021/22.”

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 9.2 – By Councillor Neil Ross – Additional costs arising from short term lets legislation

Add at end:

“Notes that planning and licensing regimes are both fee-based, and that fees should be set in a way which covers the cost of the application process; further notes that there is likely to be a significant additional cost of inspection and enforcement, and that enforcement action costs should be estimated for the purposes of this report;

Welcomes control areas for planning purposes, notes that a policy in the Local Development Plan / City Plan to prevent loss of homes to alternative uses would provide clarity on the determination of any such change of use applications; welcomes the intention, set out in the Choices for City Plan consultation earlier in the year, to consult on designating a Short Term Let Control area in the city, and on introducing a new policy on loss of homes to alternative uses; notes that 87% of respondents to the consultation supported control areas while 88% supported a new policy on loss of homes, expects that officers will take due consideration of this support in the forthcoming City Plan, and agrees that a report will be brought to Planning Committee within one cycle setting out options for accelerating the consultation and the wider roll-out of short term let control areas and on options for limiting loss of homes to alternative uses, prior to the adoption of the new City Plan.”

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 9.5 – By Councillor Rose - Non-Disclosure Agreements

Deletes all and replaces with:

“Council notes the independent investigations currently underway, now led by the Independent Chair, Susanne Tanner QC, and that this investigation is fully empowered to raise the use or relevance of non-disclosure agreements, if, in the opinion of the Chair, it is determined that such matters are of relevance to the terms of reference.

Council agrees that any existing non-disclosure agreement does not prevent any individual, or organisation, speaking to the independent investigation team on any matter and Council should further note that any non-disclosure agreement cannot prevent employees from making protected disclosures under whistleblowing legislation, regardless of any confidentiality provisions”.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day