

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Addendum by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.2 – Adaption and Renewal Programme

1.7 Committee notes:

- the Covid-19: Key indicators for allocation of levels published in the dashboard and that the remaining indicator suggesting that Edinburgh be placed in Level 3 (Test positivity rate) has hovered around the 5% level throughout November including at times dropping below this threshold;
- That this indicator remaining high on its own while prevalence rates remain relatively low suggests that the Edinburgh public are following advice and coming forward to be tested when they have symptoms and that this is to be commended;
- That all other indicators are stable in suggesting that Edinburgh should be in Level 2 or below;

1.8 Committee therefore agrees that the Council Leader should seek clarity from the Scottish Government on the necessary requirements for moving to Level 2 and that this information should be made public.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

1 December 2020

Item 7.3 – Climate Emissions Analysis and 2030 Sustainability Strategy Approach

Committee agrees recommendations 1.1 – 1.3

Delete recommendation 1.4 and add as follows

1.4 Committee notes with concern that the single greatest aspect of emissions above target by 2030 for the Council is heat and that the report provides little or no assurance that plans are in place to address this, concentrating on unknowns like the make-up of grid electricity rather than plans to replace natural gas in heating.

1.5 Committee therefore agrees that a further report be provided specifically on methods and costs to decarbonise the Council's heat requirement recognising that this aspect of the 2030 target has major implications for the City as well as the Council.

1.6 Committee agrees to reconsider the City Climate Compact when the final text is available.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

1 December 2020

Item 7.3 – Climate Emissions Analysis and 2030 City Sustainability Strategy Approach

Add to recommendations;

1.6 Notes that almost two years on from the Council declaring a Climate Emergency and agreeing to set a target of net-zero carbon emissions, work is ongoing to produce a plan and possible route map of how this council could achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030 and therefore agrees that work on this plan should be accelerated with a view to producing a comprehensive and detailed plan as a matter of urgency.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 – End Poverty in Edinburgh Delivery Plan 2020-30

Replace recommendations with:

1.1 Committee notes the report and agrees that a further report be provided as part of the budgetary and business plan development process indicating the costs and benefits, including opportunity costs within Council services, of each of the proposed priority actions, delivery actions and calls to action in order that these can be considered individually by political groups as part of their budget research process.

1.2 Committee further notes the statement at paragraph 4.12.3 (“This approach would significantly enhance the Council’s work to embed the principles of the Christie Commission on the future delivery of public services.”) and calls for a report to indicate the measures required to implement such an approach and the barriers that have prevented it in the past when much of the policy background to Christie and early intervention have been mainstream public policy for at least the nine years since publication, and often longer, yet have not delivered the hoped for improvements in public service as evidenced by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission Report.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.5 – Best Value Assurance Audit

Add to recommendation 1.3 after Plan 'and specifically requests further consideration of genuine local community empowerment including, for example, through reintroduction of a reformed locality committee system'

Moved by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Councillor Gillian Gloyer

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.6 – Mobile Library Service Feasibility Study

Committee

Inserts after 1.1.2 and then renumbers

1.1.3 Recognises the efforts of officers to assess and address the unique set of circumstances faced by the Ratho community in relation to their library, that otherwise would have seen the village without any service until August 2022

Moved by: Councillor Susan Webber

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.7– Edinburgh Economy Strategy

Committee

1.1.1 note progress against Edinburgh Economy Strategy priority actions and Good Growth Monitoring Framework indicators during 2019/20, but further notes the many challenges facing key elements of the strategy.

1.1.2 note actions undertaken and planned as a part of the Sustainable Economic Recovery workstream of the Council Adaptation and Renewal Programme;

1.1.3 note the new Edinburgh Development Concordat, which sets out ways in which Council services, the development and business communities and representative community organisations can best work together to achieve the development of ‘good places’ in support the city’s sustainable economic recovery. Asks for the Concordat to be redrafted in one cycle for greater detail to be provided as to how better engagement can be achieved and clearer definitions of ‘good places’.

1.1.4 approve the proposed approach and timescales for the Edinburgh Economy Strategy, with a draft planned for publication in March 2021, to include detailed measurement of progress with all key actions; and

1.1.5 approve the proposed approaches for engagement with elected members, businesses, communities, and partner agencies in development of the renewed strategy.

Moved by: Councillor John McLellan

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.8 – Short Term Lets: Scottish Government Consultation on a Licensing Scheme and Planning Control Areas in Scotland

1. Committee notes the response submitted to the Scottish Government's consultation and the next stages in implementing licensing and planning controls.
2. Committee further notes that the Scottish Government has fundamentally changed the proposal for licensing of short term lets considerably widening the scope by removing references to a property having to be used for this purpose for more than a set number of days a year and by including letting within a property that the host uses as their main residence (i.e. within the host's home).
3. Committee considers that this will make the availability of accommodation scarcer and considerably more expensive during the August Festival period when many homeowners take a holiday and let out their own home or take in guests in their home. It is further noted that cost and lack of availability of accommodation of this type has been a growing concern for the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in recent years and that the lack of accommodation for performers has been cited as a possible barrier to the future viability of the Fringe Festival. The scope creep now involved in the proposed legislation was never envisaged by campaigners or politicians seeking change.
4. Committee further considers that the Council's response to the consultation is deficient in not pointing out these issues and agrees that the Council Leader should write to the Minister for Local Government, Housing and Planning seeking changes to the legislation to allow for the possibility of dispensations for at least the Festival period in order that the Edinburgh Festivals can return in some form post the Covid-19 pandemic.

Moved by: **Councillor Iain Whyte**

Seconded by: **Councillor**