

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Motion by the Conservative Group

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Item 6.1 - Appointments to Outside Organisations Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)

Council

Nominates Cllr Iain Whyte to the vacant position on EICC Board.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Jason Rust

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.2 – Future Provision of Public Conveniences – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council

Agrees 1.1 and adds after “temporary public toilets”; the monies can also be used to re-open public toilets currently closed in order to provide adequate public toilet provision in the City;

1.2 Notes the estimated investment required to create new or refurbish public conveniences; and accelerates exploration of commercial partnerships to deliver facilities based on a concessions model, reporting back to Committee within two cycles (noting this approach has already been taken for a combined café and public conveniences at Joppa)

1.3 When the public toilets were closed at Haymarket to facilitate the delivery of the Haymarket development the sale was conditional on re-provisioning these facilities within the development and were detailed on the original planning permission; notes that the current planning permission does not show public toilets provided and instructs officers to investigate whether this burden was not transferred in subsequent sales and report back to Committee with their findings.

1.4 Rejects paragraph 4.20 of the report and calls for Colinton Public Convenience to be retained and maintained as part of the Council’s strategy going ahead.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Jason Rust

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.2 – By Councillor Rust – Garden Waste Collection

Accepts paras 1-4.

Replaces para 5 with:

Notes that officers are already working on changes to the registration window and process to allow customers who are forced into registering outside of the current windows to join the scheme within four weeks of application.

Notes the impact on complex collection route building requirements of absorbing requests outside of the current window.

Welcomes the remarkable success of the implementation of the garden waste scheme where, within a few short years of its introduction, 66% of eligible households are now participating in the scheme. Notes that this participation rate is considerably higher than the original anticipated levels of 46%.

Notes that the revenue budget report agreed by Council on 18 February 2021 provided detail on the £35 charge for the garden waste service. This includes the following information as one of the outcomes that will be delivered through the service charge.

Investment in administration support and system development to allow the mid-year sign up window to be greatly expanded addressing the high levels of complaints from residents and councillors on the restriction of the current window timescales and the inability to join these if missed.

Notes that there is a report scheduled for June's Transport and Environment Committee which will detail these proposals and that the committee will be asked to decide whether to proceed with these new arrangements which are designed to meet some of the concerns outlined above.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes
Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.2 – By Councillor Rust – Garden Waste Collection

Retain points 1-4

Replace point 5 with:

- Recognises that the approved budget in February 2021 contained the following proposal, for *“investment in administration support and system development to allow the mid-year sign up window to be greatly expanded addressing the high levels of complaints from residents and councillors on the restriction of the current window timescales and the inability to join if these are missed.”*
- Notes that the current plan is to run the next registration window from 22 July – 1 September 2021 for the new service year beginning on 9 November 2021 with an increased charge of £35, and with an expanded mid-year window to follow.
- In light of the updated charge being applicable from 9 November 2021, seeks an update to the June meeting of Transport and Environment Committee, by way of business bulletin or report, on how the mid-year sign up will be significantly extended both earlier and later to ensure that customers who miss signing up by 1 September are not left without a service for any substantial period; and to ensure that there is scope to deal with exceptional circumstances.

Moved by: **Councillor Gavin Corbett**

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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At point (5) in the motion adds a further requirement for the requested report:

(f) to include options for how an automatic renewal process could be available (either by opt in or opt out) to avoid residents accidental missed renewals.

Moved by Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.3 – By Councillor Osler – City Parks

Deletes second para and replace with;

Notes that the provision of additional temporary public conveniences was approved at Transport and Environment Committee last week and referred to Full Council today for the approval of funding.

Notes that a robust process is in place to allocate additional funding for Covid-related expenditure and the city's recovery plan, and notes that this will be the case for any additional pressures incurred in managing additional footfall in our local high streets and parks and greenspaces.

Notes that Longer term implications for parks and greenspaces and waste and cleansing should be considered as part of our on-going budget strategy and any continued Covid restrictions.

Notes the budget passed in February allocated additional investment of around £4m to help support upgrades and improvements in our parks.

Agrees that officers continue to analyse use of public space against deployment of waste resources to ensure issues are minimised and that information on any additional pressures on waste and environment services resulting from intensive use of public space will be included in the next Adaptation & Renewal report to the Policy and Sustainability committee.

Moved by: Councillor Donald Wilson

Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Amendment by Green Group

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**Item 8.4 – By Councillor Jim Campbell –
Local Member Oversight**

Delete paragraph 2 and insert:

"refers the issue to the Elected Members ICT and Digital Sounding Board and requests an update there on the potential to expand functionality for elected members on 'Click to Report'."

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.5 – By Councillor Webber – Public Confidence

Accepts para 1.

Replaces following with:

Notes that extensive consultation and constructive engagement are in process, as agreed by the Transport and Environment Committee.

Notes the report scheduled for June to the Transport and Environment Committee on the results of the online consultation, the concurrent market research, the detailed internal project review and the recommendations against a background of our strategic transport policy framework, as well as Scottish government guidance.

Notes that a full detailed discussion will take place before any decision by elected members.

Notes that extensive discussion, and subsequent requested changes to schemes, has already taken place with senior officers, elected members, specialist stakeholder groups, public transport providers, emergency services, businesses and local resident groups throughout the development and implementation of the Spaces for People project to date.

Welcomes the opportunity to examine the role of improved active travel infrastructure in meeting our sustainable transport aspirations and net zero carbon ambitions for Edinburgh.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.5 – By Councillor Webber – Public Confidence

Retains paragraph 1

Deletes “Subject to below,” from paragraph 2

Replaces the remainder of the motion with the following text:

“3. Welcomes constructive dialogue with outside organisations, interest groups, consultative and representative groups, thanks all organisations and groups for their work and for issues they have identified and raised in consultation

4. Notes that a wide and detailed range of views have been expressed via the consultation and in public discourse, ranging from strategic city-wide issues to highly specific local details, and recognises the complexity of interpreting and reporting such findings

5. Calls for the forthcoming report(s) to Transport and Environment Committee to

- be structured to allow members to amend both city-wide strategic decisions and/or street schemes as necessary, in order to take account of representations made before the meeting,
- comprehensively review the issues raised by equalities impact assessments and the options to address these,
- include references or appendices of additional information that has been unavailable so far, such as cycle counter data and answers to public questions, and
- legal opinion on the dispute which has been raised.”

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Corbett

Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.5 – By Councillor Webber – Public Confidence

In 1),

after “workshops”, insert “by locality”.

after “any elected member”, insert “representing a ward within that locality”

Moved by Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Councillor Louise Young

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.7– By Councillor Hutchison – Sewage Discharges into the River Almond

Delete all and replace with:

Council

1. Notes with great concern that FOI data secured by the River Almond Action group has identified 501 instances of sewage being released into the River Almond in 2019 from Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) operated by Veolia on behalf of Scottish Water.
2. Thanks groups like the River Almond Action Group and the Forth Rivers Trust for their continuing work towards clean, healthy river environments and calls on Scottish Water to address the concerns they have raised as a matter of urgency.
3. Notes the source of discharges are Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) which, at times of peak flow, permit sewage and sanitary waste to be discharged into waterways but that their use can be minimised by sufficient investment in drainage capacity and adequate maintenance.
4. Notes, with concern, that CSO releases include the discharge of human waste and physical debris such as wet wipes, condoms and sanitary products, threatening the marine environment and harming aquatic life, potentially impacting the health of river users and adding plastic pollution to the river and the Firth of Forth;
5. Recognises that the climate emergency will intensify pressure on drainage systems and require further investment on drainage capacity as part of a city region climate adaptation strategy.
6. Recognises that the four WWTWs from which discharges were made lie within the West Lothian area but that these inevitably impact on the river ecosystem as a whole and its amenity for people within the City of Edinburgh area, given that river from Newbridge to the sea at Cramond lies wholly within Edinburgh's boundary.

7. Notes that CSOs which are discharging during dry weather can be reported to Scottish Water on 08000 778778 or online at scottishwater.co.uk, and also to SEPA on 0800 807060 or online at sepa.org.uk; but also believes that public bodies should pro-actively inform the public when CSOs are discharging.
8. Notes that in September 2020 the council approved a set of actions in relation to CSOs on the Water of Leith which included dialogue with partner authorities and Scottish Water within the Edinburgh and Lothian Strategic Drainage Partnership to draw up a fully-costed plan to prevent future discharges of sewage into CSOs more widely and therefore seeks an update to the next Transport and Environment Committee on progress with that.
9. Agrees to work with partner authorities to present that costed plan to the relevant minister within the new Scottish Government to seek an accelerated capital programme to address CSO discharges into the River Almond, the Water of Leith and other waterways within the Edinburgh area.
10. Welcomes opportunities to strengthen environmental governance in Scotland, including a review of SEPA's role; establishing an environmental court, and enshrining the right to a healthy and safe environment within a Human Rights (Scotland) Act.

Moved by: Councillor Gavin Corbett
Seconded by:

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.10 – By Councillor Whyte – Protect Transport for Edinburgh

Deletes paragraph 4 onwards and replaces with:

Also notes the completely unacceptable disturbances in Portobello on Friday night and previous disturbances at the Meadows and recognises that we must take action to prevent further incidents.

Recognises the enormous changes to the lives of young people, and the sacrifices they have made over the last year to help reduce the spread of the virus, while many youth services have been closed and young people left without all of the activities, and support, that would normally be available to them.

Notes the ongoing work, including 6VT and LAYC alongside police, in response to the incidents at the Meadows.

Notes the easing of restrictions and the good weather means that large numbers of people of all ages are congregating in areas where there are open spaces.

Recognises that Lothian Buses have expressed gratitude to local Police Scotland officers for their efforts in partnership in helping address the antisocial behaviour and notes the ongoing Council efforts to lobby Police Scotland and Government for additional police resources in the Capital.

Therefore requests the report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within three cycles to include information on how the Council is facilitating partnership between Community Police and with our excellent third sector organisations across the city who already deliver detached, or street-based, youth work.

Also includes consideration of place plans, shaped by participation of young people, to help the city further develop a preventative approach to antisocial behaviour while supporting and encouraging our young people and keeping them, and our wider communities, safe.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.10 – By Councillor Whyte – Protect Transport for Edinburgh

Delete all after paragraph 1

Replace with:

Recognises that anti-social behaviour is caused by a number of factors including but not limited to the alienation of young people, poverty, a chaotic home life and lack of agency in other aspects of life.

Recognises that local Police Scotland officers should be thanked for their work in support of TfE to date, the root causes of anti-social behaviour cannot be successfully addressed by additional police resource.

Recognises that some of the people engaged in antisocial behaviour are visitors to the city who are resident to nearby local authorities such as Fife and East Lothian.

Therefore calls on the Chief Executive to provide an urgent report indicating actions that can be taken to consult with young people and affected communities on ways to mitigate the causes of anti-social behaviour including the lack of facilities across the city for people between the ages of 12 and 17 (inclusive). Asks that this report also considers how Edinburgh can work with other local authorities to alleviate anti-social behaviour across the region.

That the process of such a consultation and its results should be shared with the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership to ensure partnership work can be engaged in to prevent anti-social behaviour in the future.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth
Seconded by: