

# Motions and Amendments

## City of Edinburgh Council

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### Motions and Amendments

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## Motion by the Coalition

### City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 6.1 – Appointments to Outside Organisations, etc.

Council:

To appoint Councillor Munn as substantive Convener of Finance and Resources Committee at an SRA of 62.5% of Leader's. Also agrees to replace Councillor Rankin as substantive member on all respective working groups, bodies and committees other than Councillor Rankin as Chair of the Pensions Committee.

Councillor Arthur to be replaced by Councillor Child on Transport and Environment Committee.

Councillor Child to be replaced by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron on GRBV Committee.

Councillor Griffiths to be replaced by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron on Planning Committee.

**Moved by: Councillor Karen Doran**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cathy Fullerton**

# Motion by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 6.1 - Appointments to Outside Organisations, etc.

The Conservative Group nominates:

- Councillor Callum Laidlaw to replace Councillor Kate Campbell as the Council representative on Craigmillar Opportunities Trust (Cre8te)
- Councillor Andrew Johnston to replace Councillor Graham Hutchison as the Council representative to serve on the Scotland Excel Joint Committee Executive Sub- Committee until June 2022.

**Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat**

**Seconded by: Councillor Jason Rust**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 6.1 – Appointments to Outside Organisations, etc

1.3 Agrees to, further, make the following changes to council committees and SRAs:

Noting that Cllr Steve Burgess and Cllr Claire Miller are to replace Cllr Alex Staniforth and Cllr Melanie Main as co-convenors of the Green Group for the Green Group Leadership SRA to pass to Cllr Steve Burgess with immediate effect.

Cllr Susan Rae and Cllr Alex Staniforth to replace Cllr Chas Booth and Cllr Claire Miller on Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Cllr Chas Booth to replace Cllr Susan Rae on Culture and Communities Committee

Cllr Alex Staniforth to replace Cllr Mary Campbell on Planning (and Development Management Sub-Committee and Local Review Board panel 1)

Cllr Claire Miller and Cllr Steve Burgess to replace Cllr Alex Staniforth and Cllr Melanie Main on Policy and Sustainability Committee

Cllr Melanie Main and Cllr Mary Campbell to replace Cllr Susan Rae and Cllr Alex Staniforth on Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

Cllr Melanie Main to replace Cllr Claire Miller as Green Group Leader at COSLA

**Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.1 – Review of Political Management Arrangements

Council notes the First Minister's statement of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021 which proposes to move mainland Scotland into Level 0 on 19<sup>th</sup> July which will reduce the requirement for physical distancing from 2m to 1m and that the First Minister hopes to move beyond level 0 on 9<sup>th</sup> August with the removal of major legal restrictions at this point and therefore:

Deletes all and replaces with:

Agrees that should Edinburgh, along with the rest of Scotland move into Level 0 on 19<sup>th</sup> July the phased return to holding meetings in person will commence from the start of the new session on 2<sup>nd</sup> August starting with executive committees and the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee;

Agrees that officers should report to Political Group Leaders and Independent Councillors on the practicalities of holding Full Council in person with 1m social distancing and no social distancing with the option for any councillors who may need to self-isolate to dial in to the meeting;

To report to Full Council on 26<sup>th</sup> August arrangements for forthcoming meetings;

To agree that Committees' working groups can remain virtual;

To agree to progress with electronic voting as set out in paragraphs 4.21 and 4.22;

To suspend procedural Standing Orders until 31 December 2021 and agree the Interim Standing Orders set out in appendix one to take effect from 1 August 2021

**Moved by:** Councillor Joanna Mowat

**Seconded by:** Councillor Susan Webber

# Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

**Item 7.1 – Review of Political Management Arrangements – June 2021**

To omit recommendation 1.3.

**Moved by** Councillor Neil Ross

**Seconded by** Councillor Kevin Lang

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 7.4 - Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Report**

Council notes the report.

Council notes concern that a review Group whose members are unknown and whose remit/work plan is unpublished could raise questions of public legitimacy from opponents of any recommendations it makes regardless of whether these are considered to be too limited or too radical.

Council therefore agrees to seek methods of providing public information on the scope of the Group and its work and, as a first step, agrees that each political group receives a briefing in private to discuss the work of the Group and a further briefing on the findings ahead of submission to Policy & Sustainability Committee.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Cook**



# Addendum by the Coalition

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.7 – Youth Work in Community Centres and other Locations

Add:

Council notes the recent Youthlink Scotland survey which demonstrates the significant impact that lack of access to community facilities has had on the mental and emotional health of our young people.

Council further notes the impact upon elderly, disabled, and other vulnerable residents of the city, for whom our city's libraries and community centres often provide a vital lifeline in helping to address social isolation.

Council notes that Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> June agreed 'to accelerate the process underway to ensure all assessment work, as far as possible, is complete in those community centres wishing to resume youth work in advance of the School holidays to ensure youth groups can plan for their summer activities and young people get the support they need.'

Council further notes that Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> June agreed 'that Full Council on the 24th June will receive an update report that will cover the progress made to resume youth work in community centres and in other locations. It should include how many community centres will be resourced by the council to open, what date they will be open from, what access will be allowed by other groups, what changes would be involved if Edinburgh were to move to Level 1 or 0, and how children's rights have been taken into consideration when making these plans.'

Council considers that these points were not fully covered by the report, and requests this information comes to all councillors in the form of a written briefing before July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021.

Council also requests an update report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in August with updated information as requested and updated information of the

programme of reopening youth services over summer that took place, as well as further actions planned upon school return.

Agree that the Council Leader can call a meeting of the Leadership Advisory Panel if any action is required as a decision of Council to make further progress in reopening services for young people during summer.

**Moved by: Councillor Donald Wilson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan**

# Amendment by the Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.7 – Youth Work in Community Centres and other locations

Add –

- 1.6 Council notes that the Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June agreed ‘to accelerate the process underway to ensure all assessment work, as far as possible, is complete in those community centres wishing to resume youth work in advance of the School holidays to ensure youth groups can plan for their summer activities and young people can get the support they need.’ Council notes from the information in Appendix 1 that this has not happened.
- 1.7 An additional agreement from Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June was ‘that Full Council on the 24th June will receive an update report that will cover the progress made to resume youth work in community centres and in other locations. It should include how many community centres will be resourced by the council to open, what date they will be open from, what access will be allowed by other groups, what changes would be involved if Edinburgh were to move to Level 1 or 0, and how children’s rights have been taken into consideration when making these plans.’ Council considers that those points are not covered by this report.
- 1.8 Council notes the ongoing resulting impact of the closure of Community Centres on communities and young people across the city.
- 1.9 Council therefore resolves -
- 1.9.1 That the information previously requested will be provided to all councillors by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June and agrees a meeting with the Chief Executive and the Leadership Advisory Panel before the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July to agree the way forward for each Community Centre that requires summer opening and oversee the process over recess.

- 1.9.2 To require the Chief Executive to conduct a review of the failure to deliver the requests of Policy and Sustainability Committee and report the findings to the next Culture and Communities committee and thereafter GRBV.
- 1.9.3 To request a full report in two cycles to Culture and Communities Committee with an update on the previously agreed work on Community Centre management, and to bring forward options for effective partnership working with Community Centre Management Committees that will get the best outcomes for the communities they serve.

**Moved by: Councillor Mary Campbell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 7.8 - Monitoring Officer Report**

Council

Adds:

7.4 Requests the Monitoring Officer to report to Policy and Sustainability Committee within two cycles that all evidence of agreed actions has been submitted to the SPSO.

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Doggart**

**Seconded by: Councillor Nick Cook**

# Motion by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

**Item 7.10 – Annual Performance Report 2020/21 –  
referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee**

Notes the annual performance report for the 2020/21 financial year.

Notes that a revised performance framework will be implemented from April 2021 which aligns to the new Council Business Plan.

Commends Council officers across service areas for their efforts to continue to deliver lifeline services to the highest possible standards during the challenges of a global pandemic. Further commend the positive progress made in Council performance in that context.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.10 – Annual Performance Report 2020/21 - referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

#### Council

1. notes the annual performance report for the 2020/21 financial year but that it has more limited value than normal given that 43% of indicators have been considered incomparable with previous years due to the impact of COVID-19;
2. Notes with regret that it has taken the current Council Administration four years to agree to remodel the performance framework and that this has only happened following a highly critical Best Value Audit that echoed the Conservative Group's repeated calls for improved performance reporting with SMART indicators and also strongly criticised performance reporting to the public.
3. Considers that a change to the performance framework so late in this Council Administration's term means no backward comparisons can be made and, when set against the politically driven reporting on the Coalition Commitments, highlights the approach of this Administration that has hidden from performance reporting throughout its term, has failed to focus on service improvement or delivery of its political promises and illustrates its failure to act on the core priorities of the Council elected to serve the people of Edinburgh.

**Moved by:** Councillor Iain Whyte  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Phil Doggart

# Amendment by the Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.10 – Annual Performance Report, 2020-21 – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

Delete 1.1 and replace with

Council notes the Annual Performance Report and recognises the extraordinary circumstances of the last year but that to assign 37 out of 87 indicators as not comparable reduces the value of the report; and.

- Notes the significant rise in school pupils with low attendance and the impact that will have on learning and school engagement;
- Notes the significant increase in homeless B&B use and off-contract B&B spend, partly in response to rising pandemic-related demand but also as part of a longer-term failure to manage homelessness services;
- Notes with disappointment the downward trend in recycling rates and street cleanliness;
- Notes with alarm the length of time taken to process major planning applications;
- Notes with disappointment lower than planned affordable home approvals;
- Notes the need to accelerate city emissions reduction and to step up radical transformation in city transport to support walking, wheeling, cycling and mass transit and to significantly reduce private vehicle use; and to support higher mandatory standards of energy efficiency in all homes;

Moved by: **Councillor Alex Staniforth**

Seconded by:



# Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.10 – Annual Performance Report, 2020/21 – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

Council notes the annual performance report for the 2020/ 2021 financial year

Council further notes that a revised performance framework will be implemented from April 2021 which aligns to the Council Business Plan

Council commends officers of the council for their dedication and commitment to maintaining public service during the period of the pandemic and recognises the additional difficulties they have faced in performing their duties

Council notes with concern a number of areas of performance which remain unacceptable

Council believes the continuing failure to increase recycling rates by any significant amount since SNP and Labour took over the administration of the city in 2012 is unacceptable

Council further believes the condition of our paths, pavements and roads remains a major concern and regrets the failure of the administration to take meaningful action to improve the situation

Council further expresses concern at the failure of the administration to complete the number of affordable homes it had promised

**Moved by** Councillor Robert Aldridge

**Seconded by** Councillor Kevin Lang

# Motion by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

**Item 7.11 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update  
– June 2021 – referral from the Policy and  
Sustainability Committee**

Council:

Notes the progress made against the Coalition's commitments and the increased number of fully delivered achievements in the last year. Further notes the impact of COVID on the delivery of a number of elements of delivery and the need to prioritise the protection of public health against delivery of the Administration's programme for the Capital. Commends officers for their efforts in delivering these commitments, such as the expansion of nursery provision, in the face of a global public health pandemic.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.11 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update – June 2021 – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

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 taking up officer time attempting to measure and justify unmeasurable political ambitions.

Recognises the considerable time and effort officers have spent in producing this report and acknowledges that they accept the commitments were not accompanied by trackable SMART outcomes. Therefore, agrees that the current politically based pledge and reporting process is flawed and notes that this has been superseded by the revised performance framework and Council Business Plan.

Agrees that in future officer resources should not be used to produce, monitor or validate overtly party-political agreements without proper SMART measurements, and that a protocol to this end should be agreed before the May 2022 council elections to be included in induction packs for the new Council.

**Moved by: Councillor John McLellan**

**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

# Amendment by the Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council 24 June 2021

### Item 7.11: Coalition Commitments Progress Update

Delete 1.1 and replace with

Council notes the Coalition Commitments Progress Update and:

In relation to commitment 1, notes the under-performance against the 10,000 affordable homes target and calls for the Administration to press the new Cabinet Secretary for housing so that Edinburgh receives a larger portion of the national budget in line with the pressures faced;

In relation to commitment 4, notes continued pressure on the green belt and poorly-designed peripheral development in the regional housing market which undermines transport and sustainability objectives;

In relation to commitment 6, notes that is premature to conclude that the City Region Deal is fully achieved and that benefits are realised;

In relation to commitment 8, notes that there no “fair rent zone” has been introduced;

In relation to commitment 9, notes that B&B use and costs have risen substantially;

In relation to commitment 13, notes longstanding weaknesses in the tracking and allocation of developer contributions;

In relation to commitment 18, notes delay in the introduction of the LEZ and the need for it to be strengthened in the future;

In relation to commitment 19, notes that congestion resulting directly from increases in private vehicle volumes remains a significant challenge for the city

In relation to commitment 25, notes significant shortfall in the recycling target of 60%;

In relation to commitment 27 expresses disappointment in the length of time being taken by the Scottish Government to introduce a pavement parking ban;

In relation to commitment 36, considers it premature to conclude that it is fully achieved when so much uncertainty about the delivery of a GME secondary school remains;

In relation to commitment 45, notes the actions but recognises the continuing scale of child poverty in Edinburgh;

In relation to commitment 47, notes very little progress on participatory budgeting;

In relation to commitment 48, recommits to introducing a transient visitor levy and workplace parking levy as part of post-pandemic Green Recovery;

In relation to commitment 52, notes the Coalition voted to scrap Locality Committees

**Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**

**Seconded by:**

# Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.11 – Coalition Commitments

Council notes the difficulty faced by officers in seeking to measure and assess progress on the 52 commitments in an objective fashion

Council notes the impact of Covid on progress on some of the commitments

Council notes that a significant number of the commitments will not be fully met in the promised timescale, which have not been directly influenced by Covid

In particular Council regrets the administration's failure:

- To complete the promised and much needed 10,000 affordable rented homes

- To make any progress in improving Park and Ride facilities (agreed by the Lib Dem led administration in 2009) to reduce congestion in the city

- To make any progress in increasing recycling rates to the promised 60%

- To make any progress at all in tackling fly tipping and failing to reintroduce a free bulky item uplift service

- To make any significant progress in improving training opportunities and access to employment for people with disabilities

- To make any significant progress on improving our paths, pavements and roads

- To make any progress in reducing the growing waiting list for allotments

- To have any effective devolved decision making

Council noting the difficult position of officers in assessing the commitments instructs that the final report on progress on the commitments be authored by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council.

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**Moved by** Councillor Robert Aldridge

**Seconded by** Councillor Kevin Lang

# Motion by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 7.12 – Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2019/20 – Edinburgh Overview – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee**

Notes the report setting out the detailed analysis of the LGBF benchmarking framework dataset for the 19/20 financial year.

Notes the period of analysis covered is largely pre-COVID and notes the improved performance in a majority of indicators and a strong overall position when benchmarked against Scotland's three other largest Cities.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**



# Amendment by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 7.12 – Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2019-20 – Edinburgh Overview – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee**

Council

1) notes the report

2) requests a further report setting out a wider review of the data available to implement best practice examples from colleague Councils (not limited to Scotland) and foster a new continuous improvement culture within the Council that seeks to place Edinburgh as a top performing Council in Scotland and then the UK.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor Phil Doggart**

# Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.12 – Local Government Benchmarking Framework

Council notes the report.

Council recognises that the information in the report is now quite dated but notes with concern the relatively poor performance described in the report of the attainment of pupils from deprived areas in the city compared to our comparator cities.

Council calls for a report to Education Children and Families Committee updating the position and any action the council is taking to improve the outcomes for pupils from these communities in the city.

**Moved by** Councillor Robert Aldridge

**Seconded by** Councillor Louise Young

# Amendment by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 7.13 – Potential Retention of Spaces for People measures – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee**

Replace the first bullet point of section 9 of the motion with:

Asks officers to engage with Lanark Road local residents and the Community Council to achieve cycle speed mitigation measures as well as to reconsider parking provision where parking spaces sit outside protected cycle lanes, with a view to mitigating potential conflict and safety concerns as soon as practicable on the ground – and that these measures are reported to Transport and Environment Committee in September.

Asks in addition that consideration should also be given to measures to reduce conflict for all Water of Leith path users and to improve winter travelling conditions in this location. Ask officers to re-examine the Lanark Road scheme and bring a report to Transport and Environment Committee in September with cross-modal counter data to demonstrate usage for a final decision on removal of the temporary scheme or use of an ETRO, while retaining the 30mph speed limit.

**Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.13 – Potential Retention of Space for People Measures – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council:

1. Notes it was the intention that the measures introduced under the existing Spaces for People Programme, under Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs), be retained while public health advice advocated maintaining physical distancing measures but that since the meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee the Scottish Government has announced an intention to move to Level 0 on 19 July thereby reducing outdoor physical distancing requirements to zero metres with an intention to remove all physical distancing measures by 9 August;
2. Therefore agrees that officers should take steps to remove measures in line with this timetable (or any subsequent adjustment by the Scottish Government) as their legal justification will fall and they will take time to remove. Officers should report on the progress of this work to the earliest appropriate Council Committee after recess.
3. Further notes that the enormous 17,600 responses submitted to the Consultation Hub survey (which was the Council's approved method for judging public views on these schemes) showed that residents and businesses were opposed to schemes listed as Protected cycle lanes, Shopping streets, City Centre, Leisure connections and Quiet connections' and accordingly agrees to reject proposals to retain them under an ETRO process. Any future suggestions to implement parts of schemes in these categories should be brought forward through a full TRO process with an assessment of impact on the overall transport network;
4. Notes that, to date, any work to minimise the impact on people with limited mobility, sensory impairments and other disabilities, has fallen short of what

is required, and has led to incidences of isolation, loneliness and mental health issues and that all future Active Travel schemes should have a full equalities impact assessment;

5. Acknowledges the public support for the principle of Schools measures as a result of the Consultation and agrees to take these forward taking account of the comments made on each individual scheme in order that these can be improved;
6. Agrees that, having resolved this matter, officer time be redirected to implement the many delayed Active Travel Schemes that have already been approved by the Council and/or are in progress and that future work should concentrate on the implementation of well designed, properly consulted and aesthetically appropriate permanent Active Travel schemes.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Stephanie Smith**

# Amendment by the Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.13 – Potential Retention of Spaces for People measures – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

1.1 The City of Edinburgh Council amends the decision taken by the Transport and Environment Committee as follows:

Notes paragraphs 1-3, 5-8 and 12-14 of the decision

Amends paragraph 4:

“In response to officer recommendations on schemes by category (report paragraphs 4.75-4.113):

- a) Retains **schools** measures during the summer in locations where schools will be the venue for activities for children and young people; identifies solutions in collaboration with Sciennes Primary School to use Sciennes Road as per the specific issues raised by the deputation
- b) Regarding **city centre**, in dialogue with relevant authorities, identifies ways to bridge between the SFP measures and the final Meadows-George Street scheme to avoid removal of measures on George IV Bridge and Forrest Road
- c) Retains **shopping streets** and **protected cycle lanes** and commits to co-production of improvements and changes that mitigate the issues raised, prioritising accessibility and improvements benefiting disabled people
- d) Retains **leisure and quiet connections** including Links Gardens and two-way closure of Braid Road by taking additional measures and actions to mitigate displacement

- e) Retains measures that are recently implemented and scheduled for assessment, to enable complete consideration of the benefits or disbenefits”

Amends bullets 1 and 4 of paragraph 11:

- 1) “Bring a report to the September 2021 Transport and Environment Committee on options to improve the scheme at Lanark Road, retaining the 30mph speed limit, considering safety of residents and especially vulnerable road users, taking into account the limitations of the Water of Leith path as a travel corridor, and to improve winter travelling conditions for vulnerable road users in this location.
- 4) Bring a report to the August 2021 Transport and Environment Committee on options for Comiston Road, to improve public transport connectivity and reduce impacts on local residents while upholding and strengthening the implementation of the sustainable transport hierarchy

Notes bullets 2, 6 and 8 of paragraph 11

Deletes bullets 3, 5 and 7 of paragraph 11

Inserts additional recommendations:

- 15) “Thanks organisations representing disabled people for engaging with the council, notes the issues raised, calls for officers to implement the feedback, including but not limited to *Guide Dogs Scotland Covid-19 street design guidance* and *RNIB Coronavirus Courtesy Code* with a special emphasis on the routine use of tactile paving and fully accessible consultations
- 16) Notes the previous decision to provide more pedestrian priority at signalled crossings and removal of pavement clutter, and undertakes to implement both at pace
- 17) Agrees that dedicated spaces for walking, wheeling and cycling are a priority for surface improvements; agrees regular clearing to keep free of leaves, grit and snow/ice; and for sustained enforcement to ensure vehicles are not encroaching on dedicated space

18) Thanks the deputations for their time and work to represent groups and communities, notes in particular the theme of consulting children and young people which emerged at the Transport and Environment Committee meeting on 17 June, and asks officers to ensure inclusivity of children and young peoples' feedback in future *Spaces for People* reports”

**Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Corbett**



# Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 7.13 – Potential retention of Spaces for People measures – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

Council;

1. reaffirms its commitment to improving active travel in order to make it easier and safer to walk, cycle and wheel across the City.
2. believes the right approach is to work with communities and interested organisations to develop high-quality active travel schemes which make a meaningful and long-term difference and recognises the particular importance of doing this in areas where SfP schemes are being removed.
3. notes that, with over 17,000 responses, the consultation on spaces for people represents one of the biggest engagement exercises in the Council's history and believes it essential for the Council to respond properly to the issues raised if public confidence is to be maintained.
4. regrets the highly polarised debate which has emerged around spaces for people, caused by an overly centralised approach; a flawed notification and implementation process; and a failure to respond properly to legitimate concerns and safety issues when they have been raised.
5. regrets that the needs of vulnerable pedestrians and public transport users have not been given sufficient consideration in this debate, notes the compelling depositions from the Edinburgh Access Panel; RNIB; Guide Dogs Scotland; and the Edinburgh Bus Users Group and the call for a properly independent national review of Spaces for People.
6. agrees to engage directly with the groups listed in paragraph 5, along with Living Streets, local business champion networks and community councils, to develop proposals for subsequent public consultation to improve the pedestrian experience in local town centres, including work to:
  - a) ensure all footways meet Edinburgh Street Design Guidance;
  - b) reduce waiting times and maximise crossing times for light controlled pedestrian crossings;
  - c) enhance pedestrian priority for crossing side street junctions; and
  - d) remove unnecessary pavement clutter.
7. recognises the particular support within the consultation responses for SfP schemes around schools; believes this further demonstrates the strong support for making it safer for pupils and

parents to travel to and from school by sustainable means; and agrees any work must be properly linked to the city-wide 'safer routes to schools' project while considering relevant concerns from residents.

8. agrees that, given the nature of the consultation responses, it would be inappropriate to use ETROs in the way presented in the report and therefore agrees that any work to continue with spaces for people schemes should be through and full and transparent TRO process.

9. believes substantially more detail is required on whether design solutions are either feasible or sufficient to respond to the concerns raised through the consultation, and that such detail must be provided in order for the Transport & Environment committee to make informed decisions on individual schemes.

10. notes 1.1.1-1.1.4 of the original Transport & Environment committee report.

11. agrees the recommendations set out in appendix 2 of the report with the exception of the following;

a) remove the Greenbank to Meadows quiet cycle route and consult with local residents on alternative measures to reduce through traffic in the area.

b) fully reopen Braid Road along and implement the planned improvements near the Hermitage.

c) remove the Comiston Road cycleway and extend southwards the northbound bus lane in order to resolve access and safety issues for residents, and to ensure clear access for emergency vehicles.

d) remove the segregated cycleways on Drum Brae North and Ladywell Road.

e) end the current restrictions on vehicle access at Silverknowes Road North and remove the Silverknowes 'quiet cycle route'.

f) immediately review those measures on Queensferry Road which have led to most resident concerns, including the arrangements at the junction with Craighleith Crescent, and remove the current restriction at Clarendon Crescent.

g) immediately review the SfP measures at Canonmills and Rodney Street with a report to the Transport & Environment Committee in one cycle.

h) ensure officers engage with the Cramond & Barnton Community Council on the ongoing closure of Cammo Walk as part of the formal Community Participation Request, and for the results of these discussions to be reported back to the Transport & Environment Committee in one cycle.

i) immediately review the Lanark Road cycle lanes, including engagement with ward councillors, local community councils, public transport providers and active travel groups, with an options report presented to the Transport & Environment Committee in one cycle.

**Moved by** Councillor Kevin Lang

**Seconded by** Councillor Neil Ross

# Amendment by the Coalition

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 8.2 – By Councillor Howie – Unlawful Discharges to Care Homes

Adds to point 3:

Also notes issue of discharge from hospital complex involving multiple practitioners across acute and community setting and officers are actively engaging with the MWC to understand their position and interpretation of circumstances to learn any lessons from this case.

Adds to point 4:

Notes the action plan on the 11 recommendations is expected to be reported to a future Policy and Sustainability Committee once fully produced between the HSCP, the CSWO's office and NHS Lothian.

In point 5:

Replace "is are likely to" with "may well be"

Deletes 6, C and D and replaces with:

6 C) Realistic and achievable timescales to carry out a proportionate and robust review of all cases over the past 16 months to assure ourselves of processes over the extraordinary period of time of the pandemic, setting out current resource requirements in continuing to deal with the pandemic to inform that timeline.

**Moved by: Councillor Ricky Henderson**

**Seconded by: Councillor George Gordon**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 8.3 – By Councillor Macinnes – Health Impacts of Air Pollution

Council:

Inserts new enumerated points after point 4):

Recognises most people spend more time indoors than outdoors and acknowledges the emerging literature on the significantly elevated risks of airborne transmission of COVID 19 within poorly ventilated indoor spaces.

Observes that poor indoor ventilation can also concentrate other airborne pollution, magnifying any health impacts to a far greater extent than outdoor pollution.

Notes that governments around the world are urgently investigating indoor air quality within buildings to better understand any emerging risks. That poorly ventilated School Buildings are a particular cause of concern, and evidence suggests they can negatively impact the development of children.

Further notes that inexpensive monitoring of Carbon Dioxide levels within a building are a very good proxy of overall indoor air quality and could be rapidly deployed in the City of Edinburgh estate.

In point 5) rewords the first clause of the sentence to: “Recognises and welcomes” removing the comma and renumbers to point 9).

In the final paragraph, replaces “TEC” with “Policy & Sustainability Committee”, recognising the cross-cutting nature of this issue, and inserts “indoor and outdoor” before “air pollution” in the last clause of the first sentence.

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Campbell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Joanna Mowat**

# Amendment by the Green Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 8.3 – By Councillor Macinnes – Health Impacts of Air Pollution**

Amends final paragraph, replacing “Requests that officers prepare a report to TEC within three cycles” with “Requests that officers include in the air quality management report update and final report to TEC”

**Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Corbett**

# Amendment by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 8.3 – By Councillor Macinnes – Health Impacts of Air Pollution

Delete 5) and insert,

5) the decision of the Transport & Environment Committee on 17 June 2021 to proceed with a consultation on a city-centre only Low Emission Zone, recognises the concern around the limited scope of the revised plan and the potential for some communities to witness increased air pollution levels due to the proposed LEZ boundary.

Add;

6) the work being undertaken by the Council and other Edinburgh businesses and organisations to reduce the impact of their fleets and that many individuals are now taking positive action to reduce their own contributions to air pollution.

**Moved by** Councillor Kevin Lang

**Seconded by** Councillor Hal Osler

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 8.4 – By Councillor Day – In-house Service Provision

Council

Further notes that the Finance and Resources Committee of the 20th May 2021 unanimously approved 2 external contracts valued at £18m for the delivery of Hard Facilities Management services, with each contract comprising an initial 7 years in length, with the potential to extend to 10 years.

Council therefore agrees to continue to choose the appropriate delivery model for each service in order to achieve its statutory requirement to achieve Best Value.

**Moved by: Councillor Andrew Johnston**

**Seconded by: Councillor Graeme Bruce**

# Addendum by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 8.4 – By Councillor Day - In-house Service Provision**

To add in the final paragraph following the words ‘and other stakeholders’ within the brackets, ‘and recognising the financial and other inputs required to allow best value assessments to be made’.

**Moved by** Councillor Neil Ross

**Seconded by** Councillor Robert Aldridge



# Amendment by the Coalition

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 8.5 – By Councillor Booth – Suspension of Eviction Action Against Council Tenants for Rent Arrears

Deletes and replaces with:

Council:

- 1) Notes that since Feb/March 2021, the council has served around 20 notices of proceeding for court action on tenants for rent arrears and that since the Sheriff Court re-opened in October 2020, decree has been granted to the council in 8 cases. The decrees are valid for a period of up to 6 months.
- 2) Further notes that none of these have been progressed to eviction.
- 3) Acknowledges that substantial advice and assistance is offered to tenants before an eviction notice is pursued, and that court action remains a last resort for tenants who do not engage or make reasonable payments;
- 4) Nonetheless notes that the Covid pandemic has not yet ended, that Edinburgh remains under Covid restrictions, that many businesses are currently unable to operate and therefore many citizens currently have severely restricted income;
- 5) Therefore agrees that until such time as the Scottish Government moves Edinburgh into level 0 lockdown restrictions; or until September 2021 at which point a detailed report will be brought to the HHFW committee for a decision:
  - a. the council will suspend evictions of any tenant in relation to rent arrears
  - b. the council will not use decrees granted by the Sheriff court to evict tenants for rent arrears
  - c. all current decrees granted to the council by the Sheriff Court for non-payment of rent shall be suspended

d. new notice of proceedings to initiate court action due to rent arrears will be suspended

6) Further agrees that a report will be provided to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee within one cycle and that this report should:

- a. set out options for a review of pre-court engagement with tenants with a view to adopting best practice in encouraging tenants to engage early and constructively with the council when arrears problems first emerge.
- b. Recognising that the council is the custodian of the HRA for tenants, the report should reflect the views of tenants and tenants' representative organisations and therefore asks officers to consult with tenants representatives about any additional measures that could be put in place to avoid court proceedings
- c. Recognising further that the biggest risk of homelessness is to tenants in the private rented sector, as the pre-legal requirements in place for social landlords requiring every action be taken to assist with rent arrears are not in place in the private rented sector. Therefore requests the report includes the most up to date data on evictions across all tenures, and steps the council is taking to support tenants in the PRS to prevent homelessness.

**Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt**

# Addendum by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

**Item 8.6 – By Councillor Howie – Accessible Play Parks**

Adds a point 10)

Notes the additional resources allocated through the Council's budget in February for Parks and that some of this will help deliver new equipment in play parks and asks that this ensures adequate provision for disabled children.

Further notes the Scottish Government commitment on additional playpark resources which should also take account of accessibility in refurbishing, replacing and expanding Edinburgh's playparks and that information on both of these are included in the report to Culture and Communities and in the city's Cultural Map.

**Moved by: Councillor Donald Wilson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan**

# Amendment by the Green Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

**Item 8.8 – By Councillor Jim Campbell –  
Engagement and Consultation with regard to the  
Retention of Spaces for People Survey and Market  
Research**

Accepts paragraphs 1-2 of the motion, and replaces remaining paragraphs of the motion as follows:

“Recognises the valuable role of market research as part of a range of information when seeking to understand the views of residents and making decisions;  
Invites any members with concerns to raise these with officers to enable continuous improvement in the design and use of market research in future.”

**Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Corbett**

# Addendum by the Green Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

## **Item 8.9 – By Councillor Mowat – West End Traffic Impacts**

Add additional paragraph at end of motion:

“Instructs officers to identify and bring an update to TEC on specific measures to create modal shift towards more sustainable transport in this specific area.”

**Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller**

**Seconded by: Councillor Gavin Corbett**

# Amendment by the Coalition

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### Item 8.10 – By Councillor McLellan – Lothian Buses

Deletes points 3-6 and replaces with:

3. Stands fully behind the Lothian Buses management in their decisions to keep staff safe and the drivers in their right to be safe at their workplace and condemns the comments from James Dornan MSP against Lothian Buses.

4. Rejects any accusation of discrimination against Lothian Buses in relation to actions taken to protect their drivers' safety.

5. Notes the Transport and Environment Convenor wrote to James Dornan MSP on 12 June 2021 *condemning his remarks*.

6. Notes that James Dornan MSP responded with the following apology on 16 June 2021, which the Convener subsequently shared with the Chair and Managing Director of Lothian.

*For clarification purposes I want make it clear that I am aware that Lothian Bus went on to have further changes to their service routes as the campaign against the attacks on buses progressed. My speech was meant to highlight how a section of community can be almost invisible when decisions, including corporate, are made. I never at any stage meant to imply that Lothian Buses or their staff were by this action Anti-Irish or Anti-Catholic.*

*For that I do sincerely apologise.*

7. Recognises the work by groups in the City, such as Edinburgh Interfaith Association and indeed our City's football clubs, which has contributed to a culture in Edinburgh where sectarianism is rejected by the people of Edinburgh where it's found.

**Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran**

# Amendment by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**24 June 2021**

**Item 8.11 – By Councillor Laidlaw – Platinum Jubilee  
Holiday - June 2022**

Deletes paragraphs 8 and 9 and replaces with:

8. Notes these matters will be considered through normal channels.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day**

# Emergency Motion by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

24 June 2021

### CEC Legal Case

#### Council

1. Notes the Sheriff Court judgement in the case John Travers v City of Edinburgh Council, published today
  - a. Instructing the Council to supply to John Travers the 2016 PWC report into, among other things, allegations of malpractice against John Travers and his family
  - b. That the report be supplied within 7 days
2. Notes the PWC report was completed five years ago and that the Council has since then refused to supply the report to John Travers despite his claims that the Council committed to do so
3. Notes the chain of circumstances leading to the investigation into allegations of malpractice covers a period from the first whistleblowing by John Travers in 2002 up to the time of the report.
4. Instructs the Monitoring Officer to report to all members of Council explaining the detailed conclusions of the court case and why the Council resisted the action it has now been instructed to carry out.

**Moved by:** Councillor Cameron Rose

**Seconded by:** Councillor