

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am Tuesday, 5th October, 2021

Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room / Microsoft Teams

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Addendum by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.2 - Protect Transport for Edinburgh – Response to Motion

Committee agrees the recommendations thanking the officers and partner agencies involved and further agrees

1.3 Calls for a further report to detail the relative levels of local Police officers and crimes/incidents in Edinburgh compared to other Scottish Cities and what steps have and could be taken to lobby Police Scotland and the Scottish Government to ensure Edinburgh gets its fair share of policing resources.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Campbell

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.4 - Best Value Assurance Audit Response - October Update

Committee agrees the recommendations and further agrees to restart work on detailed medium- and long-term financial plans and a detailed workforce plan immediately with the results to be presented to Council and available to political groups ahead of the 2022 budget setting process; recognising that these documents provide more than a route to maintain financial stability but are core to the delivery of any strategy to reshape Council services.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Addendum by the Coalition

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.5 - In-house Service Provision - Response to a motion by Councillor Day

Adds a further recommendation:

Notes the work being undertaken by officers and requests a further update in 2 cycles to look at opportunities to bring services in house from the hard FM contract during 2021/22 financial year.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.5 - In-house Service Provision - Response to a motion by Councillor Day

Committee agrees the recommendations and adds

1.3 Notes that Best Value is a statutory requirement, enacted by the then Labour led Scottish Executive, and thus compliance ranks higher than with an internal Council “Coalition Commitment” especially given the Council’s approved Risk Appetite. Further notes that the decisions recorded in Paragraph 4.9 on “Alternative Business Models” and Property and asset Management services were demonstrably not Best Value.

1.4 Considers that future structure of service provision should be focussed on the needs of clients, demonstrably show Best Value and any decision on in-house versus outsourcing is a matter for future Councils on a case-by-case basis based on these requirements.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Cameron Rose

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.8 - 2030 Climate Strategy

Committee Agrees:

1.1.1, 1.1.2 and replaces 1.1.3 following with:

1.1.3 Notes concerns raised in the responses that the Council's decision to aim for Net Carbon Zero by 2030 conflicts with the UK or Scottish Government's aims for Scotland to be Net Zero by 2045 and is concerned that this lack of alignment will mean the city cannot take advantage of funding and policy initiatives from the UK and Scottish Government; agrees to align with the Governmental target of 2045; chosen because funding streams that the City needs to bid into will only emerge from Government over that longer time period and because national changes to reduce emissions will be implemented in the same timescale; that to have a policy unit producing plans for a city region rather than aligning with a population of 5,500,000 is an inefficient use of resources through duplication of effort; and

1.1.4 Does not approve release of any monies until such time as a detailed and funded implementation programme is presented to Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.11 - BioQuarter – Outline Business Case

Committee

Notes that at 11.2 of the Edinburgh Bioquarter Outline Business Case the following figures are given for use of space:

400 new residential units;

200 affordable housing units;

850,000 sq ft of innovation accommodation;

200,000 sq ft of new hotel, catering and leisure

That these figures form the basis of the business case but that at the Planning Committee on 29th September 2021 City Plan 2030 was approved which allocates 2,500 housing units for the Bioquarter;

Calls for a continuation of this paper until there have been briefings for Councillors to explain the relationship between the two documents and to ensure that the decision of 29th September does not undermine the Outline Business Case given the disparity in the housing figures.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.12 - Granton Waterfront Regeneration – Outline Business Case

Committee adds:

1.1.4 Agrees to retain all possible funding and partnership options with the private sector for consideration through to Final Business Case stage in order to explore options to close the funding gap and thus make possible, or even accelerate the provision of high-quality housing and employment development in the area.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.15 – Scottish Government Consultation: Scottish Building Regulations

Delete recommendations and insert:

“1. Agrees the consultation response to the Scottish Government Consultation for Scottish Building Regulations: Proposed changes to Energy Standards and associated topics, including Ventilation, Overheating and Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure, subject to the following minor amendments:

1.1 Amend the answer to questions 2 and 3 to call for the introduction of net zero carbon new domestic and non-domestic buildings, in line with the recently approved Proposed City Plan 2030;

1.2. Amend the answer to question 20 to call for significantly bolder proposals for consequential improvements to existing buildings, considering that less than 1% of the building stock each year is new build while improving the energy performance of existing buildings remains a significant challenge; and further noting that this was a recommendation in the 2007 Sullivan report;

1.3 Amend the answers to questions 61-64 to call for robust action to ensure compliance with section 6 regulations, including but not limited to consideration of independent Scotland-wide research into on-site compliance with section 6 and a review of the resources & training available to Buildings Standards Officers to deal with section 6 compliance;

1.4 Amend the answer to question 65 to urge the Scottish Government to introduce changes to section 7 (sustainability) to set high universal standards for the storage within buildings of bicycles and other human-powered vehicles, particularly non-standard bikes such as adapted bikes for disabled people, tandems, hand cycles and cargo bikes; it is likely that separate standards would be required for domestic and non-domestic buildings, in line with the recently approved Proposed City Plan 2030; and

2 Notes that the consultation on Scottish Building Regulations closes on the 29 October 2021.”

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth

Seconded by: Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.18 - Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 11 August 2021 - referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

Committee agrees to instruct the Chief Executive to provide a detailed report on the actions overdue by more than a year, within the purview of this Committee, for review regarding future timescale for sign off and adequacy of actions taken.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Jim Campbell

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.20 - Our Future Work Strategy

Committee adds:

- 1.3 Requests that solutions to telephony communication are developed as a requirement to support flexible working.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.20 – Our Future Work Strategy

Committee

To add at the end of recommendation 1.1 'and that the finalised strategy be reported to Committee'

Moved by: Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by: Councillor Gillian Gloyer