

# Motions and Amendments

## Transport and Environment Committee

1.30 pm Tuesday, 26th October, 2021

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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## Amendment by the Conservative Group

### Transport and Environment Committee

26th October 2021

#### Item 7.1 - Low Emission Zone - Consultation and Development

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considers that the proposed Low Emission Zone is poorly designed, expensive and will not meet it's stated aim to improve air quality.

Agrees that a study on likely patterns of traffic and pollution displacement should proceed the adoption of any scheme.

Regrets that the consultation once again presented a fait accompli and once again did not incorporate any of the rich and varied consultation feedback into the final proposals.

Therefore;

Approves recommendation 1.1.1 of the report.

Rejects recommendations 1.1.2 - 1.1.5 replaces with;

1.1.2 Instructs officers to produce a report in 3 cycles on a range of options for consultation, to incorporate analysis of likely traffic and pollution displacement from each scheme, evidence-based analysis of likely reductions in air pollution levels to be achieved and consideration of how the proposed schemes could become self-financing.

**Moved by: Councillor Graham Hutchison**

**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

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# Amendment by the Green Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

26 October 2021

### Item 7.1 – Low Emission Zone – Consultation and Development

Accepts report recommendations 1.1.1 and 1.1.2

Noting the absence of climate analysis in the report, replaces remaining recommendations as follows:

“1.1.3 On consideration of the consultation feedback received regarding reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, to alter the LEZ scheme boundary and grace period and clearly evidence to what extent the scheme will meet the legal requirement to achieve the objective set by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019: *Contribute towards reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in fulfilment of Part 1 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009*”

**Moved by:** Councillor Claire Miller

**Seconded by:**

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# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Additional Transport & Environment Committee

26 October, 2021

Report. 7.1

Report Title: Low Emission Zone - Consultation and Development

Delete 1.1.3 - 1.1.5 and insert;

1.1.3 notes the findings of the Council's earlier 2019 Low Emission Zone (LEZ) consultation in which:

- 78% of respondents supported the proposed city-wide LEZ applying to buses and coaches, with 81% support for the city-wide LEZ applying to HGVs, LGVs and vans.
- support for a city wide LEZ was greater than that for a city centre only LEZ.

1.1.4. notes that the results of the 2019 consultation compare starkly to the 2021 consultation which shows the proposed city centre LEZ scheme has failed to attract even majority support amongst respondents.

1.1.5 notes the continued concern expressed by residents on the potential for traffic displacement to areas around a city centre zone, and that the air quality modelling forecasts increases in NOx concentration in a number of streets outside the LEZ boundary following the implementation of the proposed scheme.

1.1.6 notes the frustration expressed that, despite having unacceptably low levels of air quality, major streets like Queensferry Road and St John's Road are not covered by the low emission zone.

1.1.5 believes that, after almost six years of work and another two years before restrictions are enforced, it is important to be ambitious in driving down pollution levels and improving air quality for all communities, not just those within the core city centre area.

1.1.6 therefore agrees not to approve the proposed scheme and agrees that officers should return to committee in two cycles with plans for a city wide LEZ and the necessary statutory and non-statutory consultations which would be required.

**Moved by** Cllr Kevin Lang

**Seconded by**

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