

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 6.1 – Appointments to Committees and Outside Organisations etc

1.5 – To appoint Councillor David Key as the Canal Champion.

Moved by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Full Council

25th November 2021

Item 6.1 - Appointments to Committees and Outside Organisations etc

Council agrees to replace recommendations 1.1 to 1.4 with:

Council considers that the resignation of Cllr Corbett is a material change of circumstances, and agrees to recast the Committee places in line with the political balance of the Council seeking nominations from the political parties to fill their allocated places.

In response to recommendations 1.6 and 1.8 Council appoints Cllr Phil Doggart to the Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative and Cllr Jim Campbell to the Board of Energy for Edinburgh.

Council seeks nominations to the places detailed at 1.5 and 1.7

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

25 November 2021

Item 6.1 – Appointments to Committees and Outside Organisations etc.

Amends recommendations as follows;

- 1.1 To appoint Cllr Staniforth to the Finance and Resources Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.2 To appoint Cllr Burgess to Transport and Environment Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.3 To appoint Cllr Booth to the Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals in place of Council Corbett;
- 1.4 To appoint Cllr Booth to the Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.5 To appoint a Canal Champion in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.6 To appoint Cllr Main to the Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.7 To appoint Cllr Burgess to the Torness Local Liaison Committee in place of Councillor Corbett;
- 1.8 To appoint Cllr Burgess to the Board of Energy for Edinburgh in place of Councillor Corbett;

And adds at end;

- 1.9 Agrees that Councillor Miller receives the Green Group Leader's Senior Councillor Remuneration with effect from 29 November 2021.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.1 – Independent Inquiry Report Arising Out of Allegations Concerning the Conduct of the Late Sean Bell – update on recommendations

Replace 1.2 with:

Accepts the recommendation from Pinsent Masons that no further review of the misuse of public funds matter takes place given proportionality considerations.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.1 – Independent Inquiry Report Arising Out of Allegations Concerning the Conduct of the late Sean Bell

Council

Agrees recommendation 1.1

Agrees to replace Recommendation 1.2 with the following:

1.2 Instructs the Chief Executive to organise a private briefing, or create a data room for Members, within one cycle in order to review the reports that identify those officers who made up the “old boys' network”;

1.3 Agrees that a further review of the misuse of public funds issue in the way detailed by Pinsent Masons would be disproportionate and costly but notes that there remain issues to be resolved in relation to whether and how the outcomes of the investigations undertaken at the time into this and the related Fair Treatment at Work Complaint by the whistleblowers were actioned;

1.4 Notes that the Review undertaken by Brodies, requested by the then Monitoring Officer, was not a reinvestigation and related only to whether the Monitoring Officer was required to conduct further investigation under the relevant legislation; further notes that this has been made available to some councillors and agrees to make this report available to all Councillors in appropriate data room conditions;

1.5 Notes that recent events, notably the information included in the October 2021 Tanner report, throw new light on the credibility of some of the evidence supplied to those investigations and the likelihood that the appropriate actions were taken thereafter;

1.6 Therefore instructs that a short management review is undertaken to determine the accurate position so that councillors, the whistleblowers and those who undertook the investigations (both latter groups containing current Council staff members) can understand the outcomes, any failings by the Council management at the time, and what action remains necessary to ensure that a just and proportionate resolution is found that recognises all those damaged by the actions of Sean Bell. This review to be reported to Council within two cycles.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Cameron Rose

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 – City of Edinburgh Council – 2020/21 Annual Audit Report to the Council and the Controller of Audit

Adds:

1.2 Instructs the Chief Executive to present a report to the March Council meeting setting out progress in relation to each of the main actions identified in the key messages section of the External Auditor's report; agreeing that:

- (a) Such a report should also include an update on progress towards completing all outstanding management actions arising from Internal Audit activity; and
- (b) the potential consequences for the City of Edinburgh's medium-term financial framework arising from the absence of a medium-term financial strategy for the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

Moved by: Councillor Andrew Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Doggart

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.1 – By Councillor Neil Ross – Call for Action on Zebra Markings for Side Streets

Agrees paragraphs 1-7 and replaces para 8 with below and add para 9:

- 8) Recognises that discussions have already taken place with officers on this topic as the Coalition acknowledged this wider campaign and the benefits that zebra crossings of this nature could bring to Edinburgh's residents. Councillor Watt has, for example, already requested a pilot in her ward.
- 9) Requests that officers investigate the potential to set up a trial of zebra markings on side streets in Edinburgh, learning from the trials in Manchester and Aarhus. Suitable trial locations should be identified by taking into account other planned road changes and related aspects of the City Mobility Plan, with engagement with local Ward Councillors and Community Councils. Officers should report their recommendations to the Transport & Environment Committee in three cycles.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

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Item 8.3 – By Councillor Laidlaw – Granton Gas Holder

Deletes last paragraph and replaces with:

Notes the Council applied for 6 projects in total and 5/6 were not approved by the UK Government but notes that these may be applied for in future funding rounds and the Council will continue to apply for available funding from available sources which can support the aims of the Capital.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

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Item 8.4 – By Councillor Booth – Cycle Parking Technical Guidance

Agrees paragraphs 1-3 and replaces 4 and 5 with:

4) Notes that there has been considerable unfortunate delay in delivering this Factsheet, as a result of Covid-related resource pressures, a change of internal personnel, procurement requirements and funding issues but that the work is now almost complete. It is expected that this Factsheet will be published shortly and before the end of 2021, following senior management approval.

5) Notes that input to the Factsheet was received from Spokes, Living Streets and the Access Panel.

Moved by: Councillor Neil Gardiner

Seconded by: Councillor Maureen Child