

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Hybrid Meeting - Dean of Guild Court Room / Microsoft Teams

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Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.3 – Council Emissions Reduction Plan – Final Version

Committee adds

1.15 Committee notes that very few of the actions identified fall into the “committed projects” category and that grid decarbonisation external to the Council is by far the greatest of these, and agrees that a further report is presented to Policy and Sustainability Committee and the Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022 to provide an updated overview with financial and timescale implications for the remaining projects and the innovation and offsetting required to meet the Council’s 2030 target.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Campbell

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Item 7.3 – Council Emissions Reduction Plan – Final Version

Add to recommendations:

1.1.5 Recognises as stated in 2.1 of the report that the Council Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) sets out an ‘initial pathway’ to net zero for the Council and that there are significant emissions in sectors of council activity where actions to achieve reductions are yet to be identified, including about half the emissions from council buildings and fleet and therefore appreciates that the CERP is a rolling plan that will need to continually updated and revised to 2030;

1.1.6 Notes that the significant additional resources, for example to retrofit council buildings, are unlikely to be met from council budgets alone and agrees to raise this challenge with the Scottish Government at the earliest opportunity;

1.1.7 Welcomes the carbon budgets set out in Table 2 of the plan and agrees that overall progress will be evaluated against a 3-year carbon budget of 21,000 tCo2e;

1.1.8 Agrees that a progress report on the CERP is brought back to this committee annually for scrutiny.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by Councillor Claire Miller

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 7.4 – 2030 Climate Strategy and Implementation Plan

Adds:

- 1.1.7 Notes that approximately 120,000 privately owned homes in Edinburgh will need to be retrofitted over the next decade in order to reach net zero.
- 1.1.8 Agrees that emissions reductions and not off-setting is the aim of the strategy, however, acknowledges that a number of Edinburgh-based businesses and organisation currently do, or plan to, offset as part of a net zero strategy.
- 1.1.9 Notes that finance from off-setting by local organisations should remain local and support the city's net zero transition.
- 1.1.10 Asks officers to work with local partners to explore options for progressing a local scheme as soon as practicable, including assessment of using the Council-owned ESCO for delivery.
- 1.1.11 Asks officers and Edinburgh Climate Commission to engage with Scottish Government to bring forward guidance as a matter of urgency on how a local off-setting scheme could be established to support the urgent transition of the city and delivery of local community benefits.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 – 2030 Climate Strategy and Implementation Plan

Committee agrees to note the information outlined in recommendations 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.5 and replaces the action in recommendations 1.1.3, 1.1.4 and 1.1.6 with the following.

Committee agrees:

1. that the Final 2030 Climate Strategy and Implementation Plan remain in draft until a costed delivery plan is developed detailing a realistic pathway to net zero for Edinburgh that fully addresses:
 - the issues outlined in section 4.5 of the report – specifically noting that many aspects remain to be developed, require Governmental action, require funding from unidentified sources and/or require offsetting which has not yet been developed;
 - the physical and workforce changes required in the Edinburgh economy to achieve the changes required and the timescales within which these are possible;
 - the projected impact of further UK national changes such as grid decarbonisation that, to date, have had the greatest impact on reducing Edinburgh's emissions;
 - an estimate of the full funding requirements (upfront and residual) for citizens, businesses and the public sector;
 - that the framework for measuring progress be further developed with appropriate milestones linked to this pathway.
2. That a revised plan detailing these requirements is presented to the new Council for consideration in June 2022.

3. That, for the avoidance of doubt, the Council will continue to work in the interim to take all action possible to reduce climate change emissions in the City.

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

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Item 7.4 – 2030 Climate Strategy and Implementation Plan

Add to recommendations:

1.1.7 Recognises and agrees that the 2030 Climate Strategy an Implementation plan will need to be continually developed over the next 9 years;

1.1.8 Recognises the key role that this Council has in co-ordinating development of this City-wide strategy and roll-out of the implementation plan and agrees that the need to sufficiently resource this work will be considered when setting future council budgets;

1.1.9 Agrees that the five thematic partnerships and the Infrastructure Investment Program board be asked assess progress annually and a report brought to this committee;

1.1.10 Agrees that the regulatory, financial and other major barriers preventing the City's emissions reduction to net zero as identified in this strategy will be formally reported to the Scottish and UK Governments and a response requested;

1.1.11 Recognises that a key area of work is the development of approaches to decarbonisation that have affordable funding models and agrees that the Infrastructure Investment Programme board be asked to make this work a priority;

1.1.12 Agrees to promote the Community Climate Forum through all available council communication channels and requests regular reporting back to committee on its activity;

1.1.13 Agrees to seek the views of the Edinburgh Climate Commission and the Edinburgh Climate Change Institute on this strategy and implementation plan and requests that these views are reported to committee.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 7.5 – Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty – Response to Motion by Councillor Burgess

Replaces 1.1. with:

“Agrees that the information in the report supports Edinburgh signing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and agrees that the Council should sign to support the aims of reaching net-zero by 2030.”

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.5 – Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty – Response to Motion by Councillor Burgess

This committee:

1. Notes the report into the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and agrees to endorse the Treaty;
2. Agrees that the Council Leader should convey this endorsement to the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty organisation and write to the Scottish Government to encourage their support for such a treaty.

Moved by Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.7 – Women’s Safety in Public Spaces

Committee

Notes the Report brought forward and the analysis of the societal impacts on Women’s Safety but is concerned that the report is very theoretical and very little of the report covers more practical measures that the Council has sole responsibility for and that contribute directly to women’s safety;

Notes that only one paragraph is concerned with street lighting and fails to fully explore how street lighting can contribute to both increasing the perception of a space as a safe space and discourage perpetrators from engaging in violent or intimidating behaviours, as well as aid the identification of those who engage in these activities; this being an important because part of driving the change in behaviour we all want to see by making those who perpetrate it accountable;

Committee therefore calls for:

A further report detailing where street lighting on public paths and in open spaces has been reported as inadequate and what standards apply to the lighting of public paths and parks;

A review of the Common Space data to see where poor public lighting and general concerns for safety have been reported and whether these two reviews provide sufficient information to form the basis of a plan for consultation and improvement or whether further work is required.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.8 – Edinburgh's Winter Festivals – Consultation Results

Committee adds:

1.1.3

Committee agrees that the new event brief should detail the specific actions needed to achieve events targeted at the Edinburgh community in a few City Centre locations AND in some of Edinburgh's town centres in order to spread the economic benefit throughout the city.

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

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.9 – Edinburgh Economy Strategy

Committee

Deletes 1.1.2, 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 and replaces with:

- 1.1.2: Notes that while some involve simple tasks like writing a letter, the 108 items on the implementation plan in Appendix 4 are not accompanied by a measurement framework.
- 1.1.3: Further notes the limitations and low targets in the 13 key performance indicators detailed in Appendix 5 (monitoring progress)
- 1.1.4: Agrees to continue consideration of the Economy Strategy to allow for development of a detailed measurement framework
- 1.1.5: Notes the council elections are only five months away and agrees to defer further consideration of economic strategy until after May 5 when the new administration can set out its priorities.

Moved by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Seconded by: Councillor Cameron Rose

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Item 7.10 – Supporting the Visitor Economy in Edinburgh

Committee

Adds to recommendations:

1.1.3: Requests a report in one cycle to detail the city's marketing strategy for 2022, including an evaluation of the "Forever Edinburgh" campaign.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.11 – Performance Update Report

Agrees the recommendations and adds

Committee:

1.3 Notes that the majority of KPIs still have no target

1.4 Notes with concern that almost half of the KPIs where performance is behind target are in the section entitled “Core services are maintained and improved”

1.5 Notes the council elections are only five months away and agrees that a further report is presented to an early committee after May 5 suggesting targets for the remaining KPIs and actions to improve core services to be considered by the new Council.

Moved by: Councillor Cameron Rose

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.13 – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Savings and Recovery Programme 2020/21 Update

Agrees recommendation 1.1 and adds

Committee:

1.2 requests a quarterly update to this committee on the progress of the EIJB's Saving & Recovery Programme;

1.3 Where a project's savings are at risk, the quarterly reporting should detail how the additional expenditure reduction will be achieved; and

1.4 refers the report to the Finance and Resources Committee for scrutiny of the impact on the Council budget.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.14 – Update on the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Older People Joint Inspection Improvement Plan

Committee

In 1.2 deletes all after “positive”

1.3 requests a further update in June 2022 on the outstanding actions set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report, some of which remain subject to approval by the EIJB.

Moved by: Councillor Jim Campbell
Seconded by: Councillor Cameron Rose

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.17 – Council's Risk Appetite Statement

Committee agrees recommendations 1.1, 1.2 and 1.4.

Committee replaces recommendation 1.3 with

1.3 Agrees to maintain the Risk Appetite Statement agreed by Committee in October 2020 as the Council's ongoing approach noting that while the Covid-19 operational resilience environment may make it harder to mitigate risk to within the Risk Appetite it should not reduce the Council's intention to manage Enterprise Risks and continue to provide essential core services to a high standard.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Campbell

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