

# Motions and Amendments

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Virtual - Via Microsoft Teams

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## Addendum by the Conservative Group

### Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

#### Item 7.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Update

Committee

Adds

1.5 Committee notes that a considerable number of decisions are still being taken under urgency powers and that Committees and other decision-making mechanisms are all in place through hybrid or online mechanisms. Therefore, seeks a report to the March meeting of the Council on how the number of decisions taken through urgency powers can be reduced so that these can be subject to councillor and public scrutiny in future.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor Joanna Mowat**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Update

Add new point 1.1.1:

In line with her statement and associated guidance, agrees that Council staff should return to office-working now, rather than waiting until April; and that physical distancing will no longer be required in Council buildings.

**Moved by: Councillor Robert Aldridge**

**Seconded by: Councillor Gillian Gloyer**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.2 - Internal Audit: Overdue Findings More than One Year Old as at 11 August 2021

### Item 7.3 - Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 5 November 2021 - referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

#### Committee

1) Given that twelve of thirteen Internal Audit Overdue actions directly relating to this Committee's remit overdue for more than a year have not been closed, even in line with the three-month extension which concluded on 31 December 2021, Committee agrees to receive a report at its next meeting detailing any further closed actions and setting out in detail how all remaining actions can be closed before the end of April 2022.

2) Committee notes that repeated requests for action and assurances from the Senior Leadership Team that closing Overdue Audit Actions was being given extra priority and additional resources have failed to result in the desired change and agrees that any failure to close overdue actions by the end of April should be considered through the Council's Performance Management Processes.

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

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.5 – Performance Update Report

Committee

Refers the report simpliciter to Council on 17 March 2022 for discussion.

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

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.6 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update 2021/22

Committee

Refers report simpliciter to Council on 17 March 2022 for discussion.

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

# Amendment by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.6 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update 2021/2022

Deletes recommendation 1.2 and replaces with;

- 1.2 Notes that the coalition commitment to “Improve Edinburgh’s air quality and reduce carbon emissions. Explore the implementation of Low Emission Zones.” has been evaluated as “Fully Achieved”. Notes that the “Key Measure” of % reduction in CO2 emission has not been quantified in the final year. Notes that the “Key Measure” of a decreasing long term trend of Air Quality Management Areas has not been met. Therefore amends Coalition Commitment 18 to “Partially Achieved” to reflect the progress towards a implementing a Low Emission Zone but the slower progress on air quality and carbon emissions;
- 1.3 Notes that the coalition commitment to “Tackle pavement parking and reduce street clutter to improve accessibility” has been evaluated as “Fully Achieved”. Notes that while progress has been made to reduce and remove street clutter, there has been no progress in practice towards tackling pavement parking and that the Transport Act contains exceptions which will allow some pavement parking to continue when the council begins enforcement activity. Therefore amends Coalition Commitment 27 to “Partially Achieved” to reflect the good progress on street clutter but the lack of progress on pavement parking;
- 1.4 Notes that the coalition commitment to “Explore the introduction of fair rent zones” has been evaluated as “Fully Achieved”. Notes the council has been unable to introduce a Rent Pressure Zone under the legislation and guidance as it stands, that it would require this to be altered to make it possible to implement such a zone, and that continued rising rents contribute to the cost of living crisis. Welcomes the Scottish Government’s plans to introduce rent controls which will truly allow the necessary action to tackle out of control private sector rents. Therefore amends Coalition Commitment 8 to “Not Achieved” to reflect the lack of impact of the current legislation for residents paying unaffordable rents;

1.5 Notes that this report refers to commitments made by the SNP/Labour Coalition and does not reflect the priorities of Green Councillors to prioritise action on Climate Change and social justice;

1.6 Refer the Coalition Commitments Progress Update to the City of Edinburgh Council for consideration on 17 March 2022.

**Moved by: Councillor Burgess**

**Seconded by: Councillor Miller**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.9 – Protect Transport for Edinburgh – Response to Motion

Committee removes the final full stop, and adds to 1.2:

, recognised in the following words of Chief Superintendent Sean Scott to this committee in October 2021, “the number [of Police Officers] in Edinburgh are now recognised as being not sufficient for the demand that is now in the Edinburgh area.”

Committee further adds:

1.3 Notes that for each Local Police Officer in Edinburgh Division there are 479 citizens whereas in Greater Glasgow, the ration is 1:344. Further notes that on an annualised basis, the Edinburgh Division, has fewer local Officers than at any time since 2013, despite the population served increasing by close to 10% over the same period.

1.4 Instructs the Chief Executive to write to Police Scotland to request:

a) an acceleration in plans to increase the allocation of Police Offices to Edinburgh; and

b) Notwithstanding the difficulties identified in this report, that the Chief Superintendent consider how he can report progress on numbers to this Committee in a meaningful way through future Police Scrutiny Reports.

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

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.11 – Motion by Councillor Burgess – Better School Milk

Adds to recommendations;

1.1.3 Notes that the Council is about to agree a new contract for provision of school milk. Therefore agrees that in order for the results of the trial of dispensing milk to be assessed, that any new contract will allow the Council to switch to dispensing milk if it decides to.

**Moved by: Councillor Burgess**

**Seconded by: Councillor Miller**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.14 – Seafield Masterplan Approach

Committee

Reword paragraph 1.1.3 to read:

Agrees to use up to £50,000 for the project and pre-approves the procurement of consultants to take forward this work; and

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

**Seconded by: Councillor John McLellan**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 February 2022

### Item 7.15 – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Progress Report

Committee recognises the immediate challenges of the current care crisis and the consequences of the delay to the full implementation of the Bed Based Review.

Committee therefore instructs the Chief Officer of the EIJB to accelerate work on the Transformation Programme by ensuring full staffing of the Transformation team in order to fully incorporate all Transformation activity into the 2023 refresh of the Strategic Plan.

**Moved by:** Councillor Iain Whyte

**Seconded by:** Councillor

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