

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.1 – Performance Update Report

Council:

1. Recognises the work and willingness of officers to improve matters and continue to develop a suitable Performance framework as set out in the aims described in Paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 of the report.
2. Notes with regret that it took the current Council Administration four years to agree to remodel the performance framework and that this has only happened following a highly critical Best Value Audit. This Audit re stated previous external calls for an improved performance system ignored by the previous Administration made up of the same political groups, strongly criticised performance reporting to the public and was an echo of the Conservative Group's repeated calls for improved performance reporting.
3. Considers that a change to the performance framework so late in this Council Administration's term means few backward comparisons can be made with this latest report largely only providing half year data to November/December 2021 so limiting the usefulness to the public in reviewing the closing performance of this Council Administration. In this context is notable that almost half of the "High Level Overview" Targets are new or have no or partial data against which they can be considered.
4. Notes with concern the areas where performance is unacceptable, examples of which are:
 1. Litter monitoring scores show a dramatic drop in street cleanliness which has seen Edinburgh's score drop such that we have the dirtiest streets of the cities in Scotland.
 2. Domestic Waste Recycling while given a Green RAG status has only improved to the level inherited by this Administration in 2016/17 at 43%, is 3% below the 46% figure the Administration claimed was the rate in 2017 when it set its Coalition Commitments and has made no progress whatsoever towards this Administration's 60% target.

3. Affordable homes completion rates are being measured against a target of 1218 which will barely be met and fails to build to the 20,000 target for 2027 given performance in the previous two years average approximately 1,100 completions a year.
4. Edinburgh's roads and pavements still have a £77m repair backlog and there is no indicator to determine progress with resolving this issue which remains a major concern for residents.
5. Indicators on pupil attainment, particularly for those most disadvantaged are worsening.
5. Considers the results of the "Performance by Priority" section of the report to be a damning indictment of this Administration's approach to delivery of their own Priorities given that:
 1. Only two of 39 targets under "Ending Poverty by 2030" are on or ahead of target.
 2. Only two of 17 targets under "Becoming a Sustainable and Net Zero City" are on or ahead of target.
 3. While 19 of 31 targets under "Wellbeing and Equality" are on or ahead of target, many of these are ongoing administrative measures that do not fundamentally change wellbeing or Equality but simply maintain existing and expected service standards.
6. Considers that this late adoption of a new Performance Framework taken alongside the politically driven reporting on the Coalition Commitments, highlights the approach of this Administration that has hidden from performance reporting throughout its term, has failed to focus on service improvement or delivery of its political promises and illustrates its failure to act on the core priorities of the Council elected to serve the people of Edinburgh.

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

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 7.2 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update 2021/2022

Replaces recommendations with:

Council notes the final achievements status, determined by officers, based on data, definitive actions and outcomes presented in the report.

Notes this has been the most challenging Council term in living memory, with more than 40% of this Administration being dominated by a global pandemic and another five years of a UK Conservative Government who have deliberately pushed thousands of our residents and children into poverty with disgraceful decisions on universal credit, triple lock pension guarantee and the family cap- with its disgusting “rape clause”.

Council notes in spite of these factors, and many others, the Council has kept focus on improving local services, fighting poverty and tackling climate change while working with colleagues at COSLA on fair funding from Scottish Government for local authorities to help us deliver these aims.

Council notes that 48 of the 52 commitments have either been fully achieved or partially achieved with substantial progress being made. These include the expansion of 1140 hours of childcare for every 3, 4 and vulnerable 2 year old, the delivery of a world-class new Meadowbank Sports Centre, planting a net increase of 50,000 extra trees and the biggest City Deal in Scotland, turning Edinburgh into the Data Capital of Europe and doubling the delivery of Council homes built as well as staying on track to deliver 20,000 affordable homes by 2027- to name a few.

Further notes even within the 4 set at “not achieved”, these include a commitment to limit Council tax increases to 3% a year, and while this was not achieved each

year in isolation, it was achieved as an average through the whole Council term. Also notes this includes trying to get a community right of appeal in planning applications, which the Council did work with communities to try and achieve but as the decision was not in our gift, ultimately this wasn't successful.

Council thanks officers across all departments for their hard work in the last five years in such challenging circumstances, implementing policies and changes that the people of Edinburgh voted for at the last election.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.2 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update 2021/22

Council:

1. Notes the report and that previous Conservative amendments in 2017, 2018 and 2019 sought to improve both the pledges and the reporting process but were rejected by the SNP/Labour Administration.
2. Notes that the Administration has sought to continue the approach of its predecessor in taking up officer time attempting to measure and justify unmeasurable political ambitions.
3. Recognises the considerable time and effort officers have spent in producing this report and acknowledges that they accept the commitments were not accompanied by trackable SMART outcomes.
4. Therefore, agrees that the current politically based pledge and reporting process is flawed and notes that this has been superseded by the revised performance framework and Council Business Plan.
5. Agrees that in future officer resources should not be used to produce, monitor or validate overtly party-political agreements and that a protocol to this end should be included in induction packs for the new Council following the May 2022 council election.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Daggart

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.2 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update 2021/2022

Council:

1. Notes this report on commitments made in 2017 by the SNP/Labour coalition administration and that these commitments do not necessarily reflect the priorities of Green Councillors in acting to deliver on Climate Change and social justice. Further notes the generally constructive approach taken by Green councillors throughout this council term towards the achievement and strengthening of those commitments that are held in common;
2. Recognises that this council administration has taken place during the Covid-19 pandemic which has seriously affected the ability of the council to deliver services in the usual way and to further develop services as intended. Nonetheless believes that progress on certain commitments should be re-evaluated as follows;
3. Notes that the coalition commitment 8 to 'Explore the introduction of **fair rent zones**' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. Further notes that 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 the evaluation of coalition commitment 8 to 'Will Not Be Achieved' to reflect the lack of impact of the current legislation for residents paying unaffordable rents;
4. Notes that the coalition commitment 18 to 'Improve Edinburgh's **air quality** and reduce **carbon emissions**. Explore the implementation of Low Emission Zones' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. Further notes that the 'Key Measure' of percentage (%) reduction in CO2 emission has not been quantified in the final year and that the 'Key Measure' of a decreasing long-term trend of Air Quality Management Areas has not been met. Therefore amends the evaluation of 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;

5. Notes that the coalition commitment 24 to 'Reduce the incidence of **dog fouling** on Edinburgh's streets and public parks' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. However notes that in the 2018 Edinburgh People Survey, the last date for which figures are available, shows that 50% of respondents report that dog fouling is very common or fairly common in their neighbourhoods; notes that a reduction in dog fouling service requests does not necessarily mean that fewer incidents of dog fouling are occurring and may in fact indicate that residents feel reporting makes no difference; nonetheless notes some progress on initiatives such as 'My Beach Your Beach' campaign, and therefore amends the evaluation of coalition commitment 24 to 'Partially achieved';
6. Notes that the coalition commitment 25 to 'Increase **recycling** to 60% from 46% during the lifetime of the administration' has been reported as 'Will not be achieved'. Is disappointed that recycling rates have actually fallen, rather than increased, during most of the coalition term and ending at only 43.1%. Agrees with this evaluation and recognises that any future administration will have to significantly improve performance in this area to meet with sustainability goals;
7. Notes that the coalition commitment to 27 'Tackle **pavement parking** and reduce **street clutter** to improve accessibility' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. Further notes that while progress has been made to reduce and remove street clutter, there has been little or 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 the evaluation of coalition commitment 27 to 'Partially Achieved' to reflect the good progress on street clutter but the lack of progress on pavement parking;
8. Notes that the coalition commitment 35 to 'Improve access to **library services and community centres** making them more digital and delivering them in partnership with local communities' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. Further notes that, although digital access to libraries may have increased through the covid-19 pandemic lockdown, access to libraries and community centres was severely curtailed and that access has still not been restored to pre-lockdown levels with some libraries continuing to act as testing centres and some community centres still not fully operational. Therefore amends the evaluation of coalition commitment 35 to 'Partially Achieved' to reflect that access to libraries and community centres has not been improved;

9. Notes that the coalition commitment 36 to 'Support the continued development of **Gaelic Medium Education**' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. However notes the council has failed to agree a site or identify funding for a GME secondary school; has failed to identify locations or funding for new GME primary schools; has failed to publish a strategy for the recruitment and retention of GME teachers, and that a recent survey of GME parents/carers found that 86 per cent had little or no confidence that the council's plans would meet the educational needs of their children. Nonetheless, notes and welcomes the appointment of a Corporate Gaelic Development Officer and other progress on GME and therefore amends the evaluation of coalition commitment 36 to 'Partially achieved';
10. Notes that the coalition commitment 38 'Take steps to increase the length and flexibility of **care visits** and increase the **availability of care** to help people to live in their own homes' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. Further notes that report does not acknowledge the crisis in Health and Social Care: the delayed discharge numbers reported only reflect a small proportion of the demand for social care, and the vast majority are those people waiting in the community for assessment and a package of care - the unmet need list reached almost 900 people in December. Further notes that H&SCP was put back into emergency measures over the winter in order to cope with demand; that un-filled posts across the system are running at around 30%, that some of the external contractors, who provide around 80% of care at home, were unable to cope with their existing care commitment in the months to December 21, handing back almost 1400 hours of care-packages back to the Council. Further notes that council staff who are to be commended for their continuing commitment, are exhausted and demoralised having worked through the pandemic and continuing crises to look after our frail residents. Therefore amends the evaluation of the Coalition Commitment to 'Partially Achieved';
11. Notes that the coalition commitment 44 to 'Increase **allotment provision** and support and expand the network and the number of community gardens and food growing initiatives' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. Further notes that while the number of growing spaces has increased by 154, that the number of people on the waiting list has increased dramatically over the council term from 2,814 to 5,658 and therefore that there are now only 0.35 allotments per person on the waiting list compared to 0.64 at the start of the coalition term reflecting a worsening capacity to meet demand. Therefore amends the evaluation of coalition commitment 44 to 'Partially Achieved' to reflect that overall provision in relation to demand has worsened;
12. Notes that the coalition commitment 48 to 'Continue to make a case to the Scottish Government for the introduction of a **Transient Visitor Levy** and explore the possibility of introducing more flexibility in the application of

business rates. Explore the possibility of introducing a workplace parking levy.' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. However notes that whilst the case was made for a TVL, that the Council still does not have the ability to collect a visitor levy and therefore amends the evaluation of coalition commitment 48 to 'Partially achieved' as whilst there has been progress, there is still a need for the Council to pursue implementation of the TVL with the Scottish Government;

13. Notes that the coalition commitment 47 to 'Become a leading council in Scotland for community engagement - 1% of the Council's discretionary budget will be allocated through **participatory budgeting**' has been evaluated as 'Fully Achieved'. However notes that only 0.32% of the council's discretionary budget was allocated through PB in 2021/222, and that this figure has only been achieved through redesignating the NEP budget as PB and therefore amends the evaluation of coalition commitment 47 to 'Will not be achieved'.

Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Seconded by: Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.2 – Coalition Commitments Progress Update 2021/22

Council notes the report 'Coalition Commitments Progress Report 2021/22' as prepared by officers.

Council notes that that many of the commitments made in 2017 were vague and were agreed by the SNP and Labour groups without a clear understanding of how success would be measured.

Nevertheless, Council believes the content of the report shows a record of failure by the SNP / Labour coalition over the last five years, specifically the:

failure to build at least 10,000 affordable homes, with only 5,508 completed.

failure to deliver any meaningful difference to the condition of Edinburgh's road network, having repeatedly voted against investing substantial extra sums for roadway repairs and resurfacing.

failure to deliver on its promise to increase street cleanliness.

failure to deliver any proper or sustained increase in recycling levels whilst introducing the unpopular 'garden tax' on brown bin collections and renegeing on its promise to abolish the charge for bulky uplifts.

failure to eliminate the use of B&B accommodation for families who are homeless.

failure to deliver an effective low emission zone, with the agreed SNP/Labour scheme ignoring key pollution hotspots outside the core city centre and risking a worsening of air quality in certain streets.

failure to deliver the promised tram extension on time, with the project now representing a significant financial risk on Council finances because of the flawed financial case.

failure to tackle the growing issue of pavement parking, caused in part by the SNP Scottish Government failure to fully implement the necessary provisions within the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

failure to build the 12 new schools by 2021 as promised whilst inexcusably cutting teacher budgets at each and every school at the height of the COVID pandemic.

failure to improve community safety following the administration's decision to scrap all council funding for community policing across the city.

failure to decentralise decision making and instead scrapping locality committees and adopting a 'we know best' attitude towards consultations.

Council believes:

a decade of SNP and Labour control of Edinburgh Council has failed the city.
the people of Edinburgh deserve far better in return for the council tax they must pay each year.

Moved by: Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.4 – Sustainable Capital Strategy 2022-32 – Annual Report

Council

Adds

Notes that there is considerable uncertainty as to the adequacy of future funding arrangements, with concerns raised within the report that 'later phases of the programme could not be delivered within the ten-year strategy.

Requests that a report be brought back to the first Council of the new term setting out alternative options should said funding fail to materialise.

Moved by: Councillor Andrew Johnston

Seconded by: Councillor Graeme Bruce

Addendum by the Green Group

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**Item 7.5 – Office of Lord Provost: Year 5 Final Report
2021/22**

Add at end of recommendation 1.7

and that any funds not taken up by community groups for Jubilee street parties on 5 June will be made available to support council-approved community 'Playing Out' events.

Moved by: Councillor Susan Rae

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 7.6 – Monitoring Officer Report

Council notes the Monitoring Officers Report.

Council expresses concern that the full report, available to councillors in a data room, describes a series of service failures over a number of years that amount to illegality, maladministration and injustice to a number of the most vulnerable young people in the care of the Council. There is ample evidence that these failings were known about but that the action required to resolve them was not driven through the system by management despite previous action plans.

Council notes that this situation is similar to the approach to resolving risk and concern exemplified by four red rated Internal Audit Overviews in a row and the slow progress in addressing overdue audit actions across the Council.

Council notes that the cultural issues described in the background information are similar, but magnify, the types of failings that have been described by Suzanne Tanner QC in her Independent Review of Culture within the Council which resulted in 50 recommendations for action and that, in this case these significant issues were present within the service at least until 2019.

Council records that the Chief Executive has given continued assurance to councillors, in public and in private, that he has been driving cultural improvements within the organisation since 2016 and that some of this has been founded on changes to the Whistleblowing Policy from earlier than that. That assurance was based on the suggestion that any wrongdoing was historic and management practices had improved to address concerns since then. However, the evidence of this report and others suggests that significant cultural issues remain that the Chief Executive fails to recognise and has not taken steps to address.

Council therefore agrees it has no confidence in the ability of the Chief Executive to drive the cultural change within management that is necessary to resolve the failings within the Council.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Andrew Johnston

Addendum by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.2 – By Councillor Day – Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Adds

1. Council recognises that many Russians have risked going to jail to condemn President Putin and many have bravely opposed this war publicly and felt the consequences through job losses and arrests. All measures - sanctions, airspace denial, loss of access to funds etc. - are critical to repelling the Russian invasion. However, even as those measures are taken, Council makes clear that this city is not an enemy of the Russian people, just this war and recognises the courageous people of conscience across the Russian population who have expressed opposition to this war and the territorial policies of Russia's ruler.
2. Council welcomes the statement from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court on its intention to open an investigation into events in Ukraine “as rapidly as possible” in respect to possible crimes against humanity and war crimes committed within Ukraine.

Moved by: Councillor Jason Rust

Seconded by: Councillor Nick Cook

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.2 – By Councillor Day – Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Add at end;

Agrees to continue further actions in support of Ukraine, including researching options for street renaming and requests that the Lothian Pension Fund investigates divestment of holdings that support the Russian economy.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by: Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.3 – By Councillor Burgess – Council Response to Latest UN IPCC Report on Climate Change

Replaces paragraph 4 with:

Therefore, requests an update in the Business Bulletin of the next Policy and Sustainability Committee that sets out allocation of Council funding and resources to accelerate action on the Climate Emergency in the context of the latest UN IPCC report.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.3 – By Councillor Burgess – Council Response to Latest UN IPCC Report on Climate Change

Accepts points 1) to 3)

Replaces point 4) with

‘4) Therefore instructs the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government to seek additional funding to accelerate action on the Climate Emergency in response to the latest UN IPCC report, in particular to provide funding for flood prevention and coastal protection measures, and to request a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee that sets out options for the allocation of any additional funding. This report should also set out options for the allocation of existing council funding and resources to support the same objective.’

Moved by: Councillor Neil Ross

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.4 - By Councillor Staniforth – Updating the Taxicard Scheme

Replaces the last 2 paragraphs with:

Notes the engagement and consultation with stakeholders already planned as part of the review of the Taxicard service and that recommendations relating to this review will be reported to Transport and Environment Committee in Spring 2023.

Agrees that briefings will be provided by officers to parties as part of the next budget process on options for consideration.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.5 – By Councillor Johnston – Homelessness Funding

Deletes all after 'Glasgow City Council' and replaces with:

Notes this is part of ongoing discussions between the Council Leader and Deputy Leader, during their meetings with the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government.

Agrees to work collectively to make the case for fair funding for homelessness services in Edinburgh.

Further agrees the HHFW Convener and Vice Convenor will write to restate our request to the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government and;

Further to request that the Scottish Government works with COSLA to ensure that funding for Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans is allocated on the basis of need, taking into account factors such as the number of households in temporary accommodation and the waiting time for social housing, not just on homeless presentations.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.6 – By Councillor Douglas – Review Into Stadium Parking

Amends paragraph 2 to read:

“Understands that as part of the administration’s decision to carry out further engagement on the Strategic Review of Parking until Autumn 2022, plans for a potential stadium permit were delayed in order to retain the joined up approach;”

Replaces paragraphs 4-5 as follows:

“Agrees to continue with the Strategic Review of Parking including stadium parking, so that changes to parking are coordinated;

Calls for the next report from officers on the Strategic Review of Parking to include comment on how stadiums and Council could work in partnership to increase the number of people choosing sustainable transport to events, in advance of implementation of changes to car parking.”

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.7 – By Councillor Douglas – Support for Businesses Affected by CCWEL

Notes that the Transport Convener had a meeting at Roseburn yesterday (16th March) with the local ward councillors and businesses to discuss the impact of temporary CCWEL project works in this immediate area.

Notes that some businesses along this part of the route have indicated that there has been an impact on their business takings while this work is progressing.

Believes that businesses in Roseburn form a very important part of the community.

Notes that the Council has put in place a programme of signage, outdoor advertising and paid social media campaigns to promote what is available in the area and that businesses continue to be open for business during the works.

Notes that this programme is similar to a scheme which was put in place to support Brighton Place traders when an extensive sett re-laying project was taking place.

Notes that as a Roads Authority the Council is not required to provide compensation (and indeed we understand that other local authorities in Scotland do not undertake compensation schemes for road works or placemaking projects).

Notes that, once completed, this project is expected to encourage people to arrive at local businesses by bike and on foot in greater numbers than before, as well as by vehicle. Research noted in August 2020's Spaces for People – Response to Motion <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s25363/Item%206.10%20-%20Spaces%20for%20People%20Initiative%20-%20Response%20to%20Motion-%20FINAL.pdf> Transport and Environment Committee report indicates that this is a frequent aspect of projects like this and that local businesses will usually benefit from increased visits and higher expenditure.

Notes that comparisons with the Leith Walk business support package, created as part of the Full Business Case for the Tram Extension, are difficult as the circumstances are very different. This is due to the longer term nature of the work,

the extensive periods of disruption already experienced by businesses on Leith Walk due to previous tram works and our unique ability to create a set of financial conditions for a business support package which allowed for some limited financial support alongside more general support measures.

Requests that officers continue their engagement with local businesses on further development of the promotional campaign.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.7 – By Councillor Douglas – Support for Businesses Affected by CCWEL

Amends the motion to read:

“Notes that some businesses on Roseburn Terrace, which are a valuable part of the community, have reported a drop in takings at the beginning of the CCWEL works, which began in February as scheduled and extensively communicated;

Asks council officers to identify any forms of engagement and support that the Council offers to businesses during projects which have not yet been provided, and to brief ward members and transport spokespersons;

Notes that areas with increased footfall of people walking, wheeling and cycling due to better active travel infrastructure often benefit from an increase in business takings, and calls on officers to identify any schemes or support for businesses to plan for the changes in customers that may be available to them when the project is completed.”

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 8.9 – By Councillor Main – Barriers to Elected Office

Add point 6:

Council requests that this report includes details of work that could be undertaken at a Council level to meet our collective commitment to increase the diversity of the councillor group and to ensure that CEC is a representative democratic body serving all of Edinburgh's communities.

Moved by: Councillor Eleanor Bird

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 8.10 – By Councillor Booth – Edinburgh Opposes Freeports

Accepts para 1.

Replaces paras 2, 3 and 4 with:

2. Notes the Council have been involved in discussions on what “green free port” status would mean;
3. Notes the importance of the Forth continuing to bring inclusive and sustainable economic opportunities to the Edinburgh and the potential for high quality job creation towards a just economic transition to net zero;
4. Notes that information would have to be presented to Council to identify the merits of such a status and addressing any concerns before the Council support would be confirmed;
5. Agrees that Council will remain involved in discussions to better understand these matters and bring forward a report for Councillors to consider in future.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey
Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.10 – By Councillor Booth – Edinburgh Opposes Freeports

Council

Replaces paragraph 1) to read,

Notes that both of Scotland's Governments have worked collaboratively to create a tailored version of 'Freeports' in Scotland known as 'Scottish Green Freeports' with £52m of investment to establish two ports in Scotland.

Replaces paragraph 2) to read,

Notes that the UK Government's Freeport model embraces the highest employment and environmental standards, with Scottish industry modelling predicting 'Scottish Green Freeports' have enormous potential for greater inclusive economic growth.

Replaces paragraph 3) to read,

Notes that Forth Ports is submitting a bid for a Firth of Forth 'Scottish Green Freeport', which includes consideration of the Port of Leith, where work has already begun to create the nation's largest offshore renewable energy hub with BP.

Replaces paragraph 4) to read,

Agrees that the Council group leaders shall write a cross-party letter to the UK Government and the Scottish Government expressing support for Forth Ports' bid to establish a 'Scottish Green Freeport' at the Port of Leith.

Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor John McLellan

Amendment by the Coalition

City of Edinburgh Council

17 March 2022

Item 8.11 – By Councillor Rose – Whistleblowing

Deletes all and replaces with:

Notes that the Chair of Independent Inquiry and review offered to correct any statement in the reports that were not accurate if people came forward.

Notes this was incorrectly communicated at the Council meeting in February as an open offer to meet on wider matters. Further notes that the comments in relation to the Chief Executive's offer to meet were accurate.

Apologises for any confusion caused and encourages anyone looking to raise concerns to contact the Council's Independent Whistleblowing service or take advantage of the Chief Executive's offer.

Further notes the Council has accepted the recommendations and approved the actions to strengthen whistleblowing culture as set out in the report to Council in February.

Further acknowledges that these actions have now been resourced by Council following the budget meeting in February, despite all Conservative Councillors failing to outline any resources in their budget motion to deliver the recommendations of the Inquiry and review reports, having provided no credible alternative to the action plans.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.16 – By Councillor Macinnes – Street Names Honouring Gaelic in Edinburgh – Ainmean Sràide a' toirt urram don Ghàidhlig ann an Dùn Èideann

Accepts the first four paragraphs but replaces the final paragraph with 'Welcomes suggestions of names for new streets from the Gaelic community, including key figures from the past in the city, in line with the existing street naming policy. Encourages suggestions from all parts of Edinburgh culture and history to the bank of suggested street names and reminds residents that suggestions for any names can be made at any time to the Council or via their local councillors.'

Moved by: Councillor Neil Ross
Seconded by: Councillor Louise Young