

Motions and Amendments

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 31st March, 2022

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

31 March 2022

Item 7.2 - Low Emission Zone - Objections Report and Final Submission

Replace recommendations with:

Committee:

- 1) Notes that the LEZ scheme in its current format remains a matter of public and political debate, as evidenced by the continued objections from Statutory Consultees and its initial rejection by the Committee on 26 October 2021, and that taking forward a decision on this matter at this time may be in breach of Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986 as amended by the Local Government Act 1988, which specifically prohibits the publication of material by a local authority where

“the material ... promotes or opposes a point of view on a question of political controversy which is identifiable as the view of one political party and not of another”.
- 2) Considers that the proposed Low Emission Zone remains poorly designed, will likely lead to patterns of traffic and pollution displacement, is expensive and will not meet its stated aim to improve air quality.
- 3) Agrees that the majority of the Objections raise valid concerns related to the above issues, that have long been the subject matter of opposition to the scheme and that the objections should be upheld.
- 4) Therefore, rejects the current LEZ scheme and 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 any proposed scheme could become self-financing, if necessary by lobbying the Scottish Government to change the penalty mechanisms in this regard.
- 5) This report to be presented to the new Council to consider outwith the politically sensitive election period.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.2 - Low Emission Zone - Objections Report and Final Submission

Delete 1.1.3 - 1.1.5 and insert

- 1.1.3 Recognises 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 NO_x concentration in a number of streets outside the LEZ boundary following the implementation of the proposed scheme.
- 1.1.4 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.
- 1.1.5 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: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

31 March 2022

Item 7.5 – Pavements Clear of Signs

Add additional recommendations as follows:

- 1.1.3 Notes the discrepancy between Edinburgh Street Design Guidance and current Transport Scotland guidance, and calls on officers to consider updating ESGG to note Edinburgh's ambition to provide wider pavements than required by law when possible
- 1.1.4 Notes that enforcement is currently a weakness, and calls on officers to continue work with Transport Scotland and public utilities to improve enforcement to achieve better outcomes for pedestrians
- 1.1.5 Notes that Councillors and residents would benefit from clearer information on the rules and scope of responsibilities of public utilities, the council and Transport Scotland, and therefore agrees to provide a briefing note to new elected members to support them to respond to ward casework, and to investigate how improvements can be made to labelling temporary road signs with the most relevant and helpful contact information
- 1.1.6 Calls for a progress update report on to be presented to Committee in two cycles

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.7 - Edinburgh Recycling Centres - Motion by Councillor Lang

Committee:

- 1) Notes that an online booking system was introduced for Edinburgh recycling centres in June 2020 to ensure they could be reopened safely following the COVID-19 related closure.
- 2) Notes that Aberdeen City Council introduced a booking system that relates only to a small number of limited circumstances depending on vehicle type and the waste to be recycled and is a good example of a pragmatic approach combining booking for particular reasons with providing convenience to the general public by providing open access for the vast majority of users.
- 3) Therefore, agrees that, taking into account national COVID guidance and requirements, the need for users to book a slot in advance of accessing a recycling centre in Edinburgh has now passed and resolves that the current booking system should cease from 1 June 2022 except in similar circumstances to that used in Aberdeen.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

31 March 2022

Item 7.7 - Edinburgh Recycling Centres

Adds to recommendations;

1.1.3 Requests that signage outside recycling centres is reviewed to ensure that it is made clear to residents attending any centre, but who do not have an advance booking, that bookings may be made online there and then, or by phone during office hours, if there is a slot available;

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Steve Burgess

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

31 March 2022

Item 7.7 - Edinburgh Recycling Centres - Motion from the Transport and Environment Committee

In 1.1.1, delete "the continuing use of", and insert "discontinuing".

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

31 March 2022

Item 7.8 - Household Recycling Charter - Motion by Councillor Burgess

Committee:

- 1) Notes that Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986 as amended by the Local Government Act 1988, which specifically prohibits the publication of material by a local authority where

“the material ... promotes or opposes a point of view on a question of political controversy which is identifiable as the view of one political party and not of another”.
- 2) Further notes that the Communal Bin Review and the proposal to end the use of Gull Proof Sacks within the World Heritage Site are extremely politically and publicly controversial and have divided the Committee on Party political lines and elements of the report which refer to the Review are inextricably linked to any decision to sign up to the Household Recycling Charter through the changes it would require to waste collection.
- 3) Considers that the report fails to properly set out any changes to waste collection for residents in Edinburgh in different types of property or the costs associated with making those changes regardless of whether external funding might be available.
- 4) Therefore, agrees to continue this matter for decision by the new Council outwith the sensitive election period.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.3 - Implementing Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Committee

Agrees recommendations 1.1.1 to 1.1.4

Replaces recommendation 1.1.5 with:

Notes the progress the broader on street electrical vehicle charging and proposes charging tariffs and the approach to enforcement of EV charging points with changes as follows:

- Considers scrapping the time limit for "fast" (AC 7 or 22 kW) charge points overnight, between 8pm - 8am, to allow EV drivers to charge overnight without them having to move their vehicles at unsuitable times.
- Agrees that the 30-minute period for rapid chargers, is extremely short and extends the limit to 90 minutes.
- Notes that most private operators do not set a time limit for rapid chargers but instead only allow a car to be charged to 80% capacity because the rate of charge tails off significantly after 80% to the point where it is no longer rapid anymore - therefore considers the implementation of this approach.
- Agrees that there should be no time limit on "fast" (7 kW AC Type 2) charge points at park and rides, but that rapid chargers at park and rides should have a time limit of 90-minutes with overstay penalties enforced.

Agrees that a future report is produced setting out the appeals process for fines for exceeding time limits, ideally bringing it in line with those enforced for parking fines.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor