

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Motion by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 6.1 - Appointments to Committees, Boards and Outside Organisations etc

To note that the Green Group has appointed Councillors Alys Mumford and Ben Parker as Co-Conveners, and agree that Councillor Mumford should receive the Group Leader's Senior Councillor Allowance from 22 September 2022 to 5 February 2023 and Councillor Ben Parker from 6 February to 22 June 2023.

Moved by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor Ben Parker

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 7.1 – Motion by Councillor Staniforth - Provision of Sanitary Bins in Council Buildings

Council

Replace 1.1.2 with “Notes that the provision of additional sanitary bins would require an annual revenue budget of between £25,000 and £30,000 which is not currently available and agrees that it should be considered as part of the 2023/24 budget setting process.

Moved by: Councillor Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Neil Ross

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 7.1 – Motion by Councillor Staniforth – Provision of Sanitary Bins in Council Buildings

Add:

- 1.3 Council agrees to proceed with the placement and servicing of sanitary bins in men's toilets across its estate, subject to funding being identified as part of the 2023/24 budget considerations.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

7.2 – Young People’s Assembly

1.1.1. Note and commends the range of youth participation work already being undertaken, described in the report

Adds:

1.1.3 Instructs officers to bring forward a report within two cycles which meets the intention of the original motion, which was to create an effective forum for wide range of young voices to be heard on a wide range of Council/city topics, where policy proposals could be tested through the lens of young people’s wants and needs, where young people could bring ideas and proposals and where their opinions about the direction of the city could be heard by officers and decision-makers and absorbed into policy development.

“Requests a report within 2 cycles on how we can quickly set an effective Young Person’s Assembly in motion; what its objectives and parameters could be; how the Assembly should be structured to ensure equality in representation from all communities and a clear commitment to establishing a long term focus on young people’s needs and requests through this forum.” Motion, June 2022

Moved by Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 7.2 - Young People's Assembly

Council adds recommendation

Instructs officers to develop a proposal on how to provide a single forum and engagement process for Committees and Boards, to involve young people in the development of policy making on key issues, either through an existing group as detailed in the report, or through any new mechanism that is established.

Moved by: Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by: Councillor Euan Davidson

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 7.2 – Young People’s Assembly

Add:

1.2 Notes that early involvement of participants in the design of participatory forums improves buy-in and trust in the process.

1.3 Requests officers to involve potential participants of the Young People’s Liaison Group in the design of the group, including but not limited to its membership, purpose, and scope, and provide a written update on the group’s development within two cycles.

Moved by: Councillor Jule Bandel

Seconded by: TBC

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 7.6 - Millerhill Energy from Waste Plant Heat Offtake Unit – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

Add

- 1.2 notes that the councils waste reduction target, set in 2010, is for 5% of waste to be sent to landfill.
- 1.3 Notes that those reduction targets and the associated paper do not refer to or classify waste sent to Millerhill or incinerators more generally.
- 1.4 agrees that for the purposes of waste reduction targets waste sent for incineration will be counted as landfill.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.1 – By Councillor Hyslop - Safer Parks

After 'best' at paragraph 6 add 'where appropriate'

Replaces bullet point 3 with 'the limited use of council vehicles over 1.3 tonnes where essential for the maintenance of our parks, such as tractors for grass cutting, tree team vehicles and street lighting access platforms'.

After 'powers' at the last paragraph, add 'and any available enforcement powers that could be used to act against the drivers or owners of vehicles that access our parks and green spaces'.

Adds 'this report should come to the Culture and Communities Committee within two cycles (December 2022)'.

Moved by: Councillor Val Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.1 – By Councillor Hyslop - Safer Parks

Removes final point at “Furthermore, requests...” and inserts:

Council notes that there are specific parks and areas within them where instance of unauthorised parking is especially high, and the corresponding dangers to safety and accessibility.

Council requests a further report including but not limited to, the following;

- What powers are available to the Council to enforce parking restrictions within parks.
- What powers the Council currently uses to enforce parking restrictions within parks
- What, if any, additional powers would the Council need to improve enforcement of parking restrictions within parks
- A strategy for the enforcement of existing parking restrictions, including tackling specific parks where the instance of unauthorised parking is particularly high
- Outlining any options to alter existing restrictions in these high-pressure areas in order to better prevent unauthorised parking
- Plans to engage with ‘Friends of...’ groups and/or relevant community groups in these high-pressure areas to develop the above options

Both reports to be brought to Culture and Communities Committee within two cycles.

Moved by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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**Item 8.2 – By Councillor Thornley - Bus Service
Single Fares**

At point 1, after 'Lothian Buses', insert 'and McGill's.'

At point 6, after 'Lothian Buses', insert 'and McGill's.'

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.3 – By Councillor Neil Ross - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Replace Point 3 with:

Agrees that officers should consider following the example of the Cycle hoop scheme, where residents are able to suggest new locations, and report to the Transport & Environment Committee within two cycles (December 2022) on the feasibility of:

- a) creating a facility to allow residents and businesses to suggest new sites for public electric vehicle charging points; and,
- b) using the suggestions received as part of the information used to determine the locations of future charging points.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.3 – By Councillor Neil Ross - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Adds:

(7) Understands the unique challenges and opportunities of Electric Vehicle Charging Point rollout in the UNESCO World Heritage site, and

- Notes that we may be able to learn from the City of Bath and other UNESCO cities who have already undertaken an EV scheme as detailed in the Bath Electric Charging Point Strategy.
- Requests officers engage with heritage bodies and investigate sensitive solutions ahead of any future Electric Vehicle Charging Point rollouts in the Old or New Town.
- Understands that this learning could also inform sensitive design solutions for other conservation areas in the City.
- Requests a report to be produced detailing potential options for future implementations to be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in three cycles.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Vicky Nicolson

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.3 – By Councillor Neil Ross - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Add new paragraph 4 and renumber existing paragraphs accordingly:

“4. Notes that electric vehicles continue to contribute to congestion and recognises the need to reduce private car use and shift to alternative modes of travel more effective at reducing transport emissions such as walking, wheeling, and cycling.”

Add new paragraphs 6 and 7 and renumber existing paragraphs accordingly:

“6. Notes that placement by EV users of charging cables across pavements is not acceptable since it creates a trip hazard and is not permitted under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, Part V Roads and Building Control and VII Interference and Damage without the permission of the roads authority.

7. Notes the trial of various on-street charging technologies undertaken by Oxford City Council, Nottingham City Council and others, which trialled the installation of pavement cable channels to allow residents to charge an electrical vehicle using their household's electricity supply without creating a trip hazard.”

Add new sub-paragraph 8 c) and renumber existing sub-paragraphs accordingly:

“8 c) ensure a robust enforcement regime to prevent the ad-hoc placement of charging wires across pavements to create a trip hazard, and investigate, in consultation with organisations representing pedestrians and disabled people, the feasibility of introducing a chargeable scheme to install pavement channels for charging cables;”

Moved by: Councillor Jule Bandel

Seconded by: TBC

Addendum by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.3 – By Councillor Neil Ross - Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Adds after point 4) and re-number accordingly:

Notes that there is a demand for electric vehicle charging points amongst city centre residents with access to shared gardens for communal use;

Adds after letter b) and re-letter accordingly:

Provide information on how residents could install communal electric charging or publicly accessible electric charging points on the edges of shared gardens, to include any funding streams and necessary regulatory permissions required;

Moved by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.4 – By Councillor Thornley - Playparks Investment

- In 5 (a), after *work*, delete full stop
- Thereafter add “, *including information on whether areas with high levels of deprivation are prioritised for new playparks currently and, if not, how this may be done.*”

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Administration

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**Item 8.5 – By Councillor Davidson - Support for
Roseburn Businesses**

Insert after 6

7. Recognises, however, that there is no funding for a compensation scheme in the 2022/23 budget and that an overall overspend of £5.627m is noted in the current forecast outturn; and further recognises the estimated cuts and savings requirements of £70.4m in 2023/24 and £152.9m over the period to 2026/27 respectively. Any new financial commitments by the Council would require additional cuts to off-set any new spending commitments.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Joan Griffiths

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.5 – By Councillor Davidson - Support for Roseburn Businesses

Adds:

7) Agrees that the source of funding for any such scheme is made clear and that no other projects should lose funding as a result. If funding is being reallocated from existing budgets, affected workstreams and projects should be explicitly identified.

8) Agrees that the report will establish the principles by which all potential future schemes to compensate businesses for disruption from infrastructure projects could operate.

Moved by **Councillor Danny Aston**

Seconded by **Councillor**

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.5 – By Councillor Davidson - Support for Roseburn Businesses

Accepts points 1-4

Replaces points 5-6 as follows

5. Notes the information provided by the council to elected members and businesses on support for businesses during roadworks

6. Notes the documented benefits to businesses of improved walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure through increased footfall and spend

7. Calls for businesses along the route to continue their engagement with the project team to ensure all issues are picked up and the council supports businesses throughout project delivery

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.6 – By Councillor Day - Transient Visitor Levy

Deletes all but the last paragraph and replaces with:

Council welcomes the Scottish Government announcement, which was postponed due to COVID, to complete the legislative process for enabling powers to allow Edinburgh to progress a Transient Visitor Levy.

Edinburgh welcomes visitors and is a gateway for tourism that contributes to Edinburgh and Scotland's hospitality sector and wider economy. Noting the sector supports around 30,000 local jobs, with overnight visitors spending over £1.9bn a year in the city. Further notes sustaining this level of activity, whilst balancing the needs of residents and visitors, requires investment in services and infrastructure.

Council Notes Edinburgh has designed a robust, progressive visitor levy which is supported by more than 90% of residents and which was developed in partnership with the sector which could generate around £15m to contribute towards ongoing costs and help invest in the future success of Edinburgh.

Council notes the Public Finance Minister Tom Arthur as recently as last week confirmed that funding from discretionary taxation like TVL is additional finance to all funding formula calculations saying: "The levy is not intended to act as a substitute for local government funding or the annual budget process through which the local government settlement is determined."

Agrees the Council Leader should write to the Scottish Government to underline that these powers should be brought forward at the earliest opportunity to allow Edinburgh to progress with its well-established plans. Further agrees this will seek clarity from the Government on whether the planned areas of investment and spend developed in Edinburgh's plans will be within the scope of the new legislation.

Moved by Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.6 – By Councillor Day - Transient Visitor Levy

Replace:

“Given the Council is facing continued cuts from the SNP/ Green Scottish Government, Council agrees the Council Leader should write to the Scottish government to make clear that this funding must be additional to base grants and brought forward at the earliest opportunity.

Council agrees officers will engage with Scottish Government officials and provide an update at the Policy and Sustainability Committee at its meeting on 1 November 2022 including a timeline of the process.”

With:

“Given the Council is likely to face continued real-term cuts following the UK Government’s budget review and subsequent Scottish Government budget statement, Council agrees the Council Leader should write to the Scottish Government to make clear that this funding must be additional to base grants and brought forward at the earliest opportunity.

Council agrees officers will engage with Scottish Government officials and provide an update at the Policy and Sustainability Committee at its meeting on 1 November 2022 including a timeline of the process.

Council further agrees that this report should contain details about the potential revenue raised through using this scheme to its fullest extent, and outline what steps will be needed to ensure that the Council is in a position to initiate a scheme and collect income once legislation is in place.”

Moved by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.6 – By Councillor Day - Transient Visitor Levy

Replace the third paragraph with:

Given the Council is facing continued cuts from the SNP/ Green Scottish Government, Council agrees the Council Leader should write to the Scottish government to make clear that, should the Scottish Government legislate to introduce a TVL and a majority in the council agrees to progress it, the Scottish Government and the Council should agree that:

- this funding must be additional to base grants;
- that the principle of additionality of funding should remain in perpetuity; and
- that the funding should be used to demonstrably improve core services throughout the City and not solely for services that benefit tourism, marketing, or areas frequented by high volumes of visitors.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Daggart

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.7 – By Councillor Meagher - Rent Freeze

Adds after point 6:

7) Notes that detailed information on the financial status of the HRA has not been shared outwith the administration.

8) Agrees that that the reports outlined in points 5 and 6 include detailed information setting out the administration's financial strategy that will ensure:

- The council housebuilding programme continues as agreed in February 2022, with no reduction in the £1.2bn committed to new homes development and costs up until 2027.
- That the EESSH 2 targets are met, retrofitting existing council homes to high energy efficiency standards and there is no delay in delivery of this programme in full by 2032.
- That there will continue to be capacity to invest in the repairs service, improving service standards and the quality of repairs.

Renumbers points 7 and 8 accordingly.

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.7 – By Councillor Meagher – Rent freeze

4) Replace with

Agrees that given the above, and in the context of the Cost of Living Crisis and the Climate Crisis, that the planned consultation with council tenants should be refocused on tenant's main financial challenges in relation to that crisis, which includes rent, energy, effective insulation and food, and that Living Rent members be included in the consultation, the results of which can inform the Edinburgh Partnership and Poverty Commission.

5) Replace with

Requests a report to next Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on the implications of a rent freeze for council tenants in 2023/24, and the subsequent impact of this freeze on the HRA across 2023/24, 2024/25, 2025/26.

Moved by: Councillor Susan Rae

Seconded by: Councillor Ben Parker

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Item 8.7 – By Councillor Meagher - Rent Freeze

Delete:

- Paragraph 7 and;
- the reference to the UK Government in Paragraph 8 as Housing is a wholly devolved matter.

Moved by: Councillor Graeme Bruce

Seconded by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Emergency Motion by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 September 2022

Operation Unicorn

Council:

- Congratulates officers and the Executive Team for successfully running Operation Unicorn;
- Notes that as the capital city, Edinburgh was the main focus for mourners wishing to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth in Scotland, incurring significant logistical challenges and costs;
- Notes that despite careful planning, last-minute changes to Operation Unicorn beyond the control of the council led to considerable extra work and costs;
- Therefore calls for a report to the next Full Council outlining the full costs of Operation Unicorn to the council, including but not limited to:
 - officer time, including detail of overtime worked by officers to deliver Operation Unicorn, plans to ensure appropriate time is taken back for this and details of the impact this will have on wider council workplans;
 - costs associated with queuing and crowd management including sanitation, policing, and security;
 - details of overspend for Operation Unicorn, including costs incurred due to unplanned elements of Operation Unicorn, for example the change from train to plane travel and associated road closures.
- Additionally calls for a report to Finance and Resources Committee within 3 cycles outlining the costs associated with future planned visits from Charles III or other members of the monarchy that will be incurred by the council over the next year;
- Finally, instructs the Council Leader and relevant Executive Staff to raise the costs of Operation Unicorn with the Scottish and UK Governments to:

ascertain whether any funds will be received by the council towards this; make requests for this if not; and report back to all members on the outcome of this request.

Moved by Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by Councillor Ben Parker