

**Additional Item - Minute of the Transport
and Environment Committee 31 March 2022
– submitted for approval as a correct record**

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 6th October, 2022

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers

Additional Item - requires to be ruled urgent by the Convener

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Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10am, Thursday 31 March 2022

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Bird, Burgess, Jim Campbell (substituting for Councillor Hutchison for items 1-11), Child, Key, Lang, Miller, Mitchell (substituting for Councillor Hutchison from item 12 onwards), Mowat (substituting for Councillor Smith items 1- 13), Councillor Webber (substituting for Councillor Smith from Item 14 onwards) and Whyte.

1. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

(a) Deputation – Community Councils Together on Trams

The deputation were disappointed that the design of the Elm Row public realm being built would not comply with current design standards, nor provide the required level of segregation between cyclists and pedestrians at such a busy area. They felt that this was a missed opportunity to deliver a quality of public realm commensurate with the overall goals of the Trams project and failed to meet the commitments made to the active travel stakeholders during the design for this high profile area of public realm.

The deputation asked that the plan for officers to bring forward options for the pedestrianisation of Elm Row by Winter 2022/23 should fully address the concerns that had been raised by CCTT and the active travel stakeholders and provide a clear timetable and budget for any remedial work to be completed.

They urged that construction of the Elm Row public realm be paused to allow urgent changes to be made to the design to address the concerns raised.

(e) Business Bulletin – Update on Elm Row

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for March 2022 was presented.

An update was provided on a petition calling on the Council to help local businesses by closing 'Elm Row' to traffic once a week to allow outdoor seating. It was expected that the Tram to Newhaven construction works in this area would be completed by Autumn 2022 and therefore officers expected to bring forward options for the pedestrianisation of Elm Row by Winter 2022/23.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

2. Petition on Station Road, Ratho Station – Motion by Councillor Lang

a) Deputation – Newbridge and Ratho Community Association

The deputation outlined their concerns regarding the ongoing safety issues with HGV's in Ratho Station particularly at the lower end of Station Road and its junction with Queen Anne Drive. They felt that the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order would largely solve the problems in the area and allow for a greater level of enforcement.

The deputation urged the council to consider the introduction of a 24hour restriction, however indicated that a second option might be for a timed restriction on vehicles over a certain weight.

b) Motion by Councillor Lang

The following motion by Councillor Lang was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally altered in terms of Standing Order 22.5:

“Committee:

- 1) notes that a petition was submitted to the Council on 23 December 2022, signed by 70 residents, calling for “a new restriction on Station Road to stop heavy goods vehicles coming through Ratho Station and passing by Hillwood Primary school”.
- 2) notes this petition was not presented to the January 2022 meeting of the Transport & Environment Committee.
- 3) notes a decision was taken to not bring a report on the petition to the March 2022 meeting of the Committee and instead for the matter to be deferred to the first meeting of the committee after the May elections which, under the current agreed diary, would be August 2022.
- 4) regrets that this decision would mean the committee's first discussion on the petition and issues raised could be eight months after the petition was validly submitted, despite it relating to one of child safety.
- 5) agrees that officers should, at the earliest possible stage, engage directly with the ward councillors elected following the May elections and with the Newbridge and Ratho Station Community Association on the issues raised in the petition and to initiate work on a draft vehicle weight restriction traffic regulation order for public consultation.

- 6) agrees that an update should be provided to the next meeting of the committee, whether through a full report or business bulletin update.”

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Bird

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang.

3. Seafield Waste Water Treatment Works – Presentation by Scottish Water

Alan Thomson, Rebecca Williams and Craig Carr provided a presentation on behalf of Scottish Water. An update was provided on the operation and performance management of the site, the investment which had previously been outlined, and the ongoing community and stakeholder engagement.

The presentation covered the improvement of the operational and odour performance which had achieved an 80% reduction in complaint numbers, the investment objective in respect of sludge bottlenecks that could arise, the focus on how to improve further in terms of operational control and the monitoring of site conditions.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation and thank Alan Thomson, Rebecca Williams and Craig Carr for their attendance.
- 2) To note that Scottish Water would share information on the Urban Waters Routemap with members.
- 3) To note that Scottish Water would arrange a briefing session for new Councillors after the forthcoming elections on their wider strategic partnership work and communications strategy.

4. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 27 January 2022 as a correct record.

5. Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme

The Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted)

6. Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log for January 2022 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - **Action 39** – Business Bulletin – Mobility Plan
 - **Action 53(1)** – Business Bulletin – Communal Bin Review
 - **Action 58(6)** – Progress Report on the “Vision for Water Management” and Operational Management of Roads Drainage Infrastructure
 - **Action 59** – National Litter and Fly-Tipping Strategy Consultation Response
- 2) To keep **Action 19 – Gilmore Place Driveway Parking Overhanging Footway** open for a further update to be provided.
- 3) To otherwise note the outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

7. Low Emission Zone – Objections Report and Final Submission

A summary of and responses to objections received following publication of the Council’s Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Scheme Proposal were submitted. This was a required pre-requisite step before a local authority may seek approval from Scottish Ministers to ‘Make a Low Emission Zone Scheme’.

The Statutory Notice Period had been undertaken from 1 February to 1 March 2022 in accordance with the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019, The Low Emission Zone (Scotland) Regulations 2021 and The Low Emission Zone (Emission Standards, Exemptions and Penalty Charges) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 (‘the 2021 Regulations’). Following this Statutory Notice Period, changes to the Scheme in response to the objections received may be recommended or the Council could continue with the Scheme as presented if no changes could be justified.

A total of 26 objections and one note of support had been received.

Motion

- 1) To acknowledge that the report responded to the actions approved by Committee on 27 January 2022; to commence the Statutory Notice Period during which formal objections to the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Scheme Proposal could be made and to progress Scheme development.
- 2) To note that the Statutory Notice Period had now been completed in accordance with statutory requirements, and consideration of the objections received had been undertaken.
- 3) To agree that after full consideration of the objections, no changes to the Scheme could be justified, therefore the objections should be set aside.
- 4) To agree to proceed with the Scheme and submit the Final Submission to the Scottish Ministers for approval, as per statutory requirements.

- 5) To agree to delegate powers to the Executive Director of Place to 'Make a Low Emission Zone' should Scottish Ministers approve the LEZ, prior to 31 May 2022.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note 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) To consider 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) To agree 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) To therefore, reject 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 Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Amendment 2

- 1) To acknowledge that this report responds to the actions approved by Committee on 27 January 2022; to commence the Statutory Notice Period during which formal objections to the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) Scheme Proposal could be made and to progress Scheme development.
- 2) To note that the Statutory Notice Period has now been completed in accordance with statutory requirements, and consideration of the objections received has been undertaken.
- 3) To recognise 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.

- 4) To believe 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.
 - 5) To therefore agree 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 Lang, seconded by Councillor Bird

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	7 votes
For Amendment 1	-	3 votes
For Amendment 2	-	1 votes

(For the Motion - Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.

For Amendment 1 - Councillors Jim Campbell, Mowat and Whyte.

For Amendment 2 – Councillor Lang.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee of 27 January 2022 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

8. Proposed Parking Controls – Hatters Lane, Powderhall and Bell's Mills, West End

Approval was sought to start the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process to include Hatter's Lane into Zone N1 of the CPZ and to amend restrictions for Bell's Mills within Zone 5 of the CPZ to introduce formal parking places. Both proposals would ensure consistency with the parking controls in place across all streets in the surrounding parking zones.

Decision

- 1) To approve the commencement of the legal process required to add all publicly maintained areas of road within Hatters Lane to the N1 Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and to approve the setting of charges as detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the legal processes required to amend the existing restrictions to formalise parking places within Bell's Mills, part of the Zone 5 in the CPZ and to approve the setting of charges as detailed in the report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Call for Action on Zebra Markings for Side Streets – Motion by Councillor Neil Ross

In response to a motion by Councillor Neil Ross, an update was provided on the outcome of discussions between Council officers, Glasgow City Council and Transport Scotland regarding the potential to undertake trials of low-cost zebra crossings. The issue had also been escalated through the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS).

Based on the feedback received, it was proposed to undertake a study to monitor the operation of existing low-cost zebra crossings in Edinburgh. The study would provide useful data that could be used to support the case for changes to legislation to allow the use of this type of crossing on a public road.

Decision

- 1) To note the correspondence between the Convener and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport and the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants' Rights.
- 2) To note that Council officers had held discussions with Glasgow City Council and Transport Scotland regarding the potential to undertake trials of low cost zebra crossings and had also escalated the issue through the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland.
- 3) To note that Transport Scotland had advised that this type of crossing was not permitted on a public road under current legislation and that Scottish Ministers had no powers to authorise their use, even on a trial basis.
- 4) To therefore, approve proceeding with a study to monitor the operation of existing low cost zebra crossings in Edinburgh, at locations that were not on the public road network.
- 5) To note that the Council would continue to engage with Transport Scotland, Ministers and other Scottish Local Authorities to build support for changes to legislation that would permit the use of this type of crossing on public roads.
- 6) To agree that an update report be provided to Committee in six months on the outcomes of the study.

(References – Act of Council No 9 of 25 November 2021; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

10. Pavements Clear of Signs – Response to Motion by Councillor Webber

In response to a motion by Councillor Webber, details were provided on the work that had been undertaken in relation to temporary traffic signs and their placement on the network together with a review of the issues encountered, exemptions that existed and issues surrounding the placement of signs as a result of legislation pertaining to Health and Safety.

Motion

- 1) To note the information provided on signage and the Council's commitment to providing for the safety of all road users and reducing street clutter on Edinburgh's network.
 - 2) To note that officers would write to Transport Scotland to highlight weaknesses in current guidance that did not allow for maximum protection of footway widths and to ask for this guidance to be improved.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the information provided on signage and the Council's commitment to providing for the safety of all road users and reducing street clutter on Edinburgh's network.
 - 2) To note that officers would write to Transport Scotland to highlight weaknesses in current guidance that did not allow for maximum protection of footway widths and to ask for this guidance to be improved.
 - 3) To note 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
 - 4) To note 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
 - 5) To note 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
 - 6) To call for a progress update report on to be presented to Committee in two cycles.
- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Burgess

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To note the information provided on signage and the Council's commitment to providing for the safety of all road users and reducing street clutter on Edinburgh's network.

- 2) To note that officers would write to Transport Scotland to highlight weaknesses in current guidance that did not allow for maximum protection of footway widths and to ask for this guidance to be improved.
- 3) To note the discrepancy between Edinburgh Street Design Guidance and current Transport Scotland guidance and call on officers to consider updating ESGG to note Edinburgh's ambition to provide wider pavements than required by law when possible. To recognise that a street design review group already existed meeting monthly and that this topic could be included in their work.
- 4) To note that enforcement was currently a weakness, and to call on officers to continue work with Transport Scotland and public utilities to improve enforcement to achieve better outcomes for pedestrians. To note that there were regular fortnightly Roads Authority Area Utility Committee meetings alongside quarterly Roads Authority and Utilities Committee meetings across the wider local area and on a Scotland wide basis which considered such issues as well as legislative changes.
- 5) To note 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 to therefore agree to provide a briefing note to new elected members to support them to respond to ward casework, and to investigate how improvements could be made to labelling temporary road signs with the most relevant and helpful contact information.
- 6) To call for a progress update report on to be presented to Committee in two cycles.

(References – Act of Council No 21 of 15 October 2020; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

11. Health and Inequalities in relation to Active Travel Provision in Edinburgh – Motion by Councillor Macinnes

In response to a motion by Councillor Macinnes, details were provided on the issues raised in an open letter to Councillors from a group of 140 health professionals emphasising why active travel and actions to combat air pollution, the health inequalities and outcomes could help to address and to meet climate obligations, were of critical importance.

A summary was also provided of the likely effect of not making significant progress towards improved sustainable transport and the transport-related actions the Council was taking towards achieving a more equitable, healthier future for all those living, working and visiting Edinburgh.

Decision

To note the report by the Executive Director of Place in respect of Health and Inequalities in relation to Active Travel Provision in Edinburgh.

(References – Act of Council No 3 of 23 September 2021; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

12. Edinburgh Recycling Centres – Motion by Councillor Lang

In response to a motion by Councillor Lang, details were provided on the background to the use of the current booking system for visits to Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs). The system had been introduced in May 2020 to allow sites to reopen safely and support physical distancing during the coronavirus pandemic but had been found to deliver a number of unforeseen benefits both for customers and for the efficient and safe operation of the sites.

Motion

- 1) To approve the continuing use of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) booking system.
 - 2) To agree to discharge the amended motion approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 11 November 2021.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note 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) To note 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) To 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 Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the continuing use of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) booking system.
 - 2) To agree to discharge the amended motion approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 11 November 2021.
 - 3) To request 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 Burgess, seconded by Councillor Miller

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	7 votes
For Amendment 1	-	4 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Lang, Mitchell, Mowat and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To approve the continuing use of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) booking system.
- 2) To agree to discharge the amended Motion approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 11 November 2021.
- 3) To request 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.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 11 November 2021 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

13. Household Recycling Charter – Motion by Councillor Burgess

In response to a motion by Councillor Burgess, details were provided on The Charter for Household Recycling (the Charter) which had been developed by the Scottish Government and CoSLA in 2015. The Charter aimed to support Councils to deliver high quality, consistent recycling and waste management services for household waste across Scotland.

The Charter was accompanied by a Code of Practice which prescribed in some detail, across six outcomes, how services should be shaped (including which materials should be collected for recycling and how they should be collected).

Information was provided on the challenges to signing the Household Recycling Charter, details of what the implications would be for services and on how the Council was already meeting the objectives of the Charter.

Motion

- 1) To agree that the Council should sign up to the Scottish Household Recycling Charter.

- 2) To discharge the action arising from the approved adjusted Motion by Councillor Burgess from the Council meeting of 16 December 2021.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note 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) To further note 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) To consider 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) To therefore, agree to continue this matter for decision by the new Council outwith the sensitive election period.
- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	7 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.

For the amendment: Councillors Lang, Mitchell, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

(References – Act of Council No 11 of 16 December 2021; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

14. Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 26 January 2022 – referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance Risk and Best Value Committee had referred a report on Internal Audit Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 26 January 2022 to the Transport and Environment Committee for ongoing scrutiny of relevant overdue management actions.

Decision

To note the report by the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 8 March 2022 (item 5); referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

15. Place Directorate Internal Audit – Actions Update

An update was provided on progress on management actions arising from Internal Audits which specifically related to services which fell within the remit of this Committee.

The Place Senior Management team were committed to ensuring appropriate action was taken to progress open internal audit actions to conclusion, with appropriate focus on closure of all high rated findings and all findings that were over one year overdue.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made on the overdue Internal Audit management actions relating to the services within the remit of this Committee.
- 2) To note that remaining open actions would either be closed before April 2022, or by a revised implementation date (which was supported by an action plan agreed with Internal Audit).

(References – Transport and Environment Committee of 27 January 2022 (item 15); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

16. Implementing Electric Vehicle Charging Points

Details were provided on the outcome of the advertisement of the draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for introducing Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points at various locations, the content of the objections made by respondents and recommendations based on the findings of that analysis.

Authority was sought to remove the India Street location from these proposals and to proceed to implement the remaining EV charging bays.

A progress update on the broader implementation of the On-Street EV Charger project was also provided together with detail around some of the additional work packages relating to EV charging.

Motion

- 1) To note the results of the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for introducing Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points at various locations and the detail of the objections received, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
 - 2) To approve the removal of India Street from the TRO proposals as a result of detailed consideration of the objections received for this location and the other issues identified.
 - 3) To note that EV charge points would be implemented at the other locations set out in the report.
 - 4) To agree to proceed with introducing EV charge points at all other locations, as set out in the report.
 - 5) To note the progress made on the broader On-Street Electric Vehicle Charger project, the charging tariffs and the proposed approach for enforcement of EV charge points.
 - 6) Agrees that the existing parking and enforcement protocol is updated to take account of the introduction of EV charging bays and to give clarity on how the Council will take action against any infractions.
 - 7) Agrees that any communications materials including the Council website will be updated with reference to the appeals process as related to EV charging as appropriate.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the results of the formal advertising of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for introducing Electric Vehicle (EV) charge points at various locations and the detail of the objections received, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the removal of India Street from the TRO proposals as a result of detailed consideration of the objections received for this location and the other issues identified.
- 3) To note that EV charge points would be implemented at the other locations set out in the report.
- 4) To agree to proceed with introducing EV charge points at all other locations, as set out in the report.
- 5) To note 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.

To agree 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 Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Voting

The voting was as follows:

- For the motion - 7 votes
- For the amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.

For the amendment: Councillors Lang, Mitchell, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

17. Garden Waste 2021/22 – Registration Performance

An update on registrations for garden waste collection in 2021/22 and progress made towards further process and system developments was provided together with the outcome of the investigation to extend the mid-year window to be continuously open, in addition to the main summer period sign-up/renewal period.

Decision

- 1) To note the number of garden waste registrations in 2021/22 and the progress made towards further process and system developments.
- 2) To note that investigations were on-going to identify system improvements which could enable direct debit/recurring payment options for future years.
- 3) To approve retaining the mid-year sign up window between December and May.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

18. Waste and Cleansing Services Update

An update was provided on the Waste and Cleansing Services performance for quarter three of 2021/22 (October-December 2021) and the continued impact of COVID-19 on the service, in particular the impact on household waste as people had spent significantly more time at home.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place, including the activities, and dependencies outlined within the report and the progress made towards these.
- 2) To note the update on the Communal Bin Review programme.
- 3) To note the performance reporting approach would be reviewed once the new committee and operational structures were in place following the election and organisation review.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

19. Review of Effectiveness of Scrutiny of the Transport and Environment Committee – Self-Evaluation and Lessons Learnt

A summary of a self-evaluation workshop undertaken by Transport and Environment Committee (TEC) members on 9 February 2022 to assess current political management arrangements (PMAs), committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the outputs from the self-evaluation workshop undertaken by Transport and Environment Committee members on 9 February 2022 to assess current political management arrangements, committee effectiveness and lessons learnt from this Council term.
- 2) To note the outputs from the self-evaluation workshop would be used to inform the design of political management arrangement proposals and support provided to elected members around the local government election 2022 and following council term.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted)

20. Petition by James Gillespie's High School Eco Group – Motion by Councillor Miller

The following motion by Councillor Miller was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Committee:

- 1) Notes the petition (<https://chng.it/RtVtcRgy>) started by James Gillespie's High School Eco Group which calls on this Council to construct cycle paths to all schools in Edinburgh
- 2) Commends the Eco Group for their initiative and success in gathering 560 signatures (331 online, the rest from the school community)

3) Calls for officers to review the terms of the petition, meet with the Eco Group, and evaluation incorporation of their aims into the current work to review all School Travel Plans and the creation of the Road Safety Action Plan.”

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Burgess

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Miller.

21. Deputation – Keep Morningside Moving – Closure of Whitehouse Loan

The Convener ruled that the request for a deputation received from Keep Morningside Moving, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Committee to give early consideration to the matter.

The deputation requested that a report be submitted to the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee on the 24-hour modal filters on Whitehouse Loan which were installed as a temporary Covid measure, contrary to the wishes of local residents who supported such a ban only at the start and end of the school day.

The deputation felt that the one genuine reason for not having a timed closure had been the financial aspect; having been told there was not enough money to finance it under Spaces for People schemes. They asked that school hours closures be considered as a measure using normal council money and that the Committee consider the feasibility of this as part of a permanent solution.

Decision

To agree to an update being submitted to the meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee in August 2022 on the issues raised by the deputation.

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