

# Motions and Amendments

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 17th November, 2022

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

### Motions and Amendments

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## Addendum by the Green Group

### Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.2 – End Poverty in Edinburgh Annual Report

Adds:

- 1.1.5 Notes that women are at disproportionate risk of poverty and that within this group, the risk is heightened for disabled women, BAME women, refugee and migrant women, unpaid carers, LGBT+ women, younger women and other women facing multiple discriminations;
- 1.1.6 Recognises that important work has been done previously by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to draw out the impacts of poverty on women and therefore regrets that neither women nor the gendered nature of poverty are mentioned in the report;
- 1.1.7 Therefore requests a report on the impacts of poverty on women and girls in Edinburgh within 3 cycles, containing intersectional analysis of the particular impacts on women and girls who share other protected characteristics, and how the recommendations in this report will prevent and/or mitigate women's poverty;
- 1.1.8 Further requests that proposals are brought forward by officers within 3 cycles on how gender and other protected characteristics and priority groups – including but not limited to lone parents, larger families, families with disabled members, BAME households and unpaid carers - can be mainstreamed into council reports going forward.

**Moved by: Councillor Mumford**

**Seconded by: Councillor**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

17 November 2022

### Item 7.3 – Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Report 2021/22

Adds:

- 1.5 Notes that the annual Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Reporting to the Scottish Government requires the Council to explain how spending plans and use of resources is aligned to emissions targets.
- 1.7 Agrees that, in relation to the Council budget setting process and medium-term financial plan, Councillors and the public should understand the climate impact of spending proposals.
- 1.8 Therefore requests that Officers provide high level guidance for political groups to complete a climate impact assessment of proposed budgets in the run up to the Council's budget setting process in February; and recommends that all budget motions should include an accompanying statement to their proposals which sets out how their spending plans align with the Council's climate strategies, including this as an appendix.

**Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker**

**Seconded by: Councillor**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

17 November 2022

### Item 7.4 – Council Emissions Reduction Plan – Annual Progress Report

Adds:

- 1.1.7 Notes with concern the “significantly reduced capacity within key teams across the corporate and service areas” (6.3)
- 1.1.8 Recognises that reduced capacity in key teams in the Council threatens the Council’s ability to meet targets set out in the CERP, and to be able to lead and facilitate the City in progressing the 2030 Climate Strategy
- 1.1.9 Requests that a report is brought to Policy & Sustainability Committee in 1 cycle which outlines investments required in staffing in order to deliver the Council’s climate strategies, including information about how roles should be prioritised for investment / recruitment, where particular skill gaps lie in the Council currently, and actions the Council could take to retain key staff once in role too

**Moved by:** Councillor Ben Parker

**Seconded by:** Councillor

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

17 November 2022

### Item 7.5 – City 2030 Net Zero Target Annual Report

Adds:

- 1.5 Recognises that in order to meet climate targets, further resources and investment will be required, despite challenging financial circumstances
- 1.6 Notes that “research shows that the cost of inaction for the economy and society far outweighs the cost of taking action now” (6.5) and that “while the financial challenges in achieving net zero emissions will be significant, investing in carbon reduction projects often results in wider co-benefits such as the creation of local jobs, improved air quality and public health, or reduced congestion” (7.1)
- 1.7 Further notes that “the Council is working to better understand the cost of inaction locally and some costing for adaptation has been done as part of the Climate Change Risk Assessment” (6.5)
- 1.8 Understands that knowledge of the costs of the “status quo” compared to the costs of adaptation will be required for Council to make informed decisions around spending and investment, especially ahead of budget processes and the setting of the medium-term financial plan
- 1.9 Therefore, requests that all existing information around the likely costs of failing to invest in climate solutions locally is made available to groups as soon as possible, and requests a report to Policy & Sustainability within 2 cycles which outlines how the Council could cost the consequences of inaction vs adaptation in order to support budget setting processes, and the development of the medium-term financial plan

**Moved by:** Councillor Ben Parker

**Seconded by:** Councillor

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

17 November 2022

### Item 7.6 – Climate Strategy – Environmental Assessment Consultation & Review

Adds:

- 1.7 Notes that in last year's budget, Council agreed to set aside £200k for investment to develop a business plan for Energy for Edinburgh
- 1.8 Recognises that Energy for Edinburgh has a role to play in the Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy, and that this is proposed as a priority area for investment
- 1.9 Further notes that on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Finance & Resources committee "reaffirm[ed] the importance of this strategic work to investigate local heat and energy efficiency solutions in helping Edinburgh Council to meet our climate change and energy targets", and requested "a report on progress made towards this action at Policy and Sustainability Committee within 3 cycles"
- 1.10 Therefore, requests that in support of the above and as part of this report, a thorough options appraisal for opportunities for energy generation partnerships in the city is undertaken with an evaluation of how best to make Energy for Edinburgh an active enterprise, including consideration of options for alternative and joint ventures for Committee to consider, and with learning from other ESCOs and Local Authorities

**Moved by:** Councillor Ben Parker

**Seconded by:** Councillor

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

17 November 2022

### Item 7.7 – Climate Change Adaptation Update – Response to Motions by Councillors Macinnes and Parker

Adds:

- 1.7 Recognises that the effects of climate change will be felt differently by different communities across the city, not just by geography but also by demographic
- 1.8 Reaffirms the Council's commitment to a just transition as outlined in the 2030 Climate Strategy, and recognises the importance of applying a climate justice lens to adaptation planning
- 1.9 Therefore, requests that the development of the Climate Ready Edinburgh plan and risk assessment includes specific detail about how measures proposed in the plan – and risks identified in the risk assessment – will affect different demographics differently, and that this is included in the draft version coming to committee in early 2023
- 1.10 Further, notes that while the Climate Ready Edinburgh adaptation plan includes a risk analysis, this does not necessarily translate to an understanding of the financial risks of failing to adequately adapt to the changing climate
- 1.11 Recognises that an understanding of the financial consequences of investing in adaptation vs the status quo is helpful for Council to consider as part of its spending plans and in the development of the medium-term financial plan
- 1.12 Therefore, requests a report to Policy & Sustainability within 2 cycles which outlines how the Council could cost the consequences of inaction vs adaption as part of this work, building on models such as Climate Ready Clyde

**Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker**  
**Seconded by: Councillor**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.8 – Endorsement of Plant-Based Treaty – Response to Motion by Councillor Burgess

Adds:

1.3 Agrees to endorse the Plant Based Treaty with an action plan and timescale for implementing necessary changes to Council activities presented to Policy & Sustainability committee within 3 cycles.

**Moved by:** Councillor Ben Parker

**Seconded by:** Councillor

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.9 – Performance Update Report

- 1.4 Note the KPIs do not cover all the services Council provides;
- 1.5 Note the KPIs cover some functions of Council as an employer and some as a service provider;
- 1.6 Request a further report to this Committee in one cycle that ensures the measurement of all service provision within KPIs; and
- 1.7 Request a separate report to Finance and Resources Committee within one cycle setting out the KPIs appropriate to the Council's responsibilities as an employer.

**Moved by:** Councillor Phil Doggart

**Seconded by:** Councillor Iain Whyte

# Amendment by the Administration

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

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### Item 7.10 – Draft Council Business Plan 2023-27

Replaces recommendation 1.1.3 with:

Notes the committee discussion on the draft business plan.

Agrees that those considerations are taken into account, and officers bring forward an updated Draft business plan to Council on 15 December.

**Moved by** Councillor Cammy Day

**Seconded by** Councillor

# Amendment by the SNP Group

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### Item 7.10 – Draft Council Business Plan 2023-27

Replaces recommendations with:

"Notes the draft business plan text and refers to December Full Council for decision."

Moved by Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by Councillor Lesley Macinnes

# Addendum by the Administration

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### Item 8.1 – Forth Green Freeport

Add:

Agrees the Council Leader will send a response setting out the Council's final position regarding Green Freeports to Forth Ports and the UK/Scottish Governments.

**Moved by**      **Councillor Cammy Day**

**Seconded by**   **Councillor**

# Amendment by the SNP & Liberal Democrat Groups

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### Item 8.1 – Forth Green Freeport

Replaces recommendation 1.1 with:

1. Committee:

1.1 Notes the Council Leader's failure to bring the decision on supporting a Green Freeport to Council for approval and meant a letter of support was submitted without the endorsement of the Council.

1.2 Notes the Council Leader and senior officers were aware of concerns across parties relating to the content of these proposals and therefore understood this was a politically sensitive decision which made it inappropriate for any decision to be taken under delegated authority.

1.3 Notes the failure to report this decision to the next Policy and Sustainability Committee also constitutes a material breach of Council Governance

1.4 Recognises that while Green Free Ports may be useful in unlocking economic development in some areas, the case for Edinburgh's involvement in the Forth bid has a number of important outstanding questions.

1.5 Therefore agrees to receive a further report within one cycle setting out the full position of aspects of the bid within Edinburgh, including analysis of bid activity already happening versus additional investment and job opportunities, the potential for loss of tax take through the incentives within the Green Freeport plans, and further information on the strength of commitments of both Governments to the enforcement of conditions relating to Fair Work and Climate Change.

1.6 Further agrees the Council Leader and Chief Executive will write again to both Governments within 5 working days to confirm support for Forth Green Freeport was given prematurely. This will make clear the Council currently has not yet made a decision about supporting the bid and will not be able to confirm support until the Council comes to a settled position, agreed by Councillors through Full Council.

**Moved by** Councillor Adam McVey

**Seconded by** Councillor Kevin Lang

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