

# Motions and Amendments

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 1st December, 2022

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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## Amendment by the Administration

### Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.4 – Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Shareholders’ Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement

To continue consideration of the matter to the meeting in March 2023 to allow for further formal consultation with the Boards of EICC and CEC Holdings.

**Moved by** Councillor Jane Meagher

**Seconded by** Councillor Mandy Watt

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Committee - 1 December 2022

### Item 7.4 – Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Shareholders’ Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement

Adds to 1.1.1:

With these changes to the SDA:

- Removes the director of finance of EICC from the Board.
- The number of external directors will be at least three with one appointment directly by the City of Edinburgh Council.
- The number of Councillors on the board will remain as 3.
- Quorum of board meetings will be three, with at least two councillor directors present.
- The capex costs will be agreed every 3 years through the approval of the business plan to the HHFW committee and the F&R committee. All capex impacting profits and dividends must be approved by CEC ahead of costs being incurred.
- Agrees that the disbursement of profits shall include an annual contribution to a fund held in reserve to cover any future rental payments and that this shall take priority over capex in initial years. Agrees this fund must reach one year’s full rental costs within a five year period from the opening of the hotel, and that this level must be maintained for the duration of the lease.

1.1.4 Agrees that HHFW and F&R committee members will receive a briefing on the updated financial projections, taking into account the significant economic changes since the business case was approved.

**Moved by** Councillor Kate Campbell

**Seconded by** Councillor

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.5 – Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2023-28

Adds:

1.1.6 Notes point 3.2.4 in the Draft Council Business Plan that went to Policy and Sustainability Committee on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022 which states:

3.2.4 Increase the number of homes for affordable rent, with a target to build 25,000 council owned homes over the next 10 years.

1.1.7 Notes the Edinburgh Labour Manifesto for the 2022 Council Elections stated

Edinburgh Labour will:

- Start a programme to build at least 25,000 council owned homes within 10 years

1.1.8 Agrees therefore that councillors will receive a written briefing within one month setting out the detail of the pipeline of homes including how many sites will provide council owned affordable homes, including the number of homes on each site.

1.1.9 Agrees that all future cover reports for the annual SHIP will include the split between council owned sites and sites owned by third parties including the number of homes on each site.

**Moved by** Councillor Kate Campbell

**Seconded by** Councillor

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.5 – Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) 2023-28

Notes the information in recommendations 1.1.2 to 1.1.5

Considers that without 200% additional Grant Funding from the Scottish Government (as outlined in the report) and certainty over future Scottish Government policy on rent freezes and rent controls the SHIP is an undeliverable, aspirational document.

Further considers that the SHIP in this form does not constitute a plan for increased affordable housing supply to the levels suggested in HNDA3 or the political targets set out by the Council.

Regrets that a report assessing the relative value of Edinburgh remaining within the TMDF grant funding regime or joining the SHIF regime has been delayed until March 2023 delaying any request for change should this be necessary and coming after a further budget setting process has been concluded.

Agrees to submit the Strategic Housing Investment Plan to the Scottish Government on the proviso that the inability to deliver is highlighted in full in any supporting letter which should also call for a full review of grant funding for affordable housing in Edinburgh to considerably increase funding to a level that meets need. This should recognise Edinburgh's uniquely challenging situation namely increasing population, relative lack of affordable housing supply, relatively high levels of homelessness and use of temporary accommodation, and the likely negative impact on these issues of the removal of local connection on homelessness presentations.

Further agrees that the submission letter should call for urgent clarity on future Scottish Government policy regarding rent freezes/controls setting out their impact on risk and future certainty of rent supply and the effect this has on the Council

and RSL partners' ability to increase affordable housing supply and call for mitigating funding should the risks/impacts remain under any proposed policy.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Graeme Bruce**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.7 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

Committee

Adds to recommendations;

1.1.6 Notes that both Cllr Kumar's motion and Cllr Meagher's amendment at The City of Edinburgh Council on August 25<sup>th</sup> requested Carbon Impact Assessments on Capital Projects, which are not present on the below report. Committee requests this assessment is thus present on the first quarterly update and requests the assessment breaks down the proposed outcome of 435 tonnes reduction of Co2e (appendix 3) due to the serious need for Council to transparently reach Net Zero by 2030.

**Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Councillor**



# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.9 – Contract Extensions for Activity Agreement Hubs and Joint Co-Production with NOLB – Phase 3

Adds:

1.1.4 Requests officers to broaden existing co-production exercises to include 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Organisations working predominately with ethnic minority service users who face additional and particular barriers in accessing employment. Further, that officers scope the opportunity of a consortium arrangement with these organisations for joined up working and delivery of tailored services.

**Moved by** Councillor Simita Kumar

**Seconded by** Councillor Stuart Dobbin

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.10 – Living Hours City – Response to a motion from Councillor Campbell

Deletes 1.1.4 and replaces with:

1.1.4 Notes that the motion passed in June agreed in principle that Edinburgh would become a Living Hours City.

1.1.5 Notes that a fundamental change that could help workers to cope with the cost of living crisis is to have certainty and security over working hours, but also recognises the increased financial challenges the council faces and agrees that while this may not be deliverable in the short term, it should remain a longer term goal.

1.1.6 Agrees to bring back a report in three cycles setting out in more detail what the scoping work for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City would entail including:

- An early discussion with Living Wage Scotland about what a journey to a Living Hours City could look like
- A preliminary assessment of which departments in the council would be affected alongside staff numbers
- A financial assessment of what impact becoming a Living Hours employer could have on future council budgets
- Requests that the Living Wage Action Group consider this information and their assessment is included within the report

**Moved by** Councillor Kate Campbell

**Seconded by** Councillor

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 7.11 – Appointments to the Homelessness Task Force

Appoints Councillor Kate Campbell as the SNP representative on the Homelessness Task Force.

**Moved by** Councillor Kate Campbell

**Seconded by** Councillor

# Motion by the Green Group

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work

1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

### Item 7.11 – Appointments to the Homelessness Task Force

Appoints Cllr Susan Rae as the Green member of the task force

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

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 8.1 – Accessible Housing Study

Adds:

- 1.1.3 Agrees to establish the Working Group as set out at 5.1
- 1.1.4 Agrees that, through its engagement with relevant stakeholders, the Working Group will prioritise the voice of lived experience in all its work, advocating for actions which are in line with the social model of disability
- 1.1.5 Requests that the Working Group prioritise work in the following areas once established (and any others they deem important):
  - a) Allocations policy, bidding processes and support
  - b) Adaptation processes and support
  - c) Placemaking and access around properties
  - d) Planning and new-build policies and standards
- 1.1.6 Agrees that the Working Group will provide updates on its work in all these areas via the Business Bulletin at each future committee meeting, and with a view to outlining any resourcing needs required to fill gaps in current service provision for committee to consider in the future, once these are known
- 1.1.5 Further, notes the work of Living Streets in assessing conditions around social housing in Scotland and requests that officers contact Living Streets about this project to help inform work around 1.1.5 c) above

**Moved by:** Councillor Ben Parker

**Seconded by:** Councillor Susan Rae

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

1 December 2022

### Item 8.2 – Empty Homes Annual Report

Committee

Adds to recommendations;

1.2 Committee requests that anonymised data is collated and shared, where possible, with committee regarding how the Empty Homes on the 2022 Completed Investigations became empty (ie maintenance issues, landlord illness, market challenges etc.) within 2 cycles.

1.3 Committee requests that data requested in Point 1.2 is accessible on future Empty Home Annual Reports.

**Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Councillor**