

Motions and Amendments

Finance and Resources Committee

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Addendum by the Green Group

Finance and Resources Committee

26 January 2023

Item 7.8 – New Health and Safety Strategy

Adds:

1.2 Recognises that climate change presents increasing and ever-changing risks to the health and safety of our workforce and agrees that this should be included in the creation of the annual delivery plans for the strategy, and the annual progress report.

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

Finance and Resources Committee

26 January 2023

Item 8.1 – Procurement of Edinburgh's Christmas

Adds:

- 1.1.6 with concern that the proposed report to the Culture & Communities Committee will come very late in any procurement process for the Winter Festivals 2023 and that this may not provide sufficient time for effective scrutiny, approvals and clarification of the festivals' proposed menu of activities.
- 1.1.7 requests that an interim report or briefing is provided to members of both the Culture & Communities and Finance & Resources committees to provide further detail and reassurance around the procurement brief and processes.

Moved by Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by Councillor Marco Biagi

Addendum by the Green Group

Finance and Resources Committee

26 January 2023

Item 7.7 - Operation Unicorn

Adds:

- 1.2 Regrets that this report does not include information on the past costs to the city of Edinburgh for hosting royal visits, nor an estimate of upcoming costs;
- 1.3 Recognises that the financial impacts on the city for royal visits often go beyond the expenditure of the Lord Provost's office, for example concerning bus diversions and public safety measures, as well as having an impact on Edinburgh's residents;
- 1.4 Notes that this report references the contribution of the Office of the Lord Provost to the Sustainable Edinburgh 2020 objectives, but not the more relevant 2030 Climate Strategy;
- 1.5 Therefore requests an updated report to be provided within one cycle including additional requested information on:
 - costs of royal visits, including officer capacity, over the past council term;
 - greater consideration of what information about upcoming visits can be made available to councillors, including as B agenda items;
 - More information on the capital city supplement and its relationship to royal visits, including an update on the amended motion passed at Full Council requesting that the Council Leader write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy;
 - Up-to-date information on Stakeholder/Community Impact with particular reference to climate targets.

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

Finance and Resources Committee

26 January 2023

Item 8.11 – Dreghorn Estate, Edinburgh – Proposed Acquisition of Surplus Houses

Delete recommendations and replace with:

1. Welcomes the willingness of the Ministry of Defence to dispose of unwanted domestic properties in such a way as to help meet Edinburgh's housing pressures and the potential to increase the supply of much-needed social housing in the Oxfords area, especially in light of the cost-of-living crisis.
2. Notes that the City of Edinburgh Council Housing Land Strategy highlights the need to provide both more affordable homes and a greater volume of homes across all tenures and recognises that "off-the-shelf" purchasing of surplus homes will only provide the former.
3. Further notes, with concern, that the Housing Land Strategy as agreed in 2022 highlights at 4.11 the costs that may be involved in bringing "off the shelf" homes up to the EESH 2 standards that are required of council properties and which must be met if homes are to be the high-quality, easily-heated homes that council tenants deserve.
4. Considers that, if at all possible, an investment of £5.7m would be expected to prioritise building genuinely additional homes, at modern standards from day one, for council tenants to help ensure that we are providing them the best possible housing, rather than only picking up second-hand homes that are in substandard condition.
5. Agrees to defer decision on the purchase of surplus homes as described in the report, directing officers to urgently investigate whether there are alternative ways to spend the same money in the same locality on providing even better social housing and re-enter communication with the relevant organs of the Ministry of Defence, with a further report to return in one cycle, to cover:
 - 5.1) the estimated cost of bringing the 23 properties detailed herein up to EESH 2 standards.
 - 5.2) whether, in the event of the Council not purchasing the homes, the Ministry of Defence would seek another means of sale or would leave the properties vacant.
 - 5.3) an assessment of the willingness of the Ministry of Defence to dispose of currently unused sites that could be used for the building of new council homes, such as north east of Adams Well or west of Dreghorn Link.
 - 5.4) a list of any potential council-owned land in the area that would be suitable for a similarly-sized new development or a clear statement that no such land exists.
 - 5.5) a best value comparison against the acquisitions and disposals programme, a scheme which facilitates the purchase of existing homes, and would therefore provide a better cost comparison than the new build programme.

Moved by Councillor Marco Biagi

Seconded by Councillor

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