

Motions and Amendments

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Addendum by the SNP Group

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee 9 March 2023

Item 7.1 – 2023/24 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme

Adds

1.1.4 Notes the reduction in the ten year programme from £2.9 billion as approved in 2022 to £1.7 billion approved this year, and the reduction in the ten year council house building programme from 5,000 homes to just 2,400 homes.

1.1.5 Agrees that all future capital programmes need to set out the detailed process and plan for how capital expenditure can be used to prioritise homes affected by damp and mould, and to treat the underlying structural causes of damp and mould.

1.1.6 Agrees that a briefing note will be provided that sets out, in the form of tables, the current council housebuilding programme, by site, broken down into:

- Homes in design and development
- Homes approved
- Homes currently on site
- Homes completed this financial year (22/23)

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Green Group

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee 9 March 2023

Item 7.1 – 2023/24 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme

Adds:

1.1.4 Welcomes the move towards the “new holistic Whole House Retrofit (WHR) approach, combining energy retrofit and wider building / estate improvements” in order to meet challenging EESSH2 standards, reducing energy bills for tenants and helping the Council to meet its commitments to addressing the climate and nature emergencies

1.1.5 Notes detail on the benefits of a holistic WHR approach in terms of reduced energy demand and improved air quality, damp management, and ventilation in homes for tenants

1.1.6 Further notes, however, that the report does not detail all benefits which could be realised through a WHR approach, especially in terms of ensuring Council homes are adapted to meet the needs of the changing climate

1.1.7 Therefore, agrees for a further report to HHFW in 2 cycles which will outline:

- i) What further building / estate improvements could be built into WHR works to address the climate and nature emergencies beyond energy efficiency measures, including:
 - a. Consideration of new approaches to more sustainable water management through changes to roofing, guttering and drainage, including the use of SuDS and nature-based solutions as part of this
 - b. Consideration of actions which could be taken to decarbonise heat / energy sources within homes, for example, by preparing homes to be ready to connect to alternative, zero carbon energy sources in the future, such as heat networks
- ii) Detail about how the use of SIMD, stock condition findings and tenure mix will inform which areas will be prioritised for investment and in what order, including explaining how this sequencing will represent a climate

justice approach

- iii) How the WHR work aligns with existing Council strategies and work programmes such as the 2030 Climate Strategy (and IPB), forthcoming Edinburgh Adapts plan (and climate change risk assessment) and Vision for Water Management, amongst others
- iv) What additional resourcing may be required to deliver against further building / estate improvements outlined in 1.1.7 i) a, b as part of WHR work, including:
 - a. options for how any required funding could be secured / provided outwith the HRA for this
 - b. a strategy for workforce recruitment, upskilling and retention to deliver this work, as part of our commitment to a just transition

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.2 – Funding of affordable housing through the Scottish Government’s Affordable Housing Supply Programme

Adds

1.1.5 Agrees that progress from this working group will be reported back every six months, including the membership list, and that councillors can advise if they believe there are additional stakeholders that should be included.

1.1.6 Asks the Convener of the HHFW committee to write to the Cabinet Secretary to ask for further information from the Scottish Government on the numerical formula, and the detailed workings out, for how the funding allocation for Edinburgh’s TMDF and SHIF figures were calculated this year.

Moved by Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee 9 March 2023

Item 7.2 – Funding of affordable housing through Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme

Committee

Adds

1.1.5: Agrees that the working group will also invite a member of the Edinburgh Access Panel due to accessibility variance in Edinburgh's existing social-rent housing stock and the importance of New Builds in expanding the fully accessible housing stock.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell
Seconded by: Councillor Neil Ross

Addendum by the SNP/Green Groups

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Item 7.3 – Tenant Hardship Fund

Adds:

- 1) Regrets that the report fails to contain an Equality Impact Assessment or detail about how the fund will be publicised to tenants when it goes live
- 2) Notes concerns around some arrangements in place for the fund, including:
 - i) the assessment process which seeks to determine the “appropriateness” of making a payment to tenants
 - ii) the timescales involved in undertaking an assessment to determine whether an award will be made, the impact this delay will have on those in need, and the lack of meanwhile payments in place whilst this process is ongoing
 - iii) the burden on tenants, who will be experiencing financial hardship which is frequently associated with stress, anxiety and depression, to provide ‘proof’ of their financial hardship
 - iv) the presumption that the fund will end on 31st March 2024 without further consideration of need at that point in time

Therefore:

- 3) Requests a further briefing note to members which contains:
 - i) the full Equality Impact Assessment about the fund
 - ii) Details about how the fund will be publicised amongst tenants and how tenants will be expected to reach out to ask for support from it - for example, via text, phone, email, face to face - with evidence of due consideration given to the various equalities impacts of this
- 4) Agrees modifications to the administering of the fund as follows:
 - i) The fund should be ‘easy access’ and where arrears have been accrued in the 23/24 financial year, an initial payment should be automatic following referral, whilst income maximisation assessment is underway.

ii) There will be no presumption that the fund will end in 2024. Instead, a review and decision about continuation will be made by HHFW committee at the appropriate time later this year.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Ben Parker

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.6 – UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

1.1.4 Notes the ongoing sign off process for the Regional Prosperity Framework Delivery Plan and the intention to explore a similar offer as ACE IT from other organisation(s) who were unsuccessful at initiation stage of funding allocation. If no such organisation is identified, then to align funding with projects agreed in the Delivery Plan.

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.7 – Response to motion by Councillor Dalgleish – Energy Efficiency Task Force

Adds

1.1.3 Agrees that the information and signposting of the services outlined in this report are updated on the 'Home Energy' webpage, and requests Corporate Services initiate an ambitious new campaign directing residents to it. This will include notifications of the new/refreshed page to all library managers and school headteachers.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Seconded by: Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.8 – Parental Employability Support

Amend 1.1.3.2

Calls for one-off emergency meeting of HHFW committee to consider and consult on grant funding awards of up to £250,000 to expand the existing PES programme.

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.8 – Parental Employability Support

Adds:

1.1 Welcomes the anticipated additional funding for Parental Employability Support;

1.2 Notes that over 90% of lone parents are women, and that women's poverty is inextricably linked with child poverty;

1.3 Therefore agrees that any decision-making mechanism(s) agreed by Committee takes due regard of the gendered impacts of spending allocations;

Moved by: Councillor Parker

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.9 – Employer Recruitment Incentives – Targeted Additional Funds for Young People Living in Poverty

Adds:

1.1.4 Agrees for council officers to liaise with Children's, Education and Community Justice Committee to link with existing work and provide update to Corporate Parenting Board as appropriate.

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.11 – Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Shareholders’ Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement

Committee adds:

Notes that an Annual Business Plan for the EICC and its Hotel subsidiary requires to be approved by Council following referral from Finance & Resources Committee or other suitable council Committee.

Requires that paragraph 3.1.3 of the SDA is updated to include reference to these Council approved annual business plans.

Moved by: Councillor Watt

Seconded by:

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.11 – Edinburgh International Conference Centre – Shareholders’ Agreement and Strategic Delivery Agreement

Adds new 1.1.2

Agrees to amend 3.6 of the Shareholder’s Agreement to update quorum to four Directors with representation from a minimum of 2 Councillors (including 1 from administration and 1 from opposition) and one non-executive Director.

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.12 – Gig Economy Task Force – Progress Update

1.1 It is recommended that Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee:

1.1.1 Agrees to implement the [Gig Economy Task Force Recommendations](#) as reported to HHFW committee on 24th March 2022.

1.1.2 Notes the progress made in 2022 to implement the findings of the Gig Economy.

1.1.3 Requests an updated report and proposed programme of work to HHFW committee in 2 cycles.

1.1.4 That this work is carried out in parallel with other policy commitments to develop fair work actions, including commitments to scope the potential for Edinburgh to become a Living Hours City.

Moved by Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

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Item 7.12 – Gig Economy Task Force – progress update

Adds to the recommendations:

1.1.5 Notes the proposed action under “Alternative gig economy business models” and requests that the August report outlining next steps includes details of which co-operatives, social enterprises and other alternative business model users in Edinburgh and Scotland will be engaged with, and how.

Further adds:

1.2 Notes that in October 2022 Full Council endorsed the Get Me Home Safely Campaign, acknowledging the links between this campaign and the recommendations of the Gig Economy Taskforce;

1.3 Further notes that the amended motion passed called for a variety of reports, guidance and actions to different committees and groups;

1.4 Therefore requests an additional briefing note to all elected members setting out progress on the Council’s support for the Get Me Home Safely campaign and associated actions, and how these are being integrated with the actions set out in this report.

Moved by: Councillor Parker

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.13 – Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund – Muirhouse Millennium Centre

Adds

1.1.1 Given funding approval, the funding should be transferred to the Millenium Centre with urgency as close to the start of the new financial year as feasible so that the Centre can forward plan with certainty and stability.

Moved by Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Seconded by Councillor Kate Campbell

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.1 – Housing Service Improvement Plan – Update

1.1.5 Notes Action 2 in the “HSIP Action Tracker – Key Projects” (Appendix 1) relating to Edindex and how “accessibility requirements are being considered as part of this project”

1.1.6 Notes that the working group established from the Accessible Housing Study will include work looking at allocation processes, including Edindex

1.1.7 Requests a short briefing note to outline: i) what access requirements are currently being considered as part of this work through the HSIP presently; ii) who has been consulted to inform work on this to date; iii) what provisions are in place to tackle digital exclusion through this work and iv) how the accessible housing working group will be able to engage with the implementation plan and delivery milestones relating to this action from the HSIP, once the group is formed

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.3 – Mixed Tenure Improvement Service

Adds:

1.2 Welcomes the work of the Mixed Tenure Improvement Service (MTIS) and recognises the urgent need to improve the energy efficiency of housing stock across the city in the context of the climate and nature emergencies, as well as for the benefit of residents

1.3 Notes the variety of support available to private owners who live in mixed tenure blocks where the Council is seeking to make improvements to housing stock

1.4 Recognises that, despite this support, rising building costs and the cost-of-living crisis might mean that private owners in mixed tenure blocks struggle to finance improvements to their homes, especially when these are extensive such as whole house retrofit

1.5 Therefore, requests a briefing note outlining in more detail:

- i) whether the current provision of grants and loan support is judged to be sufficient for owners in mixed tenure blocks to be able to agree to improvements through the MTIS
- ii) what further resources would be required to increase uptake amongst owners
- iii) how these resources could be financed, and
- iv) what learning we can take from other local authorities who are doing this work

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 9.1 – By Councillor Campbell – Damp and Mould

Committee further agrees that officers should develop, with immediate effect, a plan to improve the response to the way the Council deals with damp and mould with a commitment to establish an in-house dampness team with the recruitment of additional resources.

The improvement plan in development also includes key areas such as:

- an end-to-end process review putting tenants' health and wellbeing at the centre;
- training for all front-line staff and enhanced technical training for the dampness team;
- research and identification of new products for the prevention, treatment and removal of mould;
- better use of technology and systems to analyse trends and data capture to inform future investment, including how the stock condition survey will inform capital investment.

Moved by: Cllr Jane Meagher

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP group

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Item 9.2 – By Councillor Caldwell – Taking stock of affordable housing by ward in the City of Edinburgh

Adds:

At points 1-5, that the information requested includes details of the council's HRA housebuilding programme, all homes built under the AHSP, and all affordable housing built without subsidy.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell
Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin

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