

Motions and Amendments

Transport and Environment Committee

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Amendment by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.2 - A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements - Funding Option

Deletes 1.1 and replaces with:

“1.1 Agree to progress the project with option 3.

1.2 Recognises that many road safety projects will still be required and therefore agrees to receive a further report in one cycle with an option to utilise more of the approved roads capital budget for required road safety projects. This would be funded through any identified slippage so far and allocations that were made beyond the financial year 23/24 to maximise delivery of road safety projects while continuing the planned road investment programme for this financial year.”

Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.2 A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements – Funding Options

Replaces 1.1 with

- 1.1 Agrees that the Road Safety Improvement Fund (RSIF) is a more appropriate funding stream for the junction improvements than Cycling Walking and Safer Routes (CWSR) funding.
- 1.2 Approves funding Option Three, as described within the report.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Chas Booth

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.3 - Response to Motion by Cllr Mowat – West Edinburgh Parking Dispensation

Committee

Deletes 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 and insert:

- 1.1.2 Notes that Appendix 2 does not deliver all the information requested in the 4 May 2023 Council motion, as it only has detail for Zones 1-8 and not N1-N8 or S1-S8.
- 1.1.3 recognises how a change in travel patterns and substantial increase in home-working since the COVID-19 pandemic mean decisions taken in 2018 may no longer be appropriate.
- 1.1.4 notes that, while the 2018-2022 Parking Action Plan included an action to remove parking dispensations, the draft 2023-2030 agreed by committee earlier this year contained no action to pursue this.
- 1.1.5 notes that the consultation on the draft 2023-2030 Parking Action Plan is still ongoing and remains open until 9 July 2023.
- 1.1.6 expresses concern that the report, as set out, risks prioritising Pay and Display over resident permit holders, thereby encouraging more individuals to enter and move around the city by private vehicle.
- 1.1.7 agrees there is no immediate requirement to remove existing parking dispensations and that the issue is best considered as part of the committee's consideration of the final Parking Action Plan, once the public consultation has concluded and the results presented to committee.
- 1.1.8 Agrees to retain the existing parking dispensations meantime, including those listed in Appendix 1 and those associated with the CCWEL project.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.3 - Response to motion by Councillor Mowat – West Edinburgh Parking Dispensation

Changes 1.1.2 - “Acknowledges that working practices changed significantly because of the Pandemic Lockdown, leading to more residents working from home and in need of a parking space, but that there is a high likelihood that working practices will continue to adjust over the coming years.”

Adds new 1.1.3 - “Agrees to retain all current parking dispensations for permit holders across all Controlled Parking Zones (1-8, N1-N5, and S1-S4) until working practices become more stable and proper assessment of need can be made.”

Re-number accordingly

Moved by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.4 - George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update

Adds:

- 1.1.5 Welcomes the progress made since the last update to Committee.
- 1.1.6 Notes with concern the rise in costs, and agrees the impact on the wider Active Travel Investment Programme should be considered carefully when it comes to committee before the end of 2023.
- 1.1.7 Notes the ongoing concerns from the Edinburgh Access Panel regarding the accessibility of George Street for disabled people who rely on licensed taxis.
- 1.1.8 Agrees that dialogue on licensed taxi access for people with disabilities should continue and that any related decisions should be paused until an update is provided to Committee at its September meeting.
- 1.1.9 Agrees that the discussions should draw on the experiences of disabled people accessing similar streets and areas elsewhere in the UK.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.4 - George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update

Delete recommendations and insert:

Committee;

1. notes the report and reiterates its support for the principal objectives of the George Street / First New Town project.
2. notes that, even with substantial external funding, a further capital allocation of up to £10 million will now be required from the Council to deliver the project.
3. believes there remains considerable uncertainty over how this additional funding would be provided, its impact on the delivery of active travel projects in other parts of the city, and whether the committee would continue to prioritise George Street / First New Town over other projects for such funding.
4. accordingly believes it is inappropriate to ask officers to spend additional time and resource on developing the project further when such uncertainty remains over the financial viability of implementation.
5. therefore agrees to continue this report until the revised Active Travel Programme Investment Update is tabled to the committee in autumn 2023 and further clarity is received regarding future Scottish Government active travel funding.

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.4 - George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update

Adds after 1.1.3:

1.1.4 Recognises that turning George Street into a safe, welcoming space where pedestrians, wheelers and cyclists take priority and cars are treated as 'guests' is a central objective of the project.

1.1.5 Further recognises that creating too many exemptions for motor vehicles threatens this principle, and expresses concern over granting exemptions to coaches at all time of the day.

1.1.6 Reaffirms the Council's commitment to ensuring accessibility throughout the project and welcomes work by officers to mitigate any impacts on disabled people to date.

1.1.7 Agrees to continue to explore how the plan can deliver genuine priority for pedestrians, wheelers and cyclists while also ensuring accessibility for disabled people and present results to committee prior to final approval of the plans.

Renumber accordingly.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Chas Booth

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.4 - George Street and First New Town

Adds at the end of 1.1.1 after “final George Street project”

Subject to further discussion with stakeholders and Elected Member approval of:

- 4.4.1 of the Report relating to proposed pedestrian and cycling zone periods. Working and social patterns continue to change as a result of adjustments made over the pandemic lockdown. Office working hours are more flexible than the traditional 9am – 5pm and streets also change at different times of the year so a more flexible approach should be devised.
- 4.4.6 of the Report relating to access to George Street by licensed taxis. Given the popularity of the street for hotels and restaurants and the importance of taxi travel to and from them at all times of day and night, a more flexible approach should be devised. Licensed Private Hire Cabs should also be subject to the same access rights as licensed taxis.

Adds to the end of 1.1.4 after “central spaces on George Street”

but agrees that the fundamental architectural design of George Street never included trees and that their inclusion would diminish the characteristics of this important Georgian Street in our World Heritage Site without adding significantly to amenity, climate change or water capture.

Moved by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro
Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Amendment by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.5 - Medium Term Improvements at Portobello High Street/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road Junction

Replaces recommendation 1.1.2 with:

1.1.2 Agrees to progress with Option 3 but asks that all reasonable steps are taken to reduce the impact of changes at the junction on public transport both within this project and as part of any future 20 Minute Neighbourhood proposals for Portobello (subject to the agreement of the Culture & Communities Committee).

Adds:

1.1.4 Agrees that this additional work (1) should not delay the overall progress of the scheme, but Officers should work with public transport providers to consider options such as selective vehicle priority , optimising green times and extending bus lanes.

1.1.5 Agrees that an update on (1) & (2) should be provided to Committee no later than January 2024.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur
Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 7.5 - Medium Term Improvements at Portobello High Street/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road Junction

Adds:

1.2.1 Recognises that many drivers enter the junction, particularly from Inchview Terrace and Seafield Road East, and join a queue of stationary traffic at Sir Harry Lauder Road with no prospect of clearing the junction fully within that cycle and thereby obstruct the junction, hindering pedestrians, cyclists, buses, and other cars from travelling through the junction in a safe and orderly manner.

1.2.2 Further recognises that this poor driver behaviour could be magnified by the change to a single southbound lane on Sir Harry Lauder Road.

1.2.3 Therefore requests that officers investigate potential monitoring and enforcement tools as part of the medium-term junction redesign works.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15th June 2023

Item - 7.5 - Medium Term Improvements at Portobello High Street/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road Junction

Changes 1.1.2. to “Approves proceeding with the design and implementation of Option 2, as described within the report; and”

Moved by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro
Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 8.1 - Maintenance of Footways and Cycleways

Committee adds at end:

1.2 Committee requests that, as part of the work on the September 2023 report on weed control, officers review, update and enhance a) the information available online with respect to the Council's approach to weed control and b) the mechanism by which residents can report street and footway weeds.

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport & Environment Committee City of Edinburgh Council

15 June 2023

Item 8.2: Response to motion by Councillor Burgess - Sciennes Primary Playground on Sciennes Road

Add to Recommendations;

1.1.3 Agrees that the TRO to close Sciennes Road to motor vehicles outside the school should be progressed as a matter of priority with the aim of having it in place before the end of the October school break;

1.1.4 Agrees that the current temporary fencing around the partial road closure, under the TTRO, is maintained until the permanent TRO is in place;

1.1.5 Agrees that council officers share the current TRO documentation with the parent council and that the Parent council and school are consulted about the final design/streetscape for the TRO and the adjoining school street scheme;

1.1.6 Notes the intention to hold a meeting as soon as possible between parent council reps, ward councillors, council transport, school estate and legal officers, to discuss outstanding issues including extension of the playground into the road, closing the whole road to pedestrians and cycles at certain times during the school day and the school street scheme around the road closure;

1.1.7 Requests that to inform this discussion, council legal officers and their advisors examine the most recent communication from the Parent Council's legal advisor concerning fully closing the road at certain times and provide an official response to the parent council.

Moved by: Councillor Jule Bandel

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 9.1 - Motion by Councillor Lang – Travelling Safely Schemes

Adds:

1. Agrees that the aims of the individual schemes noted should not be diluted.
2. Agrees that no unforced changes should be made to these schemes in the interim.
3. Agrees that each of the listed schemes should be subject to their own ETRO, but greater connectivity should be sought between (a) and (b).
4. Agrees that a report on this work should be provided to Committee no later than November 2023.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 9.1 - Motion by Councillor Lang - Travelling Safely Schemes

Deletes ii) onwards and replaces with:

- x. Celebrates that the Travelling Safely schemes covered by these orders have been successful at delivering their intended outcomes of encouraging more people to walk, wheel and cycle in line with the agreed objectives in the City Mobility Plan.
- xi. Notes that providing safe, connected active travel infrastructure plays a central role in meeting the Council's target of achieving a 30% reduction of car kilometres as agreed in the City Mobility Plan which will also support the Council in its efforts to tackle the climate emergency and to become a net zero city by 2030 as is listed as a key priority in the Council Business Plan
- xii. Recognises that trialling the schemes through the ETRO process has allowed residents to offer feedback and helped the Council to understand how the schemes work in practice
- xiii. Further recognises that some schemes have received more feedback than others as part of the consultation process, and welcomes this engagement from residents
- xiv. Understands that any outstanding issues identified through the consultation are to be considered and addressed at the end of the ETRO process
- xv. Regrets that this process has been delayed as a result of errors made in the advertised orders by the external contractor, and regrets that this delay has caused confusion and frustration amongst residents
- xvi. Believes that the schemes can be strengthened following feedback at the end of the ETRO process as planned.
- xvii. Additionally notes that with regard to the Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Route:

- a. There has already been a high volume of positive feedback received about the scheme, including concerning the permanent closure of the road to vehicular traffic outside James Gillespie's school
- b. Concerns raised about the schemes can be addressed through the increased use of modal filters, more robust infrastructure and better signage along the route

Finally:

xviii. Notes that the separate readvertisement of orders will cost the Council money and increase the workload of officers at a time when service delivery and workforce is a black rated critical risk on the Corporate Leadership Team's Risk Register and when Councillors have agreed to "resist bringing [motions, amendments and written questions] that would add to officer workload"

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Chas Booth

Amendment by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 9.2 - Motion by Councillor Cowdy – HWRC Booking System

Replace point 6 with:

6. Notes that there are mixed views from residents on the operation and convenience of the HWRC Booking System, and that staff feel that the current system is safer for them and the public.
7. Notes that the issue was discussed in detail as recently as the March 2022 Committee, and the policy was reaffirmed at the May 2023 Committee.
8. Notes that the amount of waste that is recycled at the HWRCs has increased significantly (from 58% in 18/19 to 66% in 22/23), and thanks staff for helping to deliver this step change in performance.
9. Notes that the current system has reduced trader abuse of HWRCs and “waste tourism” (people from adjacent Councils) and allows users/site staff more time to increase overall recycling levels.
10. Agrees that the Committee should not make policy changes without considering the associated costs and impacts on staff.
11. Agrees that the next Communal Bin Update report (November 2023) should include a concise note on any impact the HWRC Booking System has on recycling and staff wellbeing.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur

Seconded by:

Amendment by The SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee – 15th June 2023

Motion 9.2 by Councillor Cowdy HWRC Booking System

Replaces point 6 with:

Understands that the implementation of the HWRC Booking System was in collaboration with Trade Unions and has resulted in an improved work environment for Council Staff with a more orderly system allowing them to plan and manage capacity and improving the overall customer experience.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Danny Aston

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 9.2 - Motion by Councillor Cowdy - HWRC Booking System

Deletes 3 onwards and replaces with

3. Notes that officers have highlighted the need for a Booking System and the past and agrees a briefing to explore whether it is still needed and how HWRC recycling rates could otherwise be improved.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Chas Booth

Amendment by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

Item 9.3 - Motion by Councillor Munro – Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs)

Deletes all but IV & V and agrees that a concise update on both points is included in the August Business Bulletin.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

15 June 2023

9.3 Motion by Munro - Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs)

Deletes ii) onwards and replaces with:

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- xi. Notes that providing safe, connected active travel infrastructure plays a central role in meeting the Council's target of achieving a 30% reduction of car kilometres as agreed in the City Mobility Plan which will also support the Council in its efforts to tackle the climate emergency and to become a net zero city by 2030 as is listed as a key priority in the Council Business Plan
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Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Chas Booth

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