

Motions and Amendments

City of Edinburgh Council

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Motions and Amendments

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Motion by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 6.1 – Appointments to Committees

Replace Cllr McVey with Cllr McNeese-Mechan on the Edinburgh Partnership.

Replace Cllr McNeese-Mechan with Cllr Fullerton on the Personnel Appeals Committee.

Replace Cllr Hyslop with Cllr Mattos-Coelho on the Planning Committee, Development Management Sub-Committee and Local Review Body.

Replace Cllr Mattos-Coelho with Cllr Glasgow on the Education, Children and Families Committee.

Replace Cllr Work with Cllr Dobbin on the Transport and Environment Committee.

Replace Cllr Campbell with Cllr Key on the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

Replace Cllr Biagi with Cllr Kumar on the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

Replace Cllr Kumar with Cllr Hyslop on the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

Replace Cllr Fullerton with Cllr Work on the Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee.

Replace Cllr Key with Cllr Hyslop on the Education, Children and Families Committee.

Replace Cllr Hyslop with Cllr Biagi on the Finance and Resources Committee.

Replace Cllr McFarlane with Cllr Fullerton on the Lothian Valuation Board.

Moved by: Councillor Dobbin

Seconded by: Councillor Kumar

Motion by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 6.1 – Appointments

Council replaces:

1. Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill as a member of Planning Committee with Councillor Alex Staniforth
2. Cllr Alex Staniforth as a member of Policy & Sustainability Committee with Cllr Claire Miller
3. Cllr Claire Miller as a member of Transport & Environment Committee with Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill
4. Cllr Jule Bandel as a member of Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee with Cllr Dan Heap

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor Parker

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.1 – Bed Based Review

Council:

Agrees that officers will, as matter of urgency, bring forward proposals for alternative uses of the Drumbrae Care Home to support wider challenges faced by CEC.

Further agrees these proposals would be for a meanwhile use but would commit to Drumbrae reverting to being used as a care home in the future.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.1 – Bed Base Review

Adds to 1.1.2 "seeing merit in considering options 1-3 and ceasing any further work on option 4 to rule this option out."

Replaces 1.1.3 with:

Notes that Finance and Resources approved the SNP amendment:

"1.1.2 For the purposes of transparency and following a period of uncertainty, requests the Strategic Commissioning Team deliver update reports to each EIJB, P&S and GRBV during the projected 6 months required for the exercise including offering briefings as requested by the EIJB board and to all councillors to prevent the omission of information being made available for scrutiny.

1.1.3 Acknowledges that it was agreed on the Strategic Commissioning Team including councillors and lay members of EIJB, including or as well as Trade Union representatives, make up the numbers within the group, along with council officers.

1.1.4 Acknowledges the inadequacy of the Bed Based Review (BBR) and agrees to make public the financial cost of the initiative to date.

1.1.5 Recommends this approach to the City of Edinburgh Council meeting to be held on 22 June 2023."

Moved by: Councillor Nicolson

Seconded by: Councillor Hyslop

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.1 – Bed Base Review

Adds to the recommendations:

“1.1.4 Calls for a report to the next meeting of Finance & Resources Committee, after consultation with health & social care spokespeople, with options for meanwhile use within the care sector for Drumbrae Care Home”

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.1 – Bed Base Review

Delete paragraph 1.2 and renumbers accordingly.

Adds:

- 1.3 Regrets failure of all parties to implement the original decisions around the Bed Base Review.
- 1.4 Regrets that all potential options for the use of Drumbrae Care Home were not pursued, as no approach was made to other care home providers to understand their willingness to re-open the facility as a care home.
- 1.5 Understands the EIJB cannot direct Council in respect of capital spending; therefore, Council does not need to wait until the EIJB completes the Strategic Commissioning Review to decide on the use of what is currently an unused asset.
- 1.6 Notes the time critical nature of the closure of the Council owned Liberton Hospital meaning there must be some new provision of HBCCC beds in the short to medium term.
- 1.7 Concludes the best short-term option for Drumbrae would be the adoption of option 3.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Doggart

Seconded by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.2 – Adult Support and Protection and Social Work and Social Care Inspection Improvement Plans

Adds an additional sentence to point 1.3: Notes the Care Inspectorate report highlighted that people and carers were not given every opportunity to co-produce their supports and therefore requests this plan also explores the opportunity to bring back the Funding Independence Team to support self-directed support.

- 1.7 Agrees the importance of including all staff in the development of the improvement plan and that a strategy is developed to make sure the workforce are integral to the implementation of the plan following Care Inspectorate findings.
- 1.8 Notes the importance of staff involvement following the Care inspectorate reports findings:
- *that there was a disconnect between leaders', middle managers' and frontline staffs' views on how well strategic priorities were being implemented and that practicalities were that managing shorter term pressures often took precedence over implementing longer-term strategic priorities.*
 - *For most staff, leaders were not visible in driving priorities for change and improvement and that a proportion of staff would have liked to have seen a clearer link between the strategic vision, service redesign and day-to-day priorities and service delivery.*
 - *Many staff, at practitioner and team level, whilst aware of the general direction of travel, were not familiar with the detail of key strategic change agendas and that there is a need for improvement in the communication between leaders and frontline staff.*

Moved by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson

Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.2 – Adult Support and Protection and Social Work and Social Care Inspection Improvement Plans

Council:

1. regrets that this plan did not come to Finance & Resources Committee as agreed, which would have allowed Elected Members to question officers on the public record;
2. Therefore requests that this plan with any available updates is placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Policy & Sustainability Committee to allow the public to observe retrospective scrutiny of the plan;

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.3 – Senior Councillor Remuneration

Replace paragraph 1.1 with:

- 1.1 Notes that Council allocated one Leaders allowance per opposition Group and that it is for the respective Groups to determine how they fill this single Senior Councillor Post.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.5 – Elected Member Champions

Council:

Agrees that the Lord Provost retain the role as veterans and volunteering champion and that these positions are tied to the duties of the Lord Provost.

Agrees all other Champion positions are discontinued, given the further cross-party engagement with the newly established Working Groups.

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

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22 June 2023

Item 7.5 – Elected Member Champions

Adds to point 1.2:

“with the following additions:

1.2.1 Active Travel Champion

1.2.2 Child Poverty Champion

1.2.3 Equalities Champion

1.2.4 Festivals Champion

1.2.4 Homelessness Champion

1.2.5 Veterans Champion

1.3 Notes that Veterans and Volunteering Champion/Ambassador have historically been the Lord Provost and agrees these remain the defined role of the Lord Provost.

1.4 Agrees the full amended list set out in section 1.2/appendix 2 represents the needs of the Council and wider City to challenge, champion and drive change in areas and notes this is different from the role of a Convenor.

Moved by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Seconded by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.5 - Elected Member Champions

Council

Deletes 1.2 and inserts:

- 1.2 agrees to retain/include the role of Veterans' Champion and Volunteers' Ambassador within the responsibilities of the Lord Provost.
- 1.3 agrees that, as part of their duties for which they receive a special responsibility allowance, conveners should champion the interests of the groups and causes set out in the report appendices.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Louise Young

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.5 – Elected Member Champions

1. Notes that while only six responses were received from the survey, there were only seven qualifying returning councillors who could fill this out, pre-determining a small sample size;
2. Notes that of these seven qualifying councillors, five felt that being a champion was distinct from that of being a convener;
3. Believes that champion roles are most useful where they are focused not on broad policy areas already covered by committees, but on more specialised areas, and that the role of the champion should be to provide insight about and scrutiny of the issue they champion across committees and in areas where their special interest may not be given the attention it deserves;
4. Believes that the role of champion can best be fulfilled when held by a Councillor not in administration to provide focused scrutiny;

Therefore, deletes recommendation 1.2 and replaces it with:

1.2 Agrees in principle to retain the model of Councillor champions for specific special interests;

1.3 Agrees these should be held by Councillors not in administration;

1.4 Instructs officers to hold a roundtable discussion with party leaders or representatives to discuss potential champion roles going forward, following the model of the working group discussions, and to bring new recommendations to the August 31 meeting of the Council.

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.6 – Office of Lord Provost: Year 1 Annual Report 2022/23

Adds:

- 1.5 Regrets that the Progress Pride flag has not flown continuously through pride Month. Further regrets the European flag has not flown, as it had previously, despite Edinburgh's continuing membership of Eurocities and status as a proud European Capital. Notes the importance of using City Chambers as a beacon of inclusion for all citizens and requests that the Lord Provost ensures there is a space for European Flag to fly all year around and the Progress Pride flag for the whole month of Pride.

Moved by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Seconded by: Councillor Martha Mattos Coelho

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.6 – Office of Lord Provost: Year 1 Annual Report 2022-2023

Adds:

1.5 Agrees to refer this report to Policy & Sustainability Committee

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.7 – Impact of charging for visitor access to St Giles' Cathedral

1. Welcomes the additional engagement with St Giles
2. Notes that while not its core function, free access to St Giles did provide residents and visitors with an accessible toilet in the city centre;
3. Notes that with the removal of this provision, the nearest public accessible toilet is around a ten minute journey on foot, and longer for those using wheelchairs or with buggies;
4. Notes that while the paper from April 2021 identified Premier Parks as the first priority for public toilet provision, the second was “At locations which are promoted as places for a higher number of visitors”
5. Requests officers investigate the possibility of allowing public access to facilities at the City Chambers and Waverley Court, and include an initial scoping of this in the next update relating to public provision of toilets to a relevant committee.

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.8 – Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

Council:

Further agrees that there should be more freedom in how the revenue raised through any visitor levy is allocated across the Council budget, in order to mitigate against issues facing Edinburgh residents.

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.8 – Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

Adds:

- 1.1.5 Agrees that the Council Leader and Council Officers will lobby the Government publicly and directly for the proposed powers to accommodate the Edinburgh TVL scheme as approved in February 2019 as the official Council position. Further agrees the draft consultation response presented to Policy and Sustainability Committee in August 2023 for decision will reflect the policy as approved by Council in February 2019.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.8 – Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill

Adds the word 'indicates' to 1.1.3 so it reads:

“Notes that the Bill sets out the current requirements for the Council to undertake in order to introduce a VL and *indicates* that the earliest time a VL could be introduced could be from 2026; and”

Adds:

1.1.5 requests that in advance of the meeting of the Policy & Sustainability Committee Officers engage with the Scottish Parliament and CoSLA to determine:

- what work can be done by local authorities in tandem with the Bill process and whether any consultations can run concurrently to allow for earlier implementations;
- whether any elements of the statement of objectives are in conflict with Edinburgh's previously stated objectives for the Bill;

And that this be reported back to the August meeting either as part of the report or as a verbal update.

Moved by: Councillor Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.9 – Family Swim Sessions at Braidburn Pool

Adds:

- 1.2 Council asks that there be further discussions, as soon as practicable, with Edinburgh Leisure regarding the Health & Safety and staffing issues and about how these barriers might be overcome; and that a briefing note is provided to Councillors following these discussions.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.9 – Family Swim Sessions in Braidburn Pool

- 1.2 Council regrets the lack of substantive action detailed in the report, especially given that this report was withdrawn from the City of Edinburgh Council meeting held on 1 June 2023.
- 1.3 Council agrees that the Chief Executive allocates funding (up to £17 000) from unallocated reserves immediately in order to ensure that the ASN swimming sessions will continue at Gracemount Leisure Centre for the session 23/24.
- 1.4 Council agrees that officers, in concert with Edinburgh Leisure officers, will investigate further sources of income to ensure longer term sustainability, including the option of a charging regime for parents and will bring back a report to Council within 3 cycles.
- 1.5 Council further agrees officers will continue to investigate the resumption of ASN swimming sessions at Braidburn School in order to cater for those children and families coping with the most severe and complex disabilities and will bring back a report to Council within 3 cycles including full details of the relevant financial, H&S and staffing issues that have been identified and how these will be overcome.

Moved by: Councillor David Key

Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.9 - Family Swim Sessions in Braidburn Pool

Council

Adds:

- 1.2 Notes under next steps that officers will continue to work with Edinburgh Leisure on how to support access to specialist family swim sessions
- 1.3 Agrees to provide an update in two cycles in the Education, Children and Families Committee Business Bulletin on any progress

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Louise Young

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 7.11 – Unaudited Annual Accounts

Adds:

Agrees the Chief Finance Officer would meet with Group Leaders and Finance Spokespeople to discuss proposals on how the underspend is allocated and a report brought to the Finance and Resources Committee to consider the outcome of discussions.

Agrees that no proposals will be brought forward before the Finance and Resources Committee Meeting in September.

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.1 – Motion by Councillor Parker – Supporting Community Climate Action

Council

In 9), delete “Climate & Sustainability APOG” and insert “Policy & Sustainability Committee”

Moved by: Councillor Alan Beal

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.2 – Motion by Councillor Parker – Student Homelessness Crisis

Delete part 3 and replace with:

Recognises that this is a crisis, and a joined-up response from Edinburgh's Universities and Edinburgh College will be important to address it, and that this might include thinking about more creative solutions, such as supporting the creation of more student housing co-operatives to address needs.

Notes that regular meetings take place between Council officers, elected members, the Universities and students, most recently on 19 June 2023.

Delete parts 4 and 5 and replace with:

That the next meeting of the aforementioned group takes place before Semester 1 of the 2023/2024 academic year with representatives from all Edinburgh Universities, Slurp campaign, student housing co-operative, members of the Planning and Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committees, Council officers and any other relevant, interested parties to further discuss the crisis.

In advance of the meeting, officers prepare a short briefing note for attendees outlining how the Council, through its planning function, and Edinburgh's Universities currently work together to tackle issues relating to student housing and homelessness.

Moved by: Councillor Jane Meagher

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.2 – Motion by Councillor Parker - Student Homelessness Crisis

Council

Deletes paragraph 3 – 5 and replaces with:

- 3) Recognises Edinburgh's housing crisis, and a joined-up holistic response from the Council, Scottish Government, Universities, tenants unions, and others, will be important to address it, and that this might include thinking about more creative solutions, such as supporting the creation of more student housing co-operatives to address needs, such as the Edinburgh Student Housing Co-Op model at Bruntsfield, and build on the roundtable discussions held in January 2023 at the Scottish Parliament, the roundtable in May 2023 at the Scottish Parliament as well as the session on Student Housing in June 2023.
- 4) Requests the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener writes to the Scottish Government to request an update, as a matter of urgency, for when the recommendations from the PBSA (Purpose-Built Student Accommodation) review will be published.
- 5) Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener requests the Universities (University of Edinburgh, Heriot Watt, Queen Margaret University and Napier) host a meeting with the National Union of Students, Slurp, The City of Edinburgh Council, Student Housing Co-operatives, the Scottish Government Housing Minister, and any other relevant, interested parties.

Moved by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Seconded by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.3 – Motion by Councillor McKenzie – Haymarket Square Construction

Add the following two paragraphs after Paragraph 4 of the Motion and renumber paragraphs under “Council notes” heading accordingly:

The delivery of the EICC Hotel and Hotel School Project is via a partnership between M&G Real Estate, the QMile Group, Hyatt Hotels and the City of Edinburgh Council.

Recent discussion between CEC and Sir Robert McAlpine about local residents’ concerns of noisy construction works and a lack of contractor communication with residents, resulted in an agreement that planned ducting works from 14 June 2023 are undertaken with a finish time of 19:00 hrs, and that Sir Robert McAlpine is undertaking a letter drop to all conterminous proprietors in the development area, including the colony houses.

In Paragraph 9 of the Motion, replace:

“Elected members who sit on the EICC Board” with “Ward 7 Councillors.”

Thereafter, add the following paragraph:

Council agrees the Planning Committee receive a report in one cycle to consider any actions of additional controls or amendments to permissions which would reduce the impact of construction work to nearby residents for all new developments, to establish a more neighbour- friendly pattern of working for major construction and active sites.

Moved by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.3 – Motion by Councillor McKenzie - Haymarket Square Construction

Delete from point 3 onwards and replace with:

Agrees the Planning Committee receive a report in one cycle to consider any actions of additional controls or amendments to permissions which would reduce the impact of construction work to nearby residents to establish a more neighbour-friendly pattern of working for all major new and active construction sites.

Moved by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton

Seconded by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.4 – Motion by Councillor O'Neill – Fuel Poverty Assistance

Council

Adds at end:

f) Those on 'alternative methods' – such as park homes or in care homes - also need to apply and redeem their vouchers by 30th June.

Moved by: Councillor Alan Beal

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.5 – Motion by Councillor Whyte – Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Anomalies – N6 Abbeyhill

Add after Point 5

6. Notes that the process is already underway to address the issues in N6 which the motion refers to.
7. Recognises that growth in the city means that it is inevitable that new roads will be constructed in areas where there are existing CPZs.
8. Agrees that it is not fair that residents in these new developments should be concerned that they will be under disproportionate pressure from neighbouring streets if they are not included in the CPZ
9. Asks that the report coming to the committee (4) sets out a process to ensure that any new roads within the boundary of existing CPZ areas are included in the CPZ as soon as is legally possible. This report should set out the legal implications for both adopted and unadopted roads.
10. Agrees that consideration should also be given to finding a mechanism to ensure traffic orders are in place prior to occupancy, to ensure that residents are moving in to their properties with a better understanding of how parking will be managed. This would also require developers to be clear on vehicle/parking numbers as part of their sales materials.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.5 – Motion by Councillor Whyte - Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Anomalies – N6 Abbeyhill

Adds at end:

- “6. Council further agrees that the report updates on the status of all new phase 1 CPZs with a full audit of information of the new controls. This should include, how much total new length of double yellow lines and any other additional controls have been added broken down by:
- improvements to accessibility
 - improvements to connectivity (preventing double parking etc)
 - improved access to utilities like bin hubs
 - improvements to safety at junctions and other areas
 - a full explanation of every stretch of controls that does not fit into the above list.”

Moved by: Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 8.5 – Motion by Councillor Whyte - Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Anomalies – N6 Abbeyhill

Amends 4 and 5 to read (changes in bold):

4. Council agrees **to receive a Business Bulletin update** to the August Transport and Environment Committee updating the status of the process to include affected streets within the zone N6 controls.

5. **Suggests that officers** should explore the possibility of allowing residents in these streets access to an N6 permit prior to that legal process to allow them to park nearer to home while the anomaly is resolved and in line with the policy aims of the CPZ to prioritise resident parking over commuters, **and provide an update in the Business Bulletin.**

Adds:

6. Agrees to receive a fuller update on any issues that have been arising in the process of introducing controlled parking in relation to new roads and developments and how to resolve them going forward in the next update report on the Strategic Review of Parking at Transport and Environment Committee.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.6 - Motion by Councillor Dalglish - Energy Efficiency in Homes - Introduction of Long-term Domestic Standards

Council

Adds

At the end of 5);

That this can include an assessment before works are carried out; and financial support in the form of grants, or long-term loans, such as the Warmer Homes Scotland fund, for landlords and private tenants.

After “The City of Edinburgh Council” in 8)

as well as individual residents, Private Rented Sector Landlords and Registered Social Landlords

9) Furthermore the Leader should discuss with the Minister the operation of the exemptions register - namely the threshold level, determination of reasonable exemptions and how frequently people will need to reapply to remain on the register. As the register would apply to all buildings, then the ability of the householder to afford such changes should be taken into account.

11) The Leader should also discuss further allowances for electric heating – current dwelling Band Cs will only reach Band D in future EPCs.

Moved by: Councillor Alan Beal

Seconded by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.6 – Motion by Cllr Dalglish – Energy Efficiency in Homes

In paragraph 2, before “via”, insert “including”

In paragraph 3, delete ‘budlings’, insert ‘buildings’

Add at end of paragraph 3, “and further notes that as part of the Heat in Buildings Strategy (HIBS) the Scottish Government has committed to ‘a clear and identified range of financial support mechanisms available to support building owners’ (p.91)”

In paragraph 5, delete “will likely”, insert “may”

Insert new paragraph after the existing paragraph 6 and renumber existing paragraphs accordingly:

7. notes that 21% of the population in the City of Edinburgh area are classed as living in fuel poverty, according to Scottish Government statistics published in 2019, and further notes that energy use in buildings accounts for 68% of territorial greenhouse gas emissions in the CEC area, and the number one priority in the council’s approved 2030 Climate Strategy is, “We will accelerate energy efficiency in homes and buildings” (p.6)”

In the existing paragraph 7, (renumbered as paragraph 8), after ‘residential properties’, insert, ‘including, but not limited to, those’

Delete existing paragraph 8 and insert new paragraph as follows:

“9. Furthermore, the Council Leader should discuss with the Minister the anticipated financial support mechanisms available to support building owners, as outlined in the HIBS, and specifically how these will support the principles of a just transition and will ensure that those on the lowest incomes are given the most support, and what support will be available for those in listed buildings and conservation areas.”

Moved by: Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.7 – Motion by Councillor Faccenda - Toilet Provision

Council

In paragraph 2, after Leith insert: “, and the toilets in Nicolson Square in Newington”

In paragraph 3, after Taylor Garden insert “and Nicolson Square”

Moved by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.7 – Motion by Councillor Faccenda – Toilet Provision

From “Council asks for an update..”, delete and replace with:

Council asks for an update to the next Culture & Communities Committee on;

- a) details of the necessary work and cost required to reopen Taylor Garden toilets, including any security measures and staffing that will be required
- b) summary of city-wide provision of existing public toilets, with specific reference to wheelchair accessible toilets, or lack thereof, in each ward and note of how long toilets have been closed or out of order.
- c) updates on future plans for building and providing public accessible toilets in each ward.

Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill

Seconded by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.8 – Motion by Councillor Hyslop – Established Character of Edinburgh’s Communities

Deletes from point 2 and replaces with:

2. Notes that there have been instances at the Development Management Sub-Committee where issues have been highlighted in determining the established character of an area.
3. Notes that officers are preparing a report on student housing following a decision of Planning Committee on 24 March.
4. Requests that a report on student housing to Planning Committee should consider on how the issue of “established character” can be addressed.
5. Notes that no further action will be taken on the issue of defining the character of an area until City Plan 2030 has passed its examination stage and that Planning Committee has had time to scrutinise the requested report in point four.
6. Reaffirms our commitment to building balanced communities through the planning process and will continue to press for a more sustainable approach to student accommodation planning policies.

Moved by: Councillor James Dalgleish

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.9 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Abortion Rights

Deletes all and replace with:

Council notes:

Abortion currently comes under the category of criminal offence;

Abortion is not legally available at the request of the person faced with a decision about continuing or ending a pregnancy;

The 1967 Abortion Act makes abortion legal subject to certain conditions, including requiring abortion seekers to obtain the approval of two doctors;

The Offences against the Person Act 1861 does not apply in Scotland; and

Abortion Law in Scotland is a matter for the Scottish Parliament.

Council notes with concern, the recent 28 month prison sentence imposed in England on a woman who induced an abortion after the legal time limit, and the impact this custodial sentence will have on her family.

Council agrees:

Women have the right to control their own sexual and reproductive health choices;

Abortion is healthcare, is rightly highly regulated, and should solely be subject to appropriate professional standards in line with any other healthcare procedures, not criminal sanctions; and

Abortion services should be available and accessed free from fear of penalty, harassment and intimidation by anyone facing a decision on continuing or terminating a pregnancy.

Council welcomes and supports:

Events which campaign on women's reproductive rights, such as "It Is Time to Decriminalise Abortion" taking place on Thursday 23 June outside the Scottish Parliament organised by Abortion Rights Scotland; and 'Abortion should not be a crime', hosted by the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, Women's Equality Party and the Fawcett Society;

Gillian Mackay MSP Member's Bill in the Scottish Parliament seeking the introduction of buffer zones outside of healthcare settings which offer abortion services; and

The Scottish Government's announcement to legislate on buffer zones.

Moved by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.9 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Abortion Rights

Before the last paragraph beginning “Requests that the Council Leader”, insert the following;

“Also welcomes the recent all-party support given to Gillian Mackay MSP’s final proposal of her Safe Access Zones Members Bill in the Scottish Parliament which will protect patients and staff from intimidation and harassment as anti-choice protestors will be stopped from targeting medical facilities that provide abortion services including those in Edinburgh, building on work previously done in this council calling for protest-free access to clinics.

Reiterates that abortion rights are human rights, and we should be vigilant of discriminatory laws that restrict people’s rights to choose what they do with their own bodies.

Remembers those who have suffered because of and who have lost their lives due to arcane abortion laws across the world, including women known as Agnieszka T and Izabela who have recently died in Polish hospitals after being denied medical intervention.”

Also deletes the words “Scottish Courts” from the last sentence of the final paragraph and replaces with “Scots law”

Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O’Neill

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.9 – Motion by Councillor Macinnes - Abortion Rights

Council

Deletes paragraphs 1 to 3, and replaces with

1. Notes with concern the recent 28 month prison sentence imposed on a woman in England who, during the first Covid lockdown, bought drugs to induce an abortion after the legal limit.
2. Regrets the impact that this extended prison sentence will have on her young family.

Accepts paragraph 4 and renumbers it to 3), deletes paragraph 5 and replaces with

4. Understands that the Offences against the Person Act from 1861 does not apply in Scotland, and that abortion law in Scotland is a matter for the Scottish Parliament.
5. Nevertheless, requests that the Council Leader, in consultation with Group Leaders on content, writes to appropriate Ministers in the UK government, expressing our concern.
6. Welcomes moves towards national legislation on buffer zones but asks the leader to write to the Minister for Public Health and Women's Health for an update on what steps we can take as a local authority to protect vulnerable service users in the interim period.

Moved by: Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.10 - Motion by Councillor Gardiner - Short Term Lets

Council

Deletes 2) and inserts:

- 2) Council notes that officers are currently taking legal advice and considering the relevant options, including whether to submit an appeal.
- 3) In the event that an appeal is submitted, and in order to protect the Council's position, it would be inappropriate for officers to present a report to the Planning and Regulatory Committees within one cycle. Instead, a briefing note would be issued to all councillors advising them of the actions taken and the implications arising therefrom.
- 4) If no appeal is submitted, Council agrees to receive a report to the next Regulatory Committee, for onward referral to the Planning Committee, to examine the impact of the judgement, to explore all options open to the Council, to identify any actions required to make the policy legally competent and to set a timeline for any changes to be made to ensure the policy is enforceable. A separate report would also be provided under B agenda containing information on the legal advice sought prior to implementation. Council also agrees that a briefing note would thereafter be issued to all councillors advising them of the actions taken and the implications arising therefrom.

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

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.11 – Motion by Councillor Mumford – Dignity and Support for Asylum Seekers

Adds:

Understands that Forth Ports are also against proposals to house asylum seekers on ships given the lack of assurances and engagement from the UK Government.

Notes that a meeting took place between the Council Leader, Chief Executive of the Council, President of COSLA, the Scottish Government Minister for Equalities, Migration and Refugees and the UK Government.

Further notes that following this meeting an unhelpful response was sent from the UK Government.

Recommends that until the City of Edinburgh Council gets adequate reassurances from the UK Government regarding welfare and ongoing engagement and support, then the Council cannot accept the imposition of a floating asylum/prison ship.

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Council

In 10), deletes from “unless the UK Government...” to “...offering support to people needing help”, and replaces with:

“believing these to be an inappropriate form of accommodation which fails to ensure an adequate standard of living.”

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Euan Davidson

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Item 8.11 – Motion by Councillor Mumford - Dignity and Support for Asylum Seekers

Removes points 5 - 11

Inserts as point 5;

“Agrees that the Council Leader and Chief Executive will write to the Home Office to request greater resources and funding, along with necessary flexibility, to support the residency in appropriate accommodation of any Ukrainian refugees wishing to remain in Edinburgh.”

Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Emergency Motion by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Cancellation of the City of Edinburgh Council 3 August Meeting

Notes the calendar of Full Council meetings has meant two meetings are now scheduled for August, on the 3rd and the 31st.

Notes that Group Leaders and Executive Directors have been engaged with and no conflicts in reports have been identified.

Therefore, agrees to cancel the Council Meeting on 3 August 2023.

Asks officers to consider these conflicts in planning for future Council meeting planners.

Moved by: Councillor Robert Aldridge

Seconded by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Emergency Motion by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

22 June 2023

Water Scarcity

Council:

1. Notes with concern SEPA's water scarcity report which was re-issued on 15th June 2023 describing the Loch Maree area as in a "Significant Water Scarcity situation" putting large swathes of Southwest and Central Scotland in "Moderate Water Scarcity" and the City of Edinburgh on "Alert" level
2. Recognises that continued hot weather over the Summer will exacerbate the issue and that SEPA are warning that, without recovery in river levels, the situation will escalate as several additional areas will see "Significant Water Scarcity" in the coming weeks, and there will be a heightened risk of severe long-lasting ecological impacts if the situation continues for more than 30 days
3. Recognises that extreme weather and drought is a direct consequence of the climate and nature emergencies and therefore reaffirms the Council's commitment to tackling these dual crises as a priority in all of its work
4. Welcomes the ongoing work of officers in developing Edinburgh's climate adaptation plan, and stresses the importance of adopting a climate justice approach in this, recognising that the impacts of extreme weather and other consequences of the climate and nature emergencies will affect different demographics differently and the Council's climate adaptation planning ought to be cognisant of this fact
5. Requests that the Council amplifies messaging from SEPA around water scarcity, how residents can help to save water to reduce the risk of drought, and how residents can stay safe during periods of extreme heat / drought through its various communications channels this Summer
6. Requests that a short update about the activity undertaken to meet 5) is outlined in the Business Bulletin of the next Policy & Sustainability committee, including evidencing how this embraced a climate justice approach in line with 4)

Moved by: Councillor Parker

Seconded by:

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