

Motions and Amendments

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

10.00 am Tuesday, 8th August, 2023

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 6.1 – Business Bulletin

Committee

Deletes:

Recommendation to pause the scheme in the interim from Paragraph 6 on Page 9 of the Business Bulletin.

Adds:

Committee requests that the 'Door Entry Systems in Minority Blocks' is not paused until the report requested in October, and figures on said report are updated to reflect that.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Seconded by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.2 - Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan – Annual Update on Progress

Adds:

- 1.1.4: Notes the high proportion individuals assessed as homeless reporting mental health challenges and welcomes the developing link of social work into the Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) as well as the 'Psychology for Hostels' pilot. Requests exploration of embedding of a social work officer and/or psychologist into the MDT expansion to RSL (once possible as per 2.8.6), Homelessness to Home, and PRS teams respectively, to the service's discretion.
- 1.1.5: Notes the impact that homelessness has on vulnerable individuals with potentially limited agency such as young people under 17, care-experienced people, and individuals with disabilities outlined in the Equality Act; together with parents, guardians, and carers, and as such requests that additional data is collected under 'Support Needs' for next year's update to include 'Responsible for Dependant'.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Seconded by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Amendment by the Green Group Motion

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Item 7.4 - UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update

Deletes 1.1.3 and replaces with:

- 1.1.3 Notes that the information provided about projects proposed to receive additional funding does not include any rationale about why projects have been proposed for this, nor about their relative success / performance against targets to date
- 1.1.4 Requests that additional information about the projects proposed for additional funding is shared before a decision to award additional funding is made
- 1.1.5 Requests that this information includes: what percentage of total project spend the additional funding represents; a brief description of the performance of projects to date, including how they are currently meeting targets; a brief description of what additional benefits will be realised as a result of the additional funding

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.6 - Mapping of Existing Provision and Stage 1 NOLB Co-Production

Adds:

1.2 Committee believes that disadvantaged young people from all SIMD deciles have a right to access NOLB support, and while focus (as defined in section 4.4.2) is on SIMD areas 1 and 2, agrees that SIMD area alone should not be used as the only measure to justify support to a young person.

Moved by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Seconded by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 9.1 - Motion by Councillor Meagher - Family and Household Support

Adds at the end:

Recognises that this will be the first report the Committee receives on Family and Household Support and therefore requests the report includes a general overview of the service, including information about:

- The size and structure of the team, and details of any internal / external partnerships
- What budget is attached to the work, including detail about funding streams
- What data is collected within Family and Household Support in cases of anti-social behaviour, and how this data is routinely shared with and used by the housing service to support tenants / promote tenancy sustainment
- How trauma informed working is promoted in the team, including how the team support both victims and perpetrators of anti-social behaviour within the housing service

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.2 - Motion by Councillor Caldwell - Geographic spread of Council Housing in SHIP, Acquisitions & Disposals

Deletes 4) and replaces with:

- 4) That whilst the Council currently relies on Private Sector Leasing (PSL) and Mid-Market Rental (MMR) properties to fulfil its statutory obligations in terms of housing and homelessness, the long-term ambition of the Council should be to reduce this reliance and drastically increase the number of socially rented homes with genuinely affordable tenancies, and not to facilitate growth in an already bloated private sector market through PSL, or to prioritise provision of MMR properties which are still unaffordable and restrictive for many people.

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker

Seconded by: Councillor Susan Rae

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 9.2 - Motion by Councillor Caldwell - Geographic spread of Council Housing in SHIP, Acquisitions & Disposals

Deletes paragraphs 1 to 4 and replaces with:

Notes:

1. That geographic location of Council owned HRA properties is subject to a complex mix of historic variables and is never likely to be evenly spread particularly where this is assessed by Council Wards which are subject to regular boundary changes over time.
2. That Council housing is only one element of social housing provision and often RSLs can provide more appropriate and locally focussed provision for specific neighbourhoods such as through housing cooperatives.
3. That PSL, HA and MMR have a key role to play in Edinburgh's Housing mix and should not be disadvantaged for investment compared to Council owned property.

Agrees paragraphs 5 and 6 from the motion, renumbering as 4 and 5 and adds a new paragraph 6 as follows:

6. Agrees that this information is meaningless unless presented alongside wider data on the location of current tenancies across affordable housing tenures and the relative levels of turnover within these and that any Report or Business Bulletin item should provide comprehensive information in this regard.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Graeme Bruce

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