

Motions and Amendments

Culture and Communities Committee

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Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.3 - Response to Motion by Councillor Heap – Concessionary Tickets Scheme for Cultural Events

Committee

1.1.5 Agrees to provide a further update to Committee within a year on any progress made on
1.1.4

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Amendment by the Green Group

Culture and Communities Committee

10 August 2023

Item 7.3 Response to motion by Councillor Heap – Concessionary Ticket Schemes for Cultural Events

Committee notes that

1. The report has found good free and reduced cost access to cultural events in the city
2. But opportunities for free and reduced access to events is not always known about by those who may benefit most
3. Free and reduce cost access to cultural events is important to tackling poverty in the city

Committee therefore requests that:

1. Officers produce and advertise a webpage which signposts to sources of free and reduced cost access to cultural events in the city, or
2. Report back to the Committee should this not prove possible

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Addendum by The SNP Group

Culture and Communities Committee

10 August 2023

Item 7.4 - Response to Motion by Councillor McFarlane – Save The Filmhouse

Adds: 1.2 Recognises and commends the tremendous achievements and determination thus far of the new charity Filmhouse Edinburgh in reaching this stage in negotiations, restating our support for them in their endeavours.

1.3 Thanks Council Officers for their continued hard work and efforts.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Addendum by The SNP Group

Culture and Communities Committee

10 August 2023

Item 7.5 - Response to Motion by Councillor Campbell – Lifelong Learning Review

Notes the report states at 5.1: "detailed transition plans have been developed and are being implemented to ensure effective handover of responsibilities". Therefore, agrees that the transition plans should be shared with the committee, local elected members and management committees detailing how continuity can be maintained for existing services and groups ensuring that there are no gaps in service.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.5 - Response to Motion by Councillor Campbell – Lifelong Learning Review

Committee adds under Recommendations;

1.2 Requests a further update, by way of a briefing note circulated to all councillors, detailing to which executive committees each of the new service areas (listed at 4.3) reports, and a named lead officer for each.

Moved by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Addendum by The SNP Group

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Item 7.6 - Meadows Jawbone Arch Conservation Project

Adds: 1.1.3.1 Agrees to contact The Collective, Edinburgh's Centre for Contemporary Art who may be well placed to organise a commission using the Jawbone as a medium, and notes that this could perhaps provide a rare opportunity for an artist to respond to Edinburgh's whaling heritage and modern concerns of conservation of endangered species in a new public artwork.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Amendment by the Green Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.6 Meadows Jawbone Arch Conservation Project

Committee agrees that:

1. The Jawbone Arch is a longstanding, much-loved landmark in Edinburgh
2. Should preservation, in-situ, not be possible, then the optimal outcomes are
 - a. As full as preservation of the Arch as possible, on view to the public in a different place, and,
 - b. A replica to be made and located in place of the Arch

Committee therefore approves the recommendations of the report with the following amendments:

- Delete 1.1.2
- From 1.1.3, delete from “until” to end
- Delete 1.1.4
- Insert new point “Requests a report to Culture and Communities Committee recommending a way forward at the conclusion of the processes outlined in 1.1.3 and 1.1.5”
- Renumber accordingly

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Amendment by The SNP Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.8 - Response to motion by Councillor O'Neill - Edinburgh's Monuments and Commemoration

Replace 1.1.1 with: Note the options presented to develop a Public Art Strategy (to encompass public art, monuments and commemorations) for the city; and agrees that this Strategy should also aim to incorporate a mechanism to support local businesses, community groups and participatory community art projects to navigate the permissions, considerations and process should they express an interest in installing public realm works such as murals

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

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Adds at end 1.1.2

in addition to what is set out in 5.1.4 regular updates will be provided in the Culture and Communities Business Bulletin

Adds at end 1.1.4

Will be provided to the Culture and Communities Committee

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.8 - Response to motion by Councillor O'Neill – Edinburgh's Monuments and Commemoration

Removes 1.1.2 and replaces to read:

1.1.2 Agrees to continue the decision for one cycle to allow for more detail to be provided on Section 6, including estimated costs, and officer numbers and time required, for a best-value and better-informed decision.

Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell
Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Amendment by The SNP Group

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Item 8.1 - Edinburgh's Winter Festivals – Update on Procurement

Replaces 1.1.1 with: Regrets the lack of political support from the Administration parties for the SNP's proposal for a joint venture which would have maximised public control and minimised public cost. Agree to the specification for the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas and Edinburgh's Hogmanay in Appendix 1 with the following additions to the specifications:

- 1.1.1 a) Replaces 2.13. with: "The Contractor must deliver a programme of events (especially for Edinburgh's Christmas) within the city centre and reaching into fourteen local town centres and communities outwith the city centre, where possible aligned to public transport and active travel routes. Noting the permanent cultural infrastructure that supports Edinburgh's global reputation year-round, engagement and opportunities for collaboration with Edinburgh's community theatres and community centres eg: Leith Theatre and Whale Arts should be sought".
- 1.1.1 b) Adds "2.14.10 Wester Hailes, 2.14.11 Niddrie, 2.14.12 Saughton, 2.14.13 Granton and 2.14.14 Queensferry" to the list of Town Centres for consideration; amending "nine" to "fourteen".
- 1.1.1 c) Further adds to 3.1.18 Where possible The Contractor must aim to reduce or eliminate single-use plastic usage across their sites."

Replaces 1.1.4 with: Agree on the recommended contract term of three years plus up to two optional extension years including break clauses; and in doing so, agree that there shall be engagement / a review before and after each year with key stakeholders inclusive of the primary affected residential community councils: Old Town Community Council, West End Community Council, New Town Broughton Community Council, Tollcross Community Council.

Adds: 1.1.5.1 Note that if we are in a situation where break clauses have to be implemented, due to a failure on the act of The Contractor, the tender process will have been shown yet again to be unsatisfactory and not fit for purpose, falling below the expectations of Edinburgh's residents. Therefore requests that in the meantime, officers explore and develop the SNP's proposals for a joint venture model, which could enable the Council to work in tandem as an equal partner delivering Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay in a way that truly reflects the outcome of the consultation ran in the previous administration.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Committee

Insert a new 1.1.4 after existing 1.1.3 (re-numbering accordingly):

1.1.4 Requests a report prior to commencement of the Prime Contractor procurement (or within one cycle thereafter), on mechanisms managing persistent and/or serious non-performance against KPIs, to include development of a remedial plan at the time, supported by termination rights if not duly delivered.

Insert at end of existing 1.1.4 (re-numbered as 1.1.5)

“subject to agreed adjustment of subsidy levels for extension years in light of what is to be delivered, bearing in mind levels of committed investment already made in Years 1 to 3.

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.1 Edinburgh's Winter Festivals – Update on Procurement

A Contract Extension

Committee notes that:

- Scrutiny of award of a contract extension would be beneficial

Committee therefore approves 1.1.4 of the report with the following amendment:

- Proposals to extend then contract beyond 3 years should be subject to approval by Culture and Communities Committee.

B Climate, Nature and Environment

Committee notes that:

1. The Specification asks prospective providers to support the Council in its delivery of the 2020 Sustainability Strategy, which appears to be an outdated strategy over 10 years old.
2. With footfall into the millions, the climate, nature and environmental impact of the Winter Festivals is significant.
3. That prospective bidders may not have sufficient internal expertise related to dealing with the climate, nature and environment aspects of the delivery of the Winter Festivals

Committee therefore approves 1.1.1 of the report with the following amendment

1. Officers refresh the reference documentation in the Environment section to ensure it fully incorporates all relevant current Council strategies related to climate, nature and environment
2. Officers provide more guidance on how the Winter Festivals can support the Council's aims to tackle climate change in the city and protect nature and the environment in the city.
3. Officers adjust the Specification to require annual reporting on the climate, nature and environmental impact of the previous year's festivals (the first year excepted)

and what the provider is planning to do in the next year (the last year excepted) to tackle climate change and protect nature and the environment.

C Diesel Generators

Committee notes that:

1. Diesel generators are widely used at Festivals in the city
2. Diesel generators are incompatible with the City's climate ambitions
3. That the current specification instructs bidders to "prioritise power sources that do not rely on diesel generators" and specifies an associated KPI, but offers no clear incentives to prioritise alternative power sources.

Committee therefore approves 1.1.1 of the report with the following amendments:

1. In the Draft Specification, Section 2.18, insert new sentence at end: "The Contractor must provide regular updates on how it is seeking to reduce diesel generator use."

D Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Committee notes:

1. The climate, nature and environmental impact of the Winter Festivals is significant.
2. There are KPIs related to recycling, local sourcing of food, diesel generators and tree protection, but a more comprehensive set of environmental KPIs would be important to ensure the Winter Festivals are sustainable and tackle climate change.

Committee therefore approves 1.1.2 of the report with the following amendments

1. Officers investigate whether it would be possible to set annual increases in the first four KPIs in the Sustainability section, and edit the KPIs accordingly should this be possible
2. Officers consider adding KPIs on:
 - a. Sustainable water management
 - b. Use of renewable energy-powered generators
 - c. Sustainable freight arrangements for goods and equipment delivered to the Festivals' venues
 - d. Availability of plant-based food

E In-Housing specific elements of the Winter Festivals

Committee notes:

1. That Officers do not complete believe complete in-housed delivery is possible at present but notes also the intention in 5.5-5.10 of the report to examine in-housing of the Festivals, subjecting to funding of posts to conduct this work.
2. That it may be possible to in-house specific elements of the Festivals for some of the proposed contract period

Committee therefore agrees 1.1.4 of the report with the following amendment:

1. Committee requests that Officers urgently examine what scope there is for in-housing specific elements of the Winter Festivals ahead of extension of the contract, with officers reporting back to the Culture and Communities Committee on this issue well ahead of the time for the contract extension

F Real Living Wage

Committee notes that:

1. The Real Living Wage, as defined by the Living Wage Foundation, is based on the cost of living and is an essential tool for social justice and equality
2. The City of Edinburgh Council is committed to the Real Living Wage (RLW)
3. Notes that although Officers will rule out from further consideration any provider who indicates when asked that they are not willing to pay the Real Living Wage, there is still no clear requirement in the Specification for the successful contractor to pay the RLW.
4. Ongoing checks that the RLW is being paid are desirable.

Committee therefore approves 1.1.1 of the report with the following amendments:

1. In the Draft Specification, Section 2.1, delete "demonstrate commitment to ensuring" and insert "Ensure" and "insert after "employed for the Winter Festival", "including by any subcontractors working at the Festival"
2. Insert at bottom of second column of first row in table of Specification Appendix 2 "Percentage of staff being paid the Real Living Wage"
3. Insert at bottom of third column of first row in table of Specification Appendix 2 "100%"

G Community Benefits

Committee notes:

1. That Community Benefits provided under previous iterations of the Winter Festivals have been variable in quality and appropriateness.

Committee therefore approves the report with the following amendment:

1. Officers should ensure that the Community Benefits delivered are:
 - a. Appropriate to the length of the contract and size of the Festivals
 - b. Promote access to the Festivals, especially for groups who might be excluded
 - c. Supportive of the Council's values

H Free and Discounted Access to Hogmanay Event

Committee notes:

1. That discounted tickets to the Hogmanay event have historically been available to people living in EH postcodes, but is not referenced in the Specification
2. Notes that only 100 free tickets were available for 2022/3 Hogmanay event, which sold 30,000 tickets

Committee therefore approves 1.1.1 of report with the following amendment:

1. Officers add a requirement for discounted Hogmanay tickets to the Specification
2. Officers add a requirement for an appropriate number of free tickets to be provided

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

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Item 8.2 - Parks and Greenspace Investment Update

Committee adds under Recommendations;

1.2 Requests a briefing note be circulated to committee members detailing the countryside improvement projects referenced at 5.3 and how they fit in with the Thriving Greenspace and Biodiversity strategies.

1.3 Notes the update at 4.4 regarding the Water of Leith pathway and requests a further update in the business bulletin detailing the current accessibility of the Water of Leith pathway, and what necessary work remains outstanding.

Moved by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler

Amendment by The SNP Group

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Item 9.2 - Motion By Councillor Osler – Fire Service

Replaces points 1 2 and 3 with:

Committee celebrates the year-round work of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in keeping our communities safe and thanks them for their service. However Committee notes with concern:

- 1) That the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) plan to remove the height rescue appliance (turntable ladder) from Crewe Toll Fire Station.
- 2) That this service change will leave the North West area of Edinburgh with no height rescue appliance even though this is needed to perform safe firefighting and rescues from buildings above 4 floors in height. Further acknowledges that Crewe Toll and surrounding areas including proposed development at Granton Waterfront feature many buildings of over four stories.
- 3) That this will leave only two height rescue appliances in place to service the vast geographical areas of Edinburgh, West Lothian and the Scottish Borders.
- 4) Notes that removing the appliance from Crewe Toll is not backed by the Fire Brigade Union due to concerns for public safety.

Moved by Councillor Vicky Nicolson

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.6 - Motion by Councillor Parker – Grass Cutting Standards

Adds before point a) in section 4);

a) update Committee on the progress of the Living Landscapes initiative against the strategic objectives, measures of success and work programme outlined in the report to Transport and Environment Committee in June 2014 which decided to adopt the initiative.

Moved by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Councillor Hal Osler