

# Motions and Amendments

## Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 17th August, 2023

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

### Motions and Amendments

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## Addendum by the SNP Group

### Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 7.1 – Petition for Consideration: Petition to the CEC Transport and Environment Committee regarding East London Street

Adds:

Committee:

- 1.2.1 Notes that to-date 174 signatures have been received in support of the residents of East London Street's concerns.
- 1.2.2 Understands that East London Street is a residential, setted street on the edge of the World Heritage Site that has for the duration of the Trams To Newhaven works been used as a traffic diversion for the rest of Leith Walk. In practice, this has meant years of heavy vehicle usage which has led to a severe deterioration of the setts.
- 1.2.3 Further understands that properties in the area are primarily single glazed due to heritage restrictions and therefore the noise from motor vehicle traffic can be excessive, to the extent that residents have been unable to sleep or use rooms that face into the street due to the noise disruption.
- 1.2.4 Accepts that the road condition further exacerbates this issue due to reverberation and bangs caused by the road surface, and regrets that with the pace of works in current CEC Setted Street Policy it is unlikely to be resurfaced for some time, without an intervention of the council.

Therefore Committee:

- 2.1 Agrees for an updated traffic volume and speed survey to be undertaken on East London Street to provide an accurate summary of daytime and nighttime traffic levels.
- 2.2 Agrees for atmospheric pollution monitoring on East London Street.

- 2.3 Agrees for the Transport and Environment Convenor to engage with Lothian Buses to explore options for reducing the number of off-service buses further than the reductions achieved thus far.
- 2.4 Agrees for a further report to seek clarification on the Trams to Newhaven Projects responsibility for reinstatements and other possible routes to fund capital works to fix the sets on East London Street, including the estimated costs for work on this street. This should also explore the option of matching London Street, retaining the setts in car parking spaces but tarmacking the central carriageway and the possibility of exploring appropriate traffic calming measures. If possible, this should be brought to Transport and Environment Committee in time to coincide with the revisited Setted Streets Policy.

**Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

**Seconded by: Councillor Danny Aston**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 7.2 – Petition for Consideration: Petition to the CEC Transport and Environment Committee Gorgie Needs a Public Toilet

Adds:

- 1.2.1 Notes that to facilitate the development of the Haymarket Yards, the Council sold the land on which the public conveniences at Morrison Street sat to the developer and a burden was put on the title that any development on this land would provide replacement public conveniences; this was not just a contractual agreement but forms a burden registered in the Land Register of Scotland against the land; such a burden will be made known to a prospective purchaser at the time of sale via a property search.
- 1.2.2 Notes that to-date this burden has not been enforced and therefore requests that legal advice is taken to update committee on potential options as this may provide a means for reintroducing public conveniences in the area.
- 1.3.1 Understands that the Council owns little or no commercial property in the central area of Gorgie-Dalry, where the public toilets previously were on Ardmillan Terrace, other than Gorgie City Farm, and notes that Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations Council (EVOC) is currently managing a process to find a sustainable community-led future for the Farm.
- 1.3.2 Agrees that officers will explore with EVOC whether provision of publicly available and accessible toilet facilities can be included in that sustainable future and whether provision of it could form a requirement of a future lease agreement.
- 1.3.3 Agrees that officers will also explore other potentially suitable sites and seek to identify capital funding for a new public toilet building as part of the emerging Gorgie-Dalry 20 minute neighbourhood project.2.3 Agrees for the Transport and Environment Convenor to engage with Lothian Buses to explore options for reducing the number of off-service buses further than the reductions achieved thus far.

2.4 Agrees for a further report to seek clarification on the Trams to Newhaven Projects responsibility for reinstatements and other possible routes to fund capital works to fix the sets on East London Street, including the estimated costs for work on this street. This should also explore the option of matching London Street, retaining the setts in car parking spaces but tarmacking the central carriageway and the possibility of exploring appropriate traffic calming measures. If possible, this should be brought to Transport and Environment Committee in time to coincide with the revisited Setted Streets Policy.

**Moved by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin**

**Seconded by: Councillor Danny Aston**

# Addendum by the Administration

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.1 – Response to motion by Councillor Macinnes - Travelling Safely – Braid Road and Comiston Road

Notes the data relating to the reopening of Braid Road without further consulting local residents regarding the implications; welcomes that the community will now be presented with viable options to protect and improve the aims of the Quiet Route whilst dealing with some of its negative consequences.

Notes that traffic has not been removed from Waverley Bridge.

Requests an update before the end of 2023 on the likely delivery schedule of the:

- (1) Waverley/Calton Catalyst Area Project
- (2) Waverley Station Masterplan
- (3) Waterloo Place tour bus trial (all noted in Appendix 5).

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.1 – Response to motion by Councillor Macinnes - Travelling Safely – Braid Road and Comiston Road

After 1.1 / 1.1.4 insert:

- 1.1.5 That the ‘redesign’ and ‘adjustments’ mentioned in 5.3 should have climate and accessibility in mind; noting the agreed target for Edinburgh to become a net zero city by 2030 and the key role active travel and modal shift must play as part of this, and for the need for projects Council and city-wide to reiterate our goals of inclusion and climate justice as outlined in the Business Plan.
- 1.1.6 That the monitoring shows how “traffic on Comiston Road has not decreased in proportion to the increases observed on Braid Road and Hermitage Drive following the reopening of Braid Road to northbound traffic”, exemplifying the theory of induced demand and suggesting that the reopening of roads to (vehicular) through traffic as part of any scheme redesign may lead to an increase in road traffic overall, undermining the objectives of the scheme as set out in 1.1.5

**Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O’Neill**

**Seconded by: Councillor Jule Bandel**



# Addendum by the Green Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.2 – Response to motion by Councillor Bandel – Mobility Analysis

- 1.2 Welcomes, in particular, the opportunities the Smart Cities initiatives present for the implementation of new pedestrian, cycle, and bus priority strategies.
- 1.3 Requests a Business Bulletin Update by March 2024 on any progress made in developing these strategies.

**Moved by: Councillor Jule Bandel**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.3 – Response to motion by Cllr Cowdy – Better Buses for Ratho

Adds:

1.2.1 Requests ongoing updates to each Transport and Environment Committee via the Business Bulletin on current arrangements in Ratho and ongoing work to review, improve and retender.

1.2.2 Reiterates the direction given in the motion approved as amended at the 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 committee, namely:

- that a PIN notice is issued to explore alternative provision prior to any formal procurement process, including examining whether input from officers with expertise in procurement can be utilised;
- and that officers explore opportunities linking to local businesses and organisations, including RBS, Lost Shore and the Council-owned Edinburgh International Climbing Arena.

1.2.3 Further requests that full use is made of the large amount of valuable work that has been done by the Ratho Bus Working Group, which includes analysis of all supported bus routes operated by McGills (20, 63 and 68), in producing this procurement process.

**Moved by: Councillor Danny Aston**

**Seconded by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.3 – Response to motion by Cllr Cowdy – Better Buses for Ratho

Committee adds:

1.2 notes the review and retendering process for existing and any new supported services is envisaged to be complete by the end of 2023, with an award of new contacts in January 2024; recognises the importance of adhering to this timeframe given the ongoing concerns over supported services; and agrees that officers should inform the committee and relevant ward councillors at the earliest possible stage if this timetable will not be achieved.

**Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.3 – Response to motion by Councillor Cowdy – Better Buses for Ratho

- 1.2 Agrees that the outcomes of the review of supported bus services should promote accessibility and social inclusion, for example by providing access to health services, employment, leisure and shopping for older people, disabled people, and those from areas of social deprivation and high unemployment.
- 1.3 Asks that any framework used to inform recommendations for tender and the development of alternative route and service options should include equalities criteria that support the aims above.

**Moved by: Councillor Jule Bandel**

**Seconded by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 8.3 – Response to motion by Councillor Cowdy - Better Buses for Ratho

Adds:

2. Committee is disappointed at the slow pace of delivering on the actions set out in the Motion approved in May, particularly:

- Identifying and providing a suitable solution for the residents of Ratho.
- Arranging meetings with i) RBS Gogar and ii) McGill's, composed of the Ratho Bus Work Group, council officers, Pentland Hills ward councillors, and the Transport and Environment Committee Convener.

3. Committee requests regular Business Bulletin updates at future Committee meetings with the next one outlining delivery milestones.

**Moved by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro**

# Addendum by the Administration

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor O'Neill - Reinforcing the Equal Pavements Pledge

Adds:

7. Notes that the Edinburgh Accessibility Commission will set its own terms of reference.
8. Requests a brief update before the end of 2023 on the 'Equal Pavements Pledge' and 'Street Furniture' motions noted in Point 1.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

# Amendment by the Administration

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 9.3 – Motion by Councillor Bandel - Staff Resourcing for the City Mobility Plan

Replace Point 1 with:

1. Notes that the Transport and Environment Committee changed from bi-monthly to monthly meetings as agreed by a majority of Councillors at the City of Edinburgh Council meeting in December 2022, and that this generated additional workload for Council Officers. Notes that many of the reports coming to the Transport and Environment Committee are the result of motions from Committee members or from full Council (4 of the 7 reports this month), and the remit receives several written questions at each Full Council. Notes that these incremental pressures have exacerbated the impact of years of cuts forced on Edinburgh.

Replace Point 4 with:

4. Further regrets the unacceptable negative impact on staff wellbeing across the council the lack of resourcing has been causing over many years, and therefore welcomes the work of Trade Unions to raise concerns about this aspect of the underfunding of Local Authorities in Scotland.

Add:

6. Asks that any such delays noted in Point 3 are quantified in the briefing requested in Point 5.
7. Asks that the briefing covers staffing in all of the Transport Environment Committee remit and explains how the profile has changed since 2017.

**Moved by:**

**Seconded by:**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Transport and Environment Committee

17 August 2023

### Item 9.3 – Motion by Cllr Bandel - Staff Resourcing for the City Mobility Plan

#### Committee

- In paragraph 1, delete “2023” and insert “2022”.
- In paragraph 2, after “staffing”, insert:

“, a situation impacted by the ongoing cuts forced on the Council by the SNP / Green coalition government”.

- inserts new paragraph 5 and renumbers accordingly:

5. regrets that, at the time of the approval of the City Mobility Plan in 2021, a majority of councillors on the committee voted against an amendment seeking “the broad estimated financial requirements and resource implications” of the Plan, and recognises how this information would have been useful from an early stage.

- In current paragraph 5 (new paragraph 6);
  - a) delete “investment in staffing” and insert “broad additional operational and capital investment”.
  - b) delete “October” and insert “by the end of 2023”.
  - c) delete “how roles should be prioritised”, and insert, “the estimated additional human resource required”.

**Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang**

**Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie**