

# Motions and Amendments

## City of Edinburgh Council

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### Motions and Amendments

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## Motion by the Administration

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

**Item 6.1 – Appointments**

Council:

Appoints Councillor James Dagleish to the Short Term Lets Working Group

**Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day**

**Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt**

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 7.1 – Response to Motion – Cooperative Councils

Amends 1.1.4 to read:

- Deletes “Agree that once the Council has joined...”  
and replace with” Agree that should the Council join...”

And adds: 1.1.5

Agree that prior to the Council’s budget being set, officers include a summary of the benefits that flowed to the Council and therefore on to the citizens of Edinburgh when the Council was a paid member.

**Moved by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin**

**Seconded by: Councillor Danny Aston**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

## **Item 7.1 – Response to Motion – Cooperative Councils**

Council:

Agrees recommendations 1.1.1 to 1.1.3

Rewords recommendation 1.1.4 to read:

“Agrees that should the Council join the CCIN following the 2024 budget process officers will respond to the additional issues raised in the motion approved by Council in August 2023.”

**Moved by: Cllr Iain Whyte**  
**Seconded by: Cllr Phil Duggart**

# Amendment by the Administration

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

**Item 7.3 – Millerhill Energy from Waste Plant Heat  
Offtake Unit**

Delete recommendation 1.1.5 and replace with:

“Refers the report to the next Finance and Resources Committee and delegates the decision on the increase in prudential borrowing to that Committee.”

**Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Scott Arthur**

# Amendment by the Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 7.3 – Millerhill Energy from Waste Planet Heat Offtake Unit

Deletes 1.1.5 onwards and replaces with:

1.1.5 Notes that Policy & Sustainability committee will consider the Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in December 2023, and that this will be a key document which sets out the detail of the strategic context of provision of heat networks across the city.

1.1.6 Notes that, in October 2023, Policy & Sustainability committee agreed that there is a need for the Council to develop a clear financial strategy to finance actions to deliver net zero within the Council, and considers that approval of additional, ad hoc borrowing to finance the project at Millerhill with no information received about its strategic importance or how this additional borrowing might impact upon the Council's ability to borrow for other projects, does not represent a strategic approach.

1.1.7 Therefore, agrees to defer the decision until the next Finance & Resources committee after December's Policy & Sustainability committee where the LHEES is considered, and requests that the report is updated to include information about linkages from this spending proposal to the LHEES and wider picture of the Council's borrowing plans / 'spend to save' proposals to deliver net zero.

1.1.8 Notes that Midlothian Council are also being asked to approve their share of the additional costs (20%).

**Moved by: Cllr Ben Parker**

**Seconded by:**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

## **Item 7.3 – Millerhill Energy from Waste Plant Heat Offtake Unit**

Adds after point 1.1.6

- 1.1.7 That a report is provided to GRBV to allow scrutiny of the increase in costs to date and that reports on the future progress of this project are made to GRBV every six months.

**Moved by: Councillor Jo Mowat**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Phil Doggart**



# Amendment by the SNP & Green Groups

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 7.4 – Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 - Month Three Report - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

Replaces point 15 of the suggested recommendations from the Finance and Resources Committee with:

- 15.1.1 Agrees to immediately allocate £10.177m of the 22/23 underspend to the EIJB to meet immediate pressures as well as the actions and distribution contained in the report. Notes the acting Director confirmed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October that this would mean the EIJB would not trigger the complete recovery plan, as currently outlined and that any residual budget gap within services would be looked at "quite differently" to the proposed service reductions outlined in the recovery plan. Recognises that decisions about the nature of any consequent service reduction/changes would be the responsibility of the EIJB board.
- 15.1.2 However noting this leaves a relatively small projected overspend, requests that officers include consideration of this in the ongoing financial monitoring reports to confirm any additional corporate actions, including additional financial help, that could be given to the EIJB if this projected gap remains as the financial year progresses to ensure service provision is protected.
- 15.1.3 Notes that conversations are ongoing with the NHS about their financial contributions to the EIJB deficit and therefore approves use of up to £4m in additional funding in principle from unallocated reserves throughout the 23/24 financial year to meet vital service delivery should this be required.
- 15.2 Agrees that the remaining underspend should be allocated as:
  - 15.2.1 £1.9m to repeat the 2022/23 cost of living direct payment for every child in the city in receipt of free school meals and school clothing grant, at the sum of £200;
  - 15.2.2 £1m to reintroduce payments through the Tenant Grant Fund, providing direct payments to individuals and families who are in rent arrears and at risk of homelessness or eviction;
  - 15.2.3 £473k to Edinburgh Leisure as a one-off additional payment to cover the immediate implementation of the living wage for workers for this financial year;
  - 15.2.4 £150k to reinstate the Council's Education Welfare Officers and reversing the cuts to this service, and reinstating this service, noting that the report recognises that any 'savings' found from this cut have now been reduced by £250k.

**Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alys Mumford**

# Addendum by Councillor McKenzie

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

**Item 7.4 – Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 – month  
three report**

Agrees the position reached at the Special Meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee on 23 October 2023, with the addition of an allocation of £150k from reserves to reinstate the Council's Education Welfare Service, reversing the cuts to the service and ensuring there are no job losses in this service.

**Moved by: Councillor Ross McKenzie**

**Seconded by:**

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 7.5 – Forth Green Freeport – Outline Business Case - referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

Deletes points 3 and 4 and replaces with below, remembering accordingly:

3. Notes that members have not had the opportunity to view the full outline business case and therefore cannot agree to support the business case at this time due to the amount of unanswered questions and missing information.
4. Agrees that when the full business case comes in front of councillors for final approval, it must be available in full for members to read two weeks ahead of any committee or council meeting.
5. Agrees that the full business case must include detailed criteria that investors must meet to prove that they are aligned to the fair work and sustainability objectives.
6. Further agree, there must be clear KPIs and performance monitoring in place that go beyond annual self-assessment, and these should be reported in the final business case.
7. Agrees that there should be trade union representative and an employee representative on the Freeport Board.

**Moved by: Councillor Adam Nols-McVey**

**Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan**

# Amendment by the Green group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 7.5 – Forth Green Freeport

At 1.1.1 deletes “Forth Green Freeport” and replaces with “Forth ‘Green’ Freeport”

Deletes 1.1.3 and replaces with: “Notes that the Outline Business Case (OBC) will be submitted, based on the parameters set out in these recommendations, report and Executive Summary (Appendix 1), and subject to the full OBC being circulated to all Committee members prior to submission to ensure compliance with the terms of this report; and”

Adds 1.1.5:

Requests a specific paper on the proposals relating to Non-Domestic Rates to be brought to the next Finance & Resources Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> November, and that an officer briefing session arranged before November 17th to enable Councillors to contribute in more depth before submission of the OBC;

**Moved by: Cllr Ben Parker**

**Seconded by: Cllr Alys Mumford**

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 8.1 – Motion by Councillor Davidson - Sexual Health Services in Edinburgh

Amends point 5 to read:

Agrees that failing to provide service requests for up to 89% of patients requesting them represents serious service failure, a risk to public health and a failure to resource cheaper, preventative healthcare which will lead to higher-cost crisis care for more residents in Edinburgh. Therefore, requests the EIJB and NHS Lothian prioritise resources to meet demand for testing, as other health boards in major cities have done.

Adds:

7. Agrees that Edinburgh's EIJB has retained oversight of sexual health services delivered within Edinburgh despite any changes to the NHS structure of service provision. Therefore, requests the EIJB to consider directing the NHS to invest in preventative care which will support residents more effectively and save precious resources by avoiding increased crisis care and treatment costs to more residents.

**Moved by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

# Addendum by the Green group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

## **Item 8.1 – Motion by Councillor Davidson - Sexual Health Services in Edinburgh**

Adds:

6.1 Requests that this note includes information on how disabled people are supported by LSRHS including assistive equipment such as hoists, information in alternative formats, and staff training on disability and sexuality.

**Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford**

**Seconded by:**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 8.3 – Motion by Councillor Watt - 16 Days of Action on Gender-based Violence

Council

1) Insert after the first paragraph:

'Understands that Gender Based Violence affects people of all genders.

Notes that the Four Principles of the Equally Safe Strategy are:

- i. Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect, and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls
- ii. Women and girls thrive as equal citizens – socially, culturally, economically and politically
- iii. Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people
- iv. Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls, and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.'

2) Insert after final paragraph:

'Requests a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in three cycles detailing the results of the event and collating what work is being done across the Council'

**Moved by:** Cllr Fiona Bennett

**Seconded by:** Cllr Lewis Younie



# Amendment by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

**Item 8.3 – Motion by Councillor Watt – 16 Days of Action on Gender-based violence**

Changes “two” to “one” in the final paragraph.

**Moved by:** Cllr Jo Mowat  
**Seconded by:** Cllr Jason Rust

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Full Council

2 November 2023

## Item 8.4 – Motion by Councillor Meagher - Housing Emergency

- 1) Adds at the end of Section 1), point 2) after the words "... and family homes":  
**"Also notes the impact the lack of accessible homes has on other service areas within the Council, including Health and Social Care."**
- 2) Adds in Section 2) of the motion at paragraph 2) after the words "... and the Cyrenians":  
**", and Health and Social Care partners."**
- 3) Adds in Section 2 of the motion at paragraph 3) after the words "... through regular updates":  
**"and agrees that the structure and reporting schedule of this additional Plan will be discussed in a workshop environment with the Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work committee to ensure that the Action Plan does not duplicate existing strategies or reporting."**
- 4) Adds at the end of the current text:  
**"Additionally:**
  - a) Reaffirms that Edinburgh should be a safe and welcoming place for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.
  - b) Recognises that, owing to the climate crisis and war and conflict across the world, there will be an increase in the number of people seeking asylum, and that the UK has a moral duty to welcome people fleeing their homes.
  - c) Recognises that adequate resourcing needs to be in place within the Council to ensure that we can continue to support refugees and asylum seekers to find a safe home in the city.

- d) Understands that UK and Scottish Government policy regarding refugees and asylum seekers will impact on the number of homeless presentations the Council may experience, and that additional resources will be required to accommodate this.**
- e) Therefore, agrees that the needs of refugees and asylum seekers must be integrated in the Action Plan.**
- f) Also agrees that, in writing to the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, the housing minister, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, the Council Leader also asks that guaranteed resources are made available to accommodate the current unfunded consequences of UK / Scottish Government immigration and asylum policy and outlines the need for a coherent partnership approach to be taken to manage humanitarian programmes going forward.**

**Moved by: Cllr Ben Parker**

**Seconded by: Cllr Alys Mumford**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 8.4 – Motion by Councillor Meagher - Housing Emergency

Adds after point 3 (The increasing pressure within the private rental sector....)

4. That the rent cap within tenancies is exacerbating rent inflation for new private rental tenancies, as fewer properties are available with landlords leaving the sector due to increasing regulation and higher borrowing costs, the shortage of supply pushing up the market rate.
5. Additional pressures on the social and private rental sector from the increased demand in accommodating refugees from conflicts around the world, many of these conflicts becoming long term with refugees unable to return home and rightly seeking and being provided with permanent accommodation.
6. Increased demand from the removal of the local connection rules meaning that anyone homeless elsewhere in the UK can present themselves as homeless in Edinburgh.
7. The pressures on the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sector, with RSLs finding themselves unable to develop future housing due to the financial constraints of the rent cap and increasing interest rates, meaning that it is impossible for them to set out a rental business plan that would increase future rents in line with costs.

Moved by: Cllr Graeme Bruce

Seconded by: Cllr Iain Whyte

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 8.4 – Motion by Councillor Meagher - Housing Emergency

Agrees as well as the actions outlined above to address some of the issues the Council also needs to address significant issues including the 41% drop in the affordable home construction pipeline recorded in the last year, the Council's decision to remove £1.3 billion of investment from the Council House building programme as part of the 2023-24 Council budget and the 10% increase in empty Council properties under the last year with nearly 1,500 Council homes still empty that could have been used to house residents in need.

**Moved by: Councillor David Key**

**Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

2 November 2023

### Item 8.4 – Motion by Councillor Meagher - Housing Emergency

Council

Inserts after "existing actions."

- Notes that other RSL partners are experiencing difficulties, and Council expresses its concern at recent media reports that Harbour Homes (formerly Port of Leith Housing Association), which is a landlord of over 3,000 properties and partner of strategic importance, are halting new development and examining other ways to control costs due to rising costs and high rates of interest and inflation.
- Invites contributions from social and affordable housing associations and the Planning directorate to participate, as well as any relevant input from the Planning Convener, Housing Convener, and members of both committees.

Inserts after "the housing minister,"

- The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants Rights,

**Moved by: Cllr Jack Caldwell**

**Seconded by: Cllr Pauline Flannery**

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**2 November 2023**

## **Item 8.5 – Motion by Councillor O’Neill – Mobility Aid Donation**

Council:

At end of 6c), add:

“while recognising the sensitivity of the issue given the return of mobility aids and equipment can often come at a distressing time; and that the process for both arranging and administering collections should be as quick and easy as possible.”

**Moved by:** Fiona Bennett

**Seconded by:** Euan Davidson

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