

Motions and Amendments

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 7th December, 2023

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Amendment by the SNP Group

Culture and Communities

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Item 7.3 – Future Libraries

Replaces 1.1.2 with the below:

1.1.2. Agrees the proposal to develop a new strategy and vision for Edinburgh City Libraries Service which will provide the framework for service delivery and development over the next five years with the following additions;

1.1.2.1 Agrees that no libraries are closed or have their opening hours reduced as a result of the review.

1.1.2.2 Agrees that work is carried out to maximise the use of the existing estate, with an additional focus on areas with high levels of SIMD 1-4

1.1.2.3 putting tackling poverty at the heart of the strategy and any future proposals

1.1.2.4 enshrining work to enhance literacy in children, and throughout age groups,

1.1.2.5 supporting community-based activity within the buildings for older groups or residents as well as employability and service access services currently facilitated in libraries to enhance residents' wellbeing.

1.1.2.6 seek to retain and enhance services that provide for residents who have English as an additional language.

1.1.2.7 seek to recognise, enhance and protect the existing relationships that have been built between libraries staff and their communities

Adds 1.1.7 notes that Blackhall Library remains closed due to the RAAC issues facing the building and asks for an update report in advance of this strategy being considered to Culture and Communities on options for the library's future.

Moved by: Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan

Seconded by: Cllr Fiona Glasgow

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Replaces 1.1.6 with

1.1.6 If Committee agrees recommendation 1.1.5, agree the membership of the APOG to be capped at two members per Council Group. That the first meeting of the APOG will be in January 2024 and at that meeting it will be decided at what future stages the APOG will meet.

Moved by: Cllr Ed Thornley
Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.3 - Future Libraries

Insert at 1.1.2 at end “and that the strategy should cover, but not be limited to, (1) The contribution of the library services to tackling climate change; poverty and promoting social inclusion”

Insert at 1.1.6 after “(APOG) “composed of a party spokesperson from each group;” and delete rest of sentence up to “note”

and after “review”, “, and with the remit and review dates agreed at the first meeting and reported in the business bulletin, in line with the guidance for APOGs agreed at Full Council in May 2023”

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.4 – New Collection Centre and Museums and Galleries Transformation

At 1.1.3 after “maintaining free access for residents” insert “and accompanying unpaid or paid carers”.

Add: 1.1.3.1 Understands that there is no barrier to commence training staff within the museums and galleries to greet visitors and encourage a donation as visitors leave the premises via cash or contactless card terminal and that this may provide a solution that drives up visitor donations from those who are able whilst maintaining free access to all visitors. Therefore, agrees that a trial should be undertaken of this method as other options are being further explored, reporting back ahead of any decision to introduce standard charges (maintaining free access as above)

Add: 1.1.4 Requests that officers bring a report to Culture and Communities Committee exploring the proposal of setting a % of income from temporary exhibitions that could be ringfenced and automatically transferred into the Special Exhibitions Fund with additional deposits made subject to the wider Place Directorate budget financial performance to aid and protect venue sustainability.

Add: 1.1.5 Requests a business bulletin update detailing progress made to utilise Creative Scotland funding to revamp the Museums and Galleries website – specifically to better facilitate digital fundraising via a prominent ‘Donate’ button, and further efforts to make it simpler to join Edinburgh’s ‘Friends of’ membership scheme.

Add: 1.1.6 Agrees that restoring and reopening the popular Nelson Monument should be prioritised and therefore requests a further business bulletin to C&C in February 2024 updating on progress to date in achieving this.

Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.4 – New Collections Centre and Museum and Galleries Transformation

In 1.1.3, after residents, insert “and persons with disabilities and low income people”

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.5 - Support for Volunteer Groups and Cemetery Rules

Committee

Alters 1.1.1 to read;

Agrees that funding be agreed as outlined in Appendix 1 on receipt of an appropriate request from the organisation; and that said funding will be provided only for works within the relevant cemetery and must be accounted for by the recipients.

Moved by: Cllr Ed Thornley
Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 7.8 – Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces

Adds:

1.1.4 Acknowledges that whilst busking issues can be dealt with under existing legislation by Police Scotland, this rarely results in any meaningful action to address nuisance amplification in real time, resulting in residents self-enforcing the councils busking guidance rules.

1.1.4.1 Understands that at times this has led to conflict and agrees that artists busking should adhere to the council's guidance at all times. For clarity these are:

- busk between 9am and 9pm
- play at a considerate volume so passers-by can hear you but nearby businesses and residents are not disturbed
- move on to another pitch at least 50 meters away after one hour
- stop busking if anyone complains about what you're doing or if requested by a Police. Otherwise you'll risk being charged and having any equipment seized.

Please don't

- set up your pitch within 50 metres of another busker
- spread out equipment or other items that could get in pedestrians way
- busk near doorways or cash points
- act or speak aggressively to people asking you to stop.

1.1.5 Requests officers work to see how soft power of street enforcement officers can be utilised in helping buskers resident or visiting the city to understand and comply with the

rules whilst work is ongoing to enable the devolution enforcement powers via section 54 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.

Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane
Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.8 - Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces

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1.1.1 to read

'Instructs the Convener to write to the Scottish Government to provide the evidence gathered from the Council's survey and ask for its support for a bylaw to control the amplification of sound in Edinburgh.'

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Ed Thornley

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.2 – Edinburgh Million Tree City Update

Adds: 1.1.3.1 Part of this programme of work should include planting locations where perished street trees within appropriate pits / infrastructure can be replaced. Eg: Hunter Square

Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane
Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Addendum by the Green group

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8.2 – Edinburgh Million Tree City Update

1.1.4 Notes the significant challenges relating to funding the Million Tree City project going forward, despite it being of clear strategic importance for climate adaptation in the city as outlined in the (forthcoming) Climate Ready Edinburgh plan

1.1.5 Notes that an amendment passed at Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 5th December agreed £560k of capital funding towards projects focused on net zero, climate adaptation and nature recovery

1.1.6 Requests that consideration is given by officers to allocating spending from that funding towards the Million Tree City project, given its clear alignment to the funding criteria and the absolute need for this resource

1.1.7 Finally, requests that updates on this request and future projects are provided to the relevant committees via the Business Bulletin and / or other routine reporting

Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 9.1 – By Councillor Walker - Fireworks

Adds:

Notes that Police Scotland investigating officers do not believe the clashes were spontaneous and that Assistant Chief Constable Tim Mairs has stated that although many of those involved were youths, there were undoubtedly adults involved in orchestrating the behaviour.

Condemns unhelpful stigma perpetuated by surrounding coverage of the events in Edinburgh including the Edinburgh Evening News front page on the 8th of November headed "Adults behind Niddrie Riot", accompanied by a picture showing a masked man throwing a molotov cocktail which later emerged to be a stock image taken of protests in Ukraine in 2014.

Understands that Local Authorities have new powers from Scottish Government to reduce the negative impact of fireworks and that from June 22nd 2023 councils can designate Firework Control Zones that would make it a criminal offence to ignite a firework, or knowingly throw a lit firework in a zone which can include private properties or gardens. The maximum penalties are a fine of up to £5,000 or up to six months in prison and that this does not stop a public organised event happening within a zone. Therefore encourages work to be undertaken to have Control Zones in place for 2024.

Further notes that First Minister Humza Yousaf has stated he would consider a ban on firework sales if it were within the Scottish Governments powers.

Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.1 - Motion by Cllr Walker - Fireworks

Committee

Removes the final paragraph and inserts the following

- Notes the Fireworks and Pyrotechnic Articles (Scotland) Act 2022
- Notes that the new Act allows for Local Councils to set up “firework control zones” to restrict the use of fireworks in their areas.
- Notes that a new licensing system that will be operated by the Scottish Government is not yet in effect and when it is anyone purchasing and subsequently using fireworks will require a license.
- Requests the Council Leader write to the Scottish Government to encourage implementation of the new firework licencing scheme so that it can be in place prior to bonfire night 2024

Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler

Seconded by: Cllr Ed Thornley

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.1 – By Councillor Walker - Fireworks

Insert in fourth point after zone, “in time for November 2024”

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Cllr Heap - Little Free Libraries

Committee

Details Actions and replaces with

1. Commends Edinburgh Tool Library (ETL) on their support and extensive information about Free Little Libraries
2. Agrees officers will make contact with ETL with a view to understanding what assistance the Council could provide to promote ETLs roll out of Free Little Libraries across the City.
3. Provides a Business Bulletin update on progress of above in 3 cycles

Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler

Seconded by: Cllr Ed Thornley

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 9.3 – By Councillor Osler – Right to Grow

Adds a final paragraph:

Requests a short written briefing on available land and costs for development or expansion of CEC allotment service sites to political groups in advance of the budget setting process.

Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 9.3 – By Councillor Osler – Right to Grow

Insert new point at end:

7. For the report to cover the possible benefits in terms of (1) Promoting low and no carbon food chains and tackling climate change (2) Addressing food poverty

Moved by: Councillor Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.6 – Motion by Cllr Staniforth - Ending the Use of Fossil-Fuel Powered Leaf Blowers

Committee

Adds new 5.3 and renumbers accordingly

5.3 Investigates the feasibility of switching to electric leaf blowers

Moved by : Cllr Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler

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