

# Motions and Amendments

## Finance and Resources Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 25th January, 2024

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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## Addendum by the Administration

### Finance and Resources Committee

25 January 2024

### Item 7.2 – Revenue Budget Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024-29 – progress update

Adds:

- 1.1.6 To note the pressures faced by Edinburgh Leisure of £3.2m – with the inclusion of the payment of the Real Living Wage – as noted in the report
- 1.1.7 To agree that the additional funding identified to support Edinburgh Leisure in 2024/25 to the sum of £3.2m through the acceleration and reprioritisation of Covid-related support be passed to Edinburgh Leisure under conditionality that the Real Living Wage is implemented at an agreed date.
- 1.1.8 To agree the additional funding is also conditional on Edinburgh Leisure working with Council Officers to conduct a full review of their operating model throughout 2024/25 to ensure sustainability in their service delivery in future years.

Moved by: **Cllr Mandy Watt**

Seconded by:

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Finance & Resources Committee

25 January 2024

### Item 7.2 – Revenue Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) - Progress Update

Inserts new 1.1.5 and renumbers accordingly:

1.1.5 Note at 4.21 the proposal to provide support of £3.2m to Edinburgh Leisure to mitigate their current financial position and to help fund future payment of the Real Living Wage to their employees.

Note that this 'additional funding' was always available and questions why this was not brought forward as a solution much earlier when we raised concerns about the impact on the lowest paid employees of Edinburgh Leisure and the departure from previous years' practice to pay the Real Living Wage. This could have saved those workers from some of the insecurity and worry attached to the Edinburgh Leisure Board's decision.

Note that the report references that the amount being proposed for Edinburgh Leisure is for 'potential implementation of the Real Living Wage' and requests input to this committee of this reasoning and the impact on workers' pay of not backdating this.

Welcome the reference in 4.22 to further committee discussion about the funding profile and requests that this must include detailed discussion on conditionality on issues such as ongoing payment of the Real Living Wage, protection of venues and services and communication with service users and the public about venues' operations and services provision.

**Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marco Biagi**

# Addendum by the Green Group

**25 January 2024**

## **Item 7.2 – Revenue Budget Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/29**

Adds:

1.2 welcomes the implication that the £3.2 additional funding for Edinburgh Leisure will be made on condition of them paying all staff at least the Real Living Wage, and asserts that this should be made an explicit condition of grant;

1.3 Requests updates on the precise profile of this funding and the revised model are included in every business bulletin brought to Finance & Resources Committee, and a progress report brought in six months to the same committee.

1.4 Deeply regrets that Integrated Impact Assessments have not been carried out for the proposals within this paper, despite them including areas clearly linked to inequality including health and social care, education and housing;

1.5 Further regrets that key stakeholders including trade unions have not been consulted on the proposals included in this paper;

1.6. Therefore, requests that:

1.6.1 A Budget Equality Impact Statement is produced and published alongside the officer budget providing information from IIAs where they are able to be produced in the time, or collated information from previous IIAs, equalities evidence and assumptions, and information from third sector organisations;

1.6.2 The Finance Director, the Chief Executive, the Council Leader and other relevant senior officers request a meeting with Trade Union representatives in advance of the publication of papers for the February budget-setting meeting.

**Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford**  
**Seconded by: Cllr Alex Staniforth**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

25 January 2024

### Item 7.5 – Council Tax – Second Homes

Replace recommendation with:

1.1 Agrees to defer a decision on implementing a double charge Council Tax on second homes for one year while reviewing evidence from other local authorities to determine whether this measure has any meaningful effect in changes to housing supply for sale or let and whether income realised is as predicted, recognising that Council Tax is in part a property based charge and partly a charge for services and noting that second homes generate limited demand for those services.

**Moved by: Councillor Graeme Bruce**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

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### Item 7.8 – Glenarm Place, Western Harbour – Proposed Acquisition of Completed Homes

1.2 Notes at 8.5 the reference to further work which may be required to bring these and other completed home purchases to Scottish Government standards in such areas as accessibility, energy efficiency, living space etc.

Therefore requests that close consideration is given to how such work might be shaped and the possible funding expectations that will be required. And requests a separate report to F&R and Housing Committees which outlines these issues in principle and provides support to further future decision-making for similar initiatives.

**Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marco Biagi**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

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### Item 7.9 – Homelessness Services: Use of Temporary Accommodation

Adds:

1.1.3 Notwithstanding these approvals, notes with concern that:

- the accommodation purchased is deemed “unsuitable” by the Scottish Government and the Council is potentially breaching its statutory obligations by placing clients in such accommodation for long periods of time;
- this policy is encouraging providers to build additional accommodation of this type in the knowledge that the Council is likely to purchase its use as it has no short/medium term exit strategy from this approach;
- the accommodation is considerably more expensive than alternative and suitable forms of temporary or permanent accommodation; and
- the report does not provide numbers of households using this type of accommodation nor does it break those numbers down by those the Scottish Government counts as requiring to be housed in this way and those who are not, making the data far less meaningful.

1.1.4 Therefore agrees that officers will provide Committee with an exit strategy for these contracts, prior to the new financial year and any further extension, with necessary milestones and the cost savings involved based on the work of the Housing Emergency Action Plan alongside any appropriate accelerations where possible.

**Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Graeme Bruce**



# Amendment by the Green Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

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### Item 7.13 – Night Time Co-ordinator

Delete 1.1.2

Replace with:

1.1.2 : Agrees the second option detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place, including the recommendations agreed to in points 4 to 9 of the motion passed at the previous Policy and Sustainability Committee, for a provisional period of one year to pilot how the role would work, with a view to exploring alternative means of funding such as the Transient Visitor Levy or via licencing for future years while leaving open the possibility of continuing setting aside funding should there prove to be no other funding avenue.

1.1.3 Agrees that the Night Time Co-Ordinator should produce a report at six months and at the end of the year to be shared with all interested parties covering their activity and achievements in the role.

**Moved by:** Cllr Alex Staniforth

**Seconded by:** Cllr Alys Mumford

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

25 January 2024

### Item 7.13 – Night Time Co-ordinator – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

Replace 1.1.2 with:

1.1.2 Recognising the success of such roles in Greater Manchester and the West Midlands as detailed in the report to consider the first option detailed by the Executive Director of Place that a voluntary role could be created and therefore agreeing to do so for a provisional period of one year to pilot how the role would work.

**Moved by: Councillor Graeme Bruce**

**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

25 January 2024

### Item 8.2 – Cost Recovery from Commercial Events

1.2 Notes that some of the events covered in this report are community-based events in nature and expresses concern about any changes to the cost recovery process which will impact on welcome community events.

1.3 Requests therefore that consideration of possible impact on established community events is highlighted and described in the proposed report to Culture & Communities and reported on via the Business Bulletin to the Finance & Resources Committee.

**Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marco Biagi**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

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### Item 8.4 – Procurement Delivery Plan 2023/2024 - January Update

Adds:

1.2 Committee notes with concern the considerable number of contract waivers on the agenda for this meeting (including some that have already expired) and the large number and considerable value of contracts listed in appendix 2 with expiry dates prior to the end of this year calendar year but with no indication of when alternative methods of provision will be reported to Committee.

1.3 Notwithstanding that some procurement processes may be under way for the Appendix 2 contracts calls for a further report detailing how the number of waivers can be reduced over time and how processes can be strengthened to ensure that Procurement processes can be started earlier to ensure that more remain compliant.

**Moved by:** Councillor Iain Whyte  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Graeme Bruce

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## Finance and Resources Committee

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### Item 8.6 - 181-183 Canongate, Edinburgh – Proposed New Lease

Delete all and replace with:

- 1) The Finance and Resources Committee notes the importance of the Royal Mile to the city's tourism industry and consequent reputational and commercial risk. Committee notes the negative media coverage of the Royal Mile from twice being named in 2023 by Casago as the UK's "biggest tourist trap".
- 2) Committee also believes that all the city's residents deserve to live in places that offer a good environment, conducive to a strong sense of community, where everyone can meet most of their daily needs within a short walk or wheel from their home.
- 3) Committee therefore directs officers to conduct a consultation on a supplement to the Corporate Property Strategy, concerning commercial leasing in the Royal Mile and adjacent streets. This consultation should seek views on:
  - a) the principle of using the Council's leverage as a commercial landlord to actively influence the retail mix in the Royal Mile area;
  - b) a policy of considering, alongside potential rental income, whether and to what extent the proposed uses of applicants for commercial leases:
    - i) include selling goods or provide services that enhance commercial diversity in the area;
    - ii) help ensure that residents of the Royal Mile and adjoining areas live in a 20-minute neighbourhood where daily needs can be met locally;
    - iii) contribute positively to the World Heritage Site and sense of place therein;
    - iv) sell goods that are made in Edinburgh or elsewhere in Scotland;
    - v) show evidence of practising strong working rights, such as the living wage and guaranteed hours contracts;

c) whether this policy should include existing leaseholders seeking to renew leases that are reaching the end of their terms;

d) how best to ensure ongoing monitoring and compliance after leases have commenced under any new policy;

e) any other matters officers consider relevant and ancillary to the above points.

4) Committee requests that the consultation results and a report on a Royal Mile commercial leasing policy be brought back in three cycles.

5) Committee agrees to defer decision on any new or renewed leases on the Royal Mile and adjoining streets until this consultation is complete and such a policy has been considered.

**Moved by: Councillor Marco Biagi**

**Seconded by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes**

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