

Motions and Amendments

Culture and Communities Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Addendum by the Conservative Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 6.1 Business Bulletin

Stockbridge Clocks – St Stephens and Deanhaugh Street Clocks

Agrees that a further update will be provided in the committee's next Business Bulletin containing details of the "sustainable solution" and, if not already completed, the timeframe for its implementation.

Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.2 – Third Party Cultural Grants Funding 2024/25

1. Notes that many Strategic Partner Organisations have been struggling with a number of challenges which have meant a reduced income whilst experiencing much higher costs.
2. Notes that through the budget setting process it was agreed that funds were allocated to celebrate the Edinburgh 900

Committee adds

1.1.4 Agrees any monies set aside for the Edinburgh 900 and not required are retained and redistributed to Strategic Partner Organisations (listed in Appendix 1)

Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler

Seconded by: Cllr Ed Thornley

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.5 – Playparks Investment

Committee adds to the recommendations:

1.2 Agrees to receive annual updates going forward (noted in 5.1) on Playparks Investment in the form of a report rather than Business Bulletin.

Moved by: Cllr Thornley

Seconded by: Cllr Osler

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Culture and Communities Committee 29 February 2024 Item 7.5 Playparks Investment

Inserts:

1.2 Committee notes the particularly poor condition of the Moat Drive Playpark.

1.3 Committee further notes that:

1.3.1 This playpark serves the 2 high rise blocks of flats, Hutchison House and Moat House where the Council has significant ownership.

1.3.2 The area suffered from lack of attention leading to a need for significant intervention from Pest Control and that the grassed areas around the blocks of flats have previously been left unmaintained and unusable as play areas.

1.4 Committee therefore asks that the Moat Drive Playpark be assessed with a view to its inclusion in the programme for 25/26, or earlier if appropriate.

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

Amendment by the Green Group

Culture and Communities Committee

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Item 7.6 – Firework Control Zones

Committee:

1. Thanks the Working Group for its work and notes its recommendations
2. Further notes widespread public support for controls on the use of fireworks, with concerns that widespread, uncontrolled use of fireworks is bad for the environment, can harm wildlife and pets, and can disturb residents
3. However, also notes that fireworks have cultural and religious significance.
4. Notes that the recommended timescale for introduction of a Firework Control Zone (FCZ) from the initial stage until implementation is 32 weeks, and early November, is 35 weeks away.
5. Notes that the Working Group needs additional time to explore the possible benefits and challenges of an FCZ, but that this can be done alongside development of a proposal

Recommendations therefore amended as follows:

1. Delete “potential” from 1.1.2
2. Insert new recommendation at end, thus

“Request that officers urgently begin the preparation of a Firework Control Zone proposal and for the proposal to be progressed through the necessary stages in time for use from November 1 this year at the latest”

and

“Requests updates via Business Bulletin item or report at every Committee meeting until an FCZ proposal is approved and implemented, or is not approved, with updates to

include

- (a) Proposals for the geographical scope of the zone and when it will operate
- (b) How the public will be consulted
- (c) Any recommendations in relation to appropriate exemptions
- (d) How the £25,000 grant per zone is proposed to be spent
- (e) What scope there is for the Council to fund and support public firework displays

Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.1 – Edinburgh Leisure Annual Report 2022/23

Adds:

1.1.3. Welcomes the new Chief Executive to their role and recognises the fresh opportunity to look at service delivery and potential options to increase revenue and the sustainability of the organisation.

1.1.3.1 Recognises that political groups outwith their representatives on the board may wish to engage with the incoming CEO of Edinburgh Leisure and therefore requests that officers seek to set up meetings with the new Chief Executive within the first quarter of their appointment.

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

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.5 – Events Budgeting

Adds (renumber accordingly)

1.1.3.1 The strategy should additionally seek alignment with the aims and outcomes of the forthcoming Physical Activity and Sports Strategy, a draft of which is expected in Autumn 2024.

1.1.3.2 The strategy should seek a greater spread of supported cultural and sports events taking place outwith the City Centre Ward 11.

1.1.3.3 The strategy should seek ways of supporting / bringing cultural and sports events to areas of high SIMD 1 to 4.

Moved by: Cllr Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by: Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Committee

Accepts 1.1.1 and replaces 1.1.2 with

1.1.2 To help guide the consultation agrees prior to communication with key stakeholders and the events sector, the approach to developing the new Events Strategy will be discussed by the Culture and Communities Committee

Accepts 1.1.3

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

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.5 – Events Budgeting

Recommendations amended as follows:

1. Insert at end of 1.1.3: “The Events Strategy should include
 - (a) How the city’s funding and hosting of events should take into account the impact of events on the climate and nature:
 - (b) The appropriate balance between larger national and international events, and local events,
 - (c) How the strategy can support local events organisers and other relevant businesses and social enterprises, reducing reliance on large, national and international corporate events organisers and keeping economic benefit within the city as much as possible

Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.6 – Gorgie Farm Site Update

Committee notes:

1. That Gorgie Farm has been closed for around 1 year
2. That close to £142,000 of public funds will have been used to develop a new vision for the farm and to upkeep the site whilst remaining closed to the public.
3. The importance of Gorgie Farm, both to Gorgie and to the whole city.
4. That local Councillor involvement in the Steering Group has been declined

Committee believes:

1. Considering points 2 and 3, not re-opening the farm soon, even if only partially at first, would represent a significant reputation risk to the Council
2. That the farm should re-open, even if only partially at first, as soon as possible.
3. Local Councillor involvement in the Steering Group and any successor body will be beneficial.

Recommendations therefore amended as follows:

Add the following new recommendations

- “1.2: That officers contact the steering group to request that a Sighthill/Gorgie Councillor is able to join it, and any successor body
- 1.3 That officers work with the steering group to ensure that the final recommendation includes provision for the farm to re-open to the public as soon as possible, even if this may mean initially partial or limited access, ahead of new arrangements for the farm being put in place.”

Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.7 – Parks and Open Space Investment Update

Adds:

1.2 Notes the Glasgow trial of two outdoor litter picking hubs which provide a lockable bespoke storage unit which contains litter pickers, disposable gloves, high-vis vests, bag hoops, refuse bags and disinfectant wipes.

1.3 Understands that in this trial, local community groups manage the clean-up equipment and storage units and that volunteers can request access to the equipment by emailing them.

1.4 Agrees as part of the investment programme to consider a similar trial, perhaps working with a Friends Group to allow those who wish to enhance the work of Edinburgh Park Officers on a voluntary basis when visiting our parks to do so.

Moved by: Cllr Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by: Cllr Amy McNeese-Mechan

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.7 – Parks and Greenspace Investment

Committee adds to the recommendations:

1.2 Agrees to receive annual updates going forward on Parks and Greenspace Investment in the form of a report rather than in the Business Bulletin.

1.3 Agrees that updates/delays on substantial individual projects should be included in the Business Bulletin when appropriate.

Moved by: Cllr Thornley

Seconded by: Cllr Osler

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Item 8.10 – Moredun Community Centre

Adds:

1.2 Committee requests that officers ensure that appropriate mitigations are put in place to safeguard the site from damage or further anti-social behaviour following its evacuation and that progressing securing the future of the site should be prioritised to minimise the amount of time the site is vacant.

1.3 Committee agrees that seeking an expression of interest from Housing regarding the site being obtained for the small sites affordable housing delivery programme is the preferred option.

Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Glasgow

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.10 - Moredun Community Centre

Committee adds:

1.2 Notes that a number of community assets across the city are in a poor state of repair and/or closed, such as Blackhall Library.

1.3 Notes the huge importance all these assets have to the communities they serve.

1.4 Committee also notes that a final decision will be taken by Finance and Resources Committee, and requests the report regarding that decision be then referred to Culture and Communities Committee for oversight.

1.5 Notes the ongoing work on property condition being undertaken as part of the Community Centre Strategy, and requests a detailed update on the condition of our community centres be brought to the next meeting of the Community Centre Strategy APOG for discussion.

Moved by: Cllr Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 9.2 – Motion by Cllr McFarlane – Million Tree City – Consideration of Allergens

Committee:

Adds after 1);

2) Notes the multiple benefits of planting a variety of tree species such as mental health, canopy cover and increasing biodiversity.

3) Notes there are comparatively few native Scottish species, and that this restricts the number of species suitable for giveaways.

Adds after 3);

4) Notes the need to plant trees which establish themselves and grow quickly, including pioneer species such as silver birch, to swiftly increase the number of trees in the city.

5) That there are many locations where high allergenicity trees can be planted with minimal impact on residential areas.

Renumbers accordingly

Adds at end:

7) Asks that the possibility of providing information on allergenicity of trees provided at giveaways be explored so that informed decisions can be made by those taking away trees

8) Asks that consideration be given to including fruit trees in giveaways, enabling residents to grow their own fruit.

Moved by: Cllr Ed Thornley

Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler