

Motions and Amendments

Transport and Environment Committee

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Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

12 September 2024

Item 7.1 - Draft Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy

ADDS:

'1.2 Committee:

1.2.1 Notes the issue of the part-closure of West Princes Street Gardens due to rockfall which has an impact on event access to/from the gardens, public access to green space and cuts off an additional offroad active travel route.

1.2.2 therefore agrees the matter of the part-closure of West Princes Street Gardens be referred to the Transport and Local Access Forum to allow consideration of how to mitigate the impact on event access to/from the gardens, and public access to green space, and the fact that an additional offroad active travel route is cut off; and to allow engagement with Historic Environment Scotland regarding progress towards full safe reopening.'

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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After 1.1.3 inserts:

1.1.4 Requests that the consultation clearly states how this document constitutes a vision that provides guidance for future improvements, rather than a plan to which funding is currently allocated.

Renumber accordingly.

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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In recommendations, deletes 1.1.3 and replaces with the following. Renumber existing 1.1.4 accordingly;

1.1.3 Notes that there is no mention of segregated cycle facilities on Princes Street;

1.1.4 Welcomes points 1-4 in Appendix 1 of the draft Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy for consultation with regard to Transport & Environment matters (Appendix 3)

In relation to points 5-6 in Appendix 1;

1.1.5 Welcomes proposals in Stage 1 – Placemaking Projects with emphasis on the work needed in the East End (see 5.3.4), areas between South St. Andrew Street and North Bridge, outside Waverley Steps, and towards Leith Street, Regent Road and North Bridge. Also welcomes the acknowledgement that the East End represents a gap in the strategic cycle network;

1.1.6 Notes that there is no mention, under discussion of the West End junction (5.3.1) that this has been identified by the Tram Cycle Safety Improvement project as one of the most dangerous junctions for cyclists and was the site of the death of 23-year old medical student Zhi Min Soh in 2017;

1.1.7 Therefore agrees that as part of the consultation on this strategy, and the council's consideration of the responses to that consultation, consideration will be given to including segregated cycling facilities along the length of Princes Street, and installation of safe cycling facilities at the West End and East End junctions.

1.1.8 Welcomes proposals in Stage 2 – West Garden Links for replacement of the two existing steep ramped paths, and agrees that the replacement ramps will have a resting or landing point thus adhering to regulations that require safe inclines and sufficient

space. Notes that ramps without landing points don't comply, and that irrespective of consultation responses on this point, this issue must be addressed.

1.1.9 Welcomes proposals in Stage 3 – Improved Footways and agrees that, as part of the consultation, continued engagement will take place between officers and disabled people's organisations – as well as Sight Scotland and Living Streets to ensure mobility and accessibility are prioritised at all stages.

1.1.10 Welcomes the Waverley Station Masterplan – Proposed Place Brief highlighting the priority to 'maximise the contribution to the Council's net zero 2030 and car kilometre reduction targets', therefore, as part of the consultation, considers the possibility of reducing car parking spaces and enforcement on idling (6.5.3) to accommodate proposed new realm civic spaces, public gardens, street trees and rain gardens.

1.1.11 Otherwise approves the draft Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy for consultation with regard to Transport and Environment matters set out in appendix 3.

Moved by: Cllr. Chas Booth

Seconded by: Cllr. Kayleigh O'Neill

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Adds new introduction:

Council presents the following report which has interactions with a number of Council strategies as enumerated in Appendix 3 and notes that these interactions complicate the consultation and make any changes reliant on other council policies; equally should there be changes to other Council policies which interact with this Strategy, the implications on any changes on this strategy need to be clarified.

Adds at end of new 1.1.4

Agrees that the consultation should ask about the order of the three phases detailed at paragraphs 4.14.1 – 3 to determine whether the public order the priorities as proposed in the paper given that recent responses to budget consultations would suggest these should prioritise footway improvements first.

Notes the linkages to the City Centre Transformation at section 5.3.5 of the Strategy but considers that the suggestion to create an “arrival plaza” on Waverley Bridge has been rejected in previous public consultations on Waverley Bridge closure through Spaces for People; that Waverley Bridge has been successfully reinstated as a transport interchange for the Airport bus service combining with the station as a wide transport hub under the currently pertaining arrangements; and agrees that the option of retaining this important transport hub be explicitly consulted upon as part of this process.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.2 - George Street and First New Town - Operational Plan and project Update

Committee

Adds after 1.1

1.2 notes paragraph 4.8 of the report which highlights the considerable uncertainty around the future Scottish Government funding for active travel projects.

1.3 recognises the importance of the forthcoming report on prioritisation of Council projects given i) the substantial concern which exists over the estimated £39.5 million total cost for the George Street project, ii) the appropriateness of spending such a significant sum of public money on just one road, and iii) the impact of this investment on the funding and deliverability of other important active travel projects across the city.

Renumber original 1.2 accordingly.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

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Item 7.2 - George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update

Insert new 1.2;

1.2 Committee welcomes work that gives better weight to the transport hierarchy but acknowledges the proposals are a compromise between competing pressures; notes that more can be done to support walking, wheeling and cycling and that as the project progresses, asks officers to look for any opportunity to support the transport hierarchy.

1.3 Additionally, committee requests officers consider introducing an interim safe cycling route on Queen Street or one of the parallel streets, delivered through an ETRO or similar mechanism and using temporary or semi-permanent infrastructure while the George Street works are progressing, and to report back to committee within three cycles on the feasibility of this.

Insert old 1.2, now 1.4

1.5 Requests that ahead of the report to Committee in 2025 a business bulletin update comes back addressing what can be done on the following issues;

- a) commercial pavement parkers
- B) ensuring taxis, PHCs, coaches and other necessary vehicles understand the rules of the upcoming changes
- C) Maintenance and upkeep of electric/automated bollards

Moved by: Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill

Seconded by: Cllr Chas Booth

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.2 – George Street and First New Town – Operational Plan and Project Update

Committee:

Agrees recommendation 1.1.

Deletes recommendation 1.2.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.1 - Tables and Chairs Permits – minimum clear distance

ADDS:

'1.2 notes that sections of the approved adjusted motion 3.3.5 and 3.3.6 (relating to street clutter caused by retail displays) have not been actioned in this report and therefore requests a further report to this committee in three cycles addressing these matters.'

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.1 - Tables and Chairs Permits – minimum clear distance

Deletes 1.1 and replaces with;

- 1.1 Committee welcomes this update on tables and chairs permits
- 1.2 Regrets that permits were previously issued which did not comply with guidance on minimum clear distance, which has a negative impact on pedestrian experience, especially that of wheelchair users, those with reduced mobility and people with visual impairments and/or assistance dogs.
- 1.3 Agrees that, for all new and renewal applications, in addition to ensuring a minimum clear distance of 1.5m as set out in paragraph 5.1, that officers will in each case also record the clear distance to a) the kerb, and b) any other barriers such as street furniture;
- 1.4 Requests a report to Committee in 3 cycles that sets out:
 - a) when an issue is raised, by the business or a member of the public, regarding minimum clearance that a review of existing premises is carried out;
 - b) Data which will allow the council to identify, and go to public consultation on, 'high pedestrian flow' streets, as noted in street design guidance factsheet P3, where in future the council will expect a clear width of 3m or more.

Moved by: Cllr. Kayleigh O'Neill

Seconded by: Cllr. Chas Booth

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.2 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan

Add at the end of recommendations:

- 1) Notes the significant areas of crossover between the Climate Ready Edinburgh plan and the work of committee
- 2) Requests that officers engage with committee members and officers from across the council (including members of CLT, if required) to bring a proposal to the next committee meeting about how committee papers can better reflect considerations from within the Climate Ready Edinburgh plan and build adaptation governance into routine committee decision making.

Moved by: Cllr Chas Booth

Seconded by: Cllr Kayleigh O'Neill

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