

# Motions and Amendments

## Culture and Communities Committee

10.00 am Thursday, 3rd October, 2024

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

### Motions and Amendments

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## Amendment by the Green Group

### Culture and Communities Committee

#### 6.1 Business Bulletin [Public Spaces and Event Charging Launch]

3 October, 2024

##### Background

Committee notes:

1. That a new charging model came into effect on October 1, whereby Commercial events requiring Council support will have many costs incurred by the Council recovered on a 100% basis.
2. That the Council subsidised the Taylor Swift concerts by paying part of a range of costs, to the value of around £40,000
3. That this is unacceptable when Council services are being cut
4. However, that the new charging scheme is not comprehensive, and there is no requirement on officers to recoup costs not specified in the policy.

##### Amendment to recommendations

Committee therefore agrees report with the following amendment:

Officers are requested to produce a proposal to recover all costs related to large commercial events including, but not limited to, Murrayfield concerts that are incurred by the Council on a 100% basis and recommend what events it would be appropriate to apply this to, with the proposal to be included in a report by the December meeting of the Committee

Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap

Seconded by:

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# Amendment by the Administration

## Culture and Communities Committee

3 October, 2024

### Item 7.3 – Mitigating Museums and Galleries Budget Pressures 2024/25

Deletes 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 and adds:

1.2 Committee notes:

1.2.1 The operational decision by officers to temporarily close The People's Story due to staffing pressures across the Museums and Galleries service

1.2.2 The importance of maintaining minimum staff levels to ensure safety

1.2.3 The significance of the collections at The People's Story, which share unique insights into the history, culture, crafts and trades of working-class people in Edinburgh.

1.3 Therefore Committee:

1.3.1 Asks officers to include detail on alternatives to the closure of the People's Story in the museum transformation report coming to December's Committee, which could include reduced hours across the service, and charging for visitors.

1.3.2 If practicable in terms of timescale, asks for a report to go to Finance and Resources Committee in November on the urgent re-opening of the People's Story Museum.

1.3.3 In the meantime, asks officers to look into temporary options to display the People's Story Collection in the Museum of Edinburgh, such as a digital exhibition or utilising the Keeping the Faith display, and displays in local offices and libraries

1.3.4 Appreciates work by museums and galleries staff to maintain the service to the best standard possible, in the hope that the visitor levy in 2026 will enable an improved service that supports 7-day opening across the service, development of the new collections centre, and opportunities to spread collections more widely across the city.

**Moved by: Cllr Val Walker**

**Seconded by: Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron**

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## Culture and Communities

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 7.3 – Mitigating Museums and Galleries Budget Pressures 2024/5

Deletes 1.1.2 and insert:

1.1.2 Committee recognises the unique nature of the City's People's Story Museum, one of the first of its kind to focus on the history of ordinary citizens rather than on the lives of aristocracy, royalty and a tiny elite few noting that The People's Story Museum won awards for innovation when it originally opened in the 1980s.

1.1.2.1 Committee notes that The People's Story remains the only museum where people can learn about and celebrate the achievements of the trade union movement and the history of the guilds which preceded them in the Medieval era.

1.1.2.2 Committee therefore does not agree to the temporary closure of The People's Story Museum until April 2025

1.1.2.3 Committee instead requests that the update on the Museums and Galleries Transformation due in December outlines a staffing plan to allow the museum to continue operating on at least a part-time basis.

1.1.2.4 Additionally this report should consider plans to better market and publicise this resource to schools, community groups and tour organisers, including via our Trade Union partners. The report should also detail what meeting have taken place between the Convenor of the Culture and Communities Committee and representatives of the Trade Unions, including any minutes of the meetings to-date on the Museums and Galleries Transformation piece and/or the concerning staff absence rate in the service.

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

**Seconded by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 7.3 – Mitigating Museums and Galleries Budget Pressures 2024/25

Committee;

Agrees 1.1.1

Amends 1.1.2 to read;

1.1.2 Approves the continuing closure of the People's Story on a temporary basis

Adds a new 1.1.3;

1.1.3 Agrees to receive further information on the People's Story reopening in the update coming to Committee in December as set out in 5.3

Agrees 1.1.4

**Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler**

**Seconded by: Cllr Ed Thornley**

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# Amendment by the Green Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

### 7.3 Mitigating Museums and Galleries Budget Pressures 2024/25

#### 3 October, 2024

#### Background

Committee notes:

1. The People's Story museum tells the story of the working-class people of Edinburgh from the late 18th century to the present day.
2. Widespread public and trades union support for the valuable role in promoting awareness of working class history

#### Amendment to recommendations

Committee therefore agrees report with the following amendment:

Amend 1.1.2 so it reads

*Decline the temporary closure of the People's Story and instead agree*

- a. That the museum should re-open, or, should this not be possible*
- b. That the museum opens for a limited number of days a week until the planned reopening in April 2025, or should this not be possible*
- c. Officers operate the museum using an interim service proposal similar to that proposed for Queensferry Museum, with a fuller re-opening to take place no later than April 2025.*

**Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap**

**Seconded by:**



# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3 October 2024

### Item 7.3 - Museums and Galleries Budget

#### Mitigation

adds at end of 1.1.2:

And commits to engaging with the community to discuss ways forward for the Peoples' Story Museum;

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Daggart**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Culture and Communities

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 7.4 – Draft Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy

Adds:

1.2 Reiterates the call made by the Transport and Environment Committee as to the strategic importance of addressing the castle rockfall issues to re-enable access to West Princes Street Gardens.

1.3 Notes Nature Scots ambition to create more, high quality ponds to replace those lost nationally in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

1.3.1 Believes there may be a missed opportunity to respond to the nature emergency and improve sustainable rainwater management through the creation of new wetland / pond habitat within the gardens and therefore requests that the forthcoming consultation consider this.

1.4 Agrees that appropriate CEC Staff who have expertise working in Princes Street Gardens should be given adequate time to respond to the forthcoming consultation and thereafter to analyse the results and proposed strategy to identify any potential risks associated with a look to long term maintenance requirements of any proposed changes.

**Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

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

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3 October 2024

### Item 7.4 - Draft Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy

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 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 residents order the priorities as proposed in the paper, given that recent responses to budget consultations would suggest these should prioritise footway improvements first.

**Moved by:** Councillor Phil Doggart  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 7.5 – TCV Grant Funding

**Committee adds:**

1.1.4 Agrees to update in a year's time as set out in 5.3

**Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler**

**Seconded by: Cllr Ed Thornley**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3 October 2024

### Item 7.5 - TCV Grant Funding

In 1.1.2 inserts "in principle" after "Approves" and inserts after "project", "subject to a member briefing emphasising the financial security of the charity"

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Daggart**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Culture and Communities

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 8.1 – Firework Displays

Adds:

1.2 Committee does not agree to further progression or development of option 4.1.3 or option 4.1.4 in the report due to climate, wellbeing and cost implications noting that there are regularly several larger scale professional fireworks displays across the city providing a similar function and often raising money for charities.

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

# Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 8.4 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan

Committee adds;

1.2 Notes that Policy and Sustainability Committee will receive annual updates on progress against the plan.

1.3 Therefore requests a briefing note be circulated to Culture and Communities Committee members outlining the current state of areas within its responsibility, when considered against the plan, to give members a clear picture of what is necessary to make further progress and that members can consider this when developing their budget proposals.

**Moved by: Cllr Ed Thornley**

**Seconded by: Cllr Hal Osler**

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## Amendment by the Green Group

### **Culture and Communities Committee**

### **8.4 Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan – referral**

### **from the Policy and Sustainability Committee**

### **3 October, 2024**

Committee:

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 Dan Heap**

**Seconded by:**



# Addendum by the Conservative Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3 October 2024

### Item 8.4 - Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan

adds as 1.2

1.2 Notes the content of the plan, and specifically notes from the covering report by the Chief Executive that paragraph 5.1 indicates that milestones and key performance indicators are yet to be developed, and that paragraph 6.2 indicates that an investment and delivery plan and a series of business cases are still to be developed. Considers that without timescales, financial and performance information, the plan is incomplete and agrees that it remain in draft until this work can be publicly scrutinised by Committee.

**Moved by: Councillor Phil Doggart**

**Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro**

# Addendum by the Administration

## Culture and Communities Committee

3 October, 2024

### Item 8.5 – Community Centre Strategy

Adds

1.1.3. That there is currently an unfunded pressure of over £20m for necessary capital improvements to the community centre estate, not including costs for suitability, accessibility, or net zero improvements.

1.2. Committee appreciates the considerable energy and commitment that Management Committees have brought to engaging with officers and exploring ideas for future service provision.

1.3. Given the need for a long-term strategic approach to the community centre estate that ensures centres are fit for purpose with the capacity for robust service provision, Committee asks officers to explore options for capital grant funding, including the possibility of match funding, with property services and to include this work in future reporting to Committee on the Community Centre Strategy.

**Moved by: Cllr Val Walker**

**Seconded by: Cllr Lezley Marion Cameron**

# Addendum by the SNP Group

## Culture and Communities

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 8.5 – Community Centre Strategy

Adds:

1.2 Agrees that within an asset-based community development perspective the right time to ask communities to step-up and take on further responsibilities is when they are at their most resilient, noting that in the work to-date in assessing the situation across the city there is a mixed picture in terms of resource and that many communities are still sadly suffering from over a decade of austerity.

1.2.1 Notes that the current partnership arrangement between Edinburgh Council and management committees has been in place for decades and that management committees are volunteers who give-up free time to ensure the community centres respond to local needs.

1.2.1.1 Further notes that there has been no decision of committee taken to withdraw FM support or explicit agreement that management committees should become responsible for the condition of community centre buildings and that this report is just for noting.

1.2.2 Understands that the proposals at 4.7 would either effectively end or significantly alter this partnership working and transfer significant responsibility onto these volunteers.

1.2.2.1 Recognises the risk if these changes are implemented without the consent or active desire of Management Committees and agrees that the additional burden could lead to their collapse entirely in some cases.

1.2.3 Agrees that option 4.11.1 should only be progressed if proactively requested by the management committee and requests the next update of the Community Centre Strategy to detail which option each Management Committee have indicated their support for.

1.2.4 Agrees that the following governance and leasing options are maintained as the strategy moves forward:

- CEC continues to provide FM support, business support and lifelong learning in community centres
- CEC continues to be responsible for the condition (wind and watertight) of the community centres.

1.2.5 Agrees that the consequences and potential alternative arrangements mentioned in the report are reported back to committee.

1.2.6 Agrees that on the publication of all future Community Centre Strategy Update Reports that a copy should be pro-actively shared with all Management Committees to allow them as much opportunity to respond.

1.3 Further agrees that it is unacceptable that The Braidwood Centre remains closed as we approach winter despite the proposed new lease being agreed by councillors at Finance and Resources Committee on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 following an even longer period of closure after the collapse of the management committee and therefore agrees for an urgent update on the status of the lease negotiations and their expected conclusion to be provided to City Centre Ward councillors.

1.4 Also notes that the management committee at Bingham Community Centre have expressed concerns about the lease process that is currently ongoing, and that there are meetings arranged with ward councillors to discuss this. Agrees that engagement with ward councillors should continue and that a business bulletin update should be provided on the outcome of this process, including lessons learned around clear communication.

**Moved by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane**

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

# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### Item 8.5 – Community Centre Strategy

Committee, deletes the recommendations and replaces with;

Committee;

- 1) Notes the ongoing concerns and frustrations of Centre Management Committees, Centre users and elected members around inconsistency and a lack of clarity in communication as part of the strategy's development.
- 2) Notes with concern that, over 18 months after the development of a Community Centre Strategy was approved by committee, a clear statement of the aims and expected timeline for the strategy has not come forward.
- 3) Believes that without an established aim for the strategy, it is not possible to continue developing one.
- 4) Notes that in March 2023, committee agreed a report which at 4.7 and 4.16 stated;
  - a) *4.7 In order to develop a coherent strategy, it is proposed to undertake a strategic review of the current arrangements for community centres.*
  - b) *4.16 The strategic review is expected to commence at the beginning of the new financial year (April 2023) and for the final community centre strategy to be provided to committee for approval within one year.*
- 5) Notes that committee has received a number of updates since then, and that the clear message resulting from those updates has been that the challenges facing community centres are specific to individual centres.
- 6) Believes therefore that it is not possible to address individual centre's challenges as part of a city-wide strategy.

- 7) Further notes the incredibly concerning risks highlighted in Section 9 of the report, especially 9.4, and that while further work to develop a strategy continues, these risks are not being addressed.
- 8) Recognises the pressures the Council is under to manage properties and facilities across the city and agrees that the report expected in December 2024 should;
  - a) Detail the individual pressures on each community centre so that elected members can consider them when developing their budget proposals.
  - b) Be referred on to January Finance and Resources committee
- 9) Agrees to receive an update report in April 2025 detailing the aims of the Community Centre Strategy and a timeline for its delivery, and an update on the progress of developing this in the Business Bulletin in February 2025.
- 10) Believes that Community Centre Management Committees and User Groups need clarity on the aims and purpose of any Community Centre Strategy, which has been lacking to this point, and that the update report at 9) should provide that clarity.

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

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## Addendum by the Green Group

### Culture and Communities Committee

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024

### 8.5 Community Centre Strategy

Adds:

2. Additionally requests that elected members are kept updated on engagement with Management Committees or other lease-holders of Community Centres in their wards, and given the opportunities to attend local meetings relating to the draft vision and principles of the Community Centre Strategy and on the lease renewal programme.

**Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap**

**Seconded by:**

# Emergency Motion by the Green Group

## Culture and Communities Committee

**3 October, 2024**

### Closure of Gorgie Farm to volunteers

Committee:

- Notes the briefing provided to Committee Members and Sighthill/Gorgie Councillors on 2 October
- Regrets that EVOG have unexpectedly handed back the lease of Gorgie Farm to the Council.
- Understands that a new tenant will not be in place until April 2025 at the earliest.
- Is concerned that the complete closure of the site for a prolonged period will lead to further deterioration of the site and create additional barriers for the new tenant as they try to realise the proposal agreed by Committee on August 8th.

Committee therefore:

- Requests a note within one week explaining why the whole site is not currently safe and why not even the garden areas cannot be safely accessed.
- Agrees that the Council will take the necessary steps to make site safe at the earliest opportunity, so that volunteers are able to return to the garden area
- Agrees that the Council will provide ongoing Facilities Management support in relation to the above until a new tenant is in place.
- Agrees that the next stage of the bid process for the farm will make clear that that the Council's expectation is that any part of the site that can be safely opened to volunteers and to the public will be opened without delay after the lease is awarded.

**Moved by: Cllr Dan Heap**

**Seconded by:**





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