

Motions and Amendments

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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Addendum by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

11th March 2025

Item 7.1 – British Sign Language Implementation Plan for 2025-2030

“Adds new

1.1.4 In addition to exploring the Council’s approach to signposting, agrees to consider implementation of accessible methods for BSL users to respond to consultations, focusing on social care and education services.

Renumbers accordingly”.

Moved by: Councillor Simita Kumar
Seconded by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson

Addendum by the SNP Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

11 March 2025

Item 7.2 – Climate Ready Edinburgh Implementation Plan

“Adds

1.1.2 Notes Accounts Commission's recommendations to develop mechanisms to ensure that the potential impact of policies on climate change goals is considered fully in decision-making.

1.1.3 Notes with regret that the interventions to improve resilience outlined in the implementation plan are needed more and more with each passing day, given, in an international context, the stalling of progress on restricting global temperature rise to 1.5°C and, in a local context, that progress towards net zero, which for years had been moving in a positive direction, has actually gone into reverse under the current Council administration which allocated no additional investment towards climate change interventions.”

Moved by: Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

11th March 2025

Item 7.2 – Climate Ready Edinburgh Implementation Plan

Add

1.1.2 Requests that the Climate Ready Edinburgh Implementation Plan 2024-2026 is circulated to all councillors given its relevance to different Committee remits.

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

11 March 2025

Item 7.2 – Climate Ready Edinburgh Implementation Plan

Add at the end of recommendations:

1.1.2 In light of the proposed 2-year reporting cycle, requests officers bring an annual update to the Sustainability and Climate and Nature Emergencies All-party oversight group (APOG).

1.1.3 Asks officers to consider how additional information could be provided to residents and businesses on improving resilience to ensure the city is prepared for increasing extreme weather events and storms, including but not limited to advice on property management, insurance, waste and garden management.

1.1.4 Additionally refers this report to Planning Committee to ask them to consider requesting an update to Edinburgh's householder guidance to provide guidance and advice for householders on garden structures and planting garden infrastructure for a changing climate, helping to reduce damage from severe weather such as high winds and storms.

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.3 – Supporting the Third Sector

Deletes all and replaces with

1.1 It is recommended that Committee:

1.1.1 Acknowledges the swift action taken by officers following the termination of the EIJB Third Sector Grants programme.

1.1.2 Agrees the establishment of a Third Sector Resilience Fund, and the purpose, criteria and approach to a first phase of allocation for this fund set out in Appendix 1 to this paper as amended by the Third Sector Reference Group (TSRG) (submitted as a written deputation). Expresses gratitude to TSRG and Third Sector CEOs for their time and expert contributions.

1.1.3 Understands the need for funding for the 64 organisations which were disadvantaged by the EIJB decision must be prioritised. Agrees co-production with the sector is required and approves implementation of a simple, brief application process co-produced with the TSRG and partner organisations.

1.1.4 Agrees to remove the requirement for applicants to be in receipt of current CEC commissioned funding.

1.1.5 Agrees to remove the proposed phase 2 and allow all affected organisations to apply in Phase 1, ensuring fair and timely access to the fund based on need and impact beginning as close to April 2025 as possible.

1.1.6 Agrees to broaden the definition of 'core' to include core functions.

1.1.7 Agrees to explore the possibility of appointing an independent chair with the necessary and relevant expertise for the panel to carry out the assessments and set out an appeals process.

- 1.1.8 Agrees that an Executive Council Committee has the final decision to award funding. Agrees to schedule a special committee to expediate decision as needed.
- 1.1.9 Agrees to receive update report to implement a wider review of the Council's approach to support the Third Sector in Edinburgh.

Moved by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson
Seconded by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Addendum by the Administration

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Item 7.4 – Equality and Diversity Framework 2021-2025 – Final Progress and Mainstreaming Report and Future Development

Committee is asked to approve the report recommendations and agree the following -

To note that the case of Peggie vs NHS Fife raises many questions about the practical implications of policies in relation to the equality act.

To therefore request that officers consider the implications of the aforementioned case and bring back recommendations to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in Autumn 2025.

Moved by: Cllr Jane Meagher
Seconded by: Cllr Mandy Watt

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.5 – Cruise Ship Levy

Adds:

1.1.5 Agrees that the report to Committee on 27 May 2025 should include full details of the work described at 3.6.4 including the potential for cruise ship industry diversion to other destinations both within Scotland and elsewhere, and a full analysis of the risks outlined at paragraph 9.1.1, recognising that the option to answer “No” to Question 1 of the consultation should remain open.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.6 – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board draft strategic plan

Deletes all and replaces with:

- 1.1 Notes the draft response to the EIJB draft Strategic Plan and acknowledges work from officers' responding to concerns raised by elected members.
- 1.2 Notes that public consultation has been rushed, unclear, and non-transparent, meaning key stakeholders have not had a meaningful opportunity to shape decisions.
- 1.3 Notes EIJB leadership has given inconsistent messaging about its approach, particularly around commissioning, making it unclear what the long-term vision for health and social care is.
- 1.4 Expresses concern that the plan has failed to engage in genuine co-production to ensure that the final plan delivers meaningful improvements to Edinburgh's health and social care system. In addition, no easy read version of the plan was produced in a timely fashion meaning groups such as the Learning Disability Advisory Group (ELDAG) were not able to contribute to the consultation.
- 1.5 Agrees that the plan does not establish a clear vision and values framework that prioritises prevention, equity, and long-term wellbeing. Notes that the plan appears to be primarily a cost-cutting exercise, rather than a strategic investment in improving health and social care services.
- 1.6 Agrees the plan fails to integrate a whole-systems approach by addressing the social determinants of health, rather than focusing solely on crisis management and
 - overlooks the need to prioritise sustainable health and wellbeing in Edinburgh.
 - risks deepening existing health inequalities, undermining community-based care, and creating unsustainable pressure on the statutory sector
 - Health and social care should prioritise prevention, community-based support, and person-centred services rather than crisis-driven interventions
 - Prioritises hospital and crisis care services at the expense of early intervention and community wellbeing.

- Frailty prevention, mental health prevention, and public health initiatives are largely absent, despite their role in reducing demand for acute care.

1.7 Therefore, Committee does not agree to approve the draft response based on concerns the Strategic Plan risks deepening existing health inequalities, undermining community-based care, and creating unsustainable pressure on the statutory sector.

1.8 Agrees to delay this plan and reviews timeline in consultation with new Chief Officer of Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, Chief Executive of City of Edinburgh Council and Chief Executive of NHS Lothian, coproduced with Service Users, Unpaid Carers and providers of services in the Third and Private Sectors which enable the H&SCP to meet its statutory obligations.

Moved by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.7 – Update Report – All Party Motion

“Adds

1.1.2 Requests a detailed timeline for the expected delivery of a revised Integration Scheme.

1.1.3 Requests formal input to this committee from NHS Lothian on their response to the original All-Party Motion and any specific expectations they may have for the elements contained motion.”

Moved by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson
Seconded by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.7 – Update Report – All Party Motion

Add at the end of recommendations:

1.1.2 Welcomes the new Chief Officer of the EIJB

1.1.3 Requests a briefing session is arranged for all Councillors to meet her and hear more about her plans for the IJB and continued work on this motion.

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Administration

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Item 7.8 – Disclosure Scotland and Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme – Elected Members

Committee is asked –

To note that elected members have interactions with vulnerable members of the public as part of their constituency work. This therefore affects all members and is not limited to those on committees relating to the provision of education, accommodation, social services or health care services to children and protected adults.

To therefore recommend to Disclosure Scotland that all elected members should undergo a basic Protecting Vulnerable Group (PVG) check to ensure the highest standards of safeguarding and accountability are upheld.

Moved by: Cllr Jane Meagher

Seconded by: Cllr Mandy Watt

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.8 – Disclosure Scotland and Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme – Elected Members

“Adds new:

1.2 Agrees that all elected members engage with vulnerable constituents as part of their roles and therefore should complete a basic disclosure.

1.3 Notes that some elected members will already be members of the scheme through existing council committee membership or other jobs. Therefore, some members might only require an update with minimal cost to the Council.”

Moved by: Councillor Simita Kumar
Seconded by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.8 – Disclosure Scotland and Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme – Elected Members

Committee agrees to take no further action on basic disclosures for elected members.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.13 – International Travel – Customer Services

Delete recommendations and insert:

- 1) Notes, as per paragraph 8.1 and the appendix, that travelling by air is likely to result in 142.6kgCO₂e, while the emissions associated with travel by bus, rail and ferry have not been calculated;
- 2) Notes therefore that the process for requesting international travel has not been correctly followed, in that alternatives to flying have not been fully investigated;
- 3) Notes there is a swift and integrated 'Rail and sail' or 'Coach and sail' option between Cairnryan and Belfast which integrates with public transport on both sides of the North Channel.
- 4) Therefore does not agree to the request, but refers the report back to officers to investigate alternatives to flying.

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

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7.14 – International Travel to Milan for CirCHive Project

1.2 Notes, as per paragraphs 8.2-8.3, that travelling by train is estimated to have 11% of the carbon emissions compared to flying.

1.3 Notes that the direct Paris-Milan TGV will resume from 31 March 2025 making this an easy, high-speed train journey with the possibility to work while traveling on all legs of the journey.

1.4 Therefore amends the recommended mode of transport to train

Moved by: **Councillor Chas Booth**

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 7.15 – Attendance at UKREiiF 2025

Add at end of recommendations:

1.2 Agrees to receive an update in the Business Bulletin after attendance on what was achieved through participation in the conference, including an update on meetings and workshops attended as part of the event.

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Addendum from the Green Group

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Item 8.3 – Annual policy update – consultation and engagement policy

Add at the end of recommendations:

1.2 Committee welcomes the changes to the policy around integrated impact assessments and demographic data and welcomes the new presumption that basic demographic data should be recorded unless there is a strong reason not to do so;

1.3 Committee notes that this consultation and engagement policy applies to all parts of the council, and will therefore also apply to quasi-judicial consultations and engagement including in planning, licensing and roads orders, and agrees that committee will be provided with a timetable for implementation of this change;

1.4 Committee agrees that, in principle and in the interests of transparency all consultation responses received **from organisations** should be published (with any personal data redacted) as a matter of course unless there are exceptional reasons not to do so, and that **individuals** responding to consultations should be given a choice to make their response public or not, as is current practice with the Scottish Government and many other public organisations;

1.5 Committee therefore agrees that a report setting out the costs and options for how the change outlined at 1.4 can be achieved should come back to committee no later than the next annual update in December 2025, and preferably sooner.

Moved by: **Councillor Chas Booth**

Seconded by:

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