

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 12 September 2019

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Arthur, Bird, Child (substituting for Councillor Doran), Cook, Corbett, Hutchison (substituting for Councillor Smith), Lang, McNeese-Mechan (substituting for Councillor Key), Miller and Webber (substituting for Councillor Douglas)

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 20 June 2019 as a correct record.

2. Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme

The Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to update the column on whether reports were executive or routine.
- 2) To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

3. Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log for September 2019 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 2 – George Street Experimental TRO
 - Action 6 – Enhancing Communal Bin Collections
 - Action 9(2) – Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto
 - Action 11 – Local Transport Strategy Timeline

- Action 12 – Improving Parking in the Leith Central Area
 - Action 15 – Motion by Cllr Mary Campbell, Edinburgh’s Coastline
 - Action 16(1) – Longer Term Intervention Measures to Relieve Congestion on the A90
 - Action 16(5) – Hours of Operation in Bus Lanes
 - Action 19(4) – Flyposting
 - Action 27 – Motion by Cllr Corbett – Waste Collection Service Over the Festive Period
 - Action 28 – Motion by Cllr Whyte – Intelligent Traffic Signals
 - Action 29 – Edinburgh Tram – York Place to Newhaven Final Business Case
 - Action 30 – Strategic Parking – Results of Area 1 Review and Corstorphine Consultation Results
 - Action 32 – Petition – CCWEL Cycle Link
 - Action 33 - Summertime Street Operations Plan
 - Action 39 – Emergency Motion by the Coalition – Bus Priority Measures on the A90
 - Action 44 – Motion by Cllr Staniforth – Powderhall Railway Path
 - Action 50 – Petitions – Parking Issues in Shandon
 - Action 52 – Motion by Cllr Hutchison – Public Communal Bins in Muirhouse
 - Action 53 – Motion by Cllr Main – Buses for All
 - Action 60 – CCWECL Section 2
- 2) To agree that all actions would be updated with an accurate completion date.
 - 3) To agree that action 24 –Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) on leaf sweeping would be brought forward.
 - 4) To otherwise note the outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for June 2019 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To the Business Bulletin.
- 2) To agree that the interim report on Open Streets would include details on how to achieve open streets in other parts of the city not limited to the city centre.
- 3) To agree that ward members would be included as stakeholders for Delivering Safer Streets.
- 4) To agree to add to the report a comparison of the Road Condition Index between the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) and other local authorities.
- 5) To agree to circulate the report on road surface drainage to ward members once available.
- 6) To agree to include percentages against each ward when publishing the next update on gullies.
- 7) To note that meeting between the Council, Lothian Buses and users as agreed at the previous committee was currently scheduled for 19 October 2019.
- 8) To agree to include a summary of the contract issued for tender on the Workplace Parking Levy in the next committee Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

5. Petition for Consideration: Call for Independent Air Study Analysing the likely Impact of CCWEL Road Layout Changes on Roseburn Terrace NO2 Pollution Levels

On 22 June 2017 the City of Edinburgh Council agreed the Petitions Committee be discontinued and that petitions would be sent to the responsible executive committees or in future locality committees for consideration.

A petition had been received which called for an independent air study to analyse the impact of the air quality of the City Centre West to East Link (CCWEL) road layout changes on Roseburn Terrace. The petitioners, George Rendall and John Yellowlees, attended the committee to speak on behalf of the petition.

The following points were raised:

- Residents and business owners along Roseburn Terrace were concerned about the potential impact of the CCWEL on air pollution levels.
- The petitioners raised concerns regarding Council officers being in disagreement with an independent pollution expert acting on behalf of The

Roseburn Vision Group and called for a study on air quality impact to be independent of the Council.

- Concerns were also raised regarding the removal of one lane through Roseburn Terrace and whether it would be possible to reroute traffic along Roseburn Place to prevent an increase in pollution on Roseburn Terrace.
- The petitioners requested that an EDMS pollution study be conducted and that the independent expert be allowed to view the figures.

Decision

To consider the terms of the petition 'Call for Independent Air Study Analysing the likely Impact of CCWEL Road Layout Changes on Roseburn Terrace NO2 Pollution Levels' as set out in Appendix one of the report.

(References – Act of Council (No 2), 22 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

6. Edinburgh City Centre Transformation – Finalised Strategy

On 5 October 2017, the Transport and Environment Committee agreed the scope of a programme to transform central Edinburgh with an aim to improve its public realm; prioritise sustainable travel on foot, by bike and public transport; and through these changes enable a wider range of sustainable development and public health outcomes.

On 16 May 2019, The Proposed Strategy was approved for consultation by the Transport and Environment Committee. Between 27 May and 7 July 2019, 3,056 responses to the ECCT survey and a further 28 written responses were received.

On 12 September 2019, the Transport and Environment Committee considered the Finalised Strategy, which presented the consultation feedback and how this influenced the strategy. The report also included the ten-year Programme Delivery Plan (PDP) and funding strategy, alongside performance measures to monitor the outcome of delivering ECCT.

Motion

- 1) To note the outcome of public consultation on Edinburgh City Centre Transformation's (ECCTs) Proposed Strategy and draft Environmental Report and how this had influenced the Finalised Strategy.
- 2) To note the proposed outcome-based performance measures included in the Finalised Strategy and the development of a ten year Programme Delivery Plan (PDP) including a funding strategy and resourcing requirements.

- 3) To note the early actions in the PDP, in particular those to implement selected traffic free streets in the Old Town, to reduce traffic displacement and to strengthen alignment between city centre projects.
 - 4) To note the funding award of £0.520m from Sustrans Scotland's 'Places for Everyone' grant scheme in order to progress the following projects identified in the PDP:
 - i) To support creation of a pedestrian priority zone in the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh by undertaking a feasibility study of filtered permeability for vehicle traffic.
 - ii) To develop outline concept designs for street space re-allocation on Lothian Road to create a multi-modal boulevard.
 - iii) To explore options for routing a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Waverley valley.
 - 5) To approve the finalised ECCT Strategy and PDP to guide the future design, operation and management of the city centre.
 - 6) To agree that progress updates would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee every six months with key gateway PDP reviews in years 3, 5, 7 and 10.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Child

Amendment 1

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 - 6) To agree that progress updates would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee every six months with key gateway PDP reviews in years 3, 5, 7 and 10.
 - 7) To note the requests from members of the public for clearer information about how the strategy would meet its stated principle of “inclusive and accessible”.
 - 8) To note that as ECCT moved forward there would be opportunities to increase inclusivity and accessibility through detailed proposals.
 - 9) To request a suite of communications in a variety of accessible media and formats which consolidated all of the relevant information from the strategy about how inclusivity and accessibility would be protected and improved.
- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Corbett

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the outcome of public consultation on Edinburgh City Centre Transformation’s (ECCTs) Proposed Strategy and draft Environmental Report and how this had influenced the Finalised Strategy.
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 - 5) To approve the finalised ECCT Strategy and PDP to guide the future design, operation and management of the city centre.
 - 6) To agree that progress updates would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee every six months with key gateway PDP reviews in years 3, 5, 7 and 10.
 - 7) To agree that the draft City Mobility Plan, due before the committee in December 2019, should detail how the ECCT commitment to prioritise public transport would be delivered. Specifically, this plan should address;
 - i) The importance of bus connections running to, from and through the city centre.
 - ii) The accessibility of such bus services within the city centre.
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Webber

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the report recommendations.
- 2) To recognise the merits of a programme to transform central Edinburgh, in particular: to improve its public realm; prioritise sustainable travel on foot, by bike and public transport; and through these changes enable a wider range of sustainable development and public health outcomes, all while seeking to make use of a joined-up approach to city centre management.
- 3) To nonetheless express disappointment and concern at the continued lack of specifics around many elements of ECCT - many of which remained purely aspiration in nature and consider this unacceptable for what was termed a 'finalised strategy'.
- 4) To note the lack of detail around bus service changes particularly concerning, given the additional pressure the council had already placed on Lothian Buses and the huge inconvenience lesser services could have on Edinburgh's working population and their families - the numbers of which could not be catered for by a 'hopper bus'.
- 5) To note that Lothian Buses had formally voiced its concerns in respect of the above and the resulting consequences for the firm's financial viability.
- 6) To note that, despite assurances full funding details would be provided, little fresh financial detail was provided, with the report acknowledging huge uncertainty around later stage projects, which were deliverable only 'as and when' funding might have theoretically become available.

- 7) To agree for a revised, focused and detailed plan to come back to committee which progressed with a management and operations centre and to seek to demonstrate that the Council could complete - within agreed budgets and timescales - the following flagship place making projects: George Street and First New Town Project, a refreshed Royal Mile Action Plan and the CCEW cycle link. All projects would include robust monitoring and impact assessments to inform future decision making.
 - 8) To agree that Open Streets required to run in its current iteration for far longer to enable meaningful data gathering and stakeholder engagement which could also be used to inform future place making project decisions.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

In terms of Standing Order 21.11, Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

Voting

- For the motion - 8 votes
For amendment - 3 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Child, Corbett, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan and Miller.

For the amendment – Councillors Cook, Hutchison and Webber.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To note the outcome of public consultation on Edinburgh City Centre Transformation's (ECCTs) Proposed Strategy and draft Environmental Report and how this had influenced the Finalised Strategy.
- 2) To note the proposed outcome-based performance measures included in the Finalised Strategy and the development of a ten year Programme Delivery Plan (PDP) including a funding strategy and resourcing requirements.
- 3) To note the early actions in the PDP, in particular those to implement selected traffic free streets in the Old Town, to reduce traffic displacement and to strengthen alignment between city centre projects.
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 - i) To support creation of a pedestrian priority zone in the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh by undertaking a feasibility study of filtered permeability for vehicle traffic.

- ii) To develop outline concept designs for street space re-allocation on Lothian Road to create a multi-modal boulevard.
 - iii) To explore options for routing a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Waverley valley.
- 5) To approve the finalised ECCT Strategy and PDP to guide the future design, operation and management of the city centre.
- 6) To agree that progress updates would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee every six months with key gateway PDP reviews in years 3, 5, 7 and 10.
- 7) To note the requests from members of the public for clearer information about how the strategy would meet its stated principle of “inclusive and accessible”.
- 8) To note that as ECCT moved forward there would be opportunities to increase inclusivity and accessibility through detailed proposals.
- 9) To request a suite of communications in a variety of accessible media and formats which consolidated all of the relevant information from the strategy about how inclusivity and accessibility would be protected and improved.
- 10) To agree that the draft City Mobility Plan, due before the committee in December 2019, should detail how the ECCT commitment to prioritise public transport would be delivered. Specifically, this plan should address;
 - i) The importance of bus connections running to, from and through the city centre.
 - ii) The accessibility of such bus services within the city centre.

In accordance with Standing Order 29.1, the decision was referred to Council for approval.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 5 October 2017 (item 9); 15 May 2019 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Macinnes declared a non-financial interest in this item as Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.

7. Bus Stop Removal, Liberton Road at Goods Corner

As part of the Council's strategy to improve conditions for Public Transport, where physical changes were being made to the road network, the opportunity was taken to review the spacing of bus stops at that time.

Following the construction of a new development at the corner of Liberton Road and Gilmerton Road a decision was taken not to reinstate the bus stop at this location.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that the Goods Corner bus stop would not be reinstated and that consultation was carried out with local residents on the proposal to relocate the stop closest to Braidburn Court which was a few metres to the north, to create more regular spacing at this location.
- 3) To agree to circulate the papers from the Bus Stop Rationalisation Workshop that took place on 11 September 2019.
- 4) To agree to reconvene the workshop for members.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

8. Risk Based Approach to Road Asset Safety Inspections

Approval was sought for policy on road safety inspections to comply with the guidance, 'Well Managed Highway Infrastructure'.

The policy referred to the suite of guidance documents provided by The Society of Chief Officers for Transportation in Scotland (SCOTS) for the management and implementation of road safety inspections. These had been revised to accommodate the local context of the City of Edinburgh Council. Implementation of the policy was also supported by a SCOTS Training toolkit.

Decision

- 1) To agree to the adoption of the Road Safety Inspection Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1, to fulfil the requirements of the Code of Practice in implementing a risk based approach.
- 2) To agree to amend Table 9 in the report so that the first column would be Impact on People.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

9. Deposit Return Scheme (DRS) for Drinks Containers

The Scottish Government announced its intention to proceed with a deposit return scheme to encourage recycling of most drinks containers.

In response to a motion by Councillor Macinnes on 16 May 2019, the report summarised what was now known about how the scheme was proposed to operate.

When the scheme was scheduled to begin, most drinks containers would carry a deposit of 20p, and should be returned to retailers rather than: being disposed of in household recycling or waste collections; disposed of in litter bins; or disposed of as litter. This would have an impact on the Council in terms of the waste and recycling it currently manages, as well as providing opportunities for schools and other organisations to potentially raise funds by acting as collection points.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree to circulate a briefing note to members on the Scottish Government consultation and CEC's response.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 15 May 2019 (item 20); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

10. Waste and Cleansing Services Performance Update

An update was provided on the Waste and Cleansing Services performance for the quarter one (April to June) of financial year 2019/20, along with an update on the progress made towards the activities to revise the suite of performance reporting measures for the service and the next steps involved.

In response to a motion by Councillor Webber to Council on 30 May 2019 an update was also included to address the points raised on waste collection services and the impact of bin placement.

Decision

To note the report including the activities and dependencies outlined within the report and the progress made towards these.

(References – Act of Council (No 15), 30 May 2019; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

11. Strategic Review of Parking – Review Results for Areas 4 and 5 and Proposed Implementation Strategy

On 9 August 2018, the Transport and Environment Committee approved the commencement of a Strategic Review of Parking that would look at parking pressures across the entire Edinburgh area. This review would help to form a citywide strategy for addressing parking pressures, taking a proactive approach on policy and strategy grounds.

An update was provided on the results of that review for the south-east and north areas of the city, drawing together the results from the three, previously reported areas and making recommendations based on the full results from across the city.

Motion

- 1) To note the result of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 4 – South-east Edinburgh and Area 5 – North Edinburgh as detailed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of the report.
 - 2) To recognise the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing commuter parking around the city centre, as well as in our local centres and urban villages.
 - 3) To note the overall results for Areas 1 through 5 of the Strategic Review, as detailed in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 of the report.
 - 4) To approve the detailed recommendations listed in paragraphs 4.32 - 4.64 of the report.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Child

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the result of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 4 – South-east Edinburgh and Area 5 – North Edinburgh as detailed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of the report.
 - 2) To recognise the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing commuter parking around the city centre, as well as in our local centres and urban villages.
 - 3) To note the overall results for Areas 1 through 5 of the Strategic Review, as detailed in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 of the report.
 - 4) To approve the detailed recommendations listed in paragraphs 4.32 - 4.64 of the report while also reiterating Committee's agreement that the introduction of any new parking controls must have been seen to command the support of local residents within each proposed zone.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the result of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 4 – South-east Edinburgh and Area 5 – North Edinburgh as detailed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of the report.
- 2) To recognise the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing commuter parking around the city centre, as well as in our local centres and urban villages.
- 3) To note the overall results for Areas 1 through 5 of the Strategic Review, as detailed in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 of the report.

- 4) To approve the detailed recommendations that are listed in paragraphs 4.32 - 4.64 of the report with the following exceptions:
 - a) Committee did not yet agree with the Area 5 conclusion with respect to Davidson's Mains and therefore instructed officers to engage with the Davidson's Mains and Silverknowes Association and ward councillors on further surveying of parking pressures within parts of the zone and to report back to the committee through the business bulletin within two cycles.
 - b) To agree that, in light of the specific risk of parking displacement to Blinkbonny Crescent and to the northern end of Craigleith Crescent, that these streets should be incorporated into the B5 Controlled Parking Area as soon as feasible.
 - c) To note the high probability of parking displacement to Murrayfield and therefore to agree to include this area as part of the phase 2 A8 Corridor investigation area.
 - d) To agree that within Blackhall East, streets north of Hillhouse Road / Queensferry Road should be included in the phase 3 Fettes/B3/B4/B5 investigation area, with remaining streets in Blackhall East designated for further monitoring.
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Webber

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the result of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 4 – South-east Edinburgh and Area 5 – North Edinburgh as detailed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of the report.
- 2) To recognise the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing commuter parking around the city centre, as well as in our local centres and urban villages.
- 3) To note the overall results for Areas 1 through 5 of the Strategic Review, as detailed in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 of the report.
- 4) To approve the detailed recommendations listed in paragraphs 4.32 - 4.64 of the report.
- 5) To recognise that the work carried out in areas 1-5 constituted a significant level of independent analysis of parking pressures which demonstrated the needs for action in many areas to improve residents' quality of life, reduce congestion and improve road safety.
- 6) To recognise that delivery on the timeline outlined in Appendix 8 of the report would require robust project management and therefore to agree that a further

report before the end of the year to set out arrangements for project oversight, officer capacity and resources needed.

- 7) To agree that, in parallel with the programme set out in the report and to complete the strategic overview, further analysis should be commissioned of factors affecting the underlying demand for the volume and location of parking and how key plans such as the City Mobility Plan and City Plan 2030 impacted on that.
- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Corbett

In terms of Standing Order 21(1), paragraph 4(a) of Amendment 2 and Amendment 3 in full were accepted as addendums to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

Voting

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	7 votes
For Amendment 1	-	3 votes
For Amendment 2	-	1 vote

(For the motion (as adjusted) – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Child, Corbett, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan and Miller.

For Amendment 1 – Councillors Cook, Hutchison and Webber.

for Amendment 2 – Councillor Lang)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To note the result of the initial investigation of parking pressures in Area 4 – South-east Edinburgh and Area 5 – North Edinburgh as detailed in Appendix 3 and Appendix 4 of the report.
- 2) To recognise the potential economic, traffic management and air quality benefits of reducing commuter parking around the city centre, as well as in our local centres and urban villages.
- 3) To note the overall results for Areas 1 through 5 of the Strategic Review, as detailed in Appendix 5 and Appendix 6 of the report.
- 4) To note that committee did not yet agree with the Area 5 conclusion with respect to Davidson’s Mains and therefore instructed officers to engage with the Davidson’s Mains and Silverknowes Association and ward councillors on the further surveying of parking pressures within parts of the zone and to report back to the committee through the business bulletin within two cycles.
- 5) To recognise that the work carried out in areas 1-5 constituted a significant level of independent analysis of parking pressures which demonstrated the need for action in many areas to improve residents’ quality of life, reduce congestion and improve road safety.

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- 7) To agree that, in parallel with the programme set out in this report and to complete the strategic overview, further analysis should be commissioned of factors affecting the underlying demand for the volume and location of parking and how key plans such as the City Mobility Plan and City Plan 2030 impacted on that.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 9 August 2018 (item 10); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

12. Appointments to Working Groups 2019/2020

The Transport and Environment Committee was required to annually re-appoint the membership of its working groups. The proposed membership structures of each were detailed in appendix 1 of the report.

Decision

- 1) To appoint the membership of the Working Groups for 2019/20 as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2) To note that Councillor Watt had replaced Councillor Cameron on the Central Edinburgh Development Working Group as Vice-Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.
- 3) To note that Councillor Miller had replaced Councillor Booth on the Tram All Party Oversight Group as Opposition Group Transport Spokesperson.
- 4) To appoint Councillor Miller to the Transport Forum in place of Councillor Booth, as a change to the membership of working groups detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.
- 5) To agree to replace Councillor Gloyer with Councillor Lang on the Central Edinburgh Development Working Group, the All-Party Tram Oversight Working Group, the Transport Forum, and the Single Use Plastics Working Group.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

13. Emergency Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Summer Festival Advertising

The Convener ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Committee to give early consideration to the matter, in accordance with Standing Order 21.3(d).

The following motion by Councillor Macinnes was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16(2):

“That Committee:

Notes the significant positive impact that the ban on temporary on-street advertising structures has had on the accessibility, safety and amenity of the city’s streets since its implementation in November 2018.

Acknowledges that an exemption to the ban was agreed for the summer Festival period to enable official event-related signage to be displayed as part of the Council’s management plan to tackle unauthorised flyposting in partnership with Out of Hand Ltd. Before managed advertising was implemented, unauthorised flyposting had a significant detrimental impact on the city’s amenity and on the Council’s resources.

Acknowledges that the contract with Out of Hand Ltd provides a managed service for venues, promoters, and acts associated with the Edinburgh Fringe, the world’s largest arts festival. In addition, that the income from the contract supports additional services, such as street cleaning and environmental enforcement, during the summer festival period.

Notes that throughout the Festival season the Council works closely with event organisers to ensure event advertising meets with public safety requirements.

Recognises that, during this year’s Festival, some concerns have been raised about event-related advertising, particularly around its impact on pedestrian accessibility.

Agrees that the Council will review the concerns raised with Out of Hand Ltd post Festival, and the outcome of this will be summarised in the ‘12-month review of the ban on A Boards and other temporary advertising structures’ report, which is scheduled to be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in December.

Notes that the committee report will also set out the possible consequences of any changes to the Festival advertising strategy.”

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Child

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.