

# Minutes

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Thursday 11 June 2020

### Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Cook, Gardiner, Gloyer, Hutchison, Johnston, (substituting for Councillor Cook, item 12 to 17, substituting for Councillor Webber, item 18 onwards), Laidlaw (substituting for Councillor Hutchison, item 21 onwards), Lang (substituting for Councillor Gloyer, items 8 and 9. substituting for Councillor Aldridge, items 10 and 11), Macinnes, Main, Miller (substituting for Councillor Main, item 10), McLellan, Mowat (substituting for Councillor Hutchison, item 19), Perry, Rankin, Staniforth, Webber, Whyte and Wilson.

### 1. Minutes

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#### Decision

To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 28 May 2020 as a correct record.

### 2. Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme

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The Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme for 11 June 2020 was presented.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree the Executive Director of Place would liaise with the Convener and Vice Convener on when the Choices paper is likely to come back and include this on the next work programme.
- 2) To note the work programme.

(Reference – Work Programme 11 June 2020, submitted.)

### 3. Policy and Sustainability Committee Rolling Actions Log

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Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

#### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:

**Actions 18(1) and 18(2)** – Interim Political Management Arrangements 2020

**Actions 19(2) and 19(3)** – Consultation Planning Report

**Action 20** – Waiver Report for Edinburgh and Midlothian Offender Recovery Service

- 2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

#### **4. Police Scotland – City of Edinburgh Council Division Update**

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Chief Superintendent Scott and Superintendent Rennie provided an update on Police Scotland's City of Edinburgh Division city-wide plans, policies and performance.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To agree that charts that represent year to date incident and crime demand throughout the Division, compared with last year to date, would be made clearer.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

#### **5. Award of Residential Care, Special Schools and Supported Accommodation Framework Agreement**

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Approval was sought to award a four lot Framework Agreement for Residential Care, Special Schools and Supported Accommodation to 22 Service Providers to commence in June 2020 for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend for a further period of up to twelve months.

##### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the award of a Framework Agreement for Residential Care, Special Schools and Supported Accommodation to 22 Service Providers over four Lots: Aberlour Child Care Trust, Acorn Care and Education Limited, Action for Children, Applied Care and Development Limited, Capability Scotland, Care Visions Limited, Clearview Care Limited, CrossReach, Cyrenians, Dunedin School, East Park School, Greenleaf House, Harmeny Education Trust Limited, Moore House Care and Education / Moore House School Ltd, Ochil Tower School, Primecare Health LTD, Scottish Autism, Seamab, Snowdon School Ltd, Spark of Genius, The Donaldson Trust and The Royal Blind School.
- 2) The Framework Agreement would commence in June 2020 for an initial period of three years, with the option to extend for a further period of up to twelve months.

- 3) The total value of the Framework Agreement was estimated at £9,900,000 per annum but that figure was dependent on child placements required.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## **6. City of Edinburgh Council response to the Scottish Government Advisory Group on Economic Recovery Call for Views**

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Details were provided of the Council's response to the Call for Views issued by the Scottish Government's Advisory Group on Economic Recovery. The response was compiled based on feedback from service areas, and in alignment with existing Council statements and policies. The response drew on the emerging findings of engagement with businesses and partners carried out as part of early stages of the Sustainable Economic Recovery strand of the Council Adaptation and Renewal Programme. A full report on this engagement activity and its findings would be reported to committee upon its completion.

### **Motion**

To note the Council's response to the call for views from the Scottish Government Advisory Group on Economic Recovery. This was approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener under urgency provisions contained within Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note with concern that the matter was dealt with under delegated powers when the call for evidence was issued on 18 May, and Policy & Sustainability Committee met on 28 May, three days before the deadline of 31 May. This meant there was no consultation with councillors other than the Leader and Deputy Leader and condemns the continued approach of taking important and politically sensitive decisions in private without reference to Committee despite the commencement of fortnightly Policy and Sustainability meetings and the work ongoing to reinstate full Council.
- 2) To note that the request from the Scottish Government was specifically for information on the local situation which was lacking from the response which quotes national figures rather than furnishing the Scottish Government with the particular needs of the situation in Edinburgh and considers that this was a lost opportunity to communicate the specific needs of the city to the Government.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor McLellan

### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the Council's response to the call for views from the Scottish Government Advisory Group on Economic Recovery. This was approved by the Chief Executive

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in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener under urgency provisions contained within Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

- 2) To thank Friends of the Earth Scotland for mobilising a collective response to the Scottish Government calling for a just and green recovery and supports their five steps.
  - 3) To note the need to review the City Region Deal to reflect the new circumstances and to embed new powers over revenue-raising and regional planning which will allow local government and partners to deliver a green recovery.
  - 4) To welcome the Edinburgh Climate Commission's forthcoming report on the key elements of a green recovery
  - 5) To note the UK Government's intention was to pursue Brexit without an extension, rather than taking account of the current emergency circumstances, and continues to press the UK Government to negotiate for a suitable extension period.
- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For Amendment 1	-	7 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Cook, Gloyer, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the Council's response to the call for views from the Scottish Government Advisory Group on Economic Recovery. This was approved by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener under urgency provisions contained within Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.
- 2) To thank Friends of the Earth Scotland for mobilising a collective response to the Scottish Government calling for a just and green recovery and supports their five steps.

- 3) To note the need to review the City Region Deal to reflect the new circumstances and to embed new powers over revenue-raising and regional planning which will allow local government and partners to deliver a green recovery.
- 4) To welcome the Edinburgh Climate Commission's forthcoming report on the key elements of a green recovery
- 5) To note the UK Government's intention was to pursue Brexit without an extension, rather than taking account of the current emergency circumstances, and continues to press the UK Government to negotiate for a suitable extension period.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 7. Council Meetings

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Proposals on how the Council could hold a remote Council meeting in June 2020 including potential dates for the meeting and a test meeting were provided.

### Decision

- 1) To agree the principles laid out in paragraph 4.1 of the report.
- 2) To delegate power to the Chief Executive to make any changes necessary to the Interim Standing Orders as a result of the implementation of this report, including reinstating verbal deputations once the technology allowed.
- 3) To consult with elected members on the dates of the Council meetings in July and August and delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lord Provost, to set the most appropriate dates.
- 4) To note that meeting procedures were being developed, in consultation with the Lord Provost, and would be issued to all elected members prior to the meeting.

(Reference – Policy and Sustainability Committee, 28 May 2020 (item 6); report by the Chief Executive submitted.)

## 8. 2050 Edinburgh City Vision

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The City Vision process started in late 2016. Since then there has been significant and ongoing stakeholder and public engagement to develop a Vision for the City. In 2018 a public engagement process was undertaken to add to the 10,000 inputs gathered from the citizens of Edinburgh in the previous two years. In this process there had been clear consensus throughout from the people of Edinburgh that took part on the themes and values considered most important to guide the future direction of the city. These have been crystallised into a 2050 Edinburgh City Vision by the Steering Group made up of key individuals from a wide variety of organisations and across a wide range of demographics.

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- 1) To welcome and endorse the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision (Appendix A) finalised by the Steering Group of city partners (details of membership form Appendix B).
  - 2) To note that Committee agreed on 28 May 2020 that values of the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision should be central to the Council's Adaptation and Renewal programme.
  - 3) To agree that the Lord Provost should sign and commit City of Edinburgh Council to the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision Charter (Appendix C).
  - 4) To note that an annual conference of youth representatives would consider progress towards delivery on the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision and would report back to Committee.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note that the key consensus point expressed by residents in the City Vision consultation was a wish to see a clean city and agreed that this should be given far greater priority in a redrafted document recognising that this should encompass a restoration of civic pride and a focus on the services that maintain our built and natural environment.
  - 2) To note that there were no measures of success in the document which made it impossible to check progress either through Council processes or the suggested young peoples' conference. Therefore, agrees that any future version of a City vision should include measures of success to be reviewed through the democratic processes of the Council.
  - 3) To recognise that the Council cannot bind the priorities or vision of any future Council or its decision-making processes and any attempt to do so would be profoundly undemocratic.
- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor McLellan

### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To welcome and endorse the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision (Appendix A) finalised by the Steering Group of city partners (details of membership form Appendix B).
- 2) To note that Committee agreed on 28 May 2020 that values of the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision should be central to the Council's Adaptation and Renewal programme.
- 3) To agree that the Lord Provost should sign and commit City of Edinburgh Council to the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision Charter (Appendix C).
- 4) To note that an annual conference of youth representatives would consider progress towards delivery on the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision and would report back to Committee.

- 5) To agree that the Council Leader wrote to the steering group of city partners to request that they used the feedback from the conference in 1.4 of the report to agree a set of metrics which could be used to measure the city's success in meeting the aspirations set out in the vision.
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	12 votes
For Amendment 1	-	5 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors, Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Cook, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To welcome and endorse the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision (Appendix A) finalised by the Steering Group of city partners (details of membership form Appendix B).
- 2) To note that Committee agreed on 28 May 2020 that values of the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision should be central to the Council's Adaptation and Renewal programme.
- 3) To agree that the Lord Provost should sign and commit City of Edinburgh Council to the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision Charter (Appendix C).
- 4) To note that an annual conference of youth representatives would consider progress towards delivery on the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision and reported back to Committee.
- 5) To agree that the Council Leader wrote to the steering group of city partners to request that they used the feedback from the conference in 1.4 to agree a set of metrics which could be used to measure the city's success in meeting the aspirations set out in the vision.

(Reference – Policy and Sustainability Committee, 6 August 2019 (item 7); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## **9. Edinburgh Poverty Commission – Poverty and Coronavirus in Edinburgh**

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An update was provided on progress of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission in the period since the last report to Committee in February 2020.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note work carried out by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to date, and revised plans for publication of final recommendations in Autumn 2020.
  - 2) To that development of cross-council actions implementation of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations would be developed and reported to Committee as part of the Council Adaptation and Renewal Programme.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note work carried out by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to date, and revised plans for publication of final recommendations in Autumn 2020.
  - 2) To that development of cross-council actions implementation of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations will be developed and reported to Committee as part of the Council Adaptation and Renewal Programme.
- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To welcome and endorse the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision (Appendix A) finalised by the Steering Group of city partners (details of membership form Appendix B).
- 2) To note that Committee agreed on 28 May 2020 that values of the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision should be central to the Council's Adaptation and Renewal programme.
- 3) During the development of the Adaptation and Renewal Programme the following points would be considered:
  - The need to avoid homeless people returning to rough sleeping and poor quality, high cost temporary accommodation.
  - The need to ensure that, as development restarted, developers were held firm to affordable housing requirements.
  - The need to build on food and emergency supply networks to revamp food poverty responses.
  - The need to support the city's volunteer infrastructure more fully in the future.
  - The need for advance planning and preparation to ensure, Post-Covid, that people were supported to avoid or navigate their way out of increased personal debt.



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- The need for a review of Council debt policy, including the use of inhibition orders in debt collection and charges imposed by the Council's debt recovery services, to ensure no one profits from Council debt.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Amendment 3**

- 1) To note work carried out by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to date, and revised plans for publication of final recommendations in Autumn 2020.
- 2) To that development of cross-council actions implementation of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations will be developed and reported to Committee as part of the Council Adaptation and Renewal Programme.
- 3) To note that the original aims set for the Poverty Commission included making recommendations on a programme of activities and actions to reduce levels of poverty in Edinburgh and therefore invites the Commission to ensure its final report includes specific actions which the Council has direct control over and which could be taken to address poverty in the city.
- 4) To agree that an officer report, setting out actions taken in response to issues raised in the Commission's interim report, should be brought to the committee at the same time as tabling of the Commission's final report.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion and Amendment 1.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	12 votes
For Amendment 1	-	5 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors, Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Cook, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note work carried out by the Edinburgh Poverty Commission to date, and revised plans for publication of final recommendations in Autumn 2020.

- 2) To that development of cross-council actions implementation of Edinburgh Poverty Commission recommendations would be developed and reported to Committee as part of the Council Adaptation and Renewal Programme.
- 3) During the development of the Adaptation and Renewal Programme the following points would be considered:
  - The need to avoid homeless people returning to rough sleeping and poor quality, high cost temporary accommodation.
  - The need to ensure that, as development restarted, developers were held firm to affordable housing requirements.
  - The need to build on food and emergency supply networks to revamp food poverty responses
  - The need to support the city's volunteer infrastructure more fully in the future
  - The need for advance planning and preparation to ensure, Post-Covid, that people were supported to avoid or navigate their way out of increased personal debt
  - The need for a review of Council debt policy, including the use of inhibition orders in debt collection and charges imposed by the Council's debt recovery services, to ensure no one profits from Council debt.
- 4) To note that the original aims set for the Poverty Commission included making recommendations on a programme of activities and actions to reduce levels of poverty in Edinburgh and therefore invites the Commission to ensure its final report included specific actions which the Council had direct control over and which could be taken to address poverty in the city.
- 5) To agree that an officer report, setting out actions taken in response to issues raised in the Commission's interim report, should be brought to the committee at the same time as tabling of the Commission's final report.

(Reference – Policy and Sustainability Committee, 25 February 2020 (item 5); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 10. Spaces for People Programme Update

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An update was provided on the prioritisation of interventions in the Spaces for People programme, progress so far and planned next steps. Approval was also sought for a direct award of contract via a waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) for supply and installation of temporary traffic management infrastructure, due to time criticality of the programme, which precluded the opportunity to undertake a full procurement exercise. The value of this award was expected to be in the region of £1 million and £1.5 million, subject to costs received from suppliers.

### **Motion**

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- 1) To note the schemes implemented to date, plans for future phases of this programme and the role of these changes in supporting the city's plans for adaptation and renewal, particularly in supporting businesses.
  - 2) To note that the Council had been awarded £5 million of funding from the Scottish Government's Spaces for People programme.
  - 3) To note that the Scottish Government's Spaces for People fund would be increased from £10 million to £30 million. Further bids for funding may be submitted to progress additional interventions which had been suggested by the public and/or stakeholder groups.
  - 4) To note that due to the immediate requirement for programme implementation, there was not sufficient time to undertake a full procurement exercise. As such approves a direct award of contract via waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) to purchase temporary traffic management infrastructure. The value of this award was subject to costs received from suppliers but was expected to be of a value between £1 - £1.5 million.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

#### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note the schemes implemented to date, plans for future phases of this programme and the role of these changes in supporting the city's plans for adaptation and renewal. The priority for bringing schemes forward should be reversed to begin with local high streets which have seen an increase in footfall and pedestrians that need the extra space, while also recognising the need for a dedicated support campaign for traders.
- 2) To note that the Council had been awarded £5 million of funding from the Scottish Government's Spaces for People programme.
- 3) To note that the Scottish Government's Spaces for People fund would be increased from £10 million to £30 million. Further bids for funding may be submitted to progress additional interventions which had been suggested by the public and/or stakeholder groups.
- 4) To note that due to the immediate requirement for programme implementation, there is not sufficient time to undertake a full procurement exercise. As such approves a direct award of contract via waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) to purchase temporary traffic management infrastructure. The value of this award is subject to costs received from suppliers but is expected to be of a value between £1 - £1.5 million.
- 5) To request that Network assessment and modelling took place on the impact across city of all the agreed and proposed designs to date. This should also include any other major proposals (e.g. The Mound being closed at Bank Street) and focus on unintended consequences and outcomes of individual projects, which when brought

together, may result in severing of the north of the city from the south. This would have a serious impact on both businesses and residents.

- 6) To agree to immediately suspend and consider alternatives solutions for North Bridge which by limiting to one shared lane for both buses and cycles was inherently dangerous.
  - 7) Regretted that despite unanimous local support, many local projects have yet to be instigated or included in plans to date, for example, the failure to include Raeburn Place in the Town Centre schemes outlined in 4.14 and requested further information on their inclusion within one Policy and Sustainability Committee cycle.
  - 8) Regretted that the sharing of design plans and their progress between officers, local elected members and stakeholders was still not as robust as was necessary and that a review of the timelines of communication should take place and be reported to Committee in the report outlined in 7 above.
- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Cook

## **Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the schemes implemented to date, plans for future phases of this programme and the role of these changes in supporting the city's plans for adaptation and renewal, particularly in supporting businesses.
- 2) To note that the Council had been awarded £5 million of funding from the Scottish Government's Spaces for People programme.
- 3) To note that the Scottish Government's Spaces for People fund would be increased from £10 million to £30 million. Further bids for funding may be submitted to progress additional interventions which had been suggested by the public and/or stakeholder groups.
- 4) To note that due to the immediate requirement for programme implementation, there was not sufficient time to undertake a full procurement exercise. As such approved a direct award of contract via waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) to purchase temporary traffic management infrastructure. The value of this award was subject to costs received from suppliers but was expected to be of a value between £1 - £1.5 million.
- 4) To note the pace of implementation to date has raised disappointment from many residents, notes the gradual increase of traffic levels across the city giving rise to increased risk to people walking, wheeling and cycling, and calls for implementation of subsequent measures to be delivered at a faster pace in order to increase safety for everyone.
- 5) To note concerns regarding transparency of process and strategic approach to provision of distancing measures across all areas of the city where they are needed, and in particular filling the significant gaps in the bike network and

consistently providing at least minimum pavement widths as per the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

### Amendment 3

- 1) To note the schemes implemented to date, plans for future phases of this programme and the role of these changes in supporting the city's plans for adaptation and renewal, particularly in supporting businesses and agrees that the first schemes in direct response to suggestions received from communities should be developed and put in place by the end of June.
- 2) To note that the Council had been awarded £5 million of funding from the Scottish Government's Spaces for People programme.
- 3) To note that the Scottish Government's Spaces for People fund would be increased from £10 million to £30 million. Further bids for funding may be submitted to progress additional interventions which had been suggested by the public and/or stakeholder groups.
- 4) To note that due to the immediate requirement for programme implementation, there was not sufficient time to undertake a full procurement exercise. As such approved a direct award of contract via waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) to purchase temporary traffic management infrastructure. The value of this award was subject to costs received from suppliers but was expected to be of a value between £1 - £1.5 million.
- 5) To agree to extend the list provided in paragraph 4.14 of the report to include the town centre of Stockbridge.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes	
For Amendment 1	-	5 votes	For
Amendment 2	-	2 votes	

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Lang, Macinnes, McVey, Perry, Rankin and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Cook, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Miller and Staniforth)

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the schemes implemented to date, plans for future phases of this programme and the role of these changes in supporting the city's plans for adaptation and renewal, particularly in supporting businesses and agrees that the first schemes in direct response to suggestions received from communities should be developed and put in place by the end of June.
- 2) To note that the Council has been awarded £5 million of funding from the Scottish Government's Spaces for People programme.
- 3) To note that the Scottish Government's Spaces for People fund would be increased from £10 million to £30 million. Further bids for funding may be submitted to progress additional interventions which had been suggested by the public and/or stakeholder groups.
- 4) To note that due to the immediate requirement for programme implementation, there was not sufficient time to undertake a full procurement exercise. As such approved a direct award of contract via waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) to purchase temporary traffic management infrastructure. The value of this award was subject to costs received from suppliers but was expected to be of a value between £1 - £1.5 million.
- 5) To agree to extend the list provided in paragraph 4.14 of the report to include the town centre of Stockbridge.

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

## 11. Transport Arm's Length External Organisations: Company Appointments

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Approval was sought for a number of Board appointments and extensions for Lothian Buses Limited (LB) and the appointment and remuneration of an Interim Managing Director for LB. Approval was also sought for the appointment of Scott-Moncrieff as auditors for LB and the extension of a Board appointment for the Board of Edinburgh Trams Limited (ET).

### Motion

- 1) To note that the appointment of directors to the Boards of Lothian Buses Limited (LB) and Edinburgh Trams Limited (ET) and the appointment of auditors at LB were Reserved Matters, which required the written consent of the Council.
- 2) To approve the following LB Board appointments:

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- The extension of Non-Executive Director (NED) appointments for Steve Cassidy, Susan Deacon, Jim McFarlane, Tony Rose and Mark Yexley for a further year (to 30 June 2021);
  - The appointment of Nigel Serafini to the role of Interim Managing Director of LB with the associated remuneration for this role as set out in paragraph 4.5
  - The appointment of Jim Armstrong as an Executive Director.
- 3) To approve the appointment of Scott-Moncrieff as auditors for LB on 28 June 2020.
  - 4) To approve the extension to the appointment of Andrew Neal as a NED to the Board of ET for a sixth and final year (to 30 June 2021).
  - 5) To agree the Council Leader would write to the Board of Lothian Buses asking them to reconsider the inclusion of a bonus and take the first opportunity to remove this aspect of remuneration when making a permanent appointment.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

#### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note that the appointment of directors to the Boards of Lothian Buses Limited (LB) and Edinburgh Trams Limited (ET) and the appointment of auditors at LB are Reserved Matters, which required the written consent of the Council.
  - 2) To approve the following LB Board appointments:
    - To agree to extend Jim McFarlane's non-executive appointment for a further year to 30 June 2021, and requests that the Board of Lothian Buses present two other existing Board members to have their terms extended to June 2021, with the remaining two places to be filled by way of a recruitment process
    - The appointment of Nigel Serafini to the role of Interim Managing Director of LB with the associated salary but does not agree to the proposed 30% bonus for this role as set out in paragraph 4.5
    - The appointment of Jim Armstrong as an Executive Director.
  - 3) To approve the appointment of Scott-Moncrieff as auditors for LB on 28 June 2020.
  - 4) To approve the extension to the appointment of Andrew Neal as a NED to the Board of ET for a sixth and final year (to 30 June 2021).
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Webber

#### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To note that the appointment of directors to the Boards of Lothian Buses Limited (LB) and Edinburgh Trams Limited (ET) and the appointment of auditors at LB are Reserved Matters, which required the written consent of the Council.

- 2) To approve the following LB Board appointments:
  - The extension of Non-Executive Director (NED) appointments for Steve Cassidy, Susan Deacon, Jim McFarlane, Tony Rose and Mark Yexley for a further year (to 30 June 2021);
  - The appointment of Nigel Serafini to the role of Interim Managing Director of LB with the associated remuneration for this role as set out in paragraph 4.5 on the understanding that Lothian Buses would act in careful consideration of best value for public money in this and all decisions about remuneration and reward packages especially in times of considerable budget pressures
  - The appointment of Jim Armstrong as an Executive Director.
- 3) To approve the appointment of Scott-Moncrieff as auditors for LB on 28 June 2020.
- 4) To approve the extension to the appointment of Andrew Neal as a NED to the Board of ET for a sixth and final year (to 30 June 2021).
- 5) To agree the Council Leader will write to the Board of Lothian Buses asking them to reconsider the inclusion of a bonus and take the first opportunity to remove this aspect of remuneration when making a permanent appointment.
  - moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For Amendment 1	-	7 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Cook, Gloyer, Hutchison, Lang, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note that the appointment of directors to the Boards of Lothian Buses Limited (LB) and Edinburgh Trams Limited (ET) and the appointment of auditors at LB are Reserved Matters, which require the written consent of the Council.
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- The extension of Non-Executive Director (NED) appointments for Steve Cassidy, Susan Deacon, Jim McFarlane, Tony Rose and Mark Yexley for a further year (to 30 June 2021);
  - The appointment of Nigel Serafini to the role of Interim Managing Director of LB with the associated remuneration for this role as set out in paragraph 4.5 on the understanding that Lothian Buses will act in careful consideration of best value for public money in this and all decisions about remuneration and reward packages especially in times of considerable budget pressures
  - The appointment of Jim Armstrong as an Executive Director.
- 3) To approve the appointment of Scott-Moncrieff as auditors for LB on 28 June 2020.
  - 4) To approve the extension to the appointment of Andrew Neal as a NED to the Board of ET for a sixth and final year (to 30 June 2021).
  - 5) To agree the Council Leader will write to the Board of Lothian Buses asking them to reconsider the inclusion of a bonus and take the first opportunity to remove this aspect of remuneration when making a permanent appointment.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Macinnes declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Transport for Edinburgh

(References – Act of Council No 8 of 28 May 2015; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

## **12. Tourism and Hospitality Sector Recovery Plan**

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An update was provided on the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism and hospitality sector. Details of a plan for resilience, reboot and recovery which had been developed by the Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (ETAG) working to the tourism Strategic Implementation Group (SIG) were provided. Details were also provided on how the Council could support the delivery of this plan and the wider tourism and hospitality sector.

### **Motion**

- 1) To agree to continue consideration of the report within 2 cycles for direct engagement with Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) and Marketing Edinburgh and to come back to committee with more detail on the in-house model as outlined in option 4, including further details of Scottish Government and industry resources.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

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- 1) To recognise the key role of ETAG in the recovery of the Edinburgh visitor economy, and the urgent need for action as the city faced the likely loss of 18,000 jobs in the sector and £1bn of tourism-related revenue this year.
  - 2) To commend the work done by ETAG in preparing the “Resilience, Reboot, Recover” strategy and to agree that there should be no delay in its implementation.
  - 3) To agree the Council should make a contribution of £75,000 to ETAG to deliver the recovery plan, to be match-funded by public and private sector partner contributions, as outlined in paragraphs 4.22, 4.23 and 4.24 of the report.
  - 4) To agree that the [www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org) domain name, the associated social media and digital channels and its 180,000 followers, be made available to ETAG to form the basis of the communications strategy outlined in 2 above.
  - 5) To recognise the financial shortfall of £56.5m faced by the Council this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, that Marketing Edinburgh should be wound up forthwith, and a decision on whether to establish a dedicated tourism resource within the Council deferred until such times as the Council’s financial situation had stabilised.
  - 6) To instruct officers to prepare a full proposal for the interim transfer of the International Convention & Conference Association Membership and the maintenance of the Customer Relationship Management system to the EICC on a strictly time-limited basis, in co-operation with the EICC board.
  - 7) To agree the ETAG board presented a progress report on its strategy to each meeting of the Policy & Sustainability committee.
- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Whyte

## **Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the emerging information on the impact of COVID-19 on the tourism and hospitality sector and the plans developed by the SIG and ETAG, to support the recovery of the tourism and hospitality sector in the city.
- 2) To approve the retention of [www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org) (and associated web and social media accounts) for marketing and promotion of the city.
- 3) Subject to the required legal agreements and relevant data protection arrangements, agree that [www.edinburgh.org](http://www.edinburgh.org) can form the digital core of the tourism recovery campaign as set out in paragraphs 4.10 and 4.11.
- 4) To note paragraph 4.16 of the report, however recognises the conflict for EICC in provision of business tourism services to competing venues in Edinburgh and does not approach EICC to co-ordinate business tourism bids.
- 5) To delegate responsibility to the Chief Executive to implement the preferred option in close consultation with the board of Marketing Edinburgh

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- 6) To agree that the recovery of tourism and hospitality in Edinburgh must be in line with this council's 2030 climate target, and to carry out all work on this sector on the basis of achieving a net zero carbon city.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), paragraphs 1 and 2 of Amendment 1 and paragraph 7 of Amendment 2 were accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	8 votes
For Amendment 1	-	7 votes
For Amendment 2	-	2 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, McVey, Perry, Rankin and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aldridge, Johnstone, Gloyer, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Main and Staniforth)

There being no overall majority, Amendment 2 fell and a second vote was taken between the Motion and Amendment 1.

### **Second Vote**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	8 votes
For Amendment 1	-	7 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, McVey, Perry, Rankin and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aldridge, Johnstone, Gloyer, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.

Abstentions: Councillors Main and Staniforth.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To agree to continue the report within 2 cycles for direct engagement with EICC and Marketing Edinburgh and to come back to committee with more detail on the in-house model as outlined in option 4, including further detail of Scottish Government and industry resources

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- 2) To recognise the key role of ETAG in the recovery of the Edinburgh visitor economy, and the urgent need for action as the city faces the likely loss of 18,000 jobs in the sector and £1bn of tourism-related revenue this year.
- 3) To commend the work done by ETAG in preparing the “Resilience, Reboot, Recover” strategy and agrees there should be no delay in its implementation.
- 4) To agree that the recovery of tourism and hospitality in Edinburgh must be in line with this council’s 2030 climate target, and carries out all work on this sector on the basis of achieving a net zero carbon city.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Kate Campbell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Marketing Edinburgh.

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

### **13. Public Health response: COVID-19**

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In response to a motion by Councillor Whyte, the Committee had agreed to receive a report which laid out an overview of the outbreak of Coronavirus and set out clearly the various responsibilities and duties of the parties involved in responding to the pandemic, including Public Health Scotland, the Council, NHS Lothian and the Scottish and UK Governments. The Council had responsibilities under the Public Health etc. (Scotland) Act 2008 and discharged these in partnership with the local NHS Board and where necessary other partners, including Scottish Government. In early March 2020 there was a confirmed case of COVID-19 involving delegates attending a conference in the city. Information was set out detailing what was known to the Council and the steps that were taken in response to this information.

#### **Motion**

To note the report.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

#### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree the Governance Risk Best Value Committee should be asked to undertake a review of partnership arrangements for health protection emergencies once the Scottish Government report into the circumstances surrounding the Nike Conference was published.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor McLellan

#### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 12 votes  
For Amendment - 5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors, Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Hutchison, Johnstone, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

## **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee 28 May 2020 (item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

## **14. Scottish Government Town Centre Fund Update and Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Applications**

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### **a) Deputation – Muirhouse & Salvesen Community Council**

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Muirhouse & Salvesen Community Council.

The deputation supported North Edinburgh Arts (NEA) Community Asset Transfer bid and their plans for the regeneration of McMillan Square to resolve this. The deputation supported NEA bid for Scottish Government Capital Grant Fund to be included in the Council's bids to the Scottish Government. This fund was a key part of NEA Business Plan and the deputation wrote that the withdrawal of support from the Council would be a retrospective step for the Council to take

### **b) Deputation – North Edinburgh Arts**

A written deputation was presented on behalf of North Edinburgh Arts (NEA).

The deputation was at stage 2 of both a Community Asset Transfer bid, and related Scottish Land Fund bid to allow them to bring NEA fully into community ownership, and to enable the organisation to lead on the development of a creative and community hub. The deputation asked Committee to agree agree 1.1.1 and 1.1.3 in the officer's report and amended 1.1.2 to approve the projects to go forward into the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) application process at stage 1. Following information from North Edinburgh Arts regarding the NEA Culture and Learning Centre, at McMillan Square, add this project to the list to be submitted to the RCGF.

### **c) Report by the Executive Director of Place**

An update was provided on the Scottish Government Town Centre Fund allocations to projects in Edinburgh. Approval was also sought of applications to go forward to Stage 1 of the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF). Applications closed on 19 June 2020.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the adjustments made to the overall allocation of funds between the four projects funded under the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund.
  - 2) To approve the projects to go forward into to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) application process at Stage 1.
  - 3) To note that officers would continue to work with colleagues across the Council to develop the pipeline of projects for future RCGF bids .
  - 4) To ask for a further report in two cycles to update committee on progress of the 2019/20 RCGF projects:
    - Business space project at E2 Fountainbridge;
    - Portobello Town Hall;
    - Industrial Estate Development at Russell Road;
    - Pennywell Culture and Learning Hub.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To note the adjustments made to the overall allocation of funds between the four projects funded under the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund.
  - 2) To approve the projects to go forward into the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) application process at stage 1. In addition, following information from North Edinburgh Arts regarding the NEA Culture and Learning Centre at McMillan Square, adds this project to the list to be submitted to the RCGF.
  - 3) To note that officers would continue to work with colleagues across the Council to develop the pipeline of projects for future RCGF bids.
- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Webber

### **Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the adjustments made to the overall allocation of funds between the four projects funded under the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund.
- 2) To approve the projects to go forward into to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) application process at Stage 1.
- 3) To note that officers would continue to work with colleagues across the Council to develop the pipeline of projects for future RCGF bids supporting projects to be ready to bid and prioritising the support for projects meeting the principles outlined in paragraph 3.9.

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

- For the motion - 12 votes
- For Amendment - 5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors, Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Hutchison, Johnstone, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the adjustments made to the overall allocation of funds between the four projects funded under the Scottish Government's Town Centre Fund.
- 2) To approve the projects to go forward into to the Regeneration Capital Grant Fund (RCGF) application process at Stage 1.
- 3) To note that officers would continue to work with colleagues across the Council to develop the pipeline of projects for future RCGF bids supporting projects to be ready to bid and prioritising the support for projects meeting the principles outlined in paragraph 3.9 of the report.
- 4) To ask for a further report in two cycles to update committee on progress of the 2019/20 RCGF projects:
  - Business space project at E2 Fountainbridge;
  - Portobello Town Hall;
  - Industrial Estate Development at Russell Road;
  - Pennywell Culture and Learning Hub.

(References – Housing and Economy Committee, 6 June 2019 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

## **15. 4 St Mary's Street, Edinburgh – Proposed New Lease**

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Approval was sought to grant a 10-year lease to Kazim Pala of café/takeaway premises at 4 St Mary's Street, Edinburgh, on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

## Decision

To approve a 10-year lease to Kazim Pala of café/takeaway premises at 4 St Mary's Street, Edinburgh, on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

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

## 16. 43 – 45 Leith Street (2/12 Calton Road), Edinburgh Proposed Lease Extension

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Approval was sought to grant a lease extension until 31 March 2034 to Belhaven Brewery Company Limited of premises at 43 – 45 Leith Street (2/12 Calton Road), Edinburgh, on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

## Decision

To approve a lease extension until 31 March 2034 to Belhaven Brewery Company Limited of premises at 43 – 45 Leith Street (2/12 Calton Road), Edinburgh, on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

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

## 17. Unit 6, Units 11 – 15 & Units 16 – 20, Clocktower, Flassches Yard, South Gyle Industrial Estate, Edinburgh – Proposed Lease Extensions

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Approval was sought to grant a lease extension until 27 November 2035 to Pulsant (South Gyle) Limited for Unit 6, Units 11 – 15 and Units 16 – 20 in the Clocktower Estate, on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

## Decision

To approve a lease extensions until 27 November 2035 to Pulsant (South Gyle) Limited for Unit 6, Units 11 – 15 and Units 16 – 20 in the Clocktower Estate, on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

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

## 18 Living Wage for Health and Social Care Staff - Motion by Councillor Day

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a) Deputation – UNITE Edinburgh Not for Profit Branch



A written deputation was presented on behalf of UNITE Edinburgh Not for Profit Branch.

The deputation organised 1240 members in the Edinburgh Not For Profit sector and had an interest in the implementation of the promised Scottish Living Wage increase. They were aware that politicians, including the Health Secretary, announced earlier this year that social care workers who earned less than the Scottish Living Wage would get their hourly rate increased to £9.30 at the beginning of April. The deputation stated they found out that the Scottish Government was not going to meet the estimated bill for the City Council to pay the increase and understood that the City Council officials estimated that they needed an additional £5 million to pay the increase. The deputation understood that to date the Scottish Government had only offered another £1.1 million though negotiations are continuing. The deputation sought an assurance from the Council that the promised increase would be paid and backdated, and when. They questioned what would happen if an agreement could not be reached with the Scottish Government and if the increase would still be paid.

**b) Motion by Councillor Day**

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“Committee welcomes the Scottish Government announcement to increase the Scottish Living Wage including a 3.3% uplift for all care workers delivering adult social care services in Scotland.

Committee notes the briefing of 18 May “Contractual Uplifts 20/21” issued by the CFO of EIJB which shows this will mean a £6.5m increase in money paid to carers in the Capital.

Also notes the ongoing discussions through COSLA to deliver the 3.3% increase in full and agrees to support the efforts of the EIJB, COSLA and the Scottish Government in reaching a positive conclusion as quickly as possible.”

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor McVey

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

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**19 Black Lives Matter - Motion by Councillor Day**

**a) Deputation**

A written deputation was presented by Bobby Melville, a descendant of Henry Dundas.

The deputation requested it should be formally recorded that he protested at the new inscription for the Dundas Statue in St Andrew's Square, Edinburgh.

**b) Motion by Councillor Day**

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“Committee reaffirms Edinburgh Council’s commitment to leadership of Scotland’s capital city anchored in equality, inclusion, fairness, tolerance and diversity. Notes Police Scotland’s commitment to Fairness, integrity and respect as core values of policing and the ongoing work with partners, including the Council, to stamp out racism in our City and across Scotland. As our citizens, Council and the city, move out of, and beyond the Coronavirus pandemic, Council shall continue to nurture and enhance Edinburgh’s globally renowned reputation as a safe, welcoming, inclusive city for anyone, from anywhere, to live, work, study, and visit. Committee affirms there is no place for racism, prejudice, discrimination, intolerance and hate in Edinburgh; and that there should be no place for it anywhere against anyone. Committee condemns the recent murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA. Committee agrees that Black Lives Matter and supports the Black Lives Matter campaign.”

**Motion**

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Day
- 2) To add to the motion by Councillor Day:

Notes that the Council facilitated the convening of an independent Panel, following a petition in 2016 to the then “Culture and Sport Committee”, to agree wording for a plaque at St Andrew Square more accurately reflecting the history of Henry Dundas.

Notes this panel met and agreed an approach but didn’t manage to come to a consensus view to agree final wording for Council approval.

Notes a meeting was held on 9 June 2020 between the Council Leader, Depute Leader and panel member Sir Geoff Palmer to agree final wording. This meeting also had input from Edinburgh World Heritage, Edinburgh University (who checked details with academics) and Cllr Wilson (as relevant Convenor and former panel member as Lord Provost) and Cllr McNeese-Mechan as relevant Vice-Convenor.

Notes positive engagement has taken place with the owners of St Andrew Square to install a new plaque swiftly.

Committee agrees that the text below is an appropriate and accurate description and requests the Director of Place continues engagement with the owners to find the most appropriate place for this onsite to help tell Edinburgh’s story.

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"On the plinth at the centre of St Andrew Square stands a neoclassical column with a statue at the top. This represents Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville (1742 – 1811). He was the Scottish Lord Advocate and an MP for Edinburgh and Midlothian, and the First Lord of the Admiralty. Dundas was a contentious figure, provoking controversies that resonate to this day. While Home Secretary in 1792 and first Secretary of State for War in 1796 he was instrumental in deferring the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade. Slave trading by British ships was not abolished until 1807. As a result of this delay, more than half a million enslaved Africans crossed the Atlantic. Dundas also curbed democratic dissent in Scotland. Dundas both defended and expanded the British empire, imposing colonial rule on indigenous peoples. He was impeached in the United Kingdom for misappropriation of public money and although acquitted, he never held public office again. Despite this, the monument before you to Henry Dundas was funded by voluntary contribution from officers, petty officers, seamen and marines and erected in 1821, with the statue placed on top in 1827. In 2020 this was dedicated to the memory of the more than half a million Africans whose enslavement was a consequence of Henry Dundas's actions."

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor McVey

### **Amendment 1**

To add to the end of the motion by Councillor Day in so far as applicable in the UK to note:

- 1) The UK and Scottish Government statements that attending mass gatherings of any kind pose a risk to public health and people's lives during this emergency.
- 2) The organisers of the protests in Edinburgh maintained good order, in contrast to recent acts of public disorder and irresponsible and at times illegal behaviour elsewhere in the UK, which detracts from key anti-racist messages of tolerance and equality, puts lives at risk and runs contrary to the right of peaceful protest.
- 3) The work of Police Scotland in keeping all Edinburgh residents safe despite stretched resources, and maintaining the right to peaceful demonstration, and agrees that the Council shall seek fair funding for policing in Edinburgh.
- 4) The outstanding instruction of Council to add a plaque to the Melville Monument in St Andrew Square to put Henry Dundas in a full context, and instructs the Chief Executive to expedite this with appropriate academic input and through a process agreed by Council Committee.
- 5) Requests the Council Leader writes to the Scottish Government Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport to ascertain what work the Scottish Government is undertaking to understand the higher fatality rate from Covid-19 in our BAME communities and in particular whether Bangladeshi and Pakistani communities are at the greatest risk, as recently identified by Public Health England.

- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Whyte

## Amendment 2

Insert after paragraph 4 of the motion by Councillor Day:

Committee recognises and supports calls from people of colour that cities, including Edinburgh, should acknowledge and address their roles in perpetuating racism and oppression in the past as part of the process of challenging it in the present.

Committee recognises that many of the injustices of today - massive wealth inequality, climate breakdown and extreme labour exploitation - have their roots in colonialism and slavery.

Committee notes the work of the Glasgow-based Commission for Racial Equality and Rights, including their recent publication 'Changing the Race Equality Paradigm' which concludes that, "Without a clear understanding of race and racism, even the most well-meaning efforts are likely to fail. This frustrating situation can only be reversed if institutions are willing to change their paradigm on race equality.

Committee believes that the people of Edinburgh want the Council to take meaningful actions to remove entrenched structural racism and inequalities wherever they are found in our city's institutions and services and ensure that our young people receive an education that promotes inclusion and diversity and which includes BME history and culture across the curriculum and that work opportunities and resources are fairly available to all, and believes that many of the changes needed have been documented and quantified over recent years.

To insert at the end of the motion:

Committee therefore agrees:

- 1) That an action plan is brought forward by the Chief Executive within three cycles to introduce best practice in the council's recruitment and employment practices, including, but not limited to, ensuring that equality, diversity and anti-discrimination training is introduced as standard for all staff.
- 2) That the Director of Education bring forward an action plan within three cycles to enhance diversity and inclusion in Edinburgh's schools, that includes actions identified in recent committee papers, (Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice among Children and Young People October 2019 and Promoting Equality, October 2020) and includes actions to ensure that BME history and culture are included in all phases of secondary school education, across all disciplines in Edinburgh schools, and that the Leader of the Council write to the Private schools in Edinburgh asking them to demonstrate that they are doing the same.
- 3) That the Chief Executive bring forward a plan within three cycles to review any features within the council boundary which commemorate those with close links to slavery and colonialism, including, but not limited to, public statues and monuments, street or building names; further agrees that this review should be led by one or more members of the BME community, and should closely consult with the wider

BME community, and that the review should consider all options, including removal of statues, and make recommendations to rectify the glorification of slavery and colonialism which these commemorations represent to many people.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

### **Amendment 3**

To add to the end of the motion by Councillor Day:

Committee reaffirms its commitment to ensure the Council treats all people equally and with fairness and respect and: 1. calls for a report within two cycles setting out current staff training provision around equality and unconscious bias and any proposals to strengthen such arrangements; and 2. ensures that the resident engagement plan for the Council's Adaptation and Renewal programme is designed to hear the voices, concerns and interests of all citizens including BAME residents to ensure Edinburgh is a city for all and that no-one is either excluded or left behind.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 as written and Amendment 3 as adjusted were accepted as addendums to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	12 votes
For Amendment 1	-	5 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.)

For Amendment 1: Councillors Cook, Johnston, McLellan, Mowat and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

To reaffirm Edinburgh Council's commitment to leadership of Scotland's capital city anchored in equality, inclusion, fairness, tolerance and diversity. To note Police Scotland's commitment to Fairness, integrity and respect as core values of policing and the ongoing work with partners, including the Council, to stamp out racism in our City and across Scotland. As our citizens, Council and the city, move out of, and beyond the Coronavirus pandemic, Council shall continue to nurture and enhance Edinburgh's globally renowned reputation as a safe, welcoming, inclusive city for anyone, from anywhere, to live, work, study, and visit. To reaffirm there was no place for racism, prejudice, discrimination, intolerance and hate in Edinburgh; and that there should be no place for it anywhere

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against anyone. To condemn the recent murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, USA. To agree that Black Lives Matter and support the Black Lives Matter campaign.

To reaffirm the commitment to ensure the Council treats all people equally and with fairness and respect and:

- 1) calls for a report within three cycles setting out current staff training provision around equality and unconscious bias and any proposals to strengthen such arrangements; and
- 2) ensures that the resident engagement plan for the Council's Adaptation and Renewal programme was designed to hear the voices, concerns and interests of all citizens including BAME residents to ensure Edinburgh was a city for all and that no-one was either excluded or left behind.

To note that the Council facilitated the convening of an independent Panel, following a petition in 2016 to the then "Culture and Sport Committee", to agree wording for a plaque at St Andrew Square more accurately reflecting the history of Henry Dundas.

To note that this panel met and agreed an approach but didn't manage to come to a consensus view to agree final wording for Council approval.

To note that a meeting was held on 9th June 2020 between the Council Leader, Depute Leader and panel member Sir Geoff Palmer to agree final wording. This meeting also had input from Edinburgh World Heritage, Edinburgh University (who checked details with academics) and Councillor Wilson (as relevant Convener and former panel member as Lord Provost) and Councillor McNeese-Mechan as relevant Vice-Convener.

To note positive engagement had taken place with the owners of St Andrew Square to install a new plaque swiftly.

To agree that the text below was an appropriate and accurate description and request the Director of Place continue engagement with the owners to find the most appropriate place for this onsite to help tell Edinburgh's story.

"On the plinth at the centre of St Andrew Square stands a neoclassical column with a statue at the top. This represents Henry Dundas, 1st Viscount Melville (1742 – 1811). He was the Scottish Lord Advocate and an MP for Edinburgh and Midlothian, and the First Lord of the Admiralty. Dundas was a contentious figure, provoking controversies that resonate to this day. While Home Secretary in 1792 and first Secretary of State for War in 1796 he was instrumental in deferring the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade. Slave trading by British ships was not abolished until 1807. As a result of this delay, more than half a million enslaved Africans crossed the Atlantic. Dundas also curbed democratic dissent in Scotland. Dundas both defended and expanded the British empire, imposing colonial rule on indigenous peoples. He was impeached in the United Kingdom for misappropriation of public money and although acquitted, he never held public office again. Despite this, the monument before you to Henry Dundas was funded by voluntary contribution from officers, petty officers, seamen and marines and erected in 1821, with the statue placed on top in 1827. In 2020 this was dedicated to the memory of the more

than half a million Africans whose enslavement was a consequence of Henry Dundas's actions."

Committee further agrees:

- 1) That an action plan is brought forward by the Chief Executive within three cycles to introduce best practice in the council's recruitment and employment practices, including, but not limited to, ensuring that equality, diversity and anti-discrimination training was introduced as standard for all staff.
- 2) That the Executive Director for Communities and Families bring forward an action plan within three cycles to enhance diversity and inclusion in Edinburgh's schools, that included actions identified in recent committee papers, (Preventing and Responding to Bullying and Prejudice among Children and Young People October 2019 and Promoting Equality, October 2020) and include actions to ensure that BME history and culture were included in all phases of secondary school education, across all disciplines in Edinburgh schools, and that the Leader of the Council write to the Private schools in Edinburgh asking them to demonstrate that they were doing the same.
- 3) That the Chief Executive bring forward a plan within three cycles to review any features within the council boundary which commemorated those with close links to slavery and colonialism, including, but not limited to, public statues and monuments, street or building names; further agree that this review should be led by one or more members of the BME community, and should closely consult with the wider BME community, and that the review should consider all options, including removal of statues, and make recommendations to rectify the glorification of slavery and colonialism which these commemorations represent to many people.

## 20 Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Centre 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Motion by Councillor Day

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The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

"Committee notes the high quality of care and support provided by the Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Centre.

Committee notes that on June 2020, they will celebrate 35 years of service to clients and their families across North West Edinburgh, and their continued sterling efforts during the current Covid 19 pandemic providing food, shopping and support to many older and vulnerable people.

Committee agrees that the Lord Provost recognises this anniversary in an appropriate way."

### **Motion**

"Committee notes the high quality of care and support provided by the Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Centre.

Committee notes that on June 2020, they will celebrate 35 years of service to clients and their families across North West Edinburgh, and their continued sterling efforts during the current Covid-19 pandemic providing food, shopping and support to many older and vulnerable people.

Committee agrees that the Lord Provost recognises this anniversary in an appropriate way to include the award of a commemorative plaque.”

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor McVey

### **Decision**

To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Day.

## **21 Funding of Temporary Accommodation for Homeless People - Motion by Councillor Watt**

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The following motion by Councillor Watt was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“That Committee

- Notes the ongoing work of the Homelessness Task Force and the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee which has included extending the PSL contract and the ongoing extension of a private rented framework, both of which seek to further increase the supply of temporary flats.
- Recognises the development of a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) for Edinburgh, which sets out the options for improving prevention of homelessness and increasing the supply of permanent, affordable accommodation with the aim of ending the use of temporary accommodation.
- Notes the previously approved decision to invest in 5 properties for home-share.
- Calls for a report to be submitted to the Policy & Sustainability Committee, which lists the current temporary accommodation that has been contracted for since the CV-19 pandemic: giving the type of accommodation, the number of families and single people accommodated and the current end date of the contracts.
- The report should set out the work to date on an exit strategy and transition post lock down to find positive solutions for people moving on from accommodation provided as a public health response to the Covid 19 pandemic. This should include an update report on the work to increase the number of PSL properties available to use as temporary accommodation.
- The report should also make recommendations as to what types of accommodation could be purchased or leased long-term (including – but not restricted to – properties that were previously being used for ‘air bnb’ style short-term lets). It should also consider work with third sector partners and how contracting could be used to secure further accommodation so that we are examining all options to



ensure that suitable accommodation is available for people when their current accommodation ceases to be available.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Watt

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Kate Campbell

### **Amendment 1**

To add to the motion by Councillor Watt

Welcomes the motion and the potential to see former holiday property brought back into residential use for people in acute housing need; but notes that, as of 6 May 2020, the Unsuitable Accommodation Order was extended to apply to all homeless people, with the consequence that certain types of shared accommodation, such as bed and breakfast hostels, cannot be used for more than 7 days, except in relation to coronavirus-related emergencies for a limited period until 30 September; and therefore also seeks an update to all members on progress being made to eliminate the use of B&B hostels for all homeless applicants.

Notes that COVID-19 has both highlighted and exacerbated the harms caused to homeless dependant drinkers, and it is widely accepted that currently there is a need for suitable support and services for this group, in particular the lack of specialist addictions services. A new long-term project, Managed Alcohol Programme, (MAP) is being developed in Edinburgh to address this need and homelessness, backed by a strong academic case and keenly supported by the Scottish Government Drug and Alcohol Unit. And therefore agrees that CEC will work with H&SCP to identify suitable accommodation to enable the project to support this vulnerable homeless group.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

### **Amendment 2**

In the final paragraph of the motion by Councillor Watt after “short term lets add: “and suitable student accommodation which is likely otherwise to remain unoccupied.”

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Watt:

- 1) To note the ongoing work of the Homelessness Task Force and the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee which had included extending the PSL

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contract and the ongoing extension of a private rented framework, both of which sought to further increase the supply of temporary flats.

- 2) To recognise the development of a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) for Edinburgh, which set out the options for improving prevention of homelessness and increasing the supply of permanent, affordable accommodation with the aim of ending the use of temporary accommodation.
- 3) To note the previously approved decision to invest in 5 properties for home-share.
- 4) To call for a report to be submitted to the Policy & Sustainability Committee, which listed the current temporary accommodation that had been contracted for since the CV-19 pandemic: giving the type of accommodation, the number of families and single people accommodated and the current end date of the contracts.
- 5) To agree that the report should set out the work to date on an exit strategy and transition post lock down to find positive solutions for people moving on from accommodation provided as a public health response to the Covid 19 pandemic. This should include an update report on the work to increase the number of PSL properties available to use as temporary accommodation.
- 6) The report should also make recommendations as to what types of accommodation could be purchased or leased long-term (including – but not restricted to – properties that were previously being used for ‘air bnb’ style short-term lets and suitable student accommodation which was likely otherwise to remain unoccupied). It should also consider work with third sector partners and how contracting could be used to secure further accommodation so that all options would be examined to ensure that suitable accommodation was available for people when their current accommodation ceased to be available.
- 7) To welcome the motion and the potential to see former holiday property brought back into residential use for people in acute housing need; but note that, as of 6 May 2020, the Unsuitable Accommodation Order was extended to apply to all homeless people, with the consequence that certain types of shared accommodation, such as bed and breakfast hostels, could not be used for more than 7 days, except in relation to coronavirus-related emergencies for a limited period until 30 September; and therefore also seek an update to all members on progress being made to eliminate the use of B&B hostels for all homeless applicants.
- 8) To note that COVID-19 had both highlighted and exacerbated the harms caused to homeless dependant drinkers, and it was widely accepted that currently there was a need for suitable support and services for this group, in particular the lack of specialist addictions services. A new long-term project, Managed Alcohol Programme, (MAP) was being developed in Edinburgh to address this need and homelessness, backed by a strong academic case and keenly supported by the Scottish Government Drug and Alcohol Unit. And therefore agree that CEC would

work with H&SCP to identify suitable accommodation to enable the project to support this vulnerable homeless group.

## **22 Support for Local Business Campaign - Motion by Councillor Cook**

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The following motion by Councillor Cook was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“Committee

Welcomes the unprecedented packages of financial support provided by the UK and Scottish Government to Edinburgh businesses.

Recognises that local traders and high streets face a particularly challenging economic environment for the foreseeable future as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Agrees that the Council must do all in its power to foster a positive trading environment, working alongside local Traders' Associations and directly with traders wherever possible.

Agrees that a report is brought forward in three cycles with options available to institute a 'Support for Local Business' campaign in aid of traders in local town centres and high streets such as, but not limited to Morningside, Bruntsfield, Stockbridge and Corstorphine, as we go through the various stages of reopening under the Scottish Government's route map.

The report should include options on actions such as local digital and print advertising initiatives and local signage and aesthetic improvements to local high streets.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Cook

- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor McLellan

### **Amendment 1**

To add to the motion by Councillor Cook:

Agrees that this work does not preclude any actions to support business in the meantime prior to this report coming to committee.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 2**

To add to the motion by Councillor Cook:

Notes recent research by Transport for London that people on foot or bike spend 30%-40% more in local shops than those travelling by car; and therefore welcomes acceleration of measures to reallocate prime urban space away from vehicles and towards active travel as a means of boosting local businesses.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

### **Amendment 3**

To add to the end of the final paragraph in the motion by Councillor Cook:

“as well as plans to consult directly with small businesses on what additional action the Council could take to help and support their recovery.”

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendments 1 and 3 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendments 1 and 3 were accepted as addendums to Amendment 2

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	7 votes
For Amendment 2 (as adjusted)	-	10 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aldridge, Cook, Johnston, Gloyer, McLellan, Laidlaw and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor Staniforth:

- 1) To welcome the unprecedented packages of financial support provided by the UK and Scottish Government to Edinburgh businesses.
- 2) To recognise that local traders and high streets faced a particularly challenging economic environment for the foreseeable future as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3) To agree that the Council must do all in it's power to foster a positive trading environment, working alongside local Traders' Associations and directly with traders wherever possible.
- 4) To agree that a report be brought forward in three cycles with options available to institute a 'Support for Local Business' campaign in aid of traders in local town centres and high streets such as, but not limited to Morningside, Bruntsfield, Stockbridge and Corstorphine, as we go through the various stages of reopening under the Scottish Government's route map.

The report should include options on actions such as local digital and print advertising initiatives and local signage and aesthetic improvements to local high streets as well as plans to consult directly with small businesses on what additional action the Council could take to help and support their recovery.

- 5) To agree that this work does not preclude any actions to support business in the meantime prior to this report coming to committee
- 6) To note recent research by Transport for London that people on foot or bike spend 30%-40% more in local shops than those travelling by car; and therefore welcomes acceleration of measures to reallocate prime urban space away from vehicles and towards active travel as a means of boosting local businesses.

## 23 City's Greenspaces - Motion by Councillor Mowat

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The following motion by Councillor Mowat was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“Committee:

notes that entering Phase 1 out of Lockdown has seen large numbers using the City's parks and greenspaces (to be understood as areas not formally designated as parks but under the Council's management) to enjoy time together, whilst the majority of people have enjoyed these spaces in a responsible manner there has been an increase in litter and overflowing bins reported; barbecues scorching grass and anti-social behaviour have also been reported which negatively impacts on those using the parks and greenspaces appropriately and the close neighbours of these areas; the Council is proud of the improved quality of its parks as measured by the increase in Green Flags awarded and the parks and greenspaces are much needed to provide access to green space for those without gardens so it is important that they can be used by all, many of our parks have Friends Groups who cannot currently meet in person but who have worked with the Council to enhance the management;

Committee calls for a report in 1 cycle:

- 1) detailing how officers have responded to this after the weekend of 30/31st May;
- 2) what engagement there has been with Friends groups to understand the issues of particular parks;
- 3) whether staff currently not able to access normal place of employment could assist with increased litter clearance or park patrols to enforce appropriate behaviour in the parks; and
- 4) the feasibility of improved, large format signage encouraging responsible behaviour being displayed in parks and greenspaces, particularly during busy periods.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Mowat

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Whyte

### **Amendment 1**

1) Delete the part of the motion from:

“Council calls for a report in 1 cycle

1. Detailing how officers have responded to this after the weekend of 30/31st May,
2. What engagement there has been with Friends groups to understand the issues of particular parks;
3. Whether staff currently not able to access normal place of employment could assist with increased litter clearance or park patrols to enforce appropriate behaviour in the parks, and
4. The feasibility of improved, large format signage

2) To note the operational issues raised in the motion by Councillor Mowat and requests officers engage with friends of parks groups on any additional actions which can help ensure parks and green spaces are able to be enjoyed by all.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 2**

To add to the motion by Councillor Mowat:

Committee notes that council staff have been working very hard to maintain the cleanliness of green spaces in the city, especially at weekends, and thanks them for their hard work.

Committee notes that Friends groups have continued to be active across the city and have been crucial in ensuring that parks and greenspaces have remained at a good standard while being even more important to the well-being of communities.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	7 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	10 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aldridge, Cook, Johnston, Gloyer, Laidlaw, McLellan and Whyte.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Main, McVey, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.)

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the operational issues raised in the motion by Councillor Mowat and request officers engage with friends of parks groups on any additional actions which can help ensure parks and green spaces are able to be enjoyed by all.
- 2) To note that council staff had been working very hard to maintain the cleanliness of green spaces in the city, especially at weekends, and thanks them for their hard work.
- 3) To note that Friends groups had continued to be active across the city and had been crucial in ensuring that parks and greenspaces had remained at a good standard while being even more important to the well-being of communities.

## 24 Public Lavatories - Motion by Councillor Laidlaw

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The following motion by Councillor Laidlaw was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“Committee notes that public toilets remain closed despite the easing of lockdown resulting in significant numbers of people socialising outdoors in our parks and greenspaces where these normally provide lavatory facilities.

Committee notes in the absence of public toilets being open, members of the public are choosing to relieve themselves outdoors and in the vicinity of people’s homes causing a significant health hazard.

Committee recognises the challenges of reopening the toilets as stated by officers below, but notes that limited public toilet opening has been achieved by other UK local authorities in response to particular pressures in high-volume outdoor areas like major parks and beaches.

Committee asks officers to report to the next meeting of the P&S Committee with a plan for limited reopening of public toilets in key pressure point areas such as parks and the seafront, for Phase 2 of the lockdown easing to include assessment of the following:

- a) Assessments of the layout of each property to establish social distancing e.g. cubicle use only, maximum capacity.
- b) Ensuring queue control consistent with social distancing advice outside of the property.
- c) Enhanced cleaning methods, storage and disposal of waste material.

- d) Provision of sanitising materials within facilities e.g. seat cleaner.
- e) Risk assessments and Safe working practices.

Committee requests that in the short-term Council communications is used to notify people that public toilets are not open and to take this into consideration when going out, as well as the £50 on-the-spot fines that police can issue for relieving oneself outdoors.”

### **Motion**

Committee notes that public toilets remain closed despite the easing of lockdown resulting in significant numbers of people socialising outdoors in our parks and greenspaces where these normally provide lavatory facilities.

Committee notes in the absence of public toilets being open, members of the public are choosing to relieve themselves outdoors and in the vicinity of people’s homes causing a significant health hazard.

Committee recognises the challenges of reopening the toilets as stated by officers below, but notes that limited public toilet opening has been achieved by other UK local authorities in response to particular pressures in high-volume outdoor areas like major parks and beaches.

Committee asks officers to report within 2 cycles at the latest to the Policy and Sustainability Committee with a plan for limited reopening of public toilets in key pressure point areas such as parks and the seafront, for Phase 2 of the lockdown easing to include assessment of the following:

- a) Assessments of the layout of each property to establish social distancing e.g. cubicle use only, maximum capacity.
- b) Ensuring queue control consistent with social distancing advice outside of the property.
- c) Enhanced cleaning methods, storage and disposal of waste material.
- d) Provision of sanitising materials within facilities e.g. seat cleaner.
- e) Risk assessments and Safe working practices.

Committee requests that in the short-term Council communications is used to notify people that public toilets are not open and to take this into consideration when going out, as well as the £50 on-the-spot fines that police can issue for relieving oneself outdoors.

- moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor Cook

### **Amendment 1**

Notes that public toilets will be reopened when the guidance allows and safety standards can be met.



Notes the issues raised in the motion and requests a Members Briefing setting out in more detail the reasons why public toilets cannot be reopened yet.

Agrees the last paragraph of the motion by Councillor Laidlaw.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 2**

To add to the motion by Councillor Laidlaw;

- f) The value of working in tandem with neighbouring local authorities, as with other aspects of lockdown easing, to work on a consistent basis as regards conditions of access and timing of re-opening.
- g) Recognising that the issues arising from the way some licensed premises are currently conducting off-sales and the Licensing Board's commitment to consider these issues, the importance of commercial premises in providing a much more comprehensive network of toilet facilities and therefore, where premises are open for the takeaway sale of food and drink, including licensed premises selling alcohol onto the street, an assessment of the extent to which those premises could and should provide access to toilet facilities in a strictly-managed way, where toilets would normally be part of the premises' operation.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	9 votes
For Amendment 1	-	8 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aldridge, Cook, Gloyer, Johnston, Laidlaw, Main, McLellan, Staniforth and Whyte.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, McVey, Perry, Rankin and Wilson.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Laidlaw:

Committee notes that public toilets remain closed despite the easing of lockdown resulting in significant numbers of people socialising outdoors in our parks and greenspaces where these normally provide lavatory facilities.

Committee notes in the absence of public toilets being open, members of the public are choosing to relieve themselves outdoors and in the vicinity of people's homes causing a significant health hazard.

Committee recognises the challenges of reopening the toilets as stated by officers below, but notes that limited public toilet opening has been achieved by other UK local authorities in response to particular pressures in high-volume outdoor areas like major parks and beaches.

Committee asks officers to report within 2 cycles at the latest to the Policy and Sustainability Committee with a plan for limited reopening of public toilets in key pressure point areas such as parks and the seafront, for Phase 2 of the lockdown easing to include assessment of the following:

- a) Assessments of the layout of each property to establish social distancing e.g. cubicle use only, maximum capacity.
- b) Ensuring queue control consistent with social distancing advice outside of the property.
- c) Enhanced cleaning methods, storage and disposal of waste material.
- d) Provision of sanitising materials within facilities e.g. seat cleaner.
- e) Risk assessments and Safe working practices.
- f) The value of working in tandem with neighbouring local authorities, as with other aspects of lockdown easing, to work on a consistent basis as regards conditions of access and timing of re-opening.
- g) Recognising that the issues arising from the way some licensed premises are currently conducting off-sales and the Licensing Board's commitment to consider these issues, the importance of commercial premises in providing a much more comprehensive network of toilet facilities and therefore, where premises are open for the takeaway sale of food and drink, including licensed premises selling alcohol onto the street, an assessment of the extent to which those premises could and should provide access to toilet facilities in a strictly-managed way, where toilets would normally be part of the premises' operation.

Committee requests that in the short-term Council communications is used to notify people that public toilets are not open and to take this into consideration when going out, as well as the £50 on-the-spot fines that police can issue for relieving oneself outdoors.

## **25 Prioritising Marriages with Visa Requirements - Motion by Councillor Staniforth**

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The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

“Committee notes:

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That a spousal Visa can require that an unmarried couple marry within 6 months of the Visa applicant coming to the UK.

That a Visa given specifically in order for a couple to marry has a six month deadline.

That as part of lockdown registrars have closed down and will not be opening until phase 2 of lockdown relaxation.

Therefore committee mandates:

That people who need to be married to a deadline owing to Visa requirements be given top priority by Edinburgh city's registrar, over and above any other marriages due to take place.

That the council leader write to the Home Secretary requesting a blanket extension to all visas for the purpose of marriage and to spousal visas' deadline for marriage after entrance into the UK."

### **Motion**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth:

That a spousal Visa can require that an unmarried couple marry within 6 months of the Visa applicant coming to the UK.

That a Visa given specifically in order for a couple to marry has a six month deadline.

That as part of lockdown registrars have closed down and will not be opening until phase 2 of lockdown relaxation.

Therefore committee mandates:

That people who need to be married to a deadline owing to Visa requirements be given top priority by Edinburgh city's registrar, for the issuing of their marriage schedule commonly referred to as a marriage licence, over and above any other marriages due to take place.

That the council leader write to the Home Secretary requesting a blanket extension to all visas for the purpose of marriage and to spousal visas' deadline for marriage after entrance into the UK."

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

### **Decision**

To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth.

## **26 Pay and Display Parking Charges - Motion by Councillor Miller**

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The following motion by Councillor Miller was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

"Committee:

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- 1) Welcomes the phased easing of the Covid-19 lockdown.
- 2) Notes the associated increases in movement by car around Edinburgh and the requirement to manage parking demand, as one of a number of ways to incentivise only essential travel and avoid congestion.
- 3) Additionally, notes the significant contribution of parking revenue to Council income at a time when council budgets are under significant pressure.
- 4) Agrees to reintroduce pay & display parking charges in central, peripheral and extended areas, for vehicles not displaying a resident parking permit, at the earliest opportunity and no later than Phase 2 of the Scottish Government route map.”

### **Motion**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Miller:

Committee:

- 1) Welcomes the phased easing of the Covid-19 lockdown.
- 2) Notes the associated increases in movement by car around Edinburgh and the requirement to manage parking demand, as one of a number of ways to incentivise only essential travel and avoid congestion.
- 3) Additionally, notes the significant contribution of parking revenue to Council income at a time when council budgets are under significant pressure.
- 4) Agrees to reintroduce pay & display parking charges in central, peripheral and extended areas, for vehicles not displaying a resident parking permit, at the earliest opportunity and no later than Phase 2 of the Scottish Government route map.
- 5) Recognises the current over-subscription of parking permits across the city and requests all options to resolve this problem to be drawn up and brought to the relevant Committee for review.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor

### **Amendment 1**

To agree that parking restrictions should be re-established to protect residents' parking and access and help pay for enforcement as soon as practicable - as early as Monday 15th June 2020.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment 2**

Committee agrees 1-3 of the motion by Councillor Miller and replaces 4 with:

- 4) Agrees to reintroduce pay and display parking charges in central, peripheral and extended areas however, recognises the current over subscription of resident parking permits across the city and recommends that the current position, where those with parking permits can park in pay and display spaces, in their own Zone, without penalty, continues beyond Phase 2 of the Scottish Government Route Map, whilst the recommendation continues to work from home when possible. 5. Notes, the critical role of parking enforcement in safeguarding all road users, providing access for emergency services ensuring traffic flow. 6. Notes that only 3 penalty charge notices have been issued since the beginning of lockdown and calls for this enforcement to be reinstated.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

### **Amendment 3**

To add at the end of the motion by Councillor Miller:

- 5) This means that holders of residents' parking permits can continue to park without charge in 'Pay and Display' bays within their own parking zone until remote or home working is no longer the default national position, when this policy will be reviewed again by the Council.

- moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendments 1, 2 and 3 were accepted as addendums to the adjusted motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Miller:

- 1) To welcome the phased easing of the Covid-19 lockdown.
- 2) To note the associated increases in movement by car around Edinburgh and the requirement to manage parking demand, as one of a number of ways to incentivise only essential travel and avoid congestion.
- 3) To additionally, note the significant contribution of parking revenue to Council income at a time when council budgets are under significant pressure.
- 4) To agree to reintroduce pay & display parking charges in central, peripheral and extended areas, for vehicles not displaying a resident parking permit, at the earliest opportunity and no later than Phase 2 of the Scottish Government route map.
- 5) To recognise the current over-subscription of parking permits across the city and request all options to resolve this problem to be drawn up and brought to the relevant Committee for review.
- 6) This meant that holders of residents' parking permits could continue to park without charge in 'Pay and Display' bays within their own parking zone until remote or home

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working was no longer the default national position, when this policy would be reviewed again by the Council.

- 7) To agree that parking restrictions should be re-established to protect residents' parking and access and help pay for enforcement as soon as practicable - as early as Monday 15th June 2020.
- 8) To agree to reintroduce pay and display parking charges in central, peripheral and extended areas however, recognises the current over subscription of resident parking permits across the city and recommends that the current position, where those with parking permits can park in pay and display spaces, in their own Zone, without penalty, continues beyond Phase 2 of the Scottish Government Route Map, whilst the recommendation continues to work from home when possible. 5. Notes, the critical role of parking enforcement in safeguarding all road users, providing access for emergency services ensuring traffic flow. 6. Notes that only 3 penalty charge notices have been issued since the beginning of lockdown and calls for this enforcement to be reinstated.
- 9) This meant that holders of residents' parking permits could continue to park without charge in 'Pay and Display' bays within their own parking zone until remote or home working was no longer the default national position, when this policy would be reviewed again by the Council.