

Minutes

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Thursday 6 August 2020

Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Booth (substituting for Councillor Staniforth - items 9-20) Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell (substituting for Councillor Staniforth – items 1-8), Cook, Dickie (substituting for Councillor Rankin – items 1-9), Dixon (substituting for Councillor Rankin – items 10 – 20), Doran, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon (substituting for Councillor Gardiner – items 1-7), Griffiths (substituting for Councillor Perry), Hutchison, Macinnes, McLellan, Main, Osler (substituting for Councillor Aldridge), Webber and Whyte.

Also in attendance: Councillors Watt (item 17) and Lang (item 19)

Added Members for Education items:

Religious Representative

Fiona Beveridge

Parent Representative

Alexander Ramage

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 23 July 2020 as a correct record.

2. Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme for 6 August 2020 was presented.

Decision

To note the work programme.

(Reference – Work Programme 6 August 2020, submitted.)

3. Policy and Sustainability Committee Rolling Actions Log

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

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - **Action 5** – City of Edinburgh Council Motion by Councillor Cameron – Equalities Working Group
 - **Action 12** – Edinburgh Climate Commission and Council Engagement Update
 - **Action 15** – City of Edinburgh Council – Motion by Councillor Watt – International Women’s Day
 - **Action 17(1)** – Consultation Planning Report
 - **Action 17(4)** – Consultation Planning Report
 - **Action 18** – Local Police Plan
 - **Action 21(2)** – Revenue Budget 2020/21 Update
 - **Action 23** – Public Realm CCTV Continuation of Service
 - **Action 25(1) and (2)** – Scottish Government Town Centre Fund Update and Regeneration Capital Grant Fund Applications
 - **Action 26 (All)** – Black Lives Matter – Motion by Councillor Day
 - **Action 28** – Support for Local Business Campaign - motion by Councillor Cook
 - **Action 30 (1), (2) and 09.07 20** – Schools Re-opening
 - **Action 30 – 23.07.20** – Schools Re-opening
 - **Action 38(1)** – Re-opening of Public Conveniences
- 2) To note that the report on the Reform of Transport Arm’s Length External Organisations had been delayed for one cycle to allow consultation with other authorities to take place.
- 3) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Police Partnership Performance and Activity Report: 1 October to 31 March 2020

Superintendent Richard Thomas presented a detailed qualitative and quantitative progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland, which provided performance and activity information for quarters 3 and 4.

Motion

- 1) To note the progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland attached at Appendix 1 to the report covering the Period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020;
- 2) To note the end of Council funding (£1.5m) associated with the allocation of 35 community (ward) police officers from 1 April 2020;
- 3) To note that future summary reports will align with the tasks and activity of the 8 FAHST police officers (embedded into the Council's Family and Household Support Service) and Youth Justice Sergeant, reflecting priorities as set out by the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership, Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023 and Youth Justice Strategy (2020);
- 4) To agree a review of the existing Performance Framework and individual Key Performance Indicators to reflect the April 2020 changes in funding and police officer designation.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) At the end of 1) in the motion by Councillor McVey;
"thanks community police officers for their engagement with local communities and believes the report demonstrates the positive contribution of those officers which had been funded directly by the Council".
- 2) To delete 2) of the motion and insert;
"regrets the decision of the coalition administration to end all Council funding for community police officers and expresses concern at the likely impact this will have on the proactive activity demonstrated in the report."

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	9 votes
For the amendment	-	7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell Day, Dickie, Doran, Gordon, Griffiths and Main.

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the progress report from the Edinburgh Divisional Commander for Police Scotland attached at Appendix 1 to the report covering the Period 1 October 2019 to 31 March 2020 and thank community police officers for their engagement with local communities and believes the report demonstrates the positive contribution of those officers which had been funded directly by the Council.
- 2) To note the end of Council funding (£1.5m) associated with the allocation of 35 community (ward) police officers from 1 April 2020;
- 3) To note that future summary reports would align with the tasks and activity of the 8 FAHST police officers (embedded into the Council's Family and Household Support Service) and Youth Justice Sergeant, reflecting priorities as set out by the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership, Community Safety Strategy 2020-2023 and Youth Justice Strategy (2020);
- 4) To agree a review of the existing Performance Framework and individual Key Performance Indicators to reflect the April 2020 changes in funding and police officer designation.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 14 May 2020 (item 4); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

5. Review of Political Management Arrangements

In response to the Covid-19 emergency; specifically, to establish quick and agile decision making, manage the pressure on staff, and prioritise frontline services; interim political management arrangements had been implemented and it had been agreed that the political management arrangements should be reviewed by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in August 2020

Details were provided on proposed political management arrangements to carry out Council business for the period until 31 December 2020

Motion

- 1) To agree that the Policy and Sustainability Committee would meet monthly between September and December 2020 and its remit would revert back to pre-Covid 19 on 1 September 2020 but with the addition of decision making and scrutiny of the Adaptation and Renewal Programme.
- 2) To agree that the Finance and Resources Committee and all other committees (as set out in Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions) except for the executive committees could meet from 7 August 2020.

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- 3) To agree that all other executive committees could meet from 1 September 2020.
- 4) To agree that the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee remit would revert to pre-Covid 19 on 1 September 2020.
- 5) To agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Regulatory Committee Convener, Vice-Convener and group spokespersons, to agree an appropriate and safe time to reinstate the Licensing Sub-Committee.
- 6) To agree that meetings would be held virtually until 31 December 2020 and the situation would be reviewed alongside the political management arrangements in December 2020.
- 7) To note that a revised interim Procedural Standing Orders would be presented to Council in August 2020.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To delete Paragraph 6) of the motion by Councillor McVey and replace with
 - 6) Agrees that Full Council meetings will be held virtually until 31st December 2020 and the situation will be reviewed in December 2020.
- 2) To renumber 7) of the motion as 8) and add as 7):
 - 7) Agrees to assess the feasibility of resuming holding of Executive Committees in person in the Main Council Chamber aligned with Scottish Government advice regarding the return of businesses on 14th September 2020 with suitable social distancing.
- 3) To add as 9):
 - 9) In view of additional workload and pressure on officer time created by additional Policy & Sustainability Committee meetings, along with the reduction in business created by the resumption of the other Executive Committees, agrees to suspend the requirement for Executive Committee agenda planning meetings. Further agrees that the Policy and Sustainability Committee should meet on an eight-week cycle.

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Webber

Amendment 2

- 1) To add to the end of 5) in the motion by Councillor McVey
“and that all members of Licencing Sub-Committee be issued with relevant papers for review and comment prior to decisions being made.”
- 2) To add as 8) to the motion:

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“Requests an update come to Policy and Sustainability Committee in September clarifying the process for a possible phased reduction in Committee activity, as described in 4.9. This update should make clear to Committee how any decisions would be taken, who would take those decisions, and under what circumstances.”

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Mary Campbell

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was adjusted and 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: Councillors McVey (Convener, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell Day, Dickie, Doran, Gordon, Griffiths, Macinnes and Main.

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To agree that the Policy and Sustainability Committee would meet monthly between September and December 2020 and its remit would revert back to pre-Covid 19 on 1 September 2020 but with the addition of decision making and scrutiny of the Adaptation and Renewal Programme.
- 2) To agree that the Finance and Resources Committee and all other committees (as set out in Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions) except for the executive committees could meet from 7 August 2020.
- 3) To agree that all other executive committees could meet from 1 September 2020.
- 4) To agree that the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee remit would revert to pre-Covid 19 on 1 September 2020.
- 5) To agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Regulatory Committee Convener, Vice-Convener and group spokespersons, to agree an appropriate and safe time to reinstate the Licensing Sub-Committee and that all members of Licencing Sub-Committee be issued with relevant papers for review and comment prior to decisions being made.
- 6) To agree that meetings would be held virtually until 31 December 2020 and the situation would be reviewed alongside the political management arrangements in December 2020.

- 7) To note that a revised interim Procedural Standing Orders would be presented to Council in August 2020.
- 8) To request a briefing in September clarifying the process for a possible phased reduction in Committee activity, as described in 4.9 of the report by the Chief Executive. This briefing should make clear to Committee how any decisions would be taken, who would take those decisions, and under what circumstances.

(References – Leadership Advisory Panel of 23 April 2020 (item 4); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

6. Schools Re-opening - Update

An update was provided setting out the steps the Council had taken since the reports were taken to Committee on the 25 June, 9 July 2020 and 23 July, to reopen schools from 11 August 2020. The report and plan had been amended following the First Minister's briefing on 30 July and final iteration of the report and plan would be submitted in line with final guidance.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.
- 2) To agree that a further update be provided for the next committee meeting on 20 August 2020.
- 3) To ask for a briefing on the building issues which had been identified in some Edinburgh schools.
- 4) To ask for confirmation of the position in regard to bus services in the Currie/Balerno/Baberton areas.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 23 July 2020 (item 8); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

7. Community Centres and Libraries Reopening

a) Deputation – Jack Kane Centre Management Committee

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Jack Kane Centre Management Committee.

The deputation welcomed the gentle easing of restrictions and the acknowledgement that charities such as theirs, who were carrying out essential services should be engaged with and a proposed way forward agreed.

The deputation asked;

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- For a timeline on decision making and an indication of the timescales involved whereby notification would be issued on their phased limited access opening request
- For confirmation that this was a short term solution which would assist in alleviating potential pressure on other CEC departments
- For the Council to provide assurances for this community centre that this arrangement would not be viewed as a long term ambition to reduce services and withdraw support from their services, community and the management community.
- For clarification of provisional dates, timelines and frameworks for further discussion and dialogue so that they could together chart a progressive partnership direction and meet their charitable and the CECs aims for service delivery.

The deputation felt that by working together in an open and transparent fashion it would only bring benefits as they recovered and renewed their services for the benefit of the people in their communities.

b) Report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families

Details were provided on the significant resource challenges, risks and considerations which needed to be taken into account in reopening community centres and libraries, in the context of competing pressures to reopen (and maintain the opening of) other buildings such as schools. Proposals for the next steps: a mechanism (now live) for all Management Committees (MCs) to submit a request to reopen centres within specific, defined criteria; a suggested process for how a further opening up of centres for citizens could be explored; outline plans for library reopening and gradual introduction of services were presented.

Motion

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening libraries and community centres.
- 2) To approve the approach being adopted to safely reopen libraries and community centres, subject to available resources.
- 3) To note the requirement for some community centres and libraries to be utilised for out of school care, early learning and childcare, youth work and as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.
- 4) To approve that further details on the reopening of community centres and libraries are included in the wider action plans which will emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

Committee:

- 1) Accepts the following recommendations in the report with some reluctance.
 - a) To note the challenges involved in reopening libraries and community centres.
 - b) To approve the approach being adopted to safely reopen libraries and community centres, subject to available resources.
 - c) To note the requirement for some community centres and libraries to be utilised for out of school care, early learning and childcare and as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.
 - d) To approve that further details on the reopening of community centres and libraries are included in the wider action plans which will emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services
- 2) Recognises the significance of the libraries for Edinburgh residents from education and learning, access to technology and provision of other services.
- 3) Further recognises that required building works were eligible to recommence weeks ago through the Scottish Government's routemap and expresses dissatisfaction that building works are cited as a reason for prolonged closure.
- 4) Notes that the Scottish Government has provided information and advice to help public libraries re-open safely and a number of other local authorities have progressed innovative ways to re-open libraries through click and collect services, reintroduction of home library services, phased re-opening of public lending and reference branches.
- 5) Therefore, adds a call for a report in one cycle to the Policy and Sustainability Committee with further details as set out below:
 - i) specifically on the re-opening of libraries in Edinburgh setting out clearer timescales for opening, learning from other local authorities which are more advanced in re-opening of libraries and details, including financial, of services impacted by library closures.
 - ii) outlining services directly or indirectly impacted by the closure of Community Centres or Libraries, detailing any alternative or innovative ways that have been used (or are being planned) to maintain continuity of services that would otherwise have been lost. This should include any projected financial consequences of the alternative service provision.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening libraries and community centres.

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- 2) To approve the approach being adopted to safely reopen libraries and community centres, subject to available resources.
- 3) To note the requirement for some community centres and libraries to be utilised for out of school care, early learning and childcare and as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.
- 4) To approve that further details on the reopening of community centres and libraries are included in the wider action plans which will emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services.
- 5) To request a further report with a review and update of the current position to the relevant committee before November 2020, to include details and rationale for future reductions in access or opening.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Mary Campbell

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening libraries and community centres.
- 2) Notes the Scottish Government guidance issued on the 15th July for the safe opening of libraries.
- 3) Understands that several other Scottish local authorities have already restarted providing some library services.
- 4) Acknowledges the vital role of libraries and community centres within communities, especially for some of the most vulnerable individuals.
- 5) Considers it unsatisfactory that the report fails to provide any dates for the reopening of library facilities.
- 6) Therefore agrees to continue the report for one cycle and calls for dates for reopening to be provided for all facilities referred to.

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion, Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion and Paragraphs 1,1,2, 1.1.3 and 1.1.4 of Amendment 3 were accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening libraries and community centres.
- 2) To approve the approach being adopted to safely reopen libraries and community centres, subject to available resources.

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- 3) To note the requirement for some community centres and libraries to be utilised for out of school care, early learning and childcare, youth work and as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.
- 4) To approve that further details on the reopening of community centres and libraries were included in the wider action plans which would emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services
- 5) To recognise the significance of the libraries for Edinburgh residents from education and learning, access to technology and provision of other services.
- 6) To note that the Scottish Government had provided information and advice to help public libraries re-open safely and a number of other local authorities had progressed innovative ways to re-open libraries through click and collect services, reintroduction of home library services, phased re-opening of public lending and reference branches.
- 7) Therefore, add a call for a report in two cycles to the Policy and Sustainability Committee with further details as set out below:
 - i) specifically on the re-opening of libraries in Edinburgh setting out clearer timescales for opening, learning from other local authorities which are more advanced in re-opening of libraries and details, including financial, of services impacted by library closures.
 - ii) outlining services directly or indirectly impacted by the closure of Community Centres or Libraries, detailing any alternative or innovative ways that have been used (or are being planned) to maintain continuity of services that would otherwise have been lost. This should include any projected financial consequences of the alternative service provision.
- 8) To request a further report with a review and update of the current position to the relevant committee before November 2020, to include details and rationale for future reductions in access or opening.
- 9) To note the Scottish Government guidance issued on the 15th July for the safe opening of libraries.
- 10) To understand that several other Scottish local authorities had already restarted providing some library services.
- 11) To acknowledge the vital role of libraries and community centres within communities, especially for some of the most vulnerable individuals.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 9 July 2020 (item 6); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

8. Re-opening of Public Conveniences

The Committee had requested a further report describing what measures and investment would be required in order to allow public conveniences to be opened as a priority.

An update was provided on the measures and investment required to reopen further public conveniences in the city.

Motion

To note the measures and investment required in order to reopen further public conveniences in the city.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the measures and investment required in order to reopen further public conveniences in the city.
- 2) Notes that the next review of public convenience operation is not scheduled to take place until October
- 3) Considers that in the meantime there is a Public Health requirement to accelerate the re-opening of public conveniences in locations where people are gathering in large numbers and, where they are already open , to have their hours extended and agrees to instruct officers to achieve as a matter of urgency.
- 4) Notes that in taking forward accelerated re-opening the following public convenience locations should be prioritised: Hamilton Place, Stockbridge, Colinton Road, Colinton, Harlaw Visitor Centre, Balerno and West Princes Street Gardens.
- 5) Notes that the accelerated and extended re-opening should be time limited to account for the seasonal and weather-related nature of these informal public gatherings.
- 6) Requests an urgent improvement in signage in busy public places, reinforced on days when good weather attracts crowds, to direct the public to open public conveniences and to inform them of the opening times and their requirement to obey the law and not engage in anti-social behaviour.
- 7) To refer the matter to Council for approval

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the measures and investment required in order to reopen further public conveniences in the city.

- 2) Notes that in some places – in particular the Meadows, Bruntsfield Links, Portobello Beach and surrounding residential areas – despite toilet facilities being open, public urination is still a problem.

Therefore:

- 3) agrees that the Council work with local police to monitor local sites and take action to prevent the problems continuing including increasing opening hours of public conveniences.
- 4) agrees that for the limited public conveniences now open, there should be clear public notices at each site of the facilities, opening hours, and safety notices as detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place, and signage to the public convenience within a half mile radius as appropriate.
- 5) Notes that a review of operations following re-opening will be presented to the appropriate Committee in October 2020, and requests that this review include:
 - Information given on the measures and investment of the public conveniences in this report
 - The measures and costs of opening the three public conveniences not given in this report.
 - A proposed annual schedule for the opening of public conveniences from October 2020.
 - Details of public access to toilet facilities in businesses across the city where public conveniences have been closed and the effects of Covid-19 on this scheme.
 - Options for a revised public toilet facilities policy for the city.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Mary Campbell

Amendment 3

- 1) Note the public health guidance which has been issued by the Scottish Government in respect of the reopening of public conveniences.
- 2) Note the operational risks and arrangements to mitigate these which are being put in place for Council owned public conveniences.
- 3) Agree the reopening of all the remaining Council owned public conveniences except those outlined in 4.9 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) Agree without delay the actioning of measures as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to allow for the reopening of these public conveniences.
- 5) Note that as agreed by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on the 9 July 2020 a review of operations following reopening will be presented to the appropriate Committee in October 2020.

6) To refer the matter to Council for approval

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

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	-	5 votes
For Amendment 3	-	2 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Day, Dickie, Doran, Gardiner, Griffiths, Macinnes and Main.

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

For Amendment 3: Councillors Gloyer and Osler.)

Decision

The approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the measures and investment required in order to reopen further public conveniences in the city.
- 2) To note that in some places – in particular the Meadows, Bruntsfield Links, Portobello Beach and surrounding residential areas – despite toilet facilities being open, public urination was still a problem.

Therefore:

- 3) To agree that the Council work with local police to monitor local sites and take action to prevent the problems continuing including increasing opening hours of public conveniences.
- 4) To agree that for the limited public conveniences now open, there should be clear public notices at each site of the facilities, opening hours, and safety notices as detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place, and signage to the public convenience within a half mile radius as appropriate.
- 5) To note that a review of operations following re-opening would be presented to the appropriate Committee in October 2020, and to request that this review include:
 - Information given on the measures and investment of the public conveniences in the report
 - The measures and costs of opening the three public conveniences not given in the report.

- A proposed annual schedule for the opening of public conveniences from October 2020.
- Details of public access to toilet facilities in businesses across the city where public conveniences had been closed and the effects of Covid-19 on this scheme.
- Options for a revised public toilet facilities policy for the city.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 9 July 2020 (item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

9. Support for Local Businesses - Road Occupation Permits for Tables and Chairs

Details were provided on the outcome of a review which had been carried out of the costs for outdoor spaces together with a proposal for fees associated with licensing of outdoor spaces for eating, drinking and other similar activities.

Motion

- 1) To approve the proposal set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place to waive fees for road occupation permits for tables and chairs from 1 July 2020 – 31 October 2020.
- 2) To note that these proposals supported the use of road space over pedestrian space and encouraged officers to work with businesses to use road space where possible, to prioritise accessibility and equalities

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey

(References – Act of Council No 5 of 28 July 2020; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Roseburn to Union Canal Active Travel Route and Greenspace Improvement

Details were provided on the work undertaken to date on the Roseburn to Union Canal Active Travel Route and Greenspace Improvement project whose aim was to transform the quality of walking and cycling connections and provide a new green corridor with attractive, accessible amenity space. An update on the key activities in delivery of the project was presented and approval sought for further work to be undertaken which included a package of enabling works comprising of site clearance, ground investigation works and excavations to locate existing underground services, necessary to complete the design of the proposals and to procure their delivery.

Motion

- 1) To note the work undertaken to date to develop proposals that would deliver both an important new active travel route and significant improvements to the quality and accessibility of local greenspaces, including Dalry Community Park.
- 2) To note the anticipated programme for the delivery of the project.
- 3) To approve the undertaking of further work, including a package of enabling works comprising of site clearance, ground investigation and excavations to locate existing underground services. These works were necessary to complete the design of the proposals and to procure delivery.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

Committee:

- 1) Welcomes the detail of the report developing proposals that aim to join up important active travel routes and make significant improvements to the quality of greenspaces, including Dalry Community Park;
- 2) Notes with concern that work on this Active Travel route commenced in 2015 and, some five years on still does not have a completed design despite dedicated Active Travel funding being available in successive Council budgets and therefore seeks to explore every opportunity to expedite the delivery of the project and bring forward the completion date from Summer 2022 without compromising the quality;
- 3) Approves subject to 4) the undertaking of further work, including a package of enabling works comprising of site clearance*, ground investigation and excavations to locate existing underground services;

- 4) Recognises the realities of the *site clearance and that there may be public concern at the removal of trees and therefore recommends that this is dealt with in a practical, open and proactive manner through public engagement.

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Paragraphs 1 and 4 of the Amendment were accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	11 votes
For the amendment	-	5 votes

For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Booth, Kate Campbell, Day, Dixon, Doran, Gardiner, Griffiths, Macinnes, Main and Osler.

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the work undertaken to date to develop proposals that would deliver both an important new active travel route and significant improvements to the quality and accessibility of local greenspaces, including Dalry Community Park.
- 2) To welcome the detail of the report developing proposals that aimed to join up important active travel routes and make significant improvements to the quality of greenspaces, including Dalry Community Park.
- 3) To note the anticipated programme for the delivery of the project.
- 4) To approve the undertaking of further work, including a package of enabling works comprising of site clearance, ground investigation and excavations to locate existing underground services. These works were necessary to complete the design of the proposals and to procure delivery.
- 5) To recognise the realities of the *site clearance and that there might be public concern at the removal of trees and therefore to recommend that this be dealt with in a practical, open and proactive manner through public engagement.

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

11. Concept Masterplan for Waverley Station

An update was provided on the work undertaken by Network Rail, working in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council and Transport Scotland, to establish a Masterplan for the redevelopment of Waverley Station over the next 30 years.

Motion

To continue consideration of the matter to the next meeting of the Committee.

- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Cook

Amendment

- 1) To note the Concept Masterplan for Waverley Station and the need for this evolving plan to take cognisance of a number of key Council strategies, policies and guidance including Edinburgh City Centre Transformation, emerging City Plan 2030, City Mobility Plan and the Waverley Valley study.
- 2) To note that the Masterplan set out a vision for the redevelopment of the station over a 30-year period.
- 3) To note that planning permission and other statutory consents for the final proposals would need to be sought from the Council in due course.
- 4) To note that the next phase of detailed design and engineering feasibility would commence as early as possible, maintaining engagement with stakeholders and communities.
- 5) To agree that a Members' briefing be circulated on the financial contribution of Edinburgh Council to the project's partnership and the Council's contribution to the development of the concept, including the reasons why a waiver was required rather than committee approval, and further agrees that any other financial contribution be approved by the Finance and Resources Committee.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

In terms of Standing Order 21(4), the Convener ruled that a first vote be taken for or against the motion for continuation

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion for continuation	-	5 votes
Against the motion for continuation	-	11 votes

(For the motion for continuation: Councillors Cook, Hutchison, McLellan, Webber and Whyte)

Against the motion for continuation: Councillors McVey (Convener), Booth, Kate Campbell, Day, Dixon, Doran, Gardiner, Griffiths, Macinnes, Main and Osler.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor McVey:

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

12. Updated Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation 2020/21

Approval was sought for an updated prioritisation of pedestrian crossings for implementation and/or improvements.

Motion

- 1) To approve the updated pedestrian crossing priority list for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note the locations identified for pedestrian crossing improvements through Section 75 funding or by their inclusion within larger projects in Appendix 2 to the report.
- 3) To note the results of the public consultations on design proposals for Corstorphine Road and the number of responses on proposals at West Granton Road (Appendix 3 to the report).

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To add at end of Paragraph 1) of the motion by Councillor McVey
“with the addition of the new crossing on Bo’ness Road which has been agreed and is being delivered by the North West Locality Team”.
- 2) To add at the end of the motion:
 - 4) notes that the proposed signalised crossing of the A8 east of Kaimes Rd was approved by Committee over ten years ago, has a high adjusted PV2, and has a Section 75 contribution allocated to it; agrees therefore to implement this crossing at the earliest possible opportunity and, in any case, before the end of this financial year.

- moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor Osler

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Paragraph 2) of the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For the amendment	-	7 votes

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(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Booth, Kate Campbell, Day, Dixon, Doran, Gardiner, Griffiths, Macinnes, and Main.

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To approve the updated pedestrian crossing priority list for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note the locations identified for pedestrian crossing improvements through Section 75 funding or by their inclusion within larger projects in Appendix 2 to the report.
- 3) To note the results of the public consultations on design proposals for Corstorphine Road and the number of responses on proposals at West Granton Road (Appendix 3 to the report).
- 4) To note that the proposed signalised crossing of the A8 east of Kaimes Road was approved by Committee over ten years ago, had a high adjusted PV2, and had a Section 75 contribution allocated to it and note that this was scheduled to be implemented by the end of this financial year, as outlined in point 10 of Appendix 1 to the report.

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

13. Council Response to the Scottish Parliament's Inquiry into a Green Recovery

Details were provided on the proposed Council response to a call for views made by the Scottish Parliament's Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (ECCLR) Committee which was holding an inquiry on a green recovery. It built on the recommendations of the Edinburgh Climate Commission welcomed by Committee on 25 July 2020.

Motion

To agree the consultation response as detailed in the report by the Chief Executive.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the late inclusion of the appendix.
- 2) To note the inclusion of new tax regimes and other state interventions that would impact the local economy in unprecedented ways.

- 3) To note that neither scrutiny or discussion of this detail has been possible, nor will it have cross party support.
- 4) To agree to delay submission and continue the report for one cycle.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors McVey (Convener), Booth, Kate Campbell, Day, Dixon, Doran, Gardiner, Gloyer, Griffiths, Macinnes, Main and Osler.

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

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

14. Accounts Commission: Local Government in Scotland - Overview 2020

A summary of the main issues and themes identified within the Accounts Commission's recently-published *Local Government in Scotland – Overview 2020* national report was provided.

Motion

- 1) To note the joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Resources.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for its scrutiny.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Resources.
- 2) Instructs the Chief Executive to report to Committee in two cycles providing a comprehensive assessment of how the Council is addressing the recommendations outlined in the Key Messages section of the report and suggesting any further actions

that could be taken to address these in order that Councillors can scrutinise and prioritise work to improve the Council in these areas.

- 3) The report to provide an officer assessment of the sources of information, training and guidance available to Councillors to help them answer the questions set out for them in the report in order that these can be assessed and debated by Elected Members in public at Committee with a view to improving scrutiny of the Council's performance and to help engender a culture of continuous improvement
- 4) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for its scrutiny.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the joint report by the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Resources.
- 2) To instruct the Chief Executive to report to Committee in two cycles providing a comprehensive assessment of how the Council was addressing the recommendations outlined in the Key Messages section of the report and suggesting any further actions that could be taken to address these in order that Councillors could scrutinise and prioritise work to improve the Council in these areas.
- 3) The report to provide an officer assessment of the sources of information, training and guidance available to Councillors to help them answer the questions set out for them in the report in order that these could be assessed and debated by Elected Members in public at Committee with a view to improving scrutiny of the Council's performance and to help engender a culture of continuous improvement
- 4) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for its scrutiny.

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

15. Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Progress Report

An update was provided on the work of the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board (EIJB) and delivery of its strategic plan.

Motion

To note the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.
- 2) To recognise the impact the Mobilisation Plan had on care homes, the residents of those care homes and their families.
- 3) To note with concern the EIJB's inability for the second consecutive year to set a budget by 31 March 2020, which was in breach of the Accounts Commission's recommendation of December 2019.
- 4) To welcome the revisions to the EIJB's Strategic Plan.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.
- 2) To recognise the impact the Mobilisation Plan had on care homes, the residents of those care homes and their families.
- 3) To note with concern the EIJB's inability for the second consecutive year to set a budget by 31 March 2020, which was in breach of the Accounts Commission's recommendation of December 2019.
- 4) To welcome the revisions to the EIJB's Strategic Plan.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board, submitted.)

16. Award of Contracts for Edinburgh Thrive “Get Help When Needed”

Approval was sought to award to providers to support the establishment of the Thrive Welcome teams and the Thrive Collective, delivering a range of support and interventions to ensure that people get the help they need, when required.

Decision

- 1) To approve the award of nine new contracts to deliver a range of services to support people’s mental and health wellbeing.
- 2) To agree the contract duration would be from 1 December 2020 for 60 months (with the possible extension of a further 36 months).
- 3) To note the extension of current Wellbeing Providers to 31st November 2020 to enable a three months-notice period to be given to current providers (4-month period allowed under Contract Standing Orders, while undertaking a tender process).
- 4) To note the approximate maximum total value of the contract was £20,880,000. The annual value varied throughout the term of the contract to incorporate annual increments based on the Scottish Government Funding.

(Reference – report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

17. Domestic Abuse Policy Development 2019-2020

In response to a motion by Councillor Watt, details were provided on the specific policies that had been put in place by the City of Edinburgh Council, during the year to 31 March 2020, that sought to prevent gender inequalities and improve the Council’s support for survivors of gender-based violence.

Decision

To note the report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families.

(References – Act of Council No 1 of 12 March 2020; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

18. The City’s Relationship with Krakow and Equality and LGBT+ Rights – Motions by Councillors Staniforth and Day

The following motions by Councillors Staniforth and Day were submitted in terms of Standing Order 14:

- a) By Councillor Staniforth

“Committee:

Notes that as of August 2019 the Policy and Sustainability Committee renewed the city's relationship with Krakow.

Notes that the Lesser Poland Voivodeship, of which Krakow is part, has declared itself an 'LGBT-free zone'.

Notes that the concept of an 'LGBT-free zone' is antithetical to Edinburgh's values of tolerance, freedom and compassion. Further notes that as a capital city Edinburgh has a role to play in extolling those virtues on the world stage.

Notes that in May 2019 the Mayor of Krakow created the Equal Treatment Council which included representatives of the LGBTQ+ community making it one of only two cities in Poland with such a body.

Therefore resolves that Edinburgh City will immediately contact Krakow to determine the City's position regarding the wider 'LGBT-free zone' and that a short report should come to the next Policy and Sustainability Committee detailing options for further action to support the LGBTQ+ community there."

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Main

b) By Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14;

"Committee:

Notes with concern, recent information relating to promotion 'LGBT Free Zones in Lesser Poland Voivodeship', and notes other issues of Human Rights violations in countries where the City of Edinburgh Council have friendship or twinning relationships.

Notes the Lord Provost has written to the Mayor of Krakow to clarify Krakow's opposition to the measures cited above and requests a report to Policy and Sustainability, following a response to the Lord Provost's approach outlining any additional support Edinburgh may offer to assist and support Krakow resist these policies.

Requests a review of the international strategy in autumn to include information on the how relationships can support the Council's Equalities Framework."

- moved by Councillor McVey Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor McVey

Decision

1) To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth:

Committee:

Notes that as of August 2019 the Policy and Sustainability Committee renewed the city's relationship with Krakow.

Notes that the Lesser Poland Voivodeship, of which Krakow is part, has declared itself an 'LGBT-free zone'.

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Notes that the concept of an 'LGBT-free zone' is antithetical to Edinburgh's values of tolerance, freedom and compassion. Further notes that as a capital city Edinburgh has a role to play in extolling those virtues on the world stage.

Notes that in May 2019 the Mayor of Krakow created the Equal Treatment Council which included representatives of the LGBTQ+ community making it one of only two cities in Poland with such a body.

- 2) To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

19. Council Support for Local Businesses – Motion by Councillor Lang

The following motion by Councillor Lang was submitted in terms of Standing Order 14;

“Committee:

- 1) notes that, as of 21 July, the Council has paid out to local businesses £102.7m of the £111.5m allocated by the Scottish Government for business grants.
- 2) notes that it was suggested in the ‘Revenue Update 2020/21’ report to the meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 July that any underspend on the Business Grants Scheme, rather than being returned to the Scottish and/or UK Government, instead be made available to local authorities to support flexible, place-based local economic recovery, a role they are ideally placed to lead on.
- 3) notes that the ‘Supporting Local Businesses in Edinburgh’ report to the meeting of the full Council on 28 July called for a ‘Support for Local Business’ campaign in aid of traders in local town centres and high streets.
- 4) believes one of the best ways, if not the best way, to support local businesses to recover and thrive is through measures which actively encourage people to visit and spend money with those businesses.
- 5) therefore calls for officers to explore the feasibility of issuing every Council taxpaying household a voucher or vouchers totalling £30 to be spent only with a small Edinburgh based businesses and for this to be funded from the underspend on the Business Grants Scheme.
- 6) agrees that the Leader of the Council should write to the Scottish Government to make the case for such a proposal.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

Amendment 1

- 1) Notes that, as of 21 July, the Council has paid out to local businesses £102.7m of the £111.5m allocated by the Scottish Government for business grants and that a number of appeals are ongoing so this is not a definitive position.

- 2) Notes that the 'Revenue Update 2020/21' report to the meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 July stated at: 4.24:

It has furthermore been suggested that any underspend on the Business Grants scheme, rather than being returned to the Scottish and/or UK Government, instead be made available to local authorities to support flexible, place-based local economic recovery, a role they are ideally placed to lead on.

- 3) Notes that the 'Supporting Local Businesses in Edinburgh' report to the meeting of the full Council on 28 July agreed a 'Support for Local Business' campaign in aid of traders in local town centres and high street alongside the Ready Set Go programme, a one stop shop approach to licensing and permissions, action on procurement to make council spend more accessible to local businesses and the Spaces for People programme which is designed to make space available for businesses to operate safely and to encourage footfall by making it easier for people to move around their town centres.
- 4) Notes the importance of measures which actively encourage people to visit and spend money with businesses to help them recover and thrive.
- 5) Agrees that if more money becomes available to support these efforts, officers present further actions to committee to support businesses, particularly focused on maximising the survival of small businesses across the City.
- 6) Agrees that the Leader of the Council should work with COSLA and ministers to make the case for any underspend in Business Support Grants to be returned to local authorities.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 2

- 1) To add to the end of Paragraph 1) of the motion by Councillor Lang:

Therefore, at the closure of the existing business support schemes, there is £8.8m remaining of the Edinburgh allocation, currently held by the Scottish Government, which will only be released for proposals that are supported by Scottish Government.
- 2) To insert the following after Paragraph 4) of the motion and renumber:
 - 5) Notes that COSLA has suggested that any underspend should be used to fund the COVID-19 costs including loss of income incurred by councils.
 - 6) Agrees that measures for 'Support for Local Business' should be clearly targeted, (for example at specific business sectors requiring help or geographical areas), and increase the sustainability of the local economy.
- 3) To delete Paragraph 5) of the motion and insert:

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Therefore requests officers consult with members and explore further measures that could provide 'Support for Local Business' that would require funding and report in September to committee.

4) To amend Paragraph 6) of the motion to read:

Agrees that the Leader of the Council write to the Scottish Government to make the case for some surplus funding to be made available to support the local economy.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Booth

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	4 votes
For Amendment 1	-	13 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Booth, Gloyer, Main and Osler.

For Amendment 1: Councillors McVey (Convener), Kate Campbell, Cook, Day, Dixon, Doran, Gardiner, Griffiths, Hutchison, Macinnes, McLellan, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve Amendment 1 by Councillor McVey.

20. School Results for Session 2019-20 during Covid-19 – Motion by Councillor McVey

The Convener ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Council to give early consideration to this matter.

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

Commends teaching staff and support staff for their effort and commitment in preparing qualification assessments during one of the most challenging times.

Notes the hard work and effort pupils have made in their education throughout their school year and the impact Covid-19 has had on them.

Notes the challenges in this year's assessment process due to the need to cancel examinations due to public health guidance.

Notes the SQA and Scottish Government have encouraged students to appeal and request officers urgently work with schools to offer any support needed to submit appeals where pupils feel they have been undermarked and notes any fees for appeals have been waived to help facilitate appeals.

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Further requests officers report to the Education, Children and Families Committee on results for session 2019-20 when full data is available to determine whether there were issues with this year's process which would have meant any group of young people in

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Edinburgh were adversely affected to enable any Edinburgh specific information to be submitted to the Scottish Government and the SQA.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.