

Notice of meeting and agenda

City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am Thursday, 27th May, 2021

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1. Order of business

- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

2. Declaration of interests

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8. Motions

8.1 By Councillor Macinnes – Clean Air Day

“Council:

Acknowledges that every year air pollution causes an estimated 36,000 deaths in the UK and that in Edinburgh there are around 200 deaths each year attributable to fine particulate matter. The World Health Organisation, the UK Government, Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council all recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today, with a particularly significant impact on children’s health.

Agrees that transport is a significant contributor to air pollution in Edinburgh.

Supports Clean Air Day , which is supported by Environmental Protection Scotland and Global Action Plan, on 17 June 2021 and encourages people to leave the car at home and to walk, cycle or take public transport if they are travelling to work or school, or work from home.

Recognises that choosing to walk, cycle or wheel or to use public

transport is a highly effective way that individuals can actively contribute to improving Edinburgh's air quality.

Suggests that residents on clean air day:

- 1) Avoid non-essential, polluting deliveries – instead, choose cargo bike deliveries, bundle orders, choose 'click and collect,' or shop locally.
- 2) Don't idle – if people choose to drive, they should turn off their engine whenever the vehicle is stationary, particularly outside schools.
- 3) If people are intending to purchase a car please consider if a combination of sustainable transport choices, including electric bikes, public transport and shared car clubs, could substitute effectively for a car, or whether an electric car, particularly important for those with mobility issues, could be a better choice.

Is committed to improving air quality and encouraging better health and well-being through public transport, active travel and investment in electric vehicle infrastructure as part of a green recovery from COVID-19, and in tackling the climate emergency.

Asks that to mark Clean Air Day the Council uses evidence-based arguments on its social media channels to:

- 1) Improve public understanding of air pollution and its sources.
- 2) Build awareness of how air pollution affects our health.
- 3) Explain the easy actions we can all take to tackle air pollution on Clean Air Day and in the longer term, and thereby help to protect the environment, and our health and that of others.”

8.2 By the Lord Provost - Proposal to Sign a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh City and Kunming City (Yunnan Province)

“Council notes:

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) has a long history of working with China and Yunnan in particular, dating back more than 100 years and continuing to this day.

RBGE is twinned with the Kunming Institute of Botany (KIB), and jointly established the Lijiang Field Station, the UK's first joint scientific laboratory in China.

RBGE's living plant collection contains more than 1,600 Chinese species – the largest collection of Chinese plants outside of China, and RBGE's Chinese Hillside showcases Chinese plants to about 1 million visitors each year.

The fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD) will be held in Kunming, Yunnan on the 11-24 October 2021.

The Edinburgh Declaration will be presented at COP15, and at the parallel 7th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments (co-organised by ICLEI and Kunming City government) in Kunming.

The Edinburgh Declaration itself focuses on the critical role of cities, regions and non-state governments for biodiversity conservation – and this itself directly aligns with the green recovery, addressing the biodiversity crisis, and enhancing city environments for the human health and well-being.

This international landmark event will focus on the agreement of a new global strategy for biodiversity for 2021-2030.

RBGE has requested that the City of Edinburgh considers signing a Friendship agreement with Kunming City in support of their ongoing work and that notes that signing a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh and Kunming City before or at COP15 would add profile to the Edinburgh declaration, and Scotland's role in international biodiversity conservation.

This Friendship Agreement will provide impetus and visibility to the role of cities and subnational governments in addressing the biodiversity crisis and the climate emergency. The Friendship Agreement would bring additional profile to the Edinburgh Declaration, and also build on, strengthen (and celebrate) the existing collaborative links in biodiversity and conservation between RBGE and scientists in Yunnan.

A Friendship Agreement, linked to biodiversity conservation, and the Edinburgh Declaration aligns directly to the international priorities of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Nature Scot, and Scottish Government. It also aligns to the biodiversity

conservation work of Edinburgh City Council.

Agrees to sign a Friendship agreement between City of Edinburgh and Kunming City and instructs the Lord Provost to work with RBGE to do so.”

8.3 By Councillor Staniforth – City of Edinburgh Council Rejects Photo ID for Voting

“Council notes:

That in this year’s Queen’s Speech the Westminster government have set out their intention to introduce a photo ID requirement for voting.

That this would only apply to UK wide general elections and would therefore further separate the requirements for voting in Scottish local and parliamentary elections from those for Westminster elections creating confusion as to which paperwork is required for which election.

That following the 2019 UK general election only four people were convicted of voter fraud and that the electoral commission states, “the UK has very low levels of proven electoral fraud.” Therefore there is no need for any further measures to combat electoral fraud, especially if those measures risk voter disenfranchisement.

That there is no form of photo ID currently available for free in the UK and that therefore demanding photo ID to vote is demanding that people pay to vote.

That adding any further requirement to vote will disenfranchise some voters.

That those least likely to have photo ID, and therefore most likely to be disenfranchised by a photo ID requirement, are those under 30, families on low incomes and disabled people.

Council therefore:

Will reject any proposal to be involved in a pilot of photo ID for voting to the fullest extent the law allows.

Will refuse to administer photo ID for voting to the fullest extent the law allows.

Will respond to any consultation on photo ID for voting with an unequivocal statement against it.

Calls on the council leader to write to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary stating Edinburgh City's objection to voter ID laws and to any law which will disenfranchise Edinburgh's citizens."

8.4 By Councillor Corbett - Bridges and Investment in Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells

"Council

- 1) Recognises that Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells are one of the best-loved green spaces in Edinburgh.
- 2) Recognises that restrictions on travel and guidance to exercise locally since March 2020 has hugely increased footfall demand in an area already popular between the Water of Leith Visitor Centre and the Colinton Tunnel.
- 3) Notes that for all of that time, and longer, whole sections of path have been closed off because of the closure of two bridges in poor condition – the "pipe" bridge at Katesmill and the bridge near Redhall Mill Weir; and that there is no plan to re-open them.
- 4) Notes the bridge failures are the most obvious sign, but not the only example, of the need for investment in the Dells area – also including paths, steps, walls and historic structures; and that the deteriorating condition of this valued blue-green corridor is causing increasing local anger.
- 5) Welcomes an offer by Water of Leith Conservation Trust, partnered by local community councils, to marshal a community fundraising effort to tackle the "pipe" bridge which has been closed longest; and that therefore agrees that the council should support that process by providing a detailed specification and cost.
- 6) Agrees that action by the City Council is long overdue and therefore agrees that a report be submitted to Culture and Communities Committee in two cycles with proposals to assess and address investment needs in the Dells, with

the initial priority to replace the decking on the Redhall Mill Weir bridge to allow it to be re-opened.”

9. Congratulatory Motions

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Andrew Kerr

Chief Executive

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Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 29 April 2021

Present:-

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Frank Ross

COUNCILLORS

Robert C Aldridge
Scott Arthur
Gavin Barrie
Eleanor Bird
Chas Booth
Claire Bridgman
Mark A Brown
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Lezley Marion Cameron
Jim Campbell
Kate Campbell
Mary Campbell
Maureen M Child
Nick Cook
Gavin Corbett
Cammy Day
Alison Dickie
Denis C Dixon
Phil Duggart
Karen Doran
Scott Douglas
Catherine Fullerton
Neil Gardiner
Gillian Gloyer
George Gordon
Ashley Graczyk
Joan Griffiths
Ricky Henderson
Derek Howie
Graham J Hutchison

Andrew Johnston
David Key
Callum Laidlaw
Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Melanie Main
John McLellan
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Adam McVey
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Joanna Mowat
Rob Munn
Gordon J Munro
Hal Osler
Ian Perry
Susan Rae
Alasdair Rankin
Cameron Rose
Neil Ross
Jason Rust
Stephanie Smith
Alex Staniforth
Mandy Watt
Susan Webber
Iain Whyte
Donald Wilson
Norman J Work
Ethan Young
Louise Young

1 Declaration of Interests

Decision

- a) To note that Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron had declared an interest as a member of EICC, EDI, CEC Holdings, Edinburgh Leisure, RSNO, and a Director of the Edinburgh Community Solar Cooperative (ECSC).
- b) To note that Councillor Gordon had declared an interest as Chair of EICC.

2 Future Provision of Public Conveniences – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

a) Deputation – Colinton Community Council

The deputation expressed concern at a number of issues raised in the report referred to the Council from the Transport and Environment Committee, particularly in relation to existing public toilets. They felt that the policy with which the public toilets in Colinton had been aligned had not been properly validated due to a failure of the Council to engage with the Community Council.

The deputation indicated that they felt that reports and representations to Committee had been deeply misleading in regard to the public toilets at Colinton. They also stressed that the older toilets situated within an out building in Spylaw Park were not generally available for use by members of the public.

The Deputation indicated that they could not see any other viable use for the public toilet building in Colinton.

b) Deputation – Colinton Amenity Association

The deputation indicated that they were in the process of launching their initiative “Discover Colinton” in an attempt to attract more visitors in and around the Colinton area. They had received funding in the form of a Community Grant for publicising this initiative and felt it was of great importance to be able to provide public toilet facilities to those visitors. They urged the Council to support the continued provision of the public toilets in Colinton.

c) Deputation – The Colinton Tunnel

The deputation indicated that they had been working since 2016 to encourage visitors to Colinton with the aim of helping to maintain the few remaining

businesses and encourage the establishment of new ones. They stressed that footfall numbers in the Colinton area had increased greatly and the need for the public toilets was essential.

The deputation indicated that the public toilets were only 10 years old, had had no problems with vandalism or anti-social behaviour, were DDA compliant and served a genuine and growing need in the community. They urged the Council to support Colinton in their future plans for the re-opening and continuation of Colinton Public Toilets.

d) Deputations – Colinton Village Enterprise SCIO

The deputation indicated that they had recently used Community Asset Transfer legislation in respect of an outbuilding in Spylaw Park and stressed that the toilets within the building were not in the public realm. The toilets within the outbuilding dated back to the 1970's or earlier and had only been used during the Enterprise's occasional outdoor community events. The deputation stressed that while it was their aim to completely refurbish and develop the building into a community hub, work was not likely to start on the project for some time and therefore, fit-for-purpose toilet facilities would not exist for several years and even then, would be subject to the Hub's opening hours.

The deputation urged the Council to re-open the existing public toilets in Colinton.

e) Referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

The Transport and Environment committee had referred a report setting out plans for future provision of public conveniences in Edinburgh and seeking approval to progress with focusing on ensuring there were appropriate facilities in premier parks in the first instance to the Council for approval of an additional £450,000 of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets.

f) Question by Councillor Rust – Submitted in terms of Standing Order 15.2

The following Question, together with the answer, and supplementary question and answer, had been submitted by Councillor Rust in terms of Standing Order 15.2:

Question

At 4.20 of the report it states: “*The analysis of existing provision shows that the public convenience at Colinton sits outside the terms of the proposed plans.*” and in Appendix 1 it is the sole convenience listed as, “*Toilet locations which do not align with proposed plans for future provision.*”

Please can you specifically set out the basis for Colinton Public Convenience sitting outside the terms of the Council’s proposed plans in terms of the report.

Answer

Transport and Environment Committee approved the approach set out in the Committee report on the future provision of public conveniences. This approach focuses provision:

- In premier parks;
- At locations which are promoted as places for a higher number of visitors (e.g. Portobello beach or the Pentland Hills Regional Park);
- In each of Edinburgh’s official town centres; and
- In travel centres where people arrive after journeys on which facilities are typically limited.

On the basis of this approach, Colinton Public Convenience sits outside the terms of this approach.

Supplementary Question

Thank you very much Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for her answer. The Convener references the Committee report and again gives the same headings in the answer, so just to clarify is the publicly accessible strategy document lying behind this with current information so I’m thinking for example it mentions Premier Parks, these defined, it talks about visitor number promotion in the answer, so is there a strategy document lying behind this?

Supplementary Answer

The key content was held in the Transport and Environment Committee papers, I will ask senior officers to return to you with a more specific answer to that particular supplementary question, thank you Councillor Rust.

**Comments by
the Lord
Provost**

Councillor Macinnes if we can just make sure that that supplementary answer is circulated to all elected members please.

**Comments by
Councillor
Macinnes**

Indeed thank you

Motion

To agree an additional £450,000 of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To agree an additional £450k of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets; the monies could also be used to re-open public toilets currently closed in order to provide adequate public toilet provision in the City.
- 2) To note the estimated investment required to create new or refurbish public conveniences; and accelerate exploration of commercial partnerships to deliver facilities based on a concessions model, reporting back to Committee within two cycles (noting this approach had already been taken for a combined café and public conveniences at Joppa)
- 3) When the public toilets were closed at Haymarket to facilitate the delivery of the Haymarket development the sale was conditional on re-provisioning these facilities within the development and were detailed on the original planning permission; to note that the current planning permission did not show public toilets provided and instruct officers to investigate whether this burden was not transferred in subsequent sales and report back to Committee with their findings.
- 4) To reject paragraph 4.20 of the report by the Executive Director of Place and call for Colinton Public Convenience to be retained and maintained as part of the Council's strategy going ahead.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Rust

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	45 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Booth, Bridgmn, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.

For the amendment: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To agree an additional £450,000 of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets; the monies could also be used to re-open public toilets currently closed in order to provide adequate public toilet provision in the City;
- 2) To note the estimated investment required to create new or refurbish public conveniences; and accelerate exploration of commercial and community partnerships to deliver facilities based on a concessions model, reporting back to Committee within two cycles (noting this approach had already been taken for a combined café and public conveniences at Joppa)
- 3) When the public toilets were closed at Haymarket to facilitate the delivery of the Haymarket development the sale was conditional on re-provisioning these facilities within the development and were detailed on the original planning permission; to note that the current planning permission did not show public toilets provided and instruct officers to investigate whether this burden was not transferred in subsequent sales and report back to Committee with their findings.

(References: Transport and Environment Committee of 22 April 2021; referral from the Transport and Environment Committee)

3 Motion by Councillor Webber - Public Confidence

a) Deputation – South West Edinburgh in Motion

The deputation felt that the schemes being introduced during the pandemic were highly devisive, discriminatory and potentially unlawful, with schemes having no specific or measurable goals had been installed in the face of clear community opposition. They were of the view that community views had been ignored, goal posts constantly shifted and they were concerned about how the results from the street schemes survey would be used as they felt there was no clarity on how responses would determine policy.

The deputation believed that it would not be appropriate for this consultation to report back in two months' time to the Transport and Environment Committee to inform decision making at the June meeting. If it did report back, they felt it would severely undermine the visible commitment to the Council's approved policy for consultations and the repercussions would impact other Council business and the ability for the Council to be effective or offer best value in the longer term.

b) Deputation – Newington Hotels Group

The deputation expressed concern with the conduct and competency of the Council particularly in regard to the spaces for people schemes installed throughout Edinburgh's conservation areas. They indicated that they were supportive of active travel and accepted the need to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID 19 through the use of emergency Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO). They stressed that their main concern lay specifically with the construction, appearance and placement of the segregated units within Edinburgh's protected historic environment.

The deputation indicated that they had been advised by council officers that the cycle segregates did not fall under emergency COVID TTROs and traffic legislation but had been installed under class 30 permitted development under planning legislation, the same planning laws under which local authorities had a statutory duty to preserve conservation areas.

The deputation urged the Council to remove the segregation units from Edinburgh's conservation areas.

c) Deputation – Silverknowes Community Group

The deputation felt that public confidence in the Council was extremely low and that they were not being listened to regarding active travel initiatives city-wide. They believed that the recent consultation for retaining spaces for people breached acceptable quality standards to be able to fulfil its purpose, did not even reflect the

Council's own consultation framework and that fundamentally the approach fell drastically short of the Council Directive.

The deputation urged the Council to make a visible commitment to the approved policy for consultation, a fresh approach to consulting around retaining Spaces for People measures be embraced, with respectful community engagement seen as a priority. They stressed that such dialogue would build trust by ensuring all Quality Standards were adhered to.

d) Deputation – Get Edinburgh Moving

The deputations indicated that they felt that the spaces for people schemes had impacted negatively on disabled people, on public transport, on the ability of emergency services to respond and the impact and on 99% of journeys that were not cycled. They felt that the Council's permanency plans were deeply flawed as they were connected to adverts showing how good spaces for people was rather than a balanced survey introduction and they followed responses so that they predicated on change being good and necessary.

The deputation asked the Council for collaboration, transparency, openness and above all for the deputation's views to not just be listened to but to be heard. The deputation believed that the motion submitted by Councillor Webber was a constructive and an appropriate start.

e) Motion by Councillor Webber

The following motion by Councillor Webber was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council:

Welcomes the substantial response to the recent Street Scheme Survey promoted on the Consultation Hub.

Subject to below, welcomes the opportunity to review and the full, complete feedback from those residents that chose to take part.

Notes with concern significant public disquiet with this exercise, not least given a strategic piece of work which impacts on wards across the entire city and with potentially permanent outcomes where there continues to be:

- a) Public opposition of many Community Councils and Local Residents Associations.
- b) Extensive negative coverage in local and national media.

- c) Significant concerns raised by consultative bodies representing less able citizens and users of public transport.
- d) Significant concerns raised by public transport bodies.
- e) The apparent failure of Council Officers to always give full and complete answers in public meetings.
- f) A disputed legal basis for the lawful promotion of some schemes.
- g) The leading nature of the attempted consultation.
- h) An absence of valid information to permit informed feedback.
- i) Absence of timely consistent data from the Cities network of cycle counters.
- j) A shortened timescale notwithstanding it being extended which still fell short of other less complex single-issue consultations.

In order to address any bureaucratic overreach and in an attempt to restore public confidence in the Council, The Executive Director is instructed to:

- 1) Arrange round table workshops with himself, his senior team leading on Spaces for People, any elected Member with an interest, and the Edinburgh Access Panel, Public transport providers, emergency services, businesses and local groups formed to represent residents.
- 2) Structure his forthcoming report to the Transport and Environment Committee on 17th June 2021 to include the output of point 1 (above) and to arrange all the SfP schemes into discrete contiguous routes for separate consideration and discussion, in each case detailing the feedback received from people residing on the streets, local businesses, etc, and including discrete Integrated Impact Assessments and legal justification to ensure fastidious application of the following applicable policies all approved at Policy and Sustainability Committee on 20th April 2021:
 - i) Equality and Diversity Framework 2021-2025 P & S Committee Report 20.4.21
 - ii) COVID19 engagement and consultation approach from 1st July 2021.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Webber.

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Amendment 1

To welcome the substantial response to the recent Street Scheme Survey promoted on the Consultation Hub.

To note that extensive consultation and constructive engagement were in process, as agreed by the Transport and Environment Committee.

To welcome constructive dialogue with outside organisations, interest groups, consultative and representative groups, thanks all organisations and groups for their work and for issues they had identified and raised in consultation.

To note that a wide and detailed range of views had been expressed via the consultation and in public discourse, ranging from strategic city-wide issues to highly specific local details, and recognised the complexity of interpreting and reporting such findings.

To note the report scheduled for June to the Transport and Environment Committee on the results of the online consultation, the concurrent market research, the detailed internal project review and the recommendations against a background of the strategic transport policy framework, as well as Scottish government guidance, and ask that the report:

- be structured to allow members to amend both city-wide strategic decisions and/or street schemes as necessary, in order to take account of representations made before the meeting,
- comprehensively review the issues raised by equalities impact assessments and the options to address these,
- include references or appendices of additional information that has been unavailable so far, such as cycle counter data and answers to public questions, and
- include legal opinion on the dispute which had been raised

To note that a full detailed discussion would take place before a decision by elected members.

To note that extensive discussion, and subsequent requested changes to schemes, had already taken place with senior officers, elected members, specialist stakeholder groups, public transport providers, emergency services, businesses and local

resident groups throughout the development and implementation of the Spaces for People project to date.

To welcome the opportunity to examine the role of improved active travel infrastructure in meeting our sustainable transport aspirations and net zero carbon ambitions for Edinburgh.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 2

To add to paragraph 1) of the motion by Councillor Webber:

- a) after “workshops”, insert “by locality”.
- b) after “any elected member”, insert “representing a ward within that locality”.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Louise Young

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	25 votes
For Amendment 1	-	37 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aldridge, Barrie, Bridgman, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Lang, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber, Whyte and Louise Young.

For Amendment 1: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Ethan Young.)

Decision

To approve Amendment 1 by Councillor Macinnes.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Arthur declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a work colleague was a member of one of the deputations.

4 Minutes

Decision

- a) To approve the minute of the Council of 11 March 2021 as a correct record.
- b) To approve the minute of the Council of 16 April 2021 as a correct record.

5 Leader's Report

The Leader presented his report to the Council. He commented on:

- Welcome results of survey done into Council services
- Edinburgh by Numbers report
- Scottish Parliamentary elections – number of registered voters
- Safe opening of businesses in Edinburgh

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Whyte | - | Opening up of Edinburgh – increase in congestion – use of public transport |
| Councillor Staniforth | - | Support for traveller communities |
| Councillor Aldridge | - | Libraries re-opening – crucial core resource |
| Councillor Day | - | Black Lives Matter – update on work of independent review group |
| Councillor Macinnes | - | Increase in volume of traffic – road conditions |
| Councillor Johnson | - | Spaces for People programme – public transport congestion - review |
| Councillor Main | - | Accommodation for homeless people - future |
| Councillor Osler | - | Pedestrian Crossing – East Fettes Avenue |
| Councillor Munro | - | Financial settlement |
| Councillor Gordon | - | Food Growing Strategy |
| Councillor Jim Campbell | - | Withdrawal of hot food in schools |
| Councillor Burgess | - | Glasgow City Council Pension Fund – Fossil fuel investment |

- Councillor Kate Campbell - Thanks to Council officers for help in providing outdoor space for businesses
- Councillor Booth - Pledge for stand alone GME secondary school in Edinburgh
- Councillor Fullerton - International Workers Memorial Day – Lothian Buses – Zero Tolerance at work
- Councillor Cameron - Edinburgh Eye Pavilion - update
- Councillor Mary Campbell - Petition for Pledge – P&S
- Councillor Gardiner - Festivals in the City – work of planning officers
- Councillor Doggart - Tourist Bodies – practical steps to encourage tourists to visit Edinburgh

6 Appointments to Outside Organisations – Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC)

On 29 June 2017 the Council had appointed members to outside bodies for 2017-22. Councillor Smith had tendered her resignation as a member of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC), and the Council was asked to appoint a member in her place.

Decision

To appoint Councillor Whyte as a member of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre in place of Councillor Smith.

(References – Act of Council No 8 of 29 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

7 Child Protection – Response to Motion

In response to a motion by Councilor Dickie, details were provided of the Edinburgh Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2019/20 which included detail and context around a number of topics including; child protection referrals, interagency training, public information campaigns and matters in relation to whistleblowing.

Decision

- 1) To note the the report by the Chief Executive.

- 2) To note the positive contribution of services across the City in keeping children safe.
- 3) To note the plan for an Internal Audit regarding whistleblowing outcomes, including those relating to child protection issues.
- 4) To note that this report had already been presented to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 2 March 2021 and that no changes were required.

(References – Education Children and Families Committee of 2 March 2021 (item 9); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

8 Women’s Safety in Public Places – Motion by Councillor Watt

The following motion by Councillor Watt was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council deeply regrets that it has taken the murder of Sarah Everard, Bennylyn Burke & Wenjing Lin to bring women’s safety in public spaces to mainstream attention across the country.

Council notes the need for structural change across society and its institutions ought not to be used as a reason for doing nothing in response to this problem.

Council agrees to bring a report to Policy & Sustainability within two cycles, detailing any actions to improve women’s safety, including embedding considerations within risk assessments, placemaking and any other organisational changes to positively impact safety of women in Edinburgh.

This report should identify options for a consultation around the public places and spaces in Edinburgh where women feel safe, where they feel less safe and what can be done to improve their safety. With actions being reported back to the appropriate committee.”

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Watt.

9 Garden Waste Collection - Motion by Councillor Rust

The following motion by Councillor Rust was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the Garden waste collection service operates using fixed registration windows and once the registration closes the Council is not able to accept additional registrations.
- 2) Understands that in the absence of registration the lawful options are essentially (a) to compost the garden waste; (b) to take it to the nearest recycling centre; or (c) to arrange for private collection.
- 3) Recognises that circumstances can arise where a householder omits to register within the registration period because for example, they (a) die, or become incapacitated or unwell and otherwise unable to deal with certain matters timeously; (b) move from a property outwith Edinburgh or move from a property without garden; or (c) through family bereavement or other pressures, not least during the pandemic genuinely forget.
- 4) Appreciates that the other options above are in many cases not practical for householders affected or in the case of the deceased for their estate.
- 5) Therefore, calls for a report in two cycles which:
 - (a) details the number of requests made to the Council outwith the registration windows since the system was launched and where recorded the reasons given for the failure to register to better understand the extent of this issue;
 - (b) considers the potential for extended registration periods and “manual” registration and “stickers” in exceptional circumstances which can be reconciled at year end;
 - (c) further explores the issue of support and system development for registration outwith the fixed periods with the IT provider;
 - (d) better informs regarding how the weight of garden waste impacts through small changes to household registrations and what level of built-in flexibility there is in collection routes; and
 - (e) generally advises as to any ways in which the process can be made more flexible for residents with minimum impact on the service being delivered.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Rust.

- moved by Councillor Rust, seconded by Councillor Bruce.

Amendment 1

- 1) To accept paragraphs 1-4 of the motion by Councillor Rust.
- 2) To replace paragraph 5 of the motion with:

Notes that officers are already working on changes to the registration window and process to allow customers who are forced into registering outside of the current windows to join the scheme within four weeks of application.

Notes the impact on complex collection route building requirements of absorbing requests outside of the current window.

Welcomes the remarkable success of the implementation of the garden waste scheme where, within a few short years of its introduction, 66% of eligible households are now participating in the scheme. Notes that this participation rate is considerably higher than the original anticipated levels of 46%.

Notes that the revenue budget report agreed by Council on 18 February 2021 provided detail on the £35 charge for the garden waste service. This includes the following information as one of the outcomes that will be delivered through the service charge.

Investment in administration support and system development to allow the mid-year sign up window to be greatly expanded addressing the high levels of complaints from residents and councillors on the restriction of the current window timescales and the inability to join these if missed.

Notes that there is a report scheduled for June's Transport and Environment Committee which will detail these proposals and that the committee will be asked to decide whether to proceed with these new arrangements which are designed to meet some of the concerns outlined above.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 2

To add at paragraph (5) of the motion by Councillor Rust a further requirement for the requested report:

- (f) to include options for how an automatic renewal process could be available (either by opt in or opt out) to avoid residents accidental missed renewals.

- moved by Councillor Louise Young, seconded by Councillor Osler

Amendment 3

- 1) To accept paragraphs 1-4 of the motion by Councillor Rust.
- 2) To replace paragraph 5 of the motion with:

Notes that officers are already working on changes to the registration window and process to allow customers who are forced into registering outside of the current windows to join the scheme within four weeks of application.

Notes the impact on complex collection route building requirements of absorbing requests outside of the current window.

Notes that the revenue budget report agreed by Council on 18 February 2021 provided detail on the £35 charge for the garden waste service. This includes the following information as one of the outcomes that will be delivered through the service charge.

Investment in administration support and system development to allow the mid-year sign up window to be greatly expanded addressing the high levels of complaints from residents and councillors on the restriction of the current window timescales and the inability to join these if missed.

Notes that there is a report scheduled for June's Transport and Environment Committee which will detail these proposals and that the committee will be asked to decide whether to proceed with these new arrangements which are designed to meet some of the concerns outlined above.

- 3) adds a further requirement for the report to the Transport and Environment Committee in June:

“to include options for how an automatic renewal process could be available (either by opt in or opt out) to avoid residents accidental missed renewals”.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Osler

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an amendment to the motion and Amendment 2 adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	55 votes
For Amendment 3	-	6 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Booth, Bridgman, Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Cameron, Jim Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Cook, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Duggart, Doran, Douglas, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Hutchison, Johnston, Key, Laidlaw, Macinnes, Main, McLellan, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Munn, Munro, Perry, Rae, Rose, Rust, Smith, Staniforth, Watt, Webber, Whyte, Wilson, Work and Ethan Young.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Rust:

- 1) To note that the Garden waste collection service operated using fixed registration windows and once the registration closed the Council was not able to accept additional registrations.
- 2) To understand that in the absence of registration the lawful options were essentially (a) to compost the garden waste; (b) to take it to the nearest recycling centre; or (c) to arrange for private collection.
- 3) To recognise that circumstances could arise where a householder omitted to register within the registration period because for example, they (a) died, or became incapacitated or unwell and otherwise unable to deal with certain matters timeously; (b) moved from a property outwith Edinburgh or moved from a property without garden; or (c) through family bereavement or other pressures, not least during the pandemic genuinely forgot.
- 4) To appreciate that the other options above were in many cases not practical for householders affected or in the case of the deceased for their estate.
- 5) To note that officers were already working on changes to the registration window and process to allow customers who were forced into registering outside of the current windows to join the scheme within four weeks of application.

- 6) To note the impact on complex collection route building requirements of absorbing requests outside of the current window.
- 7) To welcome the remarkable success of the implementation of the garden waste scheme where, within a few short years of its introduction, 66% of eligible households were now participating in the scheme. To note that this participation rate was considerably higher than the original anticipated levels of 46%.
- 8) To note that the revenue budget report agreed by Council on 18 February 2021 provided detail on the £35 charge for the garden waste service. This included the following information as one of the outcomes that would be delivered through the service charge:

Investment in administration support and system development to allow the mid-year sign up window to be greatly expanded addressing the high levels of complaints from residents and councillors on the restriction of the current window timescales and the inability to join these if missed.

- 9) To note that there was a report scheduled for June's Transport and Environment Committee which would detail these proposals and that the committee would be asked to decide whether to proceed with these new arrangements which were designed to meet some of the concerns outlined above.
- 10) To add a further requirement for the report to the Transport and Environment Committee in June:

"to include options for how an automatic renewal process could be available (either by opt in or opt out) to avoid residents accidental missed renewals".

10 City Parks – Motion by Councillor Osler

The following motion by Councillor Osler was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council thanks and appreciates the dedication of many Council staff in their efforts in trying to keep the City's many parks to an acceptable standard during the last year. The easing of lockdown will bring the much anticipated re-opening of outdoor hospitality and the resumption of the sale of alcohol from licensed premises until 10pm. If similar circumstances to those in Summer 2020 are repeated, open spaces in the city may experience increased massing of groups, as well as anti-social behaviour resulting from a lack of available public conveniences.

Council calls for a report to Policy and Sustainability within one cycle, indicating with costings what additional waste clearing and environmental resources, including

public conveniences in respect of Parks, will be necessary and should be provided, to address the consequences of increased massing and anti-social behaviour, for:

- Council Parks
- Local Town centres and
- the City Centre.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Osler.

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment

To delete the second paragraph of the motion by Councillor Osler and replace with;

Notes that the provision of additional accessible temporary public conveniences was approved at Transport and Environment Committee last week and referred to Full Council today for the approval of funding.

Notes that a robust process is in place to allocate additional funding for Covid-related expenditure and the city's recovery plan, and notes that this will be the case for any additional pressures incurred in managing additional footfall in our local high streets and parks and greenspaces.

Notes that longer term implications for parks and greenspaces and waste and cleansing should be considered as part of our on-going budget strategy and any continued Covid restrictions.

Notes the budget passed in February allocated additional investment of around £4m to help support upgrades and improvements in our parks.

Agrees that officers continue to analyse use of public space against deployment of waste resources to ensure issues are minimised and that information on any additional pressures on waste and environment services resulting from intensive use of public space will be included in the next Adaptation and Renewal report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

- moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechn

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Osler:

- 1) To thank and appreciate the dedication of many Council staff in their efforts in trying to keep the City's many parks to an acceptable standard during the last year. The easing of lockdown would bring the much anticipated re-opening of outdoor hospitality and the resumption of the sale of alcohol from licensed premises until 10pm. If similar circumstances to those in Summer 2020 were repeated, open spaces in the city might experience increased massing of groups, as well as anti-social behaviour resulting from a lack of available public conveniences.
- 2) To note that the provision of additional accessible temporary public conveniences was approved at Transport and Environment Committee last week and referred to Full Council today for the approval of funding.
- 3) To note that a robust process was in place to allocate additional funding for Covid-related expenditure and the city's recovery plan, and note that this will be the case for any additional pressures incurred in managing additional footfall in the local high streets and parks and greenspaces.
- 4) To note that longer term implications for parks and greenspaces and waste and cleansing should be considered as part of the on-going budget strategy and any continued Covid restrictions.
- 5) To note the budget passed in February allocated additional investment of around £4m to help support upgrades and improvements in the parks.
- 6) To agree that officers continue to analyse use of public space against deployment of waste resources to ensure issues were minimised and that information on any additional pressures on waste and environment services resulting from intensive use of public space would be included in the next Adaptation and Renewal report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

11 Local Member Oversight – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Warmly notes the evolution of “Click to Report” on the Council website, which has proved to be an invaluable way for service users to inform us of issues that require Council action during the pandemic. Understand the attraction of this web-based solution available via many, many, devices, and which including mapping, location,

image and reporting options for residents. Further notes the efficient solution this should offer, with reports logged through the Verint platform, passing automatically to Services back-office management systems.

Requests a report within 2 cycles to the Policy and Sustainability Committee setting out proposals for “Click to Report” so that Members and Officers supporting Members can lodge reports on behalf of constituents, view the details of reports made by constituents directly and gain real time performance reporting by Ward.”

Motion

Council:

Warmly notes the evolution of “Click to Report” on the Council website, which has proved to be an invaluable way for service users to inform us of issues that require Council action during the pandemic. Understand the attraction of this web-based solution available via many, many, devices, and which including mapping, location, image and reporting options for residents. Further notes the efficient solution this should offer, with reports logged through the Verint platform, passing automatically to Services back-office management systems.

Requests a written update within 2 cycles to the Policy and Sustainability Committee setting out proposals for “Click to Report” so that Members and Officers supporting Members can lodge reports on behalf of constituents, view the details of reports made by constituents directly and gain real time performance reporting by Ward.

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Jim Campbell.

12 Scottish Youth Parliament Election – Motion by Councillor Bird

The following motion by Councillor Bird was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Warmly welcomes the role of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) in platforming the voices of Scotland’s young people, championing youth led community engagement, and empowering young people to express their views freely and have their opinions listened to in all matters affecting them, in line with Article 12 of the UNCRC.

Notes that the next SYP election will take place in November 2021 and that nominations for expressions of interest to be a candidate are now open until June 30th.

Recognises SYP's commitment to be truly inclusive and ensure diversity across its membership and the need for wide participation to achieve that aim.

Acknowledges the responsibility of elected members from across the political spectrum to promote and support the SYP election and its place in our city's democratic calendar by, for example, sharing information on social media and with youth and community organisations in their local area.

Recognises the work of previous and existing MSYPs in championing the issues that are most important to young people and campaigning to affect the change they want to see. Encourages Edinburgh's young people aged between 14 and 25 to visit SYP's social media platforms to find out more about the upcoming election and to consider standing to hold local and national government to account on the policies they care about most."

- moved by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Perry

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Bird.

13 Sewage Discharges into the River Almond – Motion by Councillor Hutchison

The following motion by Councillor Hutchison was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council:

- 1) Notes great concern at reports that Scottish Water plants discharged raw sewage into the River Almond over 500 times in 2019.
- 2) Joins West Lothian Council in calling on Scottish Water to urgently bring forward an action plan to end such discharges.
- 3) Notes that in addition to having a potentially negative impact on local wildlife this also affects the quality of life of residents and the attractiveness of hospitality businesses operating along the river, including those within the City of Edinburgh Council area.
- 4) Understands that landowners have a responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of any watercourses running through their land. Further understands that the

Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), as the regulator of Scottish Water, is responsible for investigating any unlicensed discharges of sewage, and requests that members of the public report any such discharges via the SEPA website without delay.

- 5) Instructs the Council Leader to write to the relevant Scottish Minister when a new Scottish Government is formed, requesting an acceleration in the capital programme to mitigate risks of unlicensed discharges into the River Almond, and all other waterways that flow with the City of Edinburgh, with the aim of completing this programme by the original deadline or sooner.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Hutchison.

- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Smith

Amendment

- 1) Notes with great concern that FOI data secured by the River Almond Action group has identified 501 instances of sewage being released into the River Almond in 2019 from Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) operated by Veolia on behalf of Scottish Water.
- 2) Thanks groups like the River Almond Action Group and the Forth Rivers Trust for their continuing work towards clean, healthy river environments and calls on Scottish Water to address the concerns they have raised as a matter of urgency.
- 3) Notes the source of discharges are Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) which, at times of peak flow, permit sewage and sanitary waste to be discharged into waterways but that their use can be minimised by sufficient investment in drainage capacity and adequate maintenance.
- 4) Notes, with concern, that CSO releases include the discharge of human waste and physical debris such as wet wipes, condoms and sanitary products, threatening the marine environment and harming aquatic life, potentially impacting the health of river users and adding plastic pollution to the river and the Firth of Forth;
- 5) Recognises that the climate emergency will intensify pressure on drainage systems and require further investment on drainage capacity as part of a city region climate adaptation strategy.
- 6) Recognises that the four WWTWs from which discharges were made lie within the West Lothian area but that these inevitably impact on the river ecosystem

as a whole and its amenity for people within the City of Edinburgh area, given that river from Newbridge to the sea at Cramond lies wholly within Edinburgh's boundary.

- 7) Notes that CSOs which are discharging during dry weather can be reported to Scottish Water on 08000 778778 or online at scottishwater.co.uk, and also to SEPA on 0800 807060 or online at sepa.org.uk; but also believes that public bodies should pro-actively inform the public when CSOs are discharging.
- 8) Notes that in September 2020 the council approved a set of actions in relation to CSOs on the Water of Leith which included dialogue with partner authorities and Scottish Water within the Edinburgh and Lothian Strategic Drainage Partnership to draw up a fully-costed plan to prevent future discharges of sewage into CSOs more widely and therefore seeks an update to the next Transport and Environment Committee on progress with that.
- 9) Agrees to work with partner authorities to present that costed plan to the relevant minister within the new Scottish Government to seek an accelerated capital programme to address CSO discharges into the River Almond, the Water of Leith and other waterways within the Edinburgh area.
- 10) Welcomes opportunities to strengthen environmental governance in Scotland, including a review of SEPA's role; establishing an environmental court, and enshrining the right to a healthy and safe environment within a Human Rights (Scotland) Act.

- moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Booth

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Hutchison:

- 1) To note great concern at reports that Scottish Water plants discharged raw sewage into the River Almond over 500 times in 2019.
- 2) To join West Lothian Council in calling on Scottish Water to urgently bring forward an action plan to end such discharges.
- 3) To note that in addition to having a potentially negative impact on local wildlife this also affected the quality of life of residents and the attractiveness of hospitality businesses operating along the river, including those within the City of Edinburgh Council area.

- 4) To understand that landowners had a responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of any watercourses running through their land. To further understand that the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA), as the regulator of Scottish Water, was responsible for investigating any unlicensed discharges of sewage, and request that members of the public report any such discharges via the SEPA website without delay.
- 5) To instruct the Council Leader to write to the relevant Scottish Minister when a new Scottish Government was formed, requesting an acceleration in the capital programme to mitigate risks of unlicensed discharges into the River Almond, and all other waterways that flowed with the City of Edinburgh, with the aim of completing this programme by the original deadline or sooner.
- 6) To note with great concern that FOI data secured by the River Almond Action group had identified 501 instances of sewage being released into the River Almond in 2019 from Wastewater Treatment Works (WWTW) operated by Veolia on behalf of Scottish Water.
- 7) To thank groups like the River Almond Action Group and the Forth Rivers Trust for their continuing work towards clean, healthy river environments and call on Scottish Water to address the concerns they had raised as a matter of urgency.
- 8) To note the source of discharges were Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) which, at times of peak flow, permitted sewage and sanitary waste to be discharged into waterways but that their use could be minimised by sufficient investment in drainage capacity and adequate maintenance.
- 9) To note, with concern, that CSO releases included the discharge of human waste and physical debris such as wet wipes, condoms and sanitary products, threatening the marine environment and harming aquatic life, potentially impacting the health of river users and adding plastic pollution to the river and the Firth of Forth;
- 10) To recognise that the climate emergency would intensify pressure on drainage systems and required further investment on drainage capacity as part of a city region climate adaptation strategy.
- 11) To recognise that the four WWTWs from which discharges were made lay within the West Lothian area but that these inevitably impacted on the river ecosystem as a whole and its amenity for people within the City of Edinburgh area, given that river from Newbridge to the sea at Cramond lay wholly within Edinburgh's boundary.
- 12) To note that CSOs which were discharging during dry weather could be reported to Scottish Water on 08000 778778 or online at scottishwater.co.uk,

and also to SEPA on 0800 807060 or online at sepa.org.uk; but also believe that public bodies should pro-actively inform the public when CSOs were discharging.

- 13) To note that in September 2020 the council approved a set of actions in relation to CSOs on the Water of Leith which included dialogue with partner authorities and Scottish Water within the Edinburgh and Lothian Strategic Drainage Partnership to draw up a fully-costed plan to prevent future discharges of sewage into CSOs more widely and therefore seek an update to the next Transport and Environment Committee on progress with that.
- 14) To agree to work with partner authorities to present that costed plan to the relevant minister within the new Scottish Government to seek an accelerated capital programme to address CSO discharges into the River Almond, the Water of Leith and other waterways within the Edinburgh area.
- 15) To welcome opportunities to strengthen environmental governance in Scotland, including a review of SEPA's role; establishing an environmental court, and enshrining the right to a healthy and safe environment within a Human Rights (Scotland) Act.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Arthur declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a former student of his was a member of the River Almond Action Group.

14 Commemorate Joan Davidson of the Edinburgh Science Festival– Motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

The following motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“The City of Edinburgh recently lost a true champion of science and education in Joan Davidson, who was Head of Learning at Edinburgh Science, the charitable organisation behind the annual Edinburgh Science Festival. Joan was a dedicated figure who devoted her career to inspiring young people to explore, study and develop a lifelong love of science and technology. She was instrumental in organising events and experiences which reached more than half a million young people.

A dedicated champion of environmental causes in her youth, Joan was a science educator who came to the Edinburgh International Science Festival in 2008, where her first role was that of Generation Science manager, running a touring programme of educational science workshops in primary schools across Scotland. She oversaw

its expansion to the point at which it was reaching 60,000 pupils a year, as the largest sciencebased touring programme of its kind in the UK.

Joan was also instrumental in developing the Careers Hive, offering workshops and advice from industry professionals on studying for and entering STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) careers.

Joan was a highly motivated, respected and well-loved educator with ambitious ideas, who inspired so many to make their own ideas happen through the example of her own drive and determination.

Her family and friends have set up a page with links to two charities which Joan had supported and which are true to her values and principles of equality for all when it comes to young people and science. Donations will be distributed to [EQUATE Scotland](#) and [ScienceGrrl](#).

EQUATE Scotland is the national expert in gender equality throughout STEM sectors, making tangible and sustainable change, enabling women studying and working in these key sectors to develop by supporting their recruitment, retention and progression.

[ScienceGrrl Glasgow](#) is a grassroots organisation, led by volunteers from an amalgamation of backgrounds with a vested interest in science. Their mission is to increase equality in STEM and show that science is truly for everybody.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/donation/Honouring-Joan-Davidson> .”

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor Child

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

15 International Care Experienced Day of Remembrance – Motion by Councillor Dickie

The following motion by Councillor Dickie was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Welcomes, the first ever International Care Experienced Day of Remembrance on 30th April as part of this Care Experienced History Month where people and organisations are encouraged to link in a call for a global recognition of care experienced history using the hashtags #CareExperiencedHistoryMonth and #CEHM2021.

Recognises and celebrates the contributions of care experienced people from our planet's history including figures such as Sir Issac Newton and his advancement of humanity, Nelson Mandela the revolutionary, and Eleanor Roosevelt – but that many stories remain untold.

Recognises the systemic barriers that have existed for care experienced people and the need for all care experienced children to be remembered - and their legacy honoured.

Celebrates, in particular, the fantastic care experienced people of Edinburgh, past and present, and their valuable contributions to the life of our city.

And further recognises the work of Edinburgh's Champions' Board, who ensure the voice of care experienced young people is heard and drives the much needed change, working together with Corporate Parents to deliver our Corporate Parenting Action Plan and embed The Promise across all practice and decisions.

Council requests:

The Council observe International Care Experienced Day of Remembrance.

The Lord Provost celebrates care experienced people in Edinburgh in an appropriate way on April 30th.

That officers work with schools to share and develop educational resources on care experienced history to bridge the divide in understanding the history, and present day stories, of care experienced people.”

- moved by Councillor Dickie, seconded by Councillor Perry

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Dickie.

16 Protect Transport for Edinburgh – Motion by Councillor Whyte

The following motion by Councillor Whyte was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Deplores the recent attacks on Lothian Buses. Is gravely concerned by the risks such attacks pose to the safety of bus drivers and passengers. Notes Edinburgh Trams have also been subject to attack. Further notes the unsustainable level of damage to Edinburgh Cycle Hire (branded “Just Eat Cycles”) and docking stations. Regrets the enormous inconvenience that has been imposed on Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) service users as a result.

Observes that the spatial pattern of these attacks is not random and seems linked to social media activities of certain groups of anti-social individuals.

Condemns all such dangerous, illegal and anti-social behaviour unreservedly and trusts that the individuals responsible will find their way into our justice system in due course. Is grateful for all the work of local Police Scotland officers in support of TfE to date.

Nonetheless, notes with concern that Police Officer numbers have dropped over the last year, and each Edinburgh local Police Officer is now statistically split between protecting 460 citizens: 124 more citizens than the equivalent figure for Greater Glasgow. Regrets the lack of progress in Edinburgh receiving a fair settlement in terms of Local Police numbers. Calls on Police Scotland to do more to protect the customers, employees and assets of TfE and to return to a locally based problem-solving approach based on an ethos of prevention.

Calls on the Chief Executive to provide an urgent report indicating actions that can be taken to:

- lobby Police Scotland and the Scottish Government to address the low number of local Police officers in our Capital and the ensure Edinburgh gets its fair share of policing resources;
- ensure that those officers are fully accountable through local mechanisms so that we can return to the partnership and prevention approach that was highly successful under the former Lothian and Borders Police;
- and to consider what actions the Council could take to contribute to that partnership approach to support and inspire young people who might be at risk of following a misguided path towards anti-social behaviour, risk assessing such positive outcomes against any coronavirus restrictions.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Whyte.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

Amendment 1

To delete paragraph 4 onwards in the motion by Councillor Whyte and replace with:

Also notes the completely unacceptable disturbances in Portobello on Friday night and previous disturbances at the Meadows and recognises that we must take action to prevent further incidents.

Recognises the enormous changes to the lives of young people, and the sacrifices they have made over the last year to help reduce the spread of the virus, while many youth services have been closed and young people left without all of the activities, and support, that would normally be available to them.

Notes the ongoing work, including 6VT and LAYC alongside police, in response to the incidents at the Meadows.

Notes the easing of restrictions and the good weather means that large numbers of people of all ages are congregating in areas where there are open spaces.

Recognises that Lothian Buses have expressed gratitude to local Police Scotland officers for their efforts in partnership in helping address the antisocial behaviour and notes the ongoing Council efforts to lobby Police Scotland and Government for additional police resources in the Capital.

Therefore requests the report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within three cycles to include information on how the Council is facilitating partnership between Community Police and with our excellent third sector organisations across the city who already deliver detached, or street-based, youth work.

Also includes consideration of place plans, shaped by participation of young people, to help the city further develop a preventative approach to antisocial behaviour while supporting and encouraging our young people and keeping them, and our wider communities, safe.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 2

To delete all after paragraph 1 of the motion by Councillor Whyte and replace with:

Recognises that anti-social behaviour is caused by a number of factors including but not limited to the alienation of young people, poverty, a chaotic home life and lack of agency in other aspects of life.

Recognises that local Police Scotland officers should be thanked for their work in support of TfE to date, the root causes of anti-social behaviour cannot be successfully addressed by additional police resource.

Recognises that some of the people engaged in antisocial behaviour are visitors to the city who are resident to nearby local authorities such as Fife and East Lothian.

Therefore calls on the Chief Executive to provide an urgent report indicating actions that can be taken to consult with young people and affected communities on ways to mitigate the causes of anti-social behaviour including the lack of facilities across the city for people between the ages of 12 and 17 (inclusive). Asks that this report also

considers how Edinburgh can work with other local authorities to alleviate anti-social behaviour across the region.

That the process of such a consultation and its results should be shared with the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership to ensure partnership work can be engaged in to prevent anti-social behaviour in the future.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Millerr

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Paragraphs 1 and 3 of the Motion and the whole of Amendment 2 were accepted as addendums to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	17 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	43 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors, Barrie, , Bridgman, Brown, Jim Campbell, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber, and Whyte.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Amendment 1 by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To deplore the recent attacks on Lothian Buses. Was gravely concerned by the risks such attacks posed to the safety of bus drivers and passengers. To note Edinburgh Trams had also been subject to attack. To further note the unsustainable level of damage to Edinburgh Cycle Hire (branded "Just Eat Cycles") and docking stations. To regret the enormous inconvenience that had been imposed on Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) service users as a result.
- 2) To observe that the spatial pattern of these attacks was not random and seemed linked to social media activities of certain groups of anti-social individuals.
- 3) To condemn all such dangerous, illegal and anti-social behaviour unreservedly and trust that the individuals responsible would find their way

into the justice system in due course. Was grateful for all the work of local Police Scotland officers in support of TfE to date.

- 4) To also note the completely unacceptable disturbances in Portobello on Friday night and previous disturbances at the Meadows and recognise that we must take action to prevent further incidents.
- 5) To recognise the enormous changes to the lives of young people, and the sacrifices they had made over the last year to help reduce the spread of the virus, while many youth services had been closed and young people left without all of the activities, and support, that would normally be available to them.
- 6) To note the ongoing work, including 6VT and LAYC alongside police, in response to the incidents at the Meadows.
- 7) To note the easing of restrictions and the good weather meant that large numbers of people of all ages were congregating in areas where there were open spaces.
- 8) To recognise that Lothian Buses had expressed gratitude to local Police Scotland officers for their efforts in partnership in helping address the antisocial behaviour and note the ongoing Council efforts to lobby Police Scotland and Government for additional police resources in the Capital.
- 9) To therefore request the report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within three cycles to include information on how the Council was facilitating partnership between Community Police and with the excellent third sector organisations across the city who already delivered detached, or street-based, youth work.
- 10) To also include consideration of place plans, shaped by participation of young people, to help the city further develop a preventative approach to antisocial behaviour while supporting and encouraging our young people and keeping them, and the wider communities, safe.
- 11) To recognise that anti-social behaviour was caused by a number of factors including but not limited to the alienation of young people, poverty, a chaotic home life and lack of agency in other aspects of life.
- 12) To recognise that local Police Scotland officers should be thanked for their work in support of TfE to date, the root causes of anti-social behaviour could be successfully addressed by additional police resource.

- 13) To recognise that some of the people engaged in antisocial behaviour were visitors to the city who were resident to nearby local authorities such as Fife and East Lothian.
- 14) To therefore call on the Chief Executive to provide an urgent report indicating actions that could be taken to consult with young people and affected communities on ways to mitigate the causes of anti-social behaviour including the lack of facilities across the city for people between the ages of 12 and 17 (inclusive). To ask that this report also consider how Edinburgh could work with other local authorities to alleviate anti-social behaviour across the region.
- 15) That the process of such a consultation and its results should be shared with the Edinburgh Community Safety Partnership to ensure partnership work could be engaged in to prevent anti-social behaviour in the future.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Bruce declared a financial interest as an employee of Police Scotland and left the meeting during the Council's consideration of the above item.

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

Councillors Doran, Laidlaw and Miller declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Transport for Edinburgh.

17 World Summit Awards 2021 WelcoMe by Neatebox – Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

The following motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes:

The World Summit Awards (www.wsa-global.org) provides an international platform for cutting edge examples of how technology companies are impacting society in a positive way through local digital innovation; and contributes to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals agenda.

At the WSA Global Congress 2021, “Connect4Impact – Digital Solutions for the UN Sustainability Development Goals”, 9 social technology start-ups, whose solutions not only drive the achievement of UN SDGs, but demonstrate how digital creativity is making a positive impact on society, were awarded the title of WSA Global Champion.

Council congratulates Neatebox, an Edinburgh based company on being one of the 9 companies, from 600 applications worldwide, to be awarded the title of WSA Global Champion, in recognition of its development of WelcoMe, a low-cost web-based service which enables any person with a disability to forewarn participating businesses of their visit and special needs, ensuring awareness, ease of customer experience, meaningful inclusion and citizen empowerment.

Council asks the Lord Provost to convey its congratulations to the Neatebox team on this success.”

- moved by The Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

18 Debora Kayembe – Rector of the University of Edinburgh – Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

The following motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Welcomes and congratulates Ms Debora Kayembe on her recent election as Rector of the University of Edinburgh. Ms Kayembe is the third woman to be elected as Rector.

Recognises the wealth of experience Debora Kayembe has including at the Congolese Bar Association, the language services of the office of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Court Bar Association (ICCBA), as a Board Member of the Scottish Refugee Council, the Royal Society of Edinburgh/Young Academy of Scotland representing refugee minorities and is an expert lawyer to the RSE Working Group for Africa.

Further recognises Debora’s ongoing work with Full Options, a charity which tackles social isolation, campaigns for human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation; promotes religious and racial harmony; works towards the relief of poverty and the advancement of health and education for all, the Freedom Walk campaign – a civil rights movement which campaigns on behalf of citizens by promoting social reforms, racial justice and community harmony and work promoting and anti-racist approach to education in Scotland.

Council welcomes Ms Kayembe to the role of Rector of the University of Edinburgh and wishes her every success during her tenure.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Declaration of Interests

The Lord Provost declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of the Edinburgh University Court.

19 North Edinburgh Covid 19 Respond and Recovery Group– Motion by Councillor Day

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council congratulates the North Edinburgh Covid 19 Respond and Recovery Group on their recent award for Inspiring Partnership Award from Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce 2021 Awards.

“The partnership between, FreshStart, Spartans, NEA, PCHP, Scran Academy, LIFT, Granton Community Gardener’s, Granton Information Centre, Community Renewal – supported by local activists, local Councillors and the MP and MSP has shown how the our amazing local projects can pull together, create innovation and deliver immediate support to those that need it most in times of crisis.”

The pandemic response demonstrated the speed and agility that third sector organisations can bring to a crisis response at a community level. It highlighted the impact which can be made on the ground when statutory services work closely with third sector partners to tap into and harness that local understanding, commitment and experience and use existing channels to ensure support is responsive to local needs.

Council requests the Lord Provost celebrates this great achievement in an appropriate manner.”

- moved by Councillor the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Bird, Brown and Gordon declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of the board of Spartans Football Academy.

20 Questions

The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 1 to this minute.

Declaration of Interests – Question Number 8

Councillor Webber declared a non-financial interest in the above item (Question 8) as a board member of an organisation which had purchased a public convenience building from the Council.

21 Condolences - Former Mayor Dave Cull of Dunedin, New Zealand

To note the passing of former Mayor Dave Cull of Dunedin, New Zealand and that condolences be sent to the City.

Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 20 of 29 April 2021)

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

In the CEC news release of 22nd February for the recent consultation around retaining Spaces for People measures, the Transport and Environment Convener said: "*We've had encouragement from the Scottish Government to consider turning the most useful of these schemes into permanent infrastructure to help further support walking, wheeling and cycling.*"

Question

- (1) In what ways and to what extent has the Scottish Government directly encouraged CEC to retain the Spaces for People measures in the way they have been implemented in Edinburgh?

Answer

- (1) Early in the Spaces for People rollout it became clear that new active travel infrastructure delivered through SfP could potentially benefit the longer term achievement of sustainable transport and net zero carbon goals, shared by many local authorities across Scotland.

In July 2020 the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity said: "The steps local authorities have taken in our towns and cities have been ambitious and widely welcomed – and I'm confident will re-energise demand for permanent active travel infrastructure as we think collectively about Scotland's green recovery. To support this, we will continue to provide funding through our Places for Everyone initiative for high quality permanent infrastructure and place-making".

Retention of such schemes is reflected in the Scottish Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review 2, which states that making successful Spaces for People schemes permanent is the next key step in creating a change to the way road space is allocated and supporting active travel.

Question (2) How is the Scottish Government defining what should be classed as a successful or useful scheme and therefore potentially eligible for funding for permanency?

Answer (2) In the Route Map to Permanence, published as a guide to local authorities who have implemented SfP, there are several points suggested on what would make a temporary scheme suitable for retention. These include the impact, positive or negative, on walking, wheeling, cycling, business, public transport, disabled persons; the evidence base; levels of public and political support; the related TRO and funding positions; and does it form part of a coherent and/or strategic network to support walking, wheeling and cycling.

There is a report scheduled for the June Transport and Environment Committee which will provide a detailed response on these and other considerations, before any decision is made about retention of temporary schemes.

Officers will work with the Places for Everyone funding requirements, where required.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and thanks to the Convener for her answer. In answer 2 Convener it says there is a report scheduled for the June Transport Committee which will provide a detailed response on these – so that’s obviously referring to what’s above - and other considerations, before any decision is made about retention of temporary schemes.

In this context what is meant by other considerations please?

Supplementary Answer Thank you Councillor Rust for your supplementary. Clearly we have to look at this in the case of our own particular set of circumstances. There are several things which are feeding into that June report, one being obviously the online consultation report, the analysis really of the results and how we can work with that but there's also some independent market research which has been done as an extensive internal review by officers with obviously their specialist knowledge, and there’s also an assessment, really of how well that will work, how well the officer proposals will work

within our general strategic direction, particularly in relation to our climate change goals and the health of the city in general terms, in terms of green recovery, so that's what was meant by that particular catch all phrase, thank you.

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 29 April 2021**

- Question** **(1)** In Financial year 2019/20:
- (a) What income came into CEC via or from Sustrans and what was that for?
- (b) What was the total CEC paid to Sustrans and what services was that for? eg design of schemes, Commonplace tool, procurement support, research, infrastructure etc?

- Answer** **(1)** (a) 2019/20 Sustrans Income by Project

A8 Glasgow Road - Proposed 40mph speed limit	122,576
Arboretum Place	15,696
Calton Road	11,992
CCWEL	308,476
Davidson Mains Park - Walking and Cycling Improvements	157,108
Dropped kerb programme and active travel crossing improvements	11,258
Edinburgh City Centre Transformation	1,079,057
Edinburgh Street Design Guidance	45,368
Edinburgh SUDS Design Guidance	53,000
Leith Walk to Ocean Terminal	31,753
Maybury Road and junctions Feasibility Study	15,000
Meadows to Canal	53,496
Meadows to George Street	241,704
Newcraighall/QMU Lighting Project	3,000
Niddrie Burn Footbridge and Cycle Path Construction	86,474
Online active travel cycle/pedestrian data counter database and analysis tool	26,090
Quiet Route 13 - Lower Granton Road Shared Path	645,246
Quiet Route 5 - Holyrood Park	4,014
Quiet Route 61 - Niddrie to Gilmerton	7,751

Quiet Route 8 - Balgreen Crossing improvements and path upgrades	19,500
Quiet Route 8 - Balgreen Road, Roseburn Park and Stenhouse Drive	67,620
Quiet Route 9 - Corstorphine to The Gyle	7,115
Ratho Canal Bridge Project	119,580
Roseburn to Union Canal cycle and walking Link	60,655
Saughton Park - Installation of people and bike counters	18,902
St Leonards to Holyrood Drive and Canongate	15,321
The West Edinburgh Active Travel Network	236,012
Quiet Route 6	9,673
On-Street Secure Cycle Parking, Storage and Racks	57,640
Total	3,531,077

(b) Total Paid to Sustrans 2019/20

Project	Amount
Bike Life 2019	15,000
Equipment - (inc. Bikes and Trailers Support to Businesses)	508
Staff Costs	47,470
Grand Total	62,978

Question

(2) In Financial year 2020/21:

- (a) What income came into CEC via or from Sustrans and what was that for?
- (b) What was the total CEC paid to Sustrans and what services was that for? eg design of schemes, Commonplace tool procurement support, research, infrastructure etc?
- (c) Specifically, how much was Sustrans paid to design
 - i) the scheme for Slateford, Longstone, Murrayburn and Lanark Roads and
 - ii) The proposal for Braid Road?

Answer

(2) (a) 2020/21 Sustrans Income by Project

Project	Total
CCWEL	818,407
Creating Safe Walking and Cycling Spaces in Edinburgh	822,170
Davidson Mains Park - Walking and Cycling Improvements	48,135
Dropped kerb programme and active travel crossing improvements	30,096
Edinburgh City Centre Transformation	396,384
Edinburgh Street Design Guidance	49,024
Follow On From Braidburn Terrace	32,740
Follow On From Dundee Street / Fountainbridge	8,804
Follow On From Gogarstone Road to Middle Norton	17,580
Follow On From Innocent Path Lighting	562
Follow On From Maybury Road and junctions Feasibility Study	44,725
Follow On From Morrison Street	43,082
Follow On From one way streets, exemptions for cyclists	31,228
Follow On From Pennywell and Muirhouse Regeneration Key Cycle Link	48,229
Follow On From St Leonards to Holyrood Drive and Canongate	43,616
George Street & First New Town and Leith Connections	106,249
Meadows to Canal	80,151
Meadows to George Street	680,614
Niddrie Burn Footbridge and Cycle Path Construction	29,623
Open Streets Edinburgh (Follow on from Edinburgh City Centre Transformation)	170,694
Powderhall Railway Line	3,405
Quiet Route 13 - Lower Granton Road Shared Path	28,429
Quiet Route 30 -Follow On From Holyrood Park Road to Ratcliffe Terrace	30,100
Quiet Route 5 - Holyrood Park	34,128
Quiet Route 61 - Niddrie to Gilmerton	64,843
Quiet Route 8 - Balgreen Road, Roseburn Park and Stenhouse Drive	38,105
Quiet Route 8 - Follow On From Cultins Road Cycleway	142
Quiet Route 9 - Follow On From Corstorphine to The Gyle	56,631
Ratho Canal Bridge Project	49,970
Roseburn to Union Canal cycle and walking Link	464,195
The West Edinburgh Active Travel Network	388,454
Edinburgh City Centre Transformation	84,111
Davidsons Mains Park - Walking and Cycling Improvements Phase 2	42,592
Quiet Route 6	83,407
On-Street Secure Cycle Parking, Storage and Racks	312,422
Grand Total	5,183,047

In addition to the above, a further £2.688m for Spaces for People and £3.524m for Places for Everyone Active Travel projects accrued in 2020/21 Accounts, with funding anticipated by June 2021.

(b)

Project	Amount
Cycling Initiatives in Schools	21,000
Equipment - (inc. Bikes and Trailers Support to Businesses)	10,205
Staff Costs (for 2019/20)	53,980
Officers time on route signage	7,500
Grand Total	£92,685

(c) (i) £nil paid to Sustrans for this work

(ii) £nil paid to Sustrans for this work

Question

(3) In Financial year 2021/2022:

(a) What is the projected income for CEC via or from Sustrans?

(b) What is the projected expenditure by CEC to Sustrans, including detail of any contracted projects?

Answer (3) (a) 2021/22 Projected Income (including 20/21 accruals)

Project	Projected Claim
City Centre West to East Link	£5,961,004
West Edinburgh Link	£1,180,048
Roseburn Path – Union Canal	£108,000
Meadows to George Street	£508,452
Rest of Active Travel Investment Programme	£4,879,454
Spaces for People	£2,688,638
Total Income	£15,325,596

At present we expect the cost of two embedded officers and 60 days of signage support costing £59,500 to CEC in 2021/22, although this is subject to final confirmation.

Supplementary Question

Thanks Lord Provost, thanks again to the Convener for his answer. In Question 2, part 2(c)(i) and (ii), it states that Sustrans designed the schemes for Lanark Road, Longstone, Slateford and Braids but no payment was made to Sustrans for this work. Who did pay Sustrans for this work?

Supplementary Answer

Thank you for that question, I don't have the answer to that but I will get that answer and circulate it to members.

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

Across the city temporary measures to aid social distancing in response to the public health emergency were installed without substantive consultation resulting in poor awareness until there local installation.

Question (1) Which schemes have subsequently had retrospective safety audits completed?

Answer (1) Table 1 provides a summary of Roads Safety Audits - completed, in progress and planned for Spaces for People schemes.

Table 2 provides details of the position for each scheme. There are four recorded as Not Applicable (N/A) - these relate to schemes which are road closures and therefore a Road Safety Audit is not required.

Question (2) Where can the public access these reports?

Answer (2) Individual Road Safety Audits are not currently publicly available. Due to limited resource availability and project pace limited technical documents are due to be made publicly available (completion drawings in progress).

Question (3) Who was contracted to carry out the Safety Audits?

Answer (3) To date Aecom Ltd have undertaken most of the Road Safety Audits.

Table 1

	City Centre	Town Centre	Travelling Safely	Spaces for Exercise	Common place	Schools	Total
Completed	7	7	11	5	0	7	37
In Progress	0	0	6	1	2	0	9
Planned	0	1	6	2	0	0	9

Table 2

Scheme Name	Roads Safety Audits
CITY CENTRE (CC)	
Cockburn Street	Completed by Aecom
Forest Road	Completed by Aecom
George IV Bridge	Completed by Aecom
The Mound	Completed by Aecom
Princes Street East End	Completed by Aecom
Victoria Street	Completed by Aecom
Waverley Bridge	Completed by Aecom
TOWN CENTRES (TC)	
Bruntsfield	Completed by Aecom
Corstorphine	Completed by Aecom
Gorgie / Dalry Road	Completed by Aecom
Morningside	Completed by Aecom
Portobello	Completed by Aecom
Queensferry High Street	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
Stockbridge	Completed by Aecom
Tollcross	Completed by Aecom
TRAVELLING SAFELY (TS)	
A1 Corridor	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
A90 Queensferry Road	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
Buccleuch St	Completed by Aecom
Causewayside	Completed by Aecom
Comiston Road	Completed by Aecom
Corstorphine High Street	Road Safety Audit in progress
Craigmillar Park corridor	Road Safety Audit in progress
Crewe Road South (Initial)	Completed by Council Officers
Crewe Road South (revised scheme with segregation units)	Completed by Aecom
Drum Brae and Craigs Road	Road Safety Audit in progress
Duddingston Road	Completed by Aecom
Ferry Road	Road Safety Audit in progress
Fountainbridge Dundee St	Completed by Aecom
Gilmerton Road	Completed by Aecom
Lanark/Inglis Green /Longstone Road	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
Mayfield Road	Road Safety Audit in progress
Meadowplace Road	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
Old Dalkeith Road (Initial)	Completed by Council officers

Old Dalkeith Road (revised scheme with segregation units)	Completed by Aecom
Comely Bank Roundabout	Road Safety Audit in progress
Pennywell Road & Silverknowes Parkway	Completed by Aecom
Quiet Corridor - Meadows / Greenbank	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
Slateford Road (A70)	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits
SPACES FOR EXERCISE (SfE)	
Arboretum Place	Completed by Aecom
Braidburn Terrace	N/A – Road Closure
Braid Road	Road Safety Audit in progress
Cammo Walk	N/A – Road Closure
Kings Place	Completed by Aecom
Links Gardens	N/A – Road Closure
Maybury Road	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits (Revision planned following engagement from Police Scotland)
Seafield Street	Completed by Aecom
Silverknowes Road (North section)	Completed by Aecom
Silverknowes Road (South section)	Completed by Aecom
Stanley Street/ Hope Lane	N/A
West Shore Road	Will be carried out in next phase of Road Safety Audits by Sweco
Public Proposals – Commonplace (CP)	
Broughton Street	Road Safety Audit in progress
Duddingston Road West	Road Safety Audit in progress
Fillyside Road	Not installed yet
Restalrig Road South (Smoky Brae)	Scheme on hold
Starbank Road	Not installed yet
Schools (Schs)	
Preston Street Primary	Completed by Aecom
Prestonfield Primary	Completed by Aecom
Victoria Primary	Completed by Aecom
South Morningside Primary	Completed by Aecom
Corstorphine Primary	Completed by Aecom
Craiglockhart Primary	Completed by Aecom
Murrayburn Primary	Completed by Aecom

**Supplementary
Question**

Thanks Lord Provost and thanks to the Convener for her answer. We note that there's a number of the safety audits that have been carried out by the same organisations that designed them, so I'm looking for, it this standard practice and indeed best practice to ensure that audits are independent. I'm just thinking and concerned that some of the other ones, Old Dalkeith Road and Pennywell Road were designed and audited by Aecom and so I'm just looking just for a bit of clarification around best practice on that, thanks.

**Supplementary
Answer**

My understanding is that it is because it's a particularly specialist function, this is not something which you can hand over to somebody with a generalised safety approach, it is very much in relation to the road engineering, so my understanding is that that is the case. I somewhat regret the fact that some of the presence of consultancy work around spaces for people has become the subject of speculation and indeed incorrect information around who we should be using, what we're using them for and some sort of nefarious reasoning for using them. Aecom is a respected company, it sits on our procurement framework, and to the best of my knowledge, although I will ask for confirmation from officers, this is absolutely standard practice.

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Webber for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 29 April 2021**

Question **(1)** Since the installation of the various temporary Spaces for People schemes across the city intended to aid with social distancing during the Covid 19 Pandemic how many personal injury or accident claims have been made against the Council?

- a) In total.
- b) By scheme.

Answer **(1)** a) There have been five claims in total
b) There has been one each from the following schemes:
Dalry Road, Buckstone Terrace, Princes Street,
Morningside Road and Pennywell Road.

Question **(2)** What has been the outcome of these claims?

- a) Number of successful claims.
- b) Total Payments / Compensation if applicable.

Answer **(2)** All of the claims are still open at present.

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Laidlaw for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

Question

The Convener will be aware of the significant issues many residents face with regard to the lack of provision of public toilet facilities in some of our most popular parks and green spaces, including, but not limited to, Leith Links, Inverleith Park and the Meadows. Already, as Covid restrictions ease, these areas have seen large numbers of people gathering to eat and drink outdoors and this is likely to increase as we enter the summer months.

Given the Council does not have the resources to construct and open public toilets in these areas would the Convener consider putting out to tender the license of the commercial provision on temporary toilet facilities, operating on a commercial basis, in these most popular and thus problematic, outdoor areas?

Answer

As agreed at the Transport and Environment Committee on 22 April, an additional £450,000 will be allocated, subject to approval by Full Council or by the Chief Executive under urgency powers, towards providing additional toilets in key locations this summer. The Council will seek to hire additional facilities where required.

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

Question

Elected members face questions from constituents about *Spaces for People* schemes in respect of their own wards, but also other parts of the city in which constituents work or visit. There are around 120 schemes presenting a burden on both council officers and councillors in responding to individual queries. While some information is currently available on the Council website, can the Convener commit to investigating the provision of additional information for each *Spaces for People* scheme including all key documents, for example:

- final plans,
- integrated impact assessments,
- design risk assessments,
- completed safety audit

in order to allow easy access by councillors, their support staff and members of the public with a view to improving transparency, increasing efficiency and reducing workloads for all?

Answer

Due to the urgent and temporary nature of the current Spaces for People Programme it has not been possible to create a public facing data platform which includes all of the requested information. The Spaces for People section of the Council Website includes a number of published scheme plans and others will be added when available. Individual technical documents can also be provided if requested.

The overall Programme Integrated Impact Assessment is currently on the Council [website](#).

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thanks to the Convener. Can any commitment be given to provide requested documents within three working days if they're not going to be provided centrally?

**Councillor
Macinnes**

I'm sorry Councillor Rust I missed part of that, can I ask you to repeat it.

**Councillor
Rust**

Can any commitment be given to provide requested documents within 3 working days if they're not going to be provided centrally?

**Supplementary
Answer**

I'll pick up with officers in particular because clearly this is a very operational matter in terms of how the technical information is developed and used within each project and indeed in terms of the consultation process. I think the answer that I have given in writing gives some understanding in the context of that and given the scale of what we can do across spaces for people it has put the team under enormous strain to try to provide incredibly detailed bits of information, but we will come back to you on that specific, thank you.

QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 29 April 2021**

The Council is responsible for maintaining thousands of gullies across the city. In March this year the Council had only two gulley cleaning vehicles with three new vehicles on order.

Question (1) How many gully issues are currently shown as outstanding on the Council's online reporting system per ward?

Answer (1) These figures are provided in Table 1 below, which clearly indicate that only 3% of the almost 60,000 gullies in Edinburgh are currently the subject of outstanding enquiries.

As is also made clear in the notes to the table there may be some instances of double counting when reports are not specific to an individual gully.

Question (2) How many of those gully issues have been outstanding for more than one month, more than three months and more than six months analysed per ward?

Answer (2) Table 1 provides this information.

Question (3) When might it be reasonable to expect that the backlog will be eliminated and all the outstanding issues identified at 2) above cleared?

Answer (3) The lifecycle of a gully issue can vary greatly in terms of complexity and timescale and depends on the cause of the issue. There is no standard time to fix an enquiry - some can be fixed in a day and some can take months to resolve. It should also be noted that on some occasions it is not the responsibility of the Council to do so, depending on the nature of the problem.

The Road Operations team prioritise gully issues which are affecting property and/or creating road safety issues first.

They also attempt to co-ordinate these enquiries with our cyclical maintenance programme.

There will always be work in progress because as current enquiries are completed new ones arise and the overall figure fluctuates in line with the weather and available resources. It is therefore not realistic to reference 'eliminating a backlog' but recognition is necessary of the ongoing nature of this work and Council responsibility.

For reference, on average in the seven months prior to the onset of the severe winter weather (Jun 2020 – Dec 2020 inclusive), 762 enquiries per month were closed.

Question (4) What are the operational performance targets for gully cleaning?

Answer (4) The operational target is to undertake a fully cyclical maintenance of the city's gullies on a two-year cycle.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for her answer. It would seem from the figures provided that Ward 10, my ward, has by far the highest number of all outstanding gully enquiries, I don't expect the Convener to know why that is, but would she be willing to help me find out and take appropriate action?

Supplementary Answer Of course I'd be delighted to help. I'm hoping that you've maybe gone directly to officers to ask those specific questions already, but what I can do today though is perhaps give some degree of context attached to this. The question of gullies is not a simple one, it is actually incredibly complex and so there may be a lot of reasons as to why your particular ward has a high number of outstanding enquiries, or indeed when any other ward has, and one of the reasons for that is the nature of the problem around gullies, because there is no one simple reason for issues around gullies nor is there any simple solution often to them, it can often be several different stages of investigation, sometimes it's a problem that's actually sitting with the sewer, in which case it's the responsibility of Scottish Water, sometimes it is not obvious as to why something is blocked, there are also occasionally times

when people will make reports of blocked gullies when in actual fact after rainfall it is natural and right that the gully pots are sitting at three quarter level full even though they may appear to be blocked to people, they're actually not and sometimes the problem does not actually lie at the gully it lies further back in the drainage system, as it reaches the sewer, in which case that requires an enormous amount of additional work either the jetting crew to clear them out which has to come back in as a second piece of work, or alternatively to actually have them dug out and that's often where we're combining with Scottish Water on that. So depending on the nature of the problem, and obviously there'll be issues around old sewer works etc. in different parts of the city, that may explain why there's a particular concentration in one ward over another and also it helps to explain some of the delays in getting enquiries resolved when they turn out to be more complex than first appears, thank you.

Table 1 – Outstanding Gully Enquiries

Ward	Less than 1 month	1month - 3month	3 month - 6 month	> 6month	Total No. Enquiries Outstanding	% of total gullies
Ward 1	31	64	45	24	164	0.28%
Ward 2	10	32	19	31	92	0.15%
Ward 3	11	23	41	15	90	0.15%
Ward 4	6	13	23	14	56	0.09%
Ward 5	18	32	39	30	119	0.20%
Ward 6	5	42	33	32	112	0.19%
Ward 7	7	41	30	13	91	0.15%
Ward 8	11	24	13	15	63	0.11%
Ward 9	13	37	22	31	103	0.17%
Ward 10	25	103	95	79	302	0.51%
Ward 11	24	25	37	15	101	0.17%
Ward 12	4	24	15	28	71	0.12%
Ward 13	5	33	22	15	75	0.13%
Ward 14	10	13	33	14	70	0.12%
Ward 15	21	67	66	36	190	0.32%
Ward 16	10	69	45	14	138	0.23%
Ward 17	7	26	30	12	75	0.13%
Total					1,912	
Total Gullies in Edinburgh					59,413	
% of Total					3%	

Please note – the actual numbers are expected to be less than noted above. This is because there will be instances of double counting where customers have not selected specific gullies to report against. It is not possible to automatically identify the number which are double counted as the customer has not specified an asset that the system can identify as unique.

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 29 April 2021**

- Question** (1) How much has the Council received, net of costs, from the sale of public conveniences over the past ten years?
- Answer** (1) Total net receipts are £1,334,717
- Question** (2) How much has the Council spent on the modernisation or refurbishment of public conveniences over the past ten years?
- Answer** (2) £678,242
- Question** (3) How much does the Council intend to spend in total on the modernisation or refurbishment of public conveniences over the current year 2021/22 and, in particular, on the facilities at Bruntsfield Links, Meadows (East) and Middle Meadow Walk?
- Answer** (3) There are currently no funded plans to refurbish these toilets. However, the [Future Provision of Public Conveniences](#) was considered at 22 April 2021 Transport and Environment Committee

QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

On Friday 9th April the guardrails at the Blackhall Dip were removed with no warning, this was not part of the consulted A90 Spaces for People scheme but done by the team charged with “decluttering”.

Question (1) If the guardrail needed to be removed why was their removal not considered as part of the original scheme and removed instead with no consultation?

Answer (1) The Spaces for People programme includes a workstream dedicated to the removal of street clutter which is being progressed in consultation with Living Streets. Due to the urgent nature of the programme full consideration to the removal of street clutter could not always be provided. However, the programme has enabled a review of measures to improve pedestrian movement in line with the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance.

Question (2) In many schemes guardrail removal was considered as part of the Spaces for People Schemes. Who decides on whether this is considered or not?

Answer (2) The lead officer for the measures should consider street clutter removal as part of the process but as mentioned above, this was not always possible.

Question (3) How is such a decision made?

Answer (3) The process follows the protocol adopted in 2012 and is in line with the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance. As part of guidance, the decluttering of streets should be considered when carrying out work on the network.

QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for
answer by the Convener of the
Education, Children and Families
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 29 April 2021**

Question (1) Are holders of an NHS Scotland Face Coverings Exemption card exempt from wearing face coverings in all Council settings?

Answer (1) Schools and Lifelong Learning follow Scottish Government and Health Protection advice. In-line with this, all holders of an NHS Scotland Face Coverings Exemption card would be exempt from wearing face coverings in all Council settings.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-use-of-face-coverings/pages/face-covering-exemptions/>

Question (2) Following an enquiry from a constituent in early March, I understand the Children and Families were reminded that if a student is exempt then they need not wear a mask. Would the Convener agree?

Answer (2) Schools and Lifelong Learning follow Scottish Government and Health Protection advice with regards to the response to managing Covid-19 in schools.

Where required face coverings should be worn, if staff or pupils are exempt, they do not need to wear a face covering.

The link to guidance is provided below.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-reducing-the-risks-in-schools/>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-public-use-of-face-coverings/pages/face-covering-exemptions/>

- Question** (3) Despite this, a story appeared in Scotland on Sunday on 3 April alleging several exempt students had been excluded from a City of Edinburgh school classroom for failing to wear a face covering. Can the Convener comment on the accuracy of this media report? If true, has an apology been given to any students wrongly excluded from class?
- Answer** (3) Parents, pupils and Head Teachers have resolved this.
- Questions** (4) Has it been made clear to all Head Teachers that students exempt from wearing face coverings must not be discriminated against?
- Answer** (4) Head Teachers were made aware of this on 08.03.2021 and 29.03.2021. A Bite size training was also provided to all staff on face masks / face coverings.

QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 29 April 2021**

Question (1) What are the normal office locations of those responsible for designing Edinburgh Spaces for People schemes?

Answer (1) The lead officers for all of the Spaces for People schemes are based in Edinburgh. All except three schemes were designed in Edinburgh.

Question (2) Are press reports accurate that some schemes were designed by London based individuals?

Answer (2) All the Spaces for People measures have a Council officer with responsibility for developing schemes in line with agreed objectives, providing a design brief to the designers so plans can be produced using computer-aided design and drafting software (AutoCAD). Only three schemes out of 54 had plans produced on AutoCAD by London based designers. These designs were then subject to detailed consideration by Council officers.

Question (3) Did any individuals involved in designing an Edinburgh Spaces for People schemes that were not based within this Council boundary, make site visits to the scheme they were responsible for designing? Please list these schemes.

Answer (3) The designers for the three schemes who are not based in Edinburgh were provided with a design brief including concept design and purpose and did not make site visits to the scheme. However, the lead officer for each scheme is based in Edinburgh and therefore could and did make site visits and remained in constant communication with the designer. The three schemes were: Slateford Road, Greenbank to Meadows and Lanark Road/Inglis Green Road and Longstone Road.

- Questions** (4) Which Spaces for People schemes were designed without the designers making any site visits?
- Answer** (4) See answer 3. However, it is important to stress that the lead officer for the scheme and other officers know these sites well, visited them on many occasions and liaised closely with the designers.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her answer. Does the Convener think it's coincidence that the three schemes that seem to have raised the greatest level of public anxiety were all schemes designed outside Scotland?
- Supplementary Answer** I'm really dismayed by that question Councillor Campbell. This is attempting to stir a pot which does not need stirred. As I give you the answer in the written answer, in part three of your question, it is quite clear that both the briefing has been given by local officers and others who have detailed local knowledge, it goes in then in the case of 3 out of the 54 schemes that we've done so far of this nature, only 3 have gone out to specialist capacity to reflect the fact that our officers didn't have the capacity to put in these number of schemes properly at this point because of the sheer number of schemes going through. They then came back in and they went through a very careful review process, I'm sorry, you're shaking your head but I presume that means you don't believe me, in which case I'll come back to you writing on it. I really do have some concerns about the way in which our officers work is being portrayed around spaces for people, it came back in, it went through very careful internal review with again localised knowledge being applied to that. This is an entirely normal process when you've got capacity issues, to employ specialist outside help to be getting anywhere in any part of a system in a council where that was required and quite why it's being questioned in the way it is and the way that's been put forward in the public arena in this way I cannot fathom, unless it is just mischief making.

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 29 April 2021**

Question (1) What percentage of Edinburgh's public path network has path lighting?

Answer (1) Within the Council's GIS System, the footpath network is measured in kilometres and the street lights are recorded as data points. It is therefore not possible to identify the length of footpath that is lit, without individually checking each section of footpath, which would take some time and would be highly resource intensive.

Question (2) What plans exist to increase this percentage?

Answer (2) Under Section 35 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, a local roads authority shall provide and maintain lighting for roads, or proposed roads, which are, or will be, maintainable by them and which in their opinion ought to be lit. This includes the provision and maintenance of lighting on footpaths.

There are no plans to increase the existing lighting coverage by installing street lighting on roads that are currently adopted by the Council and are unlit. This is in line with one of the three priorities in the Council's Business Plan "becoming sustainable and net zero city".

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Mitchell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

On Thursday 11th March a question was submitted about the feedback and responses from residents and stakeholders to the Queensferry Road/A90 scheme.

The response to part four of the question said “It is hoped that the summary of feedback will [be] circulated by the end of the week.”

Over five weeks later, and having enquired about this with the Convener and officials on 29th March, could the Convener please confirm:

- Question** (1) Why this information has not yet been forthcoming?
- Answer** (1) Due to competing priorities there has been a delay in finalising the assessment feedback form.
- Question** (2) When the feedback on the scheme will be circulated to councillors, transport spokespeople, and stakeholders?
- Answer** (2) Officers have committed that the Assessment Feedback Form will be circulated ahead of Full Council on 29 April 2021.

QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Louise Young for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 29 April 2021**

With regard to the number of registrations for a garden waste permit can the following numbers be provided for the last 3 registration periods:

Question (1) What quantity and % of eligible households have registered for a garden waste permit?

Answer (1) At the introduction of the charge in 2018, the garden waste service opened to all residents within Edinburgh. However, before the charge was introduced approximately 124,000 households received a garden waste collection service.

The business case for the introduction of the charge predicted that 46% of these 124,000 households (with an assumption of 1 bin each) would opt-in to the chargeable service.

In 2018/19 (year 1) there were 68,841 households registered for 74,879 bins (60% of original bins).

In 2019/20 (year 2) this rose to 72,133 households registered for 79,496 bins (64% of original bins; and 6% increase from previous year).

In 2020/21 (year 3) this increased further to 74,539 households registered for 82,355 bins (66% of original bins; and 4% increase from previous year).

Question (2) Of that total registrations, how many were renewals and how many were new households?

Answer (2) Of the properties registered for the garden waste service since the charge was introduced:

4% were for year 1 only

3% were for year 2 only

9% were for year 3 only

5% were for year 1 and 2 but not year 3

6% were for year 1 and 3 but not year 2

9% were for year 2 and 3 but not year 1

65% were for all years - 1, 2 and 3

In total, this means around 89% of properties that have registered for the service since the charge was introduced are current year 3 customers.

These figures relate to the property that was registered and not the person registering as it could be a different person in the household (or friend/family member) doing this each year. This means that these figures will not factor in where someone has registered for multiple years but moved to a new house; these would appear as two separate properties.

Question (3) How many / what % of permit holders did not renew?

Answer (3) See response to question 2. On this basis, around 11-12% of properties that have registered for the service since the charge was introduced are not currently registered for the service in year 3.

Question (4) How many complaints have been received from residents who had a permit but missed the renewal period and are now not covered by the service?

Answer (4) Unfortunately, due to processes and the way in which enquiries, requests and complaints are categorised, it is not possible to provide this information.

If a customer has an enquiry that the Council's Contact Centre is able to answer at the first contact, this is done without the enquiry being logged and sent to the service.

When an enquiry or complaint is logged, those relating to enquiries or complaints about missing a registration window; wanting to join the service outside of the registration window (for example, recently moved into Edinburgh); issues with registering; questions about registering/the service; changes to contact details etc are categorised together on the system.

Questions (5) Of those complaints, how many / what % are from senior residents aged 65 or over (or if DOB data not known, but other data available which would indicate senior age)?

Answer (5) The Council does not capture or have access to any data that would indicate someone's age other than if this is stated within the customer's enquiry therefore it is not possible to provide this information.

QUESTION NO 15

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

Question (1) Given we have an SNP led Council Administration can the Convener confirm what plans have been progressed for a standalone GME secondary school in central Edinburgh?

Answer (1) Given we are in the middle of an election we are not in position to clarify if there has been a change in the national strategy. When a new administration is formed in Holyrood we will clarify if there is likely to be a change in the national plan to develop Gaelic which will affect the council's proposal.

Question (2) Does the Convener agree that a central location is necessary?

Answer (2) It should be acknowledged that presently pupils from Taobh na Pairce attend James Gillespies High school which could not be considered to be in 'central Edinburgh'. To my knowledge this has not been seen as a barrier for parents sending their children to Taobh na Pairce. It should also be noted there is a section in the report that outlines how a sustainable travel strategy can be achieved using the Liberton site.

Question (3) Is the Convener aware of the new national strategic approach?

Answer (3) Discussions on the proposed site have taken place over a two-year period. The Scottish Government has been closely involved in these discussions and at no time have they indicated that the plan to site a new dedicated Gaelic secondary school on a shared learning campus at Liberton was against the national strategy for the expansion of Gaelic in Scotland.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thanks Lord Provost, thanks Convener for his answer. In Answer 2 the Convener acknowledged that “presently pupils attend James Gillespie’s High School which could not be considered to be in ‘central Edinburgh’,” yet the Education, Children and Families Committee papers of 24 May 2016 item 7.8 gave the location of James Gillespie’s High School as “central”. What has changed since 2016?

**Supplementary
Answer**

I think my reference to central Edinburgh in Answer 2 was in reference to the manifesto commitment of the SNP and that clearly had central in a much more tight area because they talked about it serving the whole of Lothians therefore if you’re talking about the railway station, the bus station, that type of thing, that’s what I think they meant.

The central bit is not an issue for me because if it's a question of the transport links into a school, and as I say in Answer 2, it's not been a barrier for the present parents to get to Liberton because of the sustainable transport we’ve got, so central for me is not an issue.

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

Question

Could the Leader detail what meetings have been had with members of the Hospitality and Retail industries in the city to develop a plan for their recovery and when any plan developed will be shared with Committees and Councillors?

Answer

There have been extensive meetings and discussions with representatives from the Hospitality and Retail sectors in the city, including Business Improvement Districts (BIDs), Traders Associations (old and new), Scottish Hospitality Group and individual businesses. These discussions have been through the Economic Advisory Panel, ETAG's Strategic Implementation Group (both of which cover representatives across FSB, Chamber of Commerce, Essential Edinburgh and other members from the retail sector) and a host of other direct meetings between local businesses and officers as well as myself as Council Leader, The Deputy Leader and Convenor and Vice Convenor of the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee and others. Discussions have been focused on the support available from the Council and some of the actions already implemented include the commitment to simplify the planning application process for outdoor structures and to suspend charges for tables and chairs as well as forward planning with a specific focus on the City Centre.

Some output has already been to Councillors for approval, information and scrutiny, such as the Council's continuing support for the Forever Edinburgh campaign, which is focused on supporting retail and hospitality as well as tourism. The campaign is encouraging all businesses to sign up and become part of 'team Forever Edinburgh'. A business briefing was well-received on 21 April ahead of the relaunch of the campaign which took place on 22 April.

This engagement has been extremely useful and I'm very grateful to businesses for their engagement.

I note Cllr Mowat still refuses to accept that she made comments at October's Council meeting which falsely attributed comments to me in relation to these meetings. As the convener of the committee responsible for Governance within the Council, and as a longstanding councillor who is well aware of the importance of upholding standards of conduct in public office, it is particularly disappointing that Cllr Mowat is yet to withdraw this false and unsubstantiated allegation or to apologise for making the accusation. I would, again, ask Councillor Mowat to withdraw and apologise.

In addition to meetings with businesses as Council leader I also sit on the Scottish Government's National City Centre Task Force along with other City leaders and the Cabinet Secretary to establish a coordinated approach to support the City centre. This is now actively working across 4 cross-cutting themes to support our City centre and major city centres across Scotland. Actions requiring Council approval from that work will come back to Council/Committee, actions under delegated authority will be progressed with urgency.

The revised Economy Strategy, taking account of the engagement and feedback from businesses and business representatives will go to Policy and Sustainability Committee in June.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I wish there was no supplementary to this and had Councillor McVey responded without paragraph 3 of his answer I would be happy to welcome his answer and thank him for the reassurances he's given which will be very welcome to the businesses that have come to me. However, as he has chosen to raise the issue of October's Council meeting, perhaps he could acknowledge that we did have extensive correspondence post that Council meeting where I explained my unwillingness to name the person who had made the comment at a semi-public meeting because I was concerned that they were extremely upset by the issues, by the state of business in

the city centre and also drew his attention to a press article in the Scotsman of 1 October 2020 and I only have to quote one sentence, “an official announcement from the local authority said it had become clear that the best place to experience Edinburgh's Christmas and Hogmanay will be from home”, which is what I had asked Councillor McVey about whether he said that, the article goes on to quote Councillor McVey extensively so I presume given it was an official statement it had his blessing and he had approved it, so perhaps Councillor McVey can tell me when he will reply to my last correspondence with him on this matter of 17 October 2020 which is outstanding, thank you Lord Provost.

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you Lord Provost, obviously didn't say that, obviously didn't say that at a meeting, Councillor Mowat has failed to present any evidence whatsoever that I did, the last correspondence from her was not what I've asked for which is for her to withdraw the false remark and apologise and I think what Councillor Mowat has just displayed is the modus operandi of accountability from the Conservative party, which is none.

QUESTION NO 17

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

The West End of the City Centre has seen two significant interventions on the road network – the introduction of the tram which led to the closure of Shandwick Place and the current proposals for the introduction of the City Centre West to East Link a significant new cycle route across the City Centre. Promised assessments on changes in traffic routes and volumes have not been carried out, nor has the third tram TRO been brought forward which was to have addressed changes in vehicular traffic patterns caused by changes to the road network. With another change to the road network in this area residents are concerned about further impacts which may displace additional traffic onto streets which are almost exclusively residential, and indeed are becoming more so as more properties are converted from business use into residential use.

Question (1) Could the Convener confirm what work was carried out as part of planning for CCWEL on traffic diversions and displacement.

Answer (1) As noted in the Council’s submission to the Public Hearing on the legal orders for the West End section of CCWEL, extensive traffic modelling of the proposed route has been undertaken. The modelling concluded that “a ‘QuietRoutes’ compatible cycle route can be created through the city centre with only minor impacts on buses, trams and general traffic”.

Question (2) What traffic counts have been carried out to enable comparisons to be carried out pre and post CCWEL construction.

Answer

- (2) A number of counts have been carried out to date as part of a package of before and after monitoring looking at a range of impacts of CCWEL. Two separate runs of counts were carried out in 2018. The first focussing on 'The Crescents' between Haymarket Terrace and Palmerston Place at the following junctions:

Magdala Crescent/ Haymarket Terrace
Coates Gardens/ Haymarket Terrace
Roseberry Crescent/ Haymarket Terrace
Grosvenor St/ Haymarket Terrace
Douglas Crescent/ Palmerston Place
Glencairn Crescent/ Palmerston Place
Grosvenor Crescent/ Palmerston Place

The second in order to inform our detailed traffic signals designs at the following locations:

Roseburn Terrace/Russell Road
Haymarket Terrace/Haymarket Yards
Shandwick Place/ Canning St/ Coates Crescent (Atholl Crescent/ Stafford St)
Queensferry Street/ Randolph Place
Charlotte Square/ Rose Street
Charlotte Square/ George Street
Charlotte Square/ Young Street
St Andrew Square/ George Street
Queen Street/ North St David Street
York Place/ North St Andrew Street
St Andrew Square / North St Andrew Street

Finally, in 2020 early autumn counts were carried out at the following locations:

Streets

Ellersley Road
Murrayfield Road
Corstorphine Road
Roseburn Terrace
Coltbridge Terrace
Henderland Road
Roseburn Place
Chester Street

Junctions

Roseburn Street / Russell Road
Magdala Crescent / Haymarket Terrace
Randolph Place / Queensferry Street / Melville Street

Junctions with queue lengths

Murrayfield Avenue / Roseburn Terrace / Corstorphine Road

Roseburn Terrace / Roseburn Street

Haymarket Junction

Charlotte Square / George Street

St Andrew Square / George Street

Question (3) Whether monitoring of traffic displacement has been carried out as part of the planning work.

Answer (3) The counts and modelling that have been carried out will enable an assessment to be made of traffic displacement.

Question (4) Are there plans in place to review the cumulative effects of post tram traffic displacement and CCWEL construction so as to protect the residential environment of the West End – to be taken as the area bounded by Magdala and Douglas Crescent's in the west, Haymarket Terrace to West Maitland Street and Shandwick Place to the south, Queensferry Street to the east and Belford Road from its junction with Douglas Gardens to the north?

Answer (4) During construction of CCWEL there will be a need for localised traffic diversions that may have temporary impacts on residential amenity. As with other construction projects, consideration will be given to any interactions between CCWEL construction and other projects including tram with a view to avoiding excessive impacts.

QUESTION NO 18

By Councillor Barrie for answer by the Convener of the Regulatory Committee at a meeting of the Council on 29 April 2021

Council notes the recent announcement that permit fees are being waved for outdoor bars in Edinburgh

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/13144/helping-restaurants-and-cafes-make-the-most-of-outdoor-space-safely-when-restrictions-ease>

Council further notes that Walking Tours are low carbon when compared to motorised sightseeing in the city, are low impact sustainable experiences boosting the wellbeing of visitors, staff teams and residents. Often run by local family business, some are Living Wage employers and CEC rate payers. Council also notes that responsible Walking Tour companies mirror CEC Green City and Fair Work objectives and that their businesses have been just as heavily hit by COVID restrictions as Licensed Premises.

Question (1) What support is being made available by CEC to walking tours to 'get businesses back on their feet' and will their licensing fees be similarly waived or discounted?

Answer (1) The majority of walking tours do not require a licence under the current provisions of the relevant licensing legislation, as either payment is made on-line or the tour is free of charge and relies on tips.

Walking tours are encouraged to engage with and participate in the Forever Edinburgh recovery campaign. They have also had access to similar financial support as other businesses, in particular the discretionary fund in the event that they were ineligible for the Visit Scotland tour guide fund.

If walking tours can evidence income drop as an eligible business, they would also have been eligible for discretionary support funding. We are aware some walking tour guide guides qualified for the tour guide support, which was administered by Visit Scotland, businesses which received this funding would have been ineligible for additional payments through the discretionary support.

Question (2) Will Council consider favourably allowing walking tours to apply for Outdoor Area Occupation Permits to allow them on street visibility to aid their business recovery?

Answer (2) While the Council is taking all possible means to support business recovery, Outdoor Area Occupation Permits are specifically for businesses who want to provide tables and chairs on the pavement and therefore could not be used for the purpose of increasing on-street visibility.

Supplementary Question I thank the Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for her answer. In Answer 2 it states that the Council are taking all possible means to support business recovery, if this is the case, why are some businesses especially those who already paid licencing fees to the council, not being considered for support as part of all possible means where others eg hospitality, are getting support?

Supplementary Answer Thanks Councillor Barrie. As you know the Council's ability to manage this activity is very problematic, but Question 2 that you're referring to lies with the roads department and so I'm happy to pass that on and get the information you want, there's not much more I can add to that to be honest.

Comments by the Lord Provost If that information from the Roads Department can be circulated to all elected members that would be helpful.

Comments by Councillor Fullerton Of course.



Lots to be hopeful about as we enter Level Two

This month marked a key milestone in our fight against the pandemic as we got the long-awaited chance to hug our loved ones after more than a year. It was also the moment when many hospitality businesses across the city were able to truly throw open their doors and welcome customers again.

While there's lots to smile about as we [move to level two of the Scottish Government's restrictions](#), it's no secret that the coming months, and even years, are going to be a struggle for many businesses. The Council is continuing to offer support through the [Forever Edinburgh – The Story Never Ends campaign](#), encouraging everyone to enjoy our beautiful Capital and rediscover all it has to offer. Just last week I visited one of the city's top attractions, the newly reopened Royal Yacht Britannia, and it didn't disappoint. There's so much on our doorsteps just waiting to be discovered – and rediscovered.

I'm delighted to see [our own cultural services opening again too](#), as well as Edinburgh Leisure centres, and I know this will be a lifeline for so many residents. All of this is to be welcomed, and of course we will be making the most of our freedoms, but I would urge people to take care when doing so.

We've come this far, after so many sacrifices, it would be a real shame to take a step back. So, remember to continue washing your hands and using hand sanitiser, following physical distancing guidelines and observing the rules on social gatherings so we can all enjoy a more 'normal' summer.

Welcome back to the City Art Centre

Our much-loved City Art Centre reopened its doors last weekend (Saturday 15 May) and visitors can now enjoy three great exhibitions – the brand new retrospective [Charles H. Mackie: Colour and Light](#); the continuing collection display [Bright Shadows: Scottish Art in the 1920s](#); and, from tomorrow, [Marine: Ian Hamilton Finlay](#), which is presented as part of the Edinburgh Art Festival 2021.

Over the past 40 years the City Art Centre has housed over 500 exhibitions and hosted treasures from across the world. It's fantastic to be welcoming visitors again and to be able to run a programme of events alongside the exhibitions. I would encourage everyone to book a slot for a visit and find out more about [what's coming up](#) at the gallery, as well as our digital lecture series.

This is just one of the many free attractions you can now visit, with or without the kids. Check out the [Forever Edinburgh](#) website for more ideas and please book ahead to avoid disappointment.

Perfect ten for Edinburgh Guarantee

In its first decade, the Edinburgh Guarantee scheme has worked with more than 550 employers across the city to get over 3,500 young people into apprenticeships or training opportunities. This policy has been so successful that the Scottish Government is looking to adopt it Scotland-wide.

[This invaluable initiative was re-launched to mark its 10th birthday last week](#), expanding to help people of all ages access fair work, training and employment opportunities in the wake of the devastating impact the pandemic is still having on job prospects across all sectors and age groups.

The [new look Edinburgh Guarantee website](#) is a one-stop-shop to connect and sign up employers across the city, offering people quick and easy access to job boards and information on training opportunities and additional support. There's a specific focus on those facing additional barriers to employment, with the overall aim of giving equal access to job and education opportunities.

This is an extremely worthwhile initiative that will help offer people a better future, as well as strengthen our economic recovery, and I urge city employers to take a serious look at the Edinburgh Guarantee today.

Investing in our priorities

When we set a balanced budget for 2021/22 back in February, we acknowledged that more funding might still be available as a result of central government's own budget-setting process.

Now we're in the welcome position of having around £20m in additional funding that we can direct towards our key priorities in the coming year. Councillors will decide the allocation at next week's Council meeting and I'm looking forward to constructive debate in the virtual chamber before we make a final decision.

I have no doubt that all councillors will want to invest this funding in ways that best serve Edinburgh and the people who call it home and, as an Administration, our proposals will stay true to our core priorities of tackling poverty and inequality, boosting efforts to tackle carbon emissions and enhancing wellbeing for our citizens.

All eyes on Granton as gasholder lights up

Edinburgh's skyline gained another stunning landmark this week when the [iconic Granton gasholder was lit up for the first time](#) thanks to a partnership with Edinburgh College.

The gasholder sits at the heart of our transformative £1.3bn regeneration project for Granton Waterfront and I'm sure the dazzling light shows designed by the College's Creative Industries students will draw all eyes towards the Forth and this hugely exciting coastal development project.

We've also launched a [consultation to name a new public square in Granton](#). The area is steeped in history and heritage and we want the square to become a real focal point in our wider regeneration of the area – somewhere the local community and visitors can enjoy for generations to come. Please take the chance to have your say by 8 June.

Brewing up a bright future in Fountainbridge

Our flagship regeneration scheme in Fountainbridge reached another major milestone this week when councillors [approved the appointment of a development partner](#) for the next stages of the project.

Ahead of the full development starting in early 2022, Cruden Homes will bring our masterplan to life, transforming the site into a mix of uses, including new homes, offices, shops, social enterprise and community spaces, all knitted together by high quality public space. The development will complement both the new Boroughmuir High School to the west and the 'New Fountainbridge' development to the east.

We couldn't have got this far without the support of the local community and we're really grateful for their valuable input through the Fountainbridge Sounding Board. This engagement and partnership working have built a strong foundation as we take forward this important part of Edinburgh's future.

Great new chapters for Tron Kirk and Portobello Town Hall

While we're innovating and creating new buildings in some areas, we're also exploring sustainable futures for older properties in our care. The [Tron Kirk, one of the Royal Mile's key landmarks, is set to be restored and managed by the Scottish Historic Buildings Trust](#). The Trust has an impressive track record and has been extremely effective working with us to secure a viable and sustainable future for other historic properties like Riddle's Court, so I know the Tron's in good hands.

As well as approving the Tron's restoration, the Finance and Resources Committee also gave the green light in principle to Portobello Central Ltd to work on a Community Asset Transfer for Portobello Town Hall. Their exciting plans to use the space for a food market are a fantastic example of communities taking ownership to find positive solutions for local assets. I wish them all the best.

An election like no other

Running an election is a tall order at the best of times but to do it safely and securely in the midst of a pandemic is a tremendous feat. The [2021 Scottish Parliamentary Election](#) earlier this month certainly felt very different from previous elections but thanks to the meticulous planning and hard work of countless Council staff, we delivered a very successful and Covid-secure election in Edinburgh.

This year we had the largest electorate we've ever had for an election in the Capital (401,321 registered to vote) and more than a quarter of these (102,138 people) opted for a postal vote. There was a fantastic turnout citywide, including a final postal vote turnout of nearly 90%.

This was a huge undertaking and my thanks go to the Election Team for ensuring a Covid-safe election, putting in extensive additional health and safety measures. I'd also like to congratulate the successful candidates from all parties preparing to represent our Capital City in Holyrood for the next five years.

Good luck Hibs!

Half of the Capital will be on tenterhooks this weekend as Hibs travel to Hampden to face St Johnstone in the Scottish Cup Final. Having waited so long before they lifted the cup in 2016, it would be a brilliant achievement if the team brought more silverware back to Easter Road just five years later.

We know Hibs fans will be ecstatic if they win on Saturday and people's natural instinct is of course to share the celebrations with others. However, the safety of everyone in the city must remain our number one priority and our message to fans is to enjoy the cup final, and any celebrations, responsibly and in line with public health guidance. I know they will want to represent their club and our Capital as ambassadors for their community, whatever the result.

We're working closely with Hibs, Police Scotland and other key partners ahead of tomorrow's final to make sure we can monitor and deal with any issues. But I'm hopeful that we can all enjoy the match safely – and remember the day for all the right reasons.

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The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 27 May 2021

Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022

Executive/routine
Wards
Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider and agree the proportionality of Council committees.
- 1.2 To specify appointments to the following positions for 2021/22:
 - (a) The Leader and Depute Leader of the Council;
 - (b) Conveners and Vice-Conveners of the executive committees and other committees of the Council;
 - (c) Members of the executive committees and other committees of the Council;
 - (d) Members of the Integration Joint Board and Joint Committees;
 - (e) The Convener of the Integration Joint Board.
- 1.3 To note the membership of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board and Licensing Board.
- 1.4 To approve the appointment of John Anzani (member representative) and Richard Lamont (employer representative) as members of the Pensions Committee.

Andrew Kerr

Chief Executive

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Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 Interim Standing Order 3.2 specifies that the Council, in May, will appoint the Leader and Depute Leader, the members of the committees of the Council and their conveners and any vice-conveners and the members of the joint committees and joint boards.
- 2.2 The Council is invited to review the appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022. As per the usual process, all members to the executive committee and other committees of the Council, unless specified otherwise, are required to be appointed at this point in time.
- 2.3 The Council is also asked to appoint two non-councillor members to the Pensions Committee as required by the Local Government Pension Scheme. The appointments are being made after nominations were sought from the members and employer bodies with the Pension Funds

3. Background

- 3.1 On 23 April 2020 the Leadership Advisory Panel agreed interim political management arrangements to carry out Council business for the period 1 May 2020 to 1 September 2020 and Interim Standing Orders to cover that period.
- 3.2 Part of the interim political management arrangements was to agree that the functions reserved to Council in the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions would be carried out by the Policy and Sustainability Committee until such time as the Council could meet
- 3.3 On 28 May 2020 the Policy and Sustainability Committee, in terms of Interim Standing Order 1.2, made appointments to committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2020/21.
- 3.4 As set out in the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions, Committee membership will be proportionate according to the elected representation of political parties unless expressly agreed. On 25 August 2020 the Council agreed the political membership of the committees, Boards and Joint Boards.

- 3.5 Some adjustments to committee memberships and conveners were also agreed at Council meetings on 25 August, 17 September and 10 December 2020.
- 3.7 The appendices reflect the current membership.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Standing Order 3.2 requires the Council to make various appointments at its first ordinary meeting in May. The Council is invited to specify its appointments to the following positions for 2021/2022:
- The Leader and Depute Leader of the Council;
 - Conveners and Vice-Conveners of the executive committees and other committees of the Council (Appendix 1 details current Conveners and Vice Conveners);
 - Members of the executive committees and other committees of the Council (Appendix 2 details current membership);
 - Members of the Licensing Board, Joint Committees and Joint Boards that the Council should appoint (see paragraphs 4.4 - 4.10 below) (Appendix 4 details current membership)

Joint Boards

- 4.4 Interim Standing Order 3.2 requires the appointment of members of Joint Boards, and the Council is asked to determine its representation on the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

- 4.5 Under Section 3.2 of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board's Integration Scheme, the term of office for the Chair and Vice-Chair is two years. The right to appoint the Chair and Vice-Chair alternates between each of the Parties (NHS Lothian and the City of Edinburgh Council) on a two-year cycle.
- 4.6 The Council assumed the Vice-Chair position on 2 May 2019 and agreed to appoint Councillor Ricky Henderson as Vice-Chair of the Joint Board with effect from 27 June 2019.
- 4.7 The Council now assumes the Convener position from 27 June 2021 and is asked to appoint to this with effect from this date.

Lothian Valuation Joint Board

- 4.8 The legislation relating to the Lothian Valuation Joint Board provides for the members first appointed to it to hold office for the life of the Council.
- 4.9 If there is to be any change in the Council's membership of this Joint Board, the co-operation of existing members is required by their resigning from the Board. New appointments cannot be made until a letter of resignation is received.

- 4.10 The Council is therefore invited to note the current membership of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board detailed at Appendix 4.

Licensing Board

- 4.11 Similar provisions to the Lothian Valuation Joint Board apply to the membership of the Licensing Board. Section 5 and Schedule 1 of the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005 require that a vacancy on the Licensing Board must formally exist. In this connection, any member intending to resign from the Licensing Board must do so in writing to the Clerk and ensure that their letter is received before 1 May 2021. Councillor Nick Cook intimated his resignation from the Board in 2020.
- 4.12 The Council is asked to note the membership of the Licensing Board, also set out in Appendix 4.
- 4.13 The Act also states that any member appointed to the Licensing Board cannot take their place on the Board until they have completed an external training course and passed an examination.
- 4.14 A councillor who is a premises licence holder, or the employee of a premises licence holder and works as such in licensed premises, whether alone or in partnership with another person engaged in the business of producing or selling alcohol, or a director or other officer of a company so engaged or an employee of any person so engaged and working as such in that business, shall not act as a member of a Licensing Board for any purpose under the Act.

Pensions Committee

- 4.15 The Pensions Committee is appointed under Section 57 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exercise all functions of the pension funds administered by the City of Edinburgh Council within the terms of the legislation.
- 4.16 The Pensions Committee is made up of 5 City of Edinburgh elected members and 2 external members, one employer representative and one member representative.
- 4.17 Following the required nomination process, applications were received from John Anzani, the existing external member representative on the Committee and Richard Lamont, the existing employer representative on the Committee.
- 4.18 Both individuals have been approved by the Fund's Review Panel in line with the Lothian Pension Fund Appointments and Nominations Policy.
- 4.19 Both representatives will serve further 3 years whereupon they will either stand down or require to submit themselves as a candidate for further election

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Training will be provided to members as necessary.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

7.1 Not applicable

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 None

9. Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Conveners and Vice-Conveners of Committees
- Appendix 2 – Membership of Committees
- Appendix 3 – Members of Neighbourhood Networks
- Appendix 4 – Joint Committees and Boards and the Licensing Board

APPENDIX 1

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/22

APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 2020/21

CONVENERS AND VICE CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES		
Policy and Sustainability	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor McVey Councillor Day
Culture and Communities	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Wilson Councillor McNeese- Mechan
Education, Children and Families	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Perry Councillor Dickie
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Kate Campbell Councillor Watt
Finance and Resources	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Munn Councillor Griffiths
Transport and Environment	Convener: Vice Convener:	Councillor Macinnes Councillor Doran
OTHER COMMITTEES		
Governance, Risk and Best Value	Convener:	Councillor Mowat
Leadership Advisory Panel	Convener:	Councillor McVey
Pensions	Convener:	Councillor Munn
Planning/Development Management Sub	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Gardiner Councillor Child
Regulatory/Licensing Sub	Convener: Vice Convener:	Councillor Fullerton Councillor Dixon

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest	Convener:	Councillor Fullerton
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APPEALS		
Committee on Discretionary Rating Appeals	Convener:	Councillor Munn
Personnel Appeals Committee	Convener:	Councillor McNeese-Mechan
Committee on Pupil/Student Support	Convener:	Councillor Perry
Placing in Schools Appeals		Independent Chairperson
RECRUITMENT		
Recruitment Committee	Convener:	Council Leader

APPENDIX 2

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/22

APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 2020/21

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND JOINT BOARDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES	
Policy and Sustainability Committee (17 members: 5SNP, 5C, 3L, 2G, 2SLD)	
Councillor McVey (Convener) Councillor Kate Campbell Councillor Gardiner Councillor Macinnes Councillor Munn Councillor Cook Councillor Hutchison Councillor McLellan Councillor Webber	Councillor Whyte Councillor Day (Vice Convener) Councillor Perry Councillor Wilson Councillor Main Councillor Staniforth Councillor Aldridge Councillor Gloyer
Culture and Communities Committee (11 members:- 3SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Key Councillor McNeese-Mechan (Vice Convener) Councillor Ethan Young Councillor Brown Councillor Doggart Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Wilson (Convener) Councillor Doran Councillor Rae Councillor Staniforth Councillor Osler
Education, Children and Families Committee (11 members:- 3SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Dickie (Vice Convener) Councillor Bird Councillor Key Councillor Douglas Councillor Laidlaw Councillor Rust	Councillor Griffiths Councillor Perry (Convener) Councillor Burgess Councillor Mary Campbell Councillor Louise Young

Added Members for Education Matters	
Fiona Beveridge (Church of Scotland) Rabbi David Rose	Therese Laing (Roman Catholic Church of Scotland) Alexander Ramage (non-voting)
Finance and Resources Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Gordon Councillor Munn(Convener) Councillor Rankin Councillor Bruce Councillor Hutchison Councillor Johnston	Councillor Griffiths (Vice Convener) Councillor Watt Councillor Booth Councillor Corbett Councillor Neil Ross
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee (11 members:- 3SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Kate Campbell (Convener) Councillor Key Councillor Work Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Hutchison Councillor McLellan	Councillor Munro Councillor Watt (Vice Convener) Councillor Booth Councillor Miller Councillor Lang
Transport and Environment Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Bird Councillor Key Councillor Macinnes (Convener) Councillor Smith Councillor Webber Councillor Whyte	Councillor Arthur Councillor Doran (Vice Convener) Councillor Corbett Councillor Miller Councillor Lang

Other Committees	
Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Bird Councillor Dixon Councillor Work Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Daggart Councillor Mowat (Convener)	Councillor Child Councillor Munro Councillor Rae Councillor Staniforth Councillor Gloyer
Pensions Committee (5 members –1SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Munn (Convener) Councillor Rose Councillor Child	Councillor Burgess Councillor Neil Ross
External Members	
John Anzani	Richard Lamont
Planning Committee and Development Management Sub-Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Gardiner (Convener) Councillor Gordon Councillor Ethan Young Councillor Mitchell Councillor Mowat Councillor Rose	Councillor Child (Vice-Convener) Councillor Griffiths Councillor Booth Councillor Mary Campbell Councillor Osler
Planning Local Review Body All members of the Planning Committee (other than its Convener) comprising two panels of five.	
Panel 1 (5 members)	
Councillor Gordon Councillor Griffiths Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Mowat Councillor Mary Campbell
Panel 2 (5 members)	
Councillor Booth Councillor Child Councillor Ethan Young	Councillor Rose Councillor Osler

Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee (9 members:- 2SNP, 3C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Dixon (Vice- Convener) Councillor Fullerton (Convener) Councillor Mitchell Councillor Mowat Councillor Rose	Councillor Arthur Councillor Wilson Councillor Rae Councillor Neil Ross
Leadership Advisory Panel (5 members of the Council plus 3 statutory representatives, appointed by the committee dealing with education, when considering education business)	
Leader of the Council (Convener) Deputy Leader of the Council Conservative Group Leader	Green Group Leader Scottish Liberal Democrat Group Leader
Administration of Trust Funds	
Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest (8 members - 2SNP, 2C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD) plus one nominee of Friends of the City Arts Centre and two nominees of Executive Director of Resources	
Councillor Fullerton (Convener) Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Mitchell Councillor Mowat	Councillor Doran Councillor Munro Councillor Rae Councillor Aldridge
Reviews and Appeals	
Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals (5 members –1SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Munn (Convener) Councillor Hutchison Councillor Day	Councillor Corbett Councillor Gloyer
Personnel Appeals Committee (9 members – 2SNP, 3C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Bird Councillor McNeese-Mechan (Convener) Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Rose Councillor Webber	Councillor Doran Councillor Griffiths Councillor Rae Councillor Lang

Committee on Pupil Student Support (5 members and one religious representative –1SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Perry (Convener) Councillor Laidlaw Councillor Dickie	Councillor Burgess Councillor Young
Placing in Schools Appeal Committee (3 persons drawn from three Panels as described in Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions no.17)	
Panel 1 – All members of Council and religious representatives on the committee dealing with education business	
Recruitment Committee	
Leader of Council (Convener), Deputy Leader of the Council, Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee and the appropriate Executive Committee Convener and relevant opposition spokespersons (or nominees)	

APPENDIX 3

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/22

APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 2020/21

MEMBERS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

ALMOND	
Councillor Hutchison	Councillor Work
Councillor Lang	Councillor Louise Young
CITY CENTRE	
Councillor Doran	Councillor Mowat
Councillor Miller	Councillor Rankin
CRAIGENTINNY/DUDDINGSTON	
Councillor Griffiths	Councillor Staniforth
Councillor McLellan	Councillor Ethan Young
FORTH	
Councillor Bird	Councillor Day
Councillor Jim Campbell	Councillor Gordon
INVERLEITH	
Councillor Barrie	Councillor Osler
Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Whyte
PENTLANDS	
Councillor Arthur	Councillor Henderson
Councillor Bruce	Councillor Rust
Councillor Doggart	Councillor Webber
Councillor Gardiner	

LEITH	
Councillor Booth	Councillor Munro
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	Councillor Rae
Councillor McVey	Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Munn	
LIBERTON/GILMERTON	
Councillor Cameron	Councillor Macinnes
Councillor Howie	Councillor Smith
MORNINGSIDE	
Councillor Cook	Councillor Neil Ross
Councillor Main	Councillor Watt
PORTOBELLO/CRAIGMILLAR	
Councillor Kate Campbell	Councillor Child
Councillor Mary Campbell	Councillor Laidlaw
SOUTHSIDE NEWINGTON	
Councillor Burgess	Councillor Perry
Councillor Dickie	Councillor Rose
SOUTH WEST	
Councillor Corbett	Councillor Johnston
Councillor Dixon	Councillor Key
Councillor Fullerton	Councillor Wilson
Councillor Graczyk	
WESTERN EDINBURGH	
Councillor Aldridge	Councillor Douglas
Councillor Bridgman	Councillor Frank Ross
Councillor Brown	Councillor Gloyer

APPENDIX 4

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/22

APPOINTMENTS MADE IN 2020/21

JOINT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS, THE LICENSING BOARD

Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee (9 members – 3SNP, 2C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Gordon Councillor Key (Convener) Councillor Work Councillor Doggart Councillor Rust	Councillor Doran Councillor Henderson Councillor Corbett Councillor Gloyer
Licensing Board (10 members)	
Councillor Howie Councillor Key Councillor Work (Convener) Councillor Laidlaw Councillor Mowat	Vacancy Councillor Cameron Councillor Day Councillor Burgess Councillor Gloyer
Integration Joint Board (5 members)	
Councillor Aldridge Councillor Gordon Councillor Henderson (Vice-Chair) (from 21 June 2019)	Councillor Main Councillor Doggart
Integrated Children's Services Joint Board (Appointed March 2018) (3 members)	
Councillor Dickie Councillor Laidlaw	Councillor Perry
Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee (1 member)	
Councillor McVey	

SEStran (South East of Scotland Regional Transport Partnership) (5 members – 2SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G)	
Councillor Key Councillor Macinnes Councillor Rose	Councillor Doran Councillor Miller
SESPlan Joint Committee (South East Scotland Regional Joint Committee – Planning) (2 members)	
Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Child
Shadow Joint Committee for Collaborative Road Services	
Substantive Member Councillor Macinnes	Substitute Member Councillor Doran
Hawes/Longcraig Piers User Committee (2 members)	
Councillor Work	Councillor Hutchison
Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee (3 members)	
Councillor Gardiner Councillor Henderson	Councillor Bruce
Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum (2 members)	
Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Henderson

The City of Edinburgh Council

10:00am, Thursday 27 May 2021

Vacation of Office

Executive/routine Wards Council Commitments	Executive
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To consider whether there is a reason for the absence of Councillor Ritchie.

Andrew Kerr

Chief Executive

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Report

Vacation of Office

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report asks Council to consider whether there is a reason for the absence of Councillor Ritchie from Council meetings.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 states that if a member of a local authority does not attend a meeting of the Council or any of its committees within a period of six consecutive months, then they cease to be a councillor unless the Council agrees there is a reason for this absence.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Councillor Ritchie last attended a meeting of the Council on 10 December 2020 meaning that either:
- 4.1.1 He must attend the Council meeting on 27 May 2021;
 - 4.1.2 Council approve that there is a reason for his absence.
- 4.2 In the event of Councillor Ritchie not attending the Council meeting or Council deciding there is not a reason for said absence then he will cease to be a member of the Council on 10 June 2021.
- 4.3 The Chief Executive has written to Councillor Ritchie informing him of the current situation.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Not applicable.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 In the event of Councillor Ritchie vacating office a by-election would be required to be held.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Not applicable.

8. Background reading/external references

8.1 Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973

9. Appendices

9.1 None

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City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 27 May 2021

Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell - Deferred Start Funding – referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee

Executive/routine Executive
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1. For Decision/Action

- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee has referred the motion by Councillor Mary Campbell to the City of Edinburgh Council as the terms of the motion called for expenditure which was not included in the annual revenue budget for financial year 2021/2022.
- 1.2 The City of Edinburgh Council is asked to note that the outstanding terms of the motion was accepted by the Education, Children and Families Committee.

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Referral Report

Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell - Deferred Start Funding

2. Terms of Referral

2.1 On 18 May 2021, the Education, Children and Families Committee considered the following motion by Councillor Mary Campbell.

Motion

- 1) To note that each year a number of families whose children were due to start school before the age of five contacted the Council to seek to defer the start of primary school for a year and to secure funding for a further year in a pre-school setting. Children who were not five until the following January or February would automatically receive government funding for a deferred year if they so applied, but that those whose fifth birthday fell August to December were funded on a case by case basis by the Council.
- 2) To note the forthcoming change which was planned in deferred places funding for children starting primary school, which meant that from 2023, children born from August to December would also be able to get deferred early learning and childcare places funded by the Scottish Government.
- 3) To note that under previous deferred places rules, Edinburgh had a large number of deferred places applications, and that the forthcoming change that was planned might increase pressure on early years places.
- 4) To agree that in light of the pending changes to deferrals, Committee requested a report, by December 2021, on the preparations that were needed to build capacity for this change, with a specific focus on how to level the application playing field so that the Council could ensure that the children who were most in need of a deferred start were encouraged to apply.
- 5) To agree to refer onto the City of Edinburgh Council to allow for their consideration the request that for the August 2021 intake, the unique circumstances of the year past and the level of applications for deferrals from parents concerned that their children have not been able to develop as well with so much time spent out of nursery; and so agreed to fund any non-granted requests from those families who have already applied for term

2021/2022; committee notes that this number will be known for certain after the appeals committee meets on the 13th of May, but will be fewer than 55 children.

- 6) To agree that Convener should write to the Minister for Childcare and the Early Years and COSLA to request consideration to be one of the pilot Council areas for 2022/2023, in order to learn as much as possible about the impact that would be likely, and so the Scottish Government could gain data from a large local authority with a likely high uptake rate.
- 7) To agree that the Convener of Education, Children and Families would write to the Minister for Childcare and the Early Years and COSLA to request additional legislative work to consider the circumstances of premature children, in light of evidence showing that premature birth was linked to additional learning challenges, and that premature children whose birthdays fell outside the considered deferral period, but whose expected due date would have qualified them for deferred enrolment, were put at a double disadvantage.

2.2 The Education, Children and Families Committee agreed:

2.2.1 To approve the motion by Councillor Mary Campbell.

2.2.2 To refer paragraph 5 of the motion to the City of Edinburgh Council as the terms of the motion called for expenditure which was not included in the annual revenue budget for financial year 2021/2022.

3. Background Reading/ External References

Education, Children and Families Committee of 18 May 2021 – Webcast

4. Appendices

Supplementary information on funding.

City Of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, 27 May 2021

Council Funding to Approve all Discretionary Deferral applications for an additional year of Early Learning and Childcare – Councillor Mary Campbell’s motion

Introduction

The Education, Children and Families Committee met on 18 May and agreed the majority of the Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell , apart from item 1.5 which states that the 2021-2022 applications for an additional funded year of Early Learning and Childcare for Children born August to December should be approved. This was referred to full council for a decision.

Financial Impact

For session 2021-2022, the City of Edinburgh received 106 applications for an additional year of funded early learning and childcare. The following outlines the outcome of our Discretionary Deferral process and the cost is based on the rate that will be paid to providers delivering 1,140 hours of ELC next session. (£6,177.80 + £570.00 for meals = £6,748.80)

Stage	Applications	Granted	Not Granted	Cost
Initial Panel	106	45	61	£303,696.00
Appeals Panel	30	21	9	£141,724.80
Total cost				£445,438.80

The cost of overturning the Discretionary Deferral process and granting the additional 40 applications is **£269,952.00**

(note : the 40 comprise 9 unsuccessful at appeal and 31 who chose not to appeal after being unsuccessful at the initial discretionary deferral panel)

If Council is minded to support the motion it needs to identify how the amount will be contained within the budget.

Background

If a parent chooses to defer their child's entry to P1, legislation determines whether they qualify for an additional year of funded ELC automatically, or at the local authority's discretion. For children who turn five after the school commencement date in August to the end of December, parents can still defer their entry to P1 for a year but local authorities decide whether additional

funded ELC will be made available using their discretionary powers as outlined in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980 (the 1980 Act).

The Scottish Government laid legislation in the Scottish Parliament in December 2020 which will mean that, from August 2023, all August to December born children will automatically be able to access funded early learning and childcare

Main report

Currently where a discretionary deferral application for an additional year of funded early learning and childcare is approved, the cost is met by the local authority through the early years budget. The Scottish Government funds deferrals for children born in January and February.

The assessment panel considers if the information contained within the application demonstrates evidence of an additional support need(s) that would be better supported in a nursery environment or, alternatively, able to be met in a Primary one setting. If the panel concludes that the evidence provided demonstrates the child's needs can be met in a Primary one setting, the parent is notified by letter of the decision not to grant an additional funded year at nursery. Parents can appeal this decision, and a separate panel is held to consider any appeals. This panel reviews the original information along with any additional supporting evidence that may not have been available to the original assessment panel.

Prior to 2011/12 when the current process was put in place, discretionary deferral applications for an additional year of funded ELC in Edinburgh were significantly higher and reached almost 200 per year. The introduction of a process which supports exceptional needs and recognises the GIRFEC process to evidence exceptionality reduced the number of applications and therefore the cost to the council.

Stakeholder /Community Impact

SIMD data for 40 applications not granted

SIMD Index Where 10 is the least deprived.	Number of funding applications
1	1
2	7
3	2
4	3
5	2
6	4
7	1
8	1
9	6
10	13
Total applications	40

Due to COVID 19, children have had less time in attendance at an Early Learning and Childcare setting than expected. Approximately 4,500 children are eligible to start Primary one in August 2021 and there is a potential for more families to express an additional year of nursery if funding is made available

Background reading/external references

Full Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell – item 8.1

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=143&MId=5588&Ver=4>

Scottish Government Publication “*Early learning and childcare access in deferred year: joint implementation plan*” (Dec 2020) <https://www.gov.scot/publications/funded-early-learning-and-childcare-places-joint-implementation-plan/#:~:text=We%20have%20laid%20legislation%20in,a%20deferred%20school%20start%20date>

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 27 May 2021

Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

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1. For Decision/Action

- 1.1 The Finance and Resources Committee has referred a report on the Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 to the City of Edinburgh Council for decision on funding available.

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Referral Report

Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update

2. Terms of Referral

- 2.1 On 20 May 2021, the Finance and Resources Committee considered a report providing an update on the projected revenue outturn position for 2020/21, and a number of proposed changes to financial planning assumptions affecting future years of the budget framework.
- 2.2 Following the receipt of significant additional revenue funding late in 2020/21 and after taking account of estimated COVID-related financial impacts over the next two financial years, the report intimated the availability of one-off resources of up to £20.150m to address budget pressures, anticipated shortfalls in savings delivery and other member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23. In so doing, however, members are reminded of the pressing need for a sustainable savings plan, rooted in the priorities set out within the Council's Business Plan, to be developed later in the year to address significant future years' projected funding gaps.
- 2.3 The Finance and Resources Committee agreed:
- 2.3.1 To note that a balanced revenue outturn for 2020/21 continued to be forecast;
- 2.3.2 To note that, following the receipt of significant additional COVID-related funding late in 2020/21, up to £20.150m was available to address budget pressures, anticipated savings delivery shortfalls and member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23;
- 2.3.3 To refer, on this basis, the report to Council on 27 May 2021 for decision on funding available;
- 2.2.4 To note, nonetheless, that the medium- to longer-term impacts of the pandemic and other key risk factors would continue to be kept under active review; and
- 2.2.5 To note additionally the more fundamental need to initiate by Autumn 2021 a comprehensive savings programme, rooted in the priorities set out within the Council's Business Plan, to address the estimated revenue funding gap.

3. Background Reading/ External References

3.1 Finance and Resources Committee of 20 May 2021

3.1 [Finance and Resources Committee – 20 May 2021 – Webcast](#)

4. Appendices

4.1 Appendix 1 – report by the Executive Director of Resources

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 20 May 2021

Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Members of the Finance and Resources Committee are recommended:
 - 1.1.1 to note that a balanced revenue outturn for 2020/21 continues to be forecast;
 - 1.1.2 to note that, following the receipt of significant additional COVID-related funding late in 2020/21, up to £20.150m is available to address budget pressures, anticipated savings delivery shortfalls and member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23;
 - 1.1.3 to refer, on this basis, the report to Council on 27 May 2021 for decision on funding available;
 - 1.1.4 to note, nonetheless, that the medium- to longer-term impacts of the pandemic and other key risk factors will continue to be kept under active review; and,
 - 1.1.5 to note additionally the more fundamental need to initiate by Autumn 2021 a comprehensive savings programme, rooted in the priorities set out within the Council's Business Plan, to address the estimated revenue funding gap.

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Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report updates members on the projected revenue outturn position for 2020/21, as well as a number of proposed changes to financial planning assumptions affecting future years of the budget framework.
- 2.2 Following the receipt of significant additional revenue funding late in 2020/21 and after taking account of estimated COVID-related financial impacts over the next two financial years, the report intimates the availability of one-off resources of up to £20.150m to address budget pressures, anticipated shortfalls in savings delivery and other member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23. In so doing, however, members are reminded of the pressing need for a sustainable savings plan, rooted in the priorities set out within the Council's Business Plan, to be developed later in the year to address significant future years' projected funding gaps.

3. Background

2020/21 revenue budget

- 3.1 Given the unprecedented nature and scale of disruption to the Council's activity during 2020/21, members have considered a succession of detailed in-year revenue monitoring reports, the most recent of which was presented to the Committee's last meeting on 4 March 2021. Despite cumulative pandemic-related expenditure and income impacts of some £85m, following the confirmation of additional in-year funding for local authorities, a balanced overall position was forecast as of that time. The potential to receive further significant in-year funding was also noted but with the Council's precise allocation remaining to be confirmed.

2021/22 revenue budget

- 3.2 Members of Council also approved a balanced one-year revenue budget for 2021/22 on 18 February 2021. In so doing, however, it was noted that there remained the potential for change based on the outcome of both the UK Budget and subsequent stages of the Draft Scottish Budget's Parliamentary consideration. A corresponding members' briefing summarising the main elements of these

announcements and their implications for the revenue budget framework was then issued on 11 March.

- 3.3 The members' briefing outlined the provision of additional ring-fenced funding within the 2021/22 Local Government Finance Settlement for concessionary travel, free school meals, pandemic support payments and, subject to confirmation of the accompanying details, various capital schemes. Despite provision of these additional sums, the increase in Local Government's core revenue settlement for 2021/22 remained unchanged from the 0.9% Scotland-wide uplift announced by the Cabinet Secretary for Finance on 28 January.

4. Main report

Projected position for 2020/21

- 4.1 Members will be aware from previous briefings of the provision of significant additional unhypothecated revenue resources comparatively late in the 2020/21 financial year. Relative to the position reported to the Committee's January meeting, these sums primarily comprise:
- (i) £210m of additional funding distributed with reference to income losses suffered by councils, of which Edinburgh's share was £41.8m; and
 - (ii) £175m of additional funding allocated in accordance with more generic expenditure-based needs assessments, with Edinburgh's share being £13.7m.
- 4.2 Taken together and on the assumption that actual COVID-related expenditure and income losses have been contained within the overall level assumed in the January report, this results in an anticipated in-year funding surplus of £15.7m, as follows:

	COVID costs	Scottish Government additional funding	Unallocated funding	Reserves	Corporate budgets	Balance
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Forecast position as of January	84.5	(44.5)	(4.8)	(12.1)	(23.1)	0.0
Forecast position as of end March	84.5	(100.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	(15.7)

- 4.3 Receipt of this additional funding furthermore "frees up" the sums highlighted in bold that would otherwise have been required to achieve financial balance in 2020/21.
- 4.4 As of the time of writing, closure of the Council's accounts for 2020/21 is continuing and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting by the Head of Finance. At this stage, however, additional savings across service and corporate budgets of some £7m relative to the position shown above are anticipated.

Availability of COVID and other pressures-related funding in 2021/22

- 4.5 As part of the approved 2021/22 revenue budget, members also agreed to the realignment of the Council's reserves to create a dedicated COVID contingency reserve of £16m. When added to the confirmed allocation of COVID-related funding in 2021/22 of £20.5m and the Council's share of £40m of additional pressures-related funding introduced as part of approval of the 2021/22 Local Government Finance Order, this results in total unallocated COVID- and pressures-related funding of £102.4m as shown in the table below:

	£m
Balance on 2020/21 COVID outturn per Paragraph 4.2	15.7
Sums freed up by receipt of additional funding:	
Unallocated funding from 2020/21 budget	4.8
Earmarked reserves not now required for COVID mitigation	12.1
Corporate budget savings in 2020/21	23.1
Other anticipated funding sources:	
Service monitoring and corporate budgets - anticipated favourable movements by year-end (subject to 2020/21 outturn)	7.0
COVID contingency reserve per Risks and Reserves report, 2 February	16.0
COVID-related grant funding, 2021/22	20.5
One-off "pressures" funding, 2021/22	3.2
Total available COVID and pressures-related funding	102.4

Proposed revised budget framework provision for COVID-related impacts

- 4.6 Given the receipt of this significant additional cash resource and the continuing impacts of COVID, it is proposed to increase significantly the level of provision contained within the budget framework for COVID-related factors in 2021/22 and 2022/23 as shown in the table below, whilst not now utilising the loans fund financial flexibility in those years. As has been emphasised at previous meetings of the Committee, such financial flexibilities, while providing welcome breathing space to councils in managing the substantial in-year and likely continuing pressures resulting from the pandemic, merely defer and spread these costs over a longer period and, in that sense, are less conducive to the sustainability of the budget framework than the provision of additional resource.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£m	£m	£m	£m
	Total provision (increased relative to approved budget)		Unchanged relative to approved budget	
Lothian Buses - loss of dividend	6.0	6.0	6.0	TBC
Reductions in parking income	8.0	6.0	0.5	TBC
Reductions in commercial rental income	5.0	3.0	0.5	TBC
PPE	1.0	1.0	1.0	TBC
ALEOs - support for Edinburgh Leisure	6.0	3.0	3.0	TBC
ALEOs - other	1.0	1.0		TBC
Homelessness*	5.0	3.0	0.0	TBC
Other income/expenditure**	7.0	2.3	0.0	TBC
Total funding for COVID impacts	39.0	25.3	11.0	3.0

* Taking into account other core provision, total additional investment in homelessness services across the four-year period of the budget framework is £10m/£8m/£5m/£5m.

** Other income/expenditure reflects assumed continuation of expenditure pressures and, in particular, income losses across a number of other areas based on the 2020/21 monitoring position.

- 4.7 In view of the size of the subsequent gaps in 2023/24 and 2024/25, however, a decision on using available financial flexibilities will be deferred until the autumn to allow for both further work to be undertaken with the Scottish Government on the PPP concession flexibility and clarity to be obtained on the availability of any further grant funding, particularly distribution of Barnett Consequentials linked to the operation of the income compensation scheme in England. Members should note that, at least at this stage, these flexibilities are only available for application in 2020/21 and 2021/22 and, on that basis, a final decision on their use (or otherwise) requires to be made by March 2022.
- 4.8 Application of the available funds in this way increases the budget framework provision for the on-going impacts of the pandemic by £21m (i.e. from £18m to £39m) and £14.3m (from £11m to £25.3m) respectively in 2021/22 and 2022/23. While, taking account of actual 2020/21 impacts, available new-year projections and more promising general signs on the emergence from restrictions, these sums are considered prudent, as in 2020/21, their adequacy will be kept under regular review. Members should note, however, that this level of provision decreases substantially beyond 2022/23 and there is a risk that these impacts are longer-lasting, or more severe, than is currently being assumed.
- 4.9 Taking account of the decision not to utilise the loans fund financial flexibility at this time, £64.3m of the £102.4m of available funding shown in the table at Paragraph 4.5 is now being applied to bolster the level of provision for pandemic-related impacts within the budget framework. This provides an opportunity to spend up to

£21m to mitigate existing budget pressures, anticipated savings delivery shortfalls and/or facilitate investment in member priorities. Members may, however, also wish to consider applying these sums to reduce the significant projected funding gaps apparent from 2023/24.

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£m	£m	£m	£m
Gap per report to Finance and Resources Committee, 4 March 2021	0.0	15.3	39.7	67.7
Impact of not using financial flexibility	18.0	8.0	8.0	0.0
Loans charge saving as a result of not using loans fund financial flexibility	0.0	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)
Increased provision for COVID impacts relative to position assumed in 4 March report	21.0	14.3	0.0	0.0
Other changes to framework assumptions for 2022/23 re. EIJB saving and Council Tax increase	0.0	10.0	10.1	10.2
Revised "flat cash" grant funding assumption in 2023/24 and 2024/25	0.0	0.0	(5.1)	(10.2)
Additional member-led spend, including consideration of service pressures and potential savings shortfalls	12.0	9.0	0.0	0.0
Funding				
Application of available funding to offset COVID pressures	(39.0)	(25.3)	0.0	0.0
Contribution from reserves (being sum set aside in 2021/22)	0.0	(2.7)	0.0	0.0
Application of available additional funding to offset residual gap	(12.0)	(26.1)	0.0	0.0
Cumulative funding gap	0.0	0.0	50.2	65.2

Review of savings assumed to be delivered in 2022/23

- 4.10 Members will recall the inclusion within the 2021/22 Local Government Finance Settlement (LGFS) of additional monies provided to local authorities on the assumption that Council Tax rates were maintained at 2020/21 levels. All thirty-two councils in Scotland chose to freeze levels in this way and, on that basis, access their share of the £90m made available for this purpose. In the Council's case, however, the level of income compensation of £9.6m was some £5.2m less than what would have been raised by the planned 4.79% increase.
- 4.11 Given both this precedent and the likely on-going nature of the economic recovery from the pandemic, it is considered prudent, for planning purposes, also to revise the in-principle assumed increase of 4.79% in 2022/23 to 3%, with a resulting loss of income of £5.4m, with this reduction in income having a compounding effect in subsequent years of the framework.
- 4.12 In contrast to recent years, the 2021/22 LGFS did not contain any unhypothecated additional funding for demand-led pressures facing Integration Joint Boards. In considering the level of funding to be made available to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) in 2021/22, members therefore chose not to apply the planned 2% savings target. Given this decision and the remaining projected in-year

shortfall for 2021/22 (and significant funding gaps for future years), it is considered prudent not to assume application of the budget framework's planned 2% increase in 2022/23, thereby adding £4.6m to the savings requirement in that year.

Grant funding assumptions

- 4.13 The budget framework's baseline assumption in recent years has been a 0.7% annual decrease in like-for-like core grant funding, based on the actual level of settlement received in 2019/20. The actual level of settlement received in 2020/21 and 2021/22 (at +1% and +1.6% respectively) has, however, exceeded this level and on that basis, while acknowledging the potential for some tightening of future public expenditure to address the exceptional support provided in response to the pandemic, the baseline assumption in 2023/24 and 2024/25 has been revised to one of "flat cash" i.e. an unchanged overall level of resource.
- 4.14 While negotiations are continuing, the current employer's pay offer for 2021/22, even without further movement, exceeds the 2% level of provision included within the budget framework. Subject to the final level of settlement reached, given the anticipated first-year implementation costs of the Scottish Local Government Living Wage, it may be possible to contain this pressure in 2021/22. The level of pay award for 2021/22 is, however, likely to give rise to an overall pressure in 2022/23 and, coupled with the existing 2% provision in that year, it is not proposed to revise the grant funding assumption in 2022/23 at this time.

Opportunities for additional member investment to recognise budget pressures, savings delivery shortfalls and/or Council priorities

- 4.15 Given continuing uncertainty and the need to re-establish the sustainability of the budget framework, it is proposed to apply available funding such that a balanced position can be achieved in both 2021/22 and 2022/23. Applying the remaining element of available funding, after increasing the budget framework's provision for COVID-related impacts and other net changes, results in the availability of up to £20.150m across 2021/22 and 2022/23 for additional member-led spend, including consideration of appropriate provision for remaining service pressures and potential savings shortfalls.
- 4.16 Appendix 1 details a number of options members may wish to consider in their deliberations. It is important to emphasise, however, that the list of options significantly exceeds the level of funding available and includes £14.2m of budget pressures over 2021/22 and 2022/23, as well as £2.2m of anticipated savings shortfalls, an element of which may be recurring and thus add to the significant estimated savings gaps in future years.
- 4.17 Given the significance of these future-year gaps, no borrowing for additional capital expenditure can be supported at this time. Proposals brought forward by members should therefore seek to strike an appropriate balance across recognition of underlying service pressures, support for delivery of future savings and alignment to the Council's key priorities.

- 4.18 In addition to the specific templates included within the appendix, members may also wish to have regard to recent consideration of reports on such areas as [communal bin provision](#) and a number of priorities set out within the Council's [Business Plan](#). Members may also wish to note that the Council has secured funding from NatureScot's Green Recovery Fund to employ four additional temporary Pentland Hills rangers in 2021/22.
- 4.19 Two specific pre-existing commitments have been offset in determining the availability of £20.150m of additional funding. On 29 April 2021, Council approved the use of £0.450m from available COVID-related funds to support the provision of additional temporary public toilets, thereby meeting accessibility needs in premier parks that require additional facilities. This funding will also be used to extend existing facility opening hours in peak footfall locations and further improve signage at locations where these facilities are available.
- 4.20 Group Leaders and members of the Committee have also received regular updates on the progress, and associated costs, of an independent inquiry into matters connected to the death of a Council employee and the Council's whistleblowing arrangements and organisational culture. Members have previously approved the use of up to £0.6m from the Council's earmarked reserves in 2020/21 to offset relevant costs incurred during the year. Actual expenditure of £0.565m in 2020/21 was therefore maintained within this level.
- 4.21 The respective Investigation Teams continue to make good progress, with final reports in each case expected to be available by late summer. Responsible senior officers have sought to keep the Finance and Resources Convener and Vice-Convener, as well as Group Leaders, apprised of the associated costs with a view to striking an appropriate balance between the reviews' scope and delivering best value to the Council. On this basis and acknowledging the need for the inquiries to be concluded and report back on their associated findings and recommendations, an in-year 2021/22 provision of £0.400m has been assumed. When added to the level of approval for public conveniences noted above, this reduces the level of resource available for allocation by members from £21m to £20.150m.

Other budget framework risks

- 4.22 While the availability of additional funding is to be welcomed, members should not lose sight of a number of risks affecting the revenue budget framework. Besides those outlined in previous sections, these include:
- (i) the speed and extent of recovery, in particular, for commercial rental and parking income streams where COVID provision reduces from £9m in 2022/23 to only £1m in 2023/24;
 - (ii) additional required support for the Council's ALEOs should the impacts of social distancing and behavioural change be longer-lasting than currently incorporated within the framework, particularly for Edinburgh Trams;

- (iii) potential on-going reductions in Council Tax collection levels and increased required level of Council Tax Reduction Scheme support;
- (iv) the significant remaining funding shortfall of £172m within Capital Investment Programme over period to 2031/32;
- (v) upward pressure on loans charge expenditure due to adoption of the Equal Instalment of Principal (EIP) basis of calculation with effect from April 2021; and
- (vi) an inability to identify further savings as part of the budget framework, given that only £0.310m of new proposals brought forward as part of 2021/22 budget discussions.

4.23 These risks emphasise the need for early consideration and a corresponding comprehensive and sustainable savings plan, rooted in the Council's priorities as set out in the Business Plan, to be initiated by the autumn to address significant projected funding gaps from 2023/24 onwards.

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB)

4.24 On 27 April 2021, members of the EIJB considered an update on progress with the Board's 2021/22 financial plan. At this stage, an in-year deficit of £9.3m continues to be forecast, with constructive tripartite discussions involving the Council, NHS Lothian and the EIJB continuing. A corresponding funding proposal, the level of which is broadly aligned to the Council's proportionate funding contribution, is included in Appendix 1.

4.25 The Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer of the EIJB have also opened a dialogue with the Scottish Government to explore an in-year resolution to the element of the overall financial gap attributable to the 2020/21 Living Wage contract uplift.

5. Next Steps

5.1 Following initial consideration by the Finance and Resources Committee, this report will be referred to Council on 27 May 2021 for decision on the allocation of the additional available resources set out in Paragraph 4.15.

6. Financial impact

6.1 Previous revenue monitoring reports considered by the Committee in 2020/21 have set out a gradually-improving picture, with more recent reports setting out the basis of a balanced in-year position, taking account of additional grant funding, use of reserves and savings across a number of corporate budgets.

- 6.2 Following the receipt of significant additional funding late in the 2020/21 financial year, however, there is now an opportunity to build on earlier steps to enhance the robustness and sustainability of the budget framework by increasing the level of mitigation against 2021/22 and future years' COVID-related impacts whilst also allowing a degree of additional member-led spend in 2021/22 and 2022/23.
- 6.3 While this additional funding is to be welcomed, it is important not to lose sight of the more fundamental need to bring forward a comprehensive and sustainable savings plan, rooted in the Council's priorities, to address significant projected funding gaps from 2023/24 onwards.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 A detailed report summarising the response to the Council's recent engagement on budget priorities for 2021/22 and beyond, including relevant supporting material from other engagement activity on priorities and life experiences during the COVID-19 pandemic, was considered by the Finance and Resources Committee on 2 February and referred on to Council as part of the 2021/22 budget-setting meeting.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 [2021/22 Financial Plan Update](#), Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, 27 April 2021
- 8.2 [Communal Bin Review Update](#), Transport and Environment Committee, 22 April 2021
- 8.3 [Revenue Budget 2020/21 and 2021/26 Budget Framework Update](#), Finance and Resources Committee, 4 March 2021
- 8.4 [Coalition Budget Motion](#), The City of Edinburgh Council, 18 February 2021
- 8.5 [Local Government Finance Settlement 2021/22](#), The City of Edinburgh Council, 18 February 2021
- 8.6 [Council Business Plan and Budget 2021/26](#), Finance and Resources Committee, 2 February 2021
- 8.7 [Council Business Plan and Budget 2021/26 – Risks and Reserves](#), Finance and Resources Committee, 2 February 2021

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Budget pressures, approved savings anticipated delivery shortfalls and potential service investments

Budget pressures, approved savings anticipated delivery shortfalls and potential service investments

	2021/22	2022/23	Recurring from 2023/24 £000
	£000	£000	
Budget pressures			
Homelessness	3,000	3,000	
Looked-After Children - Residential and Secure	2,200	1,000	
Edinburgh Integration Joint Board	2,500	2,500	
	7,700	6,500	0
Approved savings - anticipated delivery shortfalls			
Development and Business Services Operating Model	187	0	
Fees and Charges (Place)	563	563	563
Transport Review - Travel Demand	900	0	
	1,650	563	563
Potential investments			
Roads and pavements infrastructure	6,000	0	
Energy and Waste actions	850	200	200
Net Zero Strategy	645	0	
Underwriting Sustainability Team	200	180	
EV charging infrastructure	250	0	
Increased footway and cycleway gritting and street cleansing	500	500	500
Prevention and Community Engagement	600	600	
Human Resources (Diversity)	180	0	
Affordable and accessible transport	500	500	500
Carers' Recovery Fund	250	0	
Edinburgh Bike Hire Scheme	800	500	500
Tram Travel	500	500	
Edinburgh's Summer Festivals	500	0	
Future Libraries - Software Investment	350	350	
	12,125	3,330	1,700
Total	21,475	10,393	2,263
Available funding (maximum)	(20,150)		
Shortfall in available funding (minimum)	11,718		

Budget Pressures

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Proposal Summary: (Scope)

The homelessness service has seen a significant increase in the requirement for temporary accommodation due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This has resulted in additional costs of £9m in 2020/21 rising to £14m in 2021/22. Whilst the increase has levelled off in recent months there is, as yet, little change in the underlying factors that would enable the numbers supported to reduce.

Impact:

As restrictions are eased this will give opportunities for the overall numbers requiring temporary accommodation to be reduced. However, this is largely dependent on the housing market returning to normal and the availability of settled housing increasing. In addition, during 2021/22 the change in legislation relating to ‘local connection’ is expected to have a negative impact on Edinburgh and lead to an increase in the numbers that would have been expected to present as homeless in the city. An additional expected impact is the ending of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme which may increase demand in the short-term.

In the 2021/22 budget process additional funding of £10m was approved for 2021/22 and £5m for 2022/23. Further COVID-related funding of £3m has since been made available for 2022/23, increasing additional funding to £8m in total.

Due to the factors mentioned above it is felt that reducing costs from the current additional £14m a year to an additional £10m and £8m respectively in 2021/22 and 2022/23 is very challenging and the Council should plan accordingly. Therefore, further investment of £3m a year for both years would allow the service to stabilise the position during 2021/22 and implement the preventative services recently agreed through the budget process. In the meantime, the Council will continue discussions with the Scottish Government with a view to ensuring that a consistent Scotland-wide approach is adopted in funding for homelessness services.

The number of households in temporary accommodation at December 2020 was 4,350. The additional funding would enable this number to be supported throughout 2021/22 with reductions of approximately 770 taking place across the following two years as the housing market returns to normal and the benefits of the new preventative services are delivered.

Investment 21/22

£3.000m

Investment 22/23

£3.000m

Total Investment

£6.000m

Non-Financial Benefits

People are supported to have their income maximised.

Increase in the number of people whose homelessness is prevented.

People are supported to move out of temporary accommodation and into permanent homes.

Supports the Council to meet obligations under the Unsuited Accommodation Order and prepare for likely Prevention Duty.

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

Funding to alleviate pressures in Residential and Secure budgets within Looked After Children (LAC) area pending review and development of mitigating action to manage numbers of internal and external placements within available budget resources

An initial analysis indicates estimated recurring pressures within Residential and Secure Service areas totalling £2.5m as follows :

Out Of Council Residential school placements £1.5m

Out of Council Secure placements £1.0m

Staff costs pressures – Young People Centres £0.3m and Secure unit £0.3m

Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children (UASC) income – balance net of costs (£0.6m)

The budget framework already includes one-off COVID-related provision of £0.3m in this area in 2021/22, **reducing the net pressure to £2.2m.**

These pressures have been partially offset in 2020/21 by one-off savings in other areas of the LAC budget, including Special Schools and Additional Support for Learning (ASL) but it is anticipated that there will be recurring pressures from the use of external placements to manage demand and issues relating to capacity/throughput of young people within CEC residential provision.

A working group has been set up to review the pressures within this area, including the impact of continuing care legislation and increases in the numbers of UASC being accommodated in recent years, and to develop options to prevent escalation of needs and reduce the demand for higher-cost, external placements in future and manage overall demand within available resources. This will also include scope for enhancement of early intervention and preventative support measures which could be developed in order to minimise the numbers of young people requiring to be accommodated in higher-cost provision in future.

Further work is required to review potential preventative measures which could be delivered within the additional £2.2m investment in 2021/22 to manage the forecast pressure down to £1m in 2022/23, with the aim of fully balancing the pressures within available resources by 2023/24.

Investment
21/22

£2.200m

Investment
22/23

£1.000m

Total Investment

£3.200m

Non-Financial Benefits

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Address the structural shortfall in base budget for social care by increasing the funding for EIJB

Impact:

EIJB faces stark choices given its structural financial deficit. Efforts to address this without impacting performance, quality and outcomes are nearing exhaustion.

Since its inception, Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) has faced challenges in setting a balanced budget. For the first time in 2019/20, EIJB delivered a break-even position without year-end contributions from its partners and a similar position is projected for 2020/21. However in both instances this has been achieved by relying on non-recurring monies and the structural deficit remains.

On 24th March 2021 the EIJB agreed its financial plan, associated savings and recovery programme and some further mitigating actions. Despite agreeing a challenging programme of efficiencies, the plan agreed by the Board was unbalanced. The gap currently stands at £9.3m and all three partners agree that the opportunities to deliver further efficiencies at the same time as maintaining performance and improving outcomes for people have now largely been exhausted. Savings beyond the level currently built into the plan will have a significant negative impact on performance gains and ultimately on outcomes for people.

This position has been the subject of urgent tripartite talks led by the Chief Officer with officers from NHS Lothian and The City of Edinburgh Council. All involved in these discussions recognise and accept a number of complex inter-related factors, namely: the ongoing improvements in performance; the likely negative impact on outcomes for people and performance more generally of any further savings initiatives; the ongoing uncertainty as we emerge from the Covid pandemic; and the EIJB's structural deficit. In this context, partners are supportive of the approach and committed to working with EIJB officers to identify options to bridge the financial gap as the year progresses.

Investment
21/22

£2.500m

Investment
22/23

£2.500m

Total Investment

£5.000m

Non-Financial Benefits

- Limits the extent of the consequential cuts to social care services
- Reduced level of complaints and concerns from the public re quality, timeliness and accessibility of services
- Shows evidence of commitment from partners

Approved Savings, part or full delivery of which is currently in doubt

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Approved savings (Place): Development and Business Services Operating Model

Brief summary of original proposal, including associated approved saving over 2021/22 and 2022/23 and current BRAG status for 2021/22.

This approved saving was to develop and deliver a new operating model within Planning, Building Standards and Regulatory Services to reduce the reliance on the Council's revenue budget by improving efficiency, reducing costs and increasing income. The approved saving in 2021/22 is £0.950m and in 2022/23 £0.3m. The current assessment shows £0.143m of the 2021/22 saving as green (this has been achieved), with £0.620m assessed as amber and £0.187m as red.

2021/22 status	
£m	
	0.143
	0.620
	0.187

What has changed since the time of budget approval to mean part or full delivery is now at risk?

This saving was approved in 2020/21. Since approval, the outbreak of COVID-19 has meant that service delivery arrangements have changed and implementation of new ways of working/service efficiencies has been delayed. Service demands, particularly in Regulatory Services, have increased significantly to adapt to the regulatory requirements associated with COVID-19 and the Council's ability to generate income has been reduced.

What could still, or alternatively, be done to deliver some or all of the saving, including any opportunities to accelerate other proposals? Please indicate amounts and identify key assumptions, dependencies and risks.

Taking account of the impact of COVID-19 on these service areas, it is proposed to reprofile the approach to delivering this saving, with a number of one-off measures in 2021/22 being proposed to make a significant contribution towards the saving required, and with plans in place to ensure that the full saving can be achieved in 2022/23. These measures are:

- As set out above, £0.143m of the saving has already been achieved through VERA (for GR9);
- Income of £0.320m can be allocated on a one-off basis;
- A staffing saving of £0.1m to be achieved through organisational review; and
- £0.2m from reserves to be paid back in future years.

This would mean that there is approximately £0.187m which is currently assessed as red in 2021/22.

It is intended to begin engagement with the Planning and Building Standards service in May 2021 and Regulatory Services in September 2021, on the potential for service and organisational efficiency; and then to commence organisational reviews later in this calendar year. **This will ensure a contribution to the saving required this financial year and delivery of the full saving required from 01/04/2022.**

Approved savings (Place): Fees and Charges 5% uplift

Brief summary of original proposal, including associated approved saving over 2021/22 and 2022/23 and current BRAG status for 2021/22.

This proposal was to increase most discretionary fees and charges across the Council by 5%. For Place, this equates to an increase in income of £0.938m in 2021/22. This is in addition to approved savings from increased charges for Garden Waste (£0.160m) and implementation of the Parking Action Plan Phase 2 (£0.520m).

	2021/22 status
	£m
	0.375
	0.563

What has changed since the time of budget approval to mean part or full delivery is now at risk?

Since the budget was approved, the fees and charges uplifts have been modelled using financial assumptions. The modelling shows that they would not yield sufficient additional income to meet this saving.

What could still, or alternatively, be done to deliver some or all of the saving, including any opportunities to accelerate other proposals? Please indicate amounts and identify key assumptions, dependencies and risks.

The uplift in respect of the suite of parking charges has never been within the scope of this calculation. This income uplift (assuming parking income recovers as public health restrictions ease) cannot be used as a substitution as this has already been pointed towards the Parking Action Plan Phase 2 saving on a one-off basis to reflect the timing of new controlled parking zones (CPZ) coming online. Additional CPZ income is not projected until Q4 of 2021/22.

Modelling of likely additional income suggests that circa £0.375m can be realised in 2021/22. Finance and service colleagues will continue to work on options to increase this amount however it is unlikely this work will achieve the full £0.938m required.

Approved savings (Communities and Families): Transport Review – Travel Demand

Brief summary of original proposal, including associated approved saving over 2021/22 and 2022/23 and current BRAG status for 2021/22.

For Communities and Families expenditure on Home to School Transport, there is an existing budget pressure of £0.400m identified for 2020/21 which needs to be addressed and a further £1m of investment payback to be made over 2021/22 and 2022/23. The overall saving required in 2021/22 is therefore £0.900m, with a further £0.500m of savings required in 2022/23.

Due to the ongoing pandemic it is difficult to demonstrate whether these savings are being made as additional COVID-related travel requirements have been required throughout 2020/21 and will continue into 2021/22. The Passenger Operations team are working closely with colleagues in Finance to identify the costs specifically attributable to COVID and once this information is available, it will be easier to estimate the actual level of savings that might be achievable in 2021/22 compared to the level of expenditure before the pandemic.

	2021/22 status
	£m
	0.900

What has changed since the time of budget approval to mean part or full delivery is now at risk?

The ongoing pandemic and increased travel demand due to social distancing requirements on vehicles, when combined with the part-time return to school for some pupils, has made it impossible to continue the reductions in travel demand which were successfully being achieved pre-COVID. In order to achieve the required savings the Travel Demand project, previously focusing on Communities and Families Home to School Transport, has been expanded to include all travel and logistics activity in the Council and will be directly linked to transformational change in all of the services involved.

What could still, or alternatively, be done to deliver some or all of the saving, including any opportunities to accelerate other proposals? Please indicate amounts and identify key assumptions, dependencies and risks.

The expanded Travel Demand and Logistics project presented an outline of future steps to CLT on 27 January 2021. The phased approach to long term transformation was as follows:

- Step 1 – Technology and Automation
- Step 2 – Depot Strategy
- Step 3 – Service Integration Opportunities
- Step 4 – Supporting the Business Plan

Throughout February and March the project team worked with ICT colleagues to identify appropriate software and device solutions for step 1. A workshop with key stakeholders to identify the best solution is to be progressed soon. The intention is for the new software and technology to be implemented during 2021/22. The exact details and costs and programme will emerge following the workshop. This investment is a crucial dependency in order to realise the required savings.

Investment Options

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Key:

Sustainability

Poverty and Prevention

Technology

Core Service Delivery and City Recovery

Investment in Roads and Pavements Infrastructure

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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The Council’s Transport Asset Management Plan sets out the Council’s plan to invest continually in its roads and pavements infrastructure. This plan has been developed following a review of the economic and useful life of all Council assets. To maintain roads and pavements assets to the required standard involves reactionary repairs, regular maintenance (to extend the life of the asset) and investment to improve their condition.

This proposal seeks the investment of £6m of one-off funding to allow for intensive repair and resurfacing work on our road and pavements network in order to reverse some of the substantial damage that has been caused by the recent winter weather.

It is anticipated that £2m of the funding would be allocated to the procurement of packages of work to undertake patching and permanent repair work as a follow-up in those streets where there have been temporary make-safe repairs over the winter.

In addition, £4m would be allocated to resurfacing and surface treatment works where there is the highest requirement for these types of intervention.

It is expected that this investment would be very well received by the public, and there is clearly a strong alignment with outcome 14 of the Business Plan, in maintaining or improving the quality of our roads and pavements.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£6.000m	£0.000m

Total Investment
£6.000m

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This additional funding will support the achievement of Council commitment 16. • This will also support the achievement of Business Plan outcome 14 – to maintain focus on the city’s roads and pavements. • This will lead to improved resident satisfaction, reduced complaints and fewer insurance claims. • This will also contribute to an expected improved Road Condition Index assessment in 2021/22.

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Accelerated action on Council emissions from energy and waste

(Impact)

Demonstration of Council leadership and commitment to achieving net zero

1. Detailed design for operational estate retro-fit (£0.500m)
 This additional £0.500m would build on feasibility studies planned for 10-12 buildings and already resourced within the budget and commission the full design of the pilot buildings for selected demand reduction measures (insulation, glazing, air tightness, etc.).

Additional funding made available would offset against the capital requirement and give certainty on the opportunity for these design works to progress. Enabling the preparation of detailed designs would mean that if a decision was made to progress, works could be brought forward to start in 2022/23.

This would in effect create a series of shovel-ready projects.

2. Rolling out recycling in schools (£0.090m - £0.150m)
 As a result of COVID-19, schools and kitchens are generating more waste. Schools are also trying to recycle more in line with the Council’s 2030 sustainability pledges. Through 2021 and 2022, all primary schools will be launching free meals for every pupil, with around a 15% increase in waste anticipated as a result. £0.090m would support the purchase of 150 additional recycling bins to help mitigate the impact of increased waste on the Council’s carbon footprint, and to support awareness raising on sustainability and recycling among pupils. £0.150m would support acceleration beyond primary schools.

3. Recycling improvements (£0.100m - £0.200m)
 Bringing forward a contract variation with our dry mixed recycling contractor to incentivise the recovery of increased streams of material. There is potential to extract greater value from the materials both the Council and citizens put into the city’s waste recycling system, particularly in relation to dry mixed recycling. This would both deliver efficiency improvements and support the Council’s circular economy approach.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.690m to £0.850m	£0.100m - £0.200m (recurring)
Total Investment	
£0.790m - £1.050m	
Non-Financial Benefits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reductions in Council emissions from energy • Enhanced and upgraded operational estate • Reductions in Council emissions from waste • Awareness raising and engagement of young people in the sustainability agenda 	

Early commitments to support a city-wide 2030 Net Zero Strategy

Proposal Summary: (Scope)
Strategic development and co-ordination capacity

(Impact)
Orchestration of Council and city partner action to support delivery of 2030 net zero target

Capacity to secure additional external funding to support investment in new net zero projects

- 1. Citizen communication and engagement budget - £0.310m**
 - £0.200m – city-wide behaviour change campaigns (online and face-to-face when permitted) utilising targeted mixed marketing
 - £0.060m – Carbon footprinting app
 - £0.040m – Schools engagement, including events e.g. youth / primary school summits, etc. (option to time to coincide with COP26 if going ahead)
 - £0.010m – Running costs to support community climate action groups’ access to under-utilised Council buildings as ‘pop-up’ space for collaboration
- 2. City-wide heat and energy strategy and partnership - £0.335m**
 - £0.200m – Commissioning of strategy and development of major heat network proposal for the city
 - £0.075m – 1 year FTC G10 Heat and Energy Strategy Manager to establish and support a city-wide heat and energy partnership; work with the ESCO to agree its future role; identify opportunities to align capital works programmes and target external funding streams
 - £0.060m – 1 year FTC G8 City Partnership Officer to establish and support governance structures for implementing the city 2030 Net Zero Strategy, and orchestrate partner buy-in and collaborative action to achieve the strategy’s aims.
- 3. Underwriting the Corporate Sustainability Team Capacity (£0.380m underwritten over two financial years)**
 - Manage the risk of losing the Corporate Sustainability Team capacity as a result of financial uncertainty of European funding by extending the current one-year fixed term contracts to two years. The team would, during that time, continue to seek additional and external funding but the Council would carry the £0.380m risk of unmet funding as a pressure. Several funding bids are in train, totalling in excess of £0.800m. Key programmes including the Carbon Scenario Tool, Council Emissions Reduction Plan, 2030 Strategy Implementation Plan, innovation programmes and funding change, citizen engagement on sustainability and co-sponsorship of Edinburgh Climate Commission are dependent on this capacity.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.645m (£0.200m)	(£0.180m)
Total Investment	
£0.645m+£0.380m u/w	
Non-Financial Benefits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of political commitments on sustainability • Council leadership of net-zero 2030 agenda across the city • High-quality data on the emissions impact of major Council programmes - to support political decision-making and track progress to net-zero • Leverage of additional expertise, capacity and shared learning through participation in joint programmes with European partners 	

Taking immediate action on Council organisational emissions – EV charging infrastructure

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Accelerated action on Council emissions from transport

(Impact)

Demonstration of Council leadership and commitment to achieving net zero

EV charging infrastructure to support further electrification of Council fleet and citizen needs (£0.250m capital)
 The Council has made good progress in transitioning its car fleet to electric. Around 75% of the remaining fleet consists of medium-sized diesel vans, with the Council’s Emissions Reduction Plan proposing a commitment to replacing these with electric. The Council will work with Transport Scotland to seek funding to enable the purchase of electric vans. Further costs relate to the EV charging infrastructure required to support new electric vans. Just under half of the medium van fleet (c.150) support mobile workers and would require the installation of home chargers at a cost of c.£2,000 per unit. Vans for non-mobile workers require hub/depot charger capacity at c.£7,000 per van. Negotiation with trades unions is required to be able to secure the installation of home chargers and this, coupled with lead-in times, points to a target of infrastructure to support 50 additional vans in 2021/22 (20 mobile workers, 30 standard fleet) at a total cost of £0.250m, assuming 20% of chargers have fast charge capability. Those chargers installed in publicly-accessible locations would be made available on Chargeplace Scotland for citizens to use outside of core working hours, delivering increased EV charging infrastructure for citizens and businesses.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.250m	n/a

Total Investment
£0.250m

- Non-Financial Benefits**
- Reductions in Council emissions from transport
 - Improved efficiency
 - Improved ‘hub’ EV charging infrastructure for citizens
 - Reduction in demand for on-street EV charging
 - Reductions in city emissions from transport

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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This proposal seeks to expand our footway and cycleway gritting operations through the re-design of our operation. This will be recommended to Transport and Environment Committee as an option in June, but has been brought forward now due to the limited length of time to consider investment options.

The investment would allow the leasing of additional compact street sweepers, with associated equipment to allow the sweepers to operate as mini-gritters through the winter. The £0.500m investment would lease the equipment but would also recruit additional street cleansing staff to operate them throughout the year.

There would be multiple benefits to this investment:

1. Increased coverage of our footway and cycleway network that is treated;
2. A more efficient and effective operation (the compact sweepers have a payload that is nearly three times greater than an existing mini-tractor); and
3. Improved street cleanliness – throughout the spring and summer, the sweepers would be fully engaged on street cleansing operations. Furthermore, when the sweepers are not needed for gritting, they can also continue to clean streets and assist with seasonal demands such as leaf clearance.

This investment would be firmly aligned outcome 14 of the Business Plan (core services are maintained or improved) and would be a strong response to Elected Member and citizen feedback over the recent winter period.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.500m	£0.500m

Total Investment
£1.000m (plus £0.500m recurring)

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved public safety Improved reputation for the Council Decreased 'slips and trips' resulting in fewer hospital admissions

Proposal Summary:

For increased capacity and expert advice to support the development of a programme to deliver a new council approach to prevention

Impact:

The first year programme of work to deliver change, including innovation projects will progress

Council Business Plan Outcome 2 commits to reforming the way the Council works to better deliver prevention services with **engaged and empowered communities**. This commitment is in response to the Edinburgh Poverty Commission call to action for prevention based services to operate as small local teams, working across service boundaries in all parts of the city to help people access support in a way that works for them and **prevents poverty and an escalation of need**.

Evidence and research tells us that reform of this kind and scale must be designed from the bottom up through supporting community and citizen engagement and building community and citizen capacity.

This proposal is to create capacity with a dedicated core team of 3 staff members who **would work alongside and create capacity in existing teams** and resources across the Council to

- Lead the implementation of immediate reforms to current practice
- Develop a new preventative service model targeting **those services most likely to be accessed by residents at risk of poverty**
- Develop the plan for wider roll out across the work of the Council
- Work with the community and voluntary sector to review our commissioning and contractual arrangements

The team would need to align and engage with key workstreams including the development of the Edinburgh Pact and community engagement team **in building strong, collaborative and empowering relationships with citizens** and colleagues across sectors.

Delivering this change successfully means bringing existing staff in community lifelong learning, **employability, advice and benefits, housing and homelessness** to work together in new and improved ways **targeting citizens most at risk of poverty**. As such this proposal budgets for additional training to support staff to these changes.

Overall, the package of work outlined here is for an investment of £600,000 per annum over two years, with a review at the end of year 1 – with clear baselines for evaluating success. This investment will align with and build on similar work underway in IJB which has been supported by a budget of £2m.

While improvements are possible without a budget, **reform and a new way of working is unlikely to be delivered without dedicated capacity to support change**. In addition, the risk of not investing now is that the Council will lose an opportunity to harness the desire for and the potential offered by post covid service redesign currently going on cross council and among third and statutory city partners.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.600m	£0.600m

Total Investment
£1.200m

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent poverty and homelessness • Make the experience of seeking help more compassionate and more dignified • Improve income or reduce living costs for poorest citizens • Improve opportunities to access or progress in fair employment, learning or training • Improve physical and mental health and reduce health inequalities • Make sure people can access the services they need in the places they live and work • Engage and empower people to make the changes they want to see in their communities

**Proposal Summary:
(Scope)**

Impact:

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The investment proposed is to provide one-off support to accelerate activities in respect of the Council’s Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and the Equalities and Human Rights Framework.

At the Policy and Sustainability Committee meeting on 20th April 2021, the Committee approved the Council’s updated Equality and Rights statutory framework. Recognising the opportunity to accelerate activity to deliver against this framework and more specifically improve our support to create a more diverse and inclusive workforce, this proposal proposes one-off investment of £0.180m for one year to develop and commence the roll-out of modern and progressive diversity and inclusion training within the Council, both for elected members and officers. In addition, to provide capacity to support this work, a fixed-term post at Grade 8 for 12 months is proposed to enable the sourcing of a diversity and inclusion specialist to support greater focus on policy, guidance, project management and engagement in this area.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.180m	n/a

Total Investment
£0.180m

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acceleration of progress with implementation of the Council’s updated Equality and Rights Framework • Demonstrable commitment to improving diversity and inclusion capacity and capability within the organisation, specifically focussing upon issues of unconscious bias.

Proposal Summary:
For increased capacity and resource to reduce travel cost barriers for people seeking employment, education and key services

Impact:
Improved ease of access to employment, training and key services for people in or at risk of poverty

The Council Business Plan (Outcome 11), the City Mobility Plan and End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan make a commitment on action to ensure that transport options in the city are inclusive and affordable. Such actions reflect a core call to action from the Edinburgh Poverty Commission which noted that “the cost and ease of transport across the city is a major barrier to people’s ability to hold down jobs, access educational opportunities and support, participate in activities and maintain family and social connections.”

Such pressures are expected to grow in importance as the city begins its recovery from pandemic and recession, as large numbers of unemployed workers seek support in returning to jobs, training and education. Investment is required to ensure that transport access and cost is not a barrier to recovery and renewal for people in or at risk of poverty across Edinburgh.

- **£500,000 additional investment to significantly expand capacity for community transport providers,** ensuring low or no cost transport options are available in every community, expanding the provision of mobility as a service option, and making sure that access to transport is not a barrier to the take-up of employment, learning or other opportunities.

In making this investment, the programme aims to build on and maximise the impact of existing programmes, and Scottish Government programmes – including the planned expansion of free bus travel for under-22 year olds expected for implementation later this year.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.500m	£0.500m
Total Investment	
£1.000m (plus £0.500m recurring cost)	
Non-Financial Benefits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve income or reduce living costs for poorest citizens • Improve opportunities to access or progress in fair employment, learning or training • Make the experience of seeking help more compassionate and more dignified • Improve physical and mental health and reduce health inequalities • Create safe, inclusive communities that promote equality and diversity • Make sure people can access the services they need in the places they live and work 	

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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Prior to the pandemic, almost 14% of Edinburgh's population had caring responsibilities. For many, these have increased massively since late March 2020, with other citizens also taking on new responsibilities. At the same time, the pandemic brought out the best in communities, with the voluntary and third sectors also able to respond flexibly and creatively to the challenges.

Working with an experienced delivery partner, a one-off investment in a Carers' Recovery Fund would be an important recognition of carers' contribution and a signal of the Council's commitment to invest further in carers' rights to short respite breaks as set out by the Independent Review of Adult Social Care in Scotland (IRASC) and the Scottish Government's Readiness Toolkit for Integration Joint Boards Health and Social Care Partnerships.

The Carers' Recovery Fund should align to agreed health and social care outcomes, focus on carers in greatest need with limited means (and facing multiple barriers) and address poverty risks which are higher among carers than other groups. Clear and transparent criteria will be developed, comparable to established criteria for short respite breaks grants. One or more of three outcomes which form a core part of the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 and Edinburgh's Joint Carers Strategy 2019-22 should be met, namely improved opportunities for breaks from caring, Improved personal health and wellbeing and improved economic (financial) well-being.

To reach the maximum number of carers in Edinburgh's communities, it is proposed to spread promotion and distribution of the payment over a period of six months, with a launch during National Carers' Week (7-13 June 2021) which this year has the theme Make Caring Visible and Valued. It is proposed to allocate some funds specifically to young carers and young adult carers, and to parent carers and carers of minority communities.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.250m	n/a

Total Investment
£0.250m

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition of the vital role of unpaid carers, particularly those in greatest need, during the pandemic and subsequent recovery, thereby addressing poverty risks • Signalling the Council's commitment to invest further in carers' rights

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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The Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme (ECHS) was established three years ago by Transport for Edinburgh to provide bicycles for hire across the city, enabling residents and visitors to travel efficiently around the city. The current scheme is delivered under contract by Serco, with sponsorship from *JustEat*.

The contract for the existing scheme is due to end in September 2021 and it is proposed to exercise the four-year extension option (permitted under the existing concession contract). Members will be asked to approve this extension, subject to sufficient funding being secured from a combination of grant funding bids (UK and Scottish Government), sponsorship revenue and ridership revenue. A fixed annual fee has been requested, with further refinements of the service provision to improve the service for the customer, reduce the environmental impact of supporting the scheme and to reduce costs. Serco have indicated that they are not prepared to extend the existing contractual arrangements as they currently carry all of the financial risk. They would be prepared to extend the current contract but with a Managed Service Model.

Financial support has been requested from City of Edinburgh Council as a contribution towards the continuation of ECHS.

The maximum total cost of the contract in year 1 would be £2.329m and £1.157m in years 2 – 4. This assumes that only ride income of £0.4m is received, with no sponsorship or external grant funding.

- The cost of security upgrades will be £1.172m and TfE are in discussions to secure grant funding for this. This would be capital funding.
- The cost of purchasing the fleet which is not already owned is £0.097m per annum for each of the four years of the contract. Again, grant funding is being sought for this. This will be capital funding.
- The management fee averages £1.460m per annum in each of the four years. A reduction of £0.100m is possible but not guaranteed.

The income expected for the scheme is expected to be:

- £0.5m income from ridership; and
- TfE believe that they will achieve Sponsorship income of £0.5m.

This would mean that the maximum funding required would be £0.460m. TfE intend to seek funding to deliver the security upgrade, grant funding and additional sponsorship but these are subject to further negotiation. TfE expect to secure the capital funding required but note potential risks on both ridership and sponsorship of approximately £0.250m. On this basis, the funding gap could increase from the £0.460m noted above to £0.710m.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.800m	£0.500m
Total Investment	
£1.300m (with estimated recurring cost of £0.500m)	
Non-Financial Benefits	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS will contribute to Council Business Plan objective for the city becoming sustainable and net zero carbon, particularly outcome 12. • ECHS will support the delivery of the City Mobility Plan. 	

Concessionary Public Transport (Tram Travel) for Under 19s

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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The Scottish Government has recently announced an extension to concessionary travel arrangements which means that people under the age of 22 will be able to travel on public transport for free. It is expected that the funding for this will be provided by the Scottish Government, based on bus patronage. However, in Edinburgh, the public transport service also includes tram travel and the existing arrangements for concessionary travel do not provide sufficient funding for tram passengers.

Therefore, the Council currently reimburses Edinburgh Trams to enable them also to deliver the concessionary travel arrangements which apply for bus passengers.

A calculation has been made on the potential impact should Edinburgh decide to offer free travel by tram to those aged under 19, with the estimated cost being circa £0.5m. An exercise is now underway to establish the estimated cost for providing free travel for people aged under 22.

Should the Council be required to reimburse Edinburgh Trams for this concessionary travel, these costs cannot be met from the Place budget. It is therefore requested that funding be set aside to meet these costs, if required, in 2021/22 and 2022/23 and that arrangements are put in place to meet these costs on an on-going basis from 2023/24.

* Note – these costs are based on the assessment of free travel for those under 19. This cost will increase if the cost applies to those under 22.

Investment
21/22

£0.500m*

Investment
22/23

£0.500m*

Total Investment

£1.000m*

Non-Financial Benefits

- The tram forms an integral part of the Council's sustainable transport network and contributes to business plan objectives 11 and 12 and would help to support the effort to end poverty by 2030.

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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Edinburgh's August Festivals and Fringe have been significantly impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19 and, while recognising that it would be impossible to stage these Summer Festivals on the scale and impact of previous years, the current Scottish Government guidance provides an opportunity to support the city's economic recovery and the wellbeing of residents by their staging a hybrid model which combines live and digital events to:

- support audience wellbeing and the leisure and tourism economy in a way digital alone does not;
- help local creatives to deliver live work as wider market demand restarts; and
- position Scotland for recovery by creating marketing assets which showcase the city's unique experiences and places across the world.

Current restrictions and public health requirements mean that the festivals are unable to rely on their normal funding streams. Additional support is required so that as full a programme as possible of COVID-secure events can be delivered. The Scottish Government has earmarked one-off funding of £1m for Edinburgh's August Festival activity in 2021 and has requested that the Council provide some match funding to enable live events to take place.

A package of up to £1.5m would be created and a joint plan is being developed which would see support for a range of small, medium and larger scale events. The governance and delivery mechanisms, including criteria, for the proposed fund are under development. The intended focus for the Council resource is more specifically for Edinburgh-based Fringe producers and venues and their participation and recovery given their importance as the foundations of the city's core cultural jobs, talent retention and creative infrastructure. It is not intended for the main festivals or the Fringe Society itself.

This funding, in partnership with the Scottish Government financial support, is vital to supporting the recovery of the city's creative economy for performers, production support and the wider sector supply chain. COVID-19 has had a significant detrimental impact on this sector, with many people unable to work for the past 12 months, so bringing forward plans for Summer Festivals 2021 not only supports individuals and small businesses but also the wider local and city economy. Alongside their digital programming and promotion, by having events on the ground, this will also support the wider city economy, especially the hospitality and retail sectors.

In addition, the Summer Festivals will be targeting local and regional audiences, prioritising accessibility and engaging with local residents and communities. The Culture Service will continue its support role with other festivals and events throughout the year.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.500m	n/a

Total Investment
£0.500m

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In support of the Council business plan, this additional support will also support the recovery of the city centre and businesses (objective 10) • Support for the city's creative and hospitality sectors which have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 • Improve wellbeing for local people, offering the opportunity for enjoying creative and social experiences.

Proposal Summary: (Scope)

Impact:

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There has been a recurring savings target of £1.9m in the budget across the library service which we are looking to achieve over the next three years. The project will look at various options to achieve this saving including: reducing our staff numbers whilst protecting our frontline staff; looking to implement a more joined-up approach across our school and community libraries; and looking to provide a more focused core offering which aligns with the strategic objectives of the organisation by linking library services into the wider wellbeing objectives e.g. to support digital inclusion; reduce poverty, inequality and employability; reduce social isolation; provide equal access to information and deliver healthy, vibrant and engaged communities.

As part of the longer-term vision for libraries, we are looking to move away from the traditional standalone buildings towards multipurpose hubs as part of the 20-minute neighbourhood strategy where Council services can be co-located. As part of this we will be investigating the option of using Open+ technology which enables our libraries to be open with or without staff being present, increasing community access but at a lower cost.

There is an opportunity to transform how the library service is delivered and the services / events which could be held within our libraries, however this would require a significant investment to improve existing buildings, existing library systems and as part of the longer term ambition to create multi-purpose hubs where council services can be co-located.

This request is for one-off payments for a replacement Library Management System which is not fit for purpose, to replace People's Network which is coming to end of life at the end of December 2021 and to replace self-service kiosks which were switched off due to potential security risks in January 2020 as they had come to end of life and were no longer supported. It is also to support the CCTV and Open+ technology which would allow libraries to be open longer with or without staff.

Investment 21/22	Investment 22/23
£0.350m	£0.350m

Total Investment
£0.700m

Non-Financial Benefits
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increasing efficiencies and delivering a saving whilst protecting frontline staff's jobs Staff gain a more rounded level of knowledge and experience through combining the community and school librarian roles Looking to form new partnerships and build on existing partnerships Looking to future-proof the library service

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 27 May 2021

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Contract Living Wage Uplift – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

Executive/routine
Wards
Council Commitments

1. For Decision/Action

- 1.1 The Finance and Resources Committee has referred a report on the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Contract Living Wage Uplift to the City of Edinburgh Council for consideration.

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Referral Report

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Contract Living Wage Uplift

2. Terms of Referral

- 2.1 On 20 May 2021, the Finance and Resources Committee considered a report on the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board's (EIJB) proposed approach to implementation of contract uplifts for 2021/22 including proposals relating to the national agreement on Fair Work and the Living Wage in Adult Social Care.
- 2.2 The Finance and Resources Committee agreed:
- 2.2.1 To note the Direction from the EIJB to uplift contracts by 2.2% with effect from April 2021;
 - 2.2.2 To approve the uplift of contracts in accordance with the Direction from the EIJB;
 - 2.2.3 To note that the EIJB had reflected an estimated £3.5m cost pressure arising from the 2020/21 national uplift of contracts within the overall 2021/22 EIJB revenue budget gap and that the EIJB Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer are continuing to liaise with Scottish Government officials to seek a resolution to address this cost pressure in 2021/22;
 - 2.2.4 To note that the national agreement was in place for 2021/22 only and that a commitment had been made by the Scottish Government and COSLA to undertake a policy review with the future approach to be fully considered and agreement sought by November 2021; and,
 - 2.2.5 To refer the report to Council as any shortfall in funding could result in a call on Council resources of up to £3.5m in 2021/22 and up to £6.6m from 2022/23.

3. Background Reading/ External References

- 3.1 Finance and Resources Committee of 20 May 2021
- 3.1 [Finance and Resources Committee – 20 May 2021 – Webcast](#)

4. Appendices

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – report by the Executive Director of Resources

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 20th May 2021

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Contract Living Wage Uplift

Executive/routine Executive
Wards
Council Commitments

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 Members of the Finance and Resources Committee are recommended to:
- 1.1.1 note the Direction from the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) to uplift contracts by 2.2% with effect from April 2021;
 - 1.1.2 approve the uplift of contracts in accordance with the Direction from the EIJB;
 - 1.1.3 note that the EIJB has reflected an estimated £3.5m cost pressure arising from the 2020/21 national uplift of contracts within the overall 2021/22 EIJB revenue budget gap and that the EIJB Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer are continuing to liaise with Scottish Government officials to a seek a resolution to address this cost pressure in 2021/22;
 - 1.1.4 note that the national agreement is in place for 2021/22 only and that a commitment has been made by the Scottish Government and COSLA to undertake a policy review with the future approach to be fully considered and agreement sought by November 2021; and,
 - 1.1.5 refer this report to Council as any shortfall in funding could result in a call on Council resources of up to £3.5m in 2021/22 and up to £6.6m from 2022/23.

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Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Contract Living Wage Uplift

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report provides an update on the EIJB's proposed approach to implementation of contract uplifts for 2021/22 including proposals relating to the national agreement on Fair Work and the Living Wage in Adult Social Care.

3. Background

- 3.1 On 24 March 2021 the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Sport and the COSLA Health and Social Care Spokesperson published a [joint statement](#) of intent which included confirmation of funding to ensure adult social care workers will be paid at least the Real Living Wage in 2021/22 with uplifts to be backdated to April 2021.
- 3.2 The EIJB considered a [report](#) on this matter on 27 April 2021 and agreed to implement relevant contract uplifts of 2.2% at a cost of £4.0m in 2021/22 and issue a Direction to the Council to implement the approved uplifts.

4. Main report

Real Living Wage in Adult Social Care – National Agreement 2021/22

- 4.1 On 24 March 2021 the Scottish Government and COSLA published a joint statement of intent which included funding confirmation of £64.5m to enable a standard national uplift of 2.2% on relevant contract hourly rates for the implementation of the Real Living Wage in Adult Social Care in 2021/22.
- 4.2 As part of the Scottish Budget for 2021/22, £34m was originally included for delivery of the Real Living Wage in Adult Social Care. Further analysis showed that to implement the commitment to a national uplift for 2021/22, there was a shortfall in funding of £30.5m. This additional funding has now been approved and distributed to local authorities. As a result of the GAE distribution methodology, the Scottish Government acknowledged that there may be some IJBS that would still face a funding shortfall and, in these cases, it was noted that it was expected that reserves held locally by IJBS would be used to address any such shortfall in 2021/22.

- 4.3 The agreement will apply for 2021/22 only and the Scottish Government has agreed to a full policy review to clarify future arrangements from 2022 onwards.

National Agreement 2021/22 – Implications for the EIJB

- 4.4 The EIJB considered a report on this matter on 27 April 2021.
- 4.5 The estimated cost of a national 2.2% uplift in 2021/22 is £4.001m (see Appendix 1). Edinburgh's share of the additional funding of £30.5m (see paragraph 4.2) is £2.5m. Allowing for this additional funding, it was estimated that the EIJB would face a funding shortfall of £0.6m in respect of the national uplift for 2021/22. Scottish Government officials have confirmed that the £0.6m shortfall in 2021/22 can be met from the EIJB's reserves.

National Agreement 2020/21 – Funding Shortfall

- 4.6 While the arrangements set out above provide the basis for funding the 2021/22 national uplifts it should be noted that this does not address a recurring shortfall in funding relating to the 2020/21 national uplifts. This shortfall is estimated at £3.5m and is a key factor within the EIJB's overall 2021/22 financial plan gap of £9.3m. In 2020/21 the £3.5m shortfall was addressed through EIJB Covid-19 funding. The EIJB's Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer are discussing the potential for a similar resolution for this financial year with Scottish Government colleagues.

Future Planning

- 4.7 The use of EIJB reserves would be a non-recurring solution (as is the case with the additional funding allocation of £2.5m outlined at paragraph 4.5 above). The combined recurring impact of the national contract uplifts is £6.6m. However, as noted previously, both COSLA and Scottish Government have agreed to undertake a policy review as part of the commitment towards the Fair Work in Social Care agenda. Any future national approach will be fully considered and agreement sought by November 2021.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 The proposed contract uplifts will be implemented and backdated to April enabling providers to action pay uplifts.
- 5.2 The EIJB Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer will continue discussions with Scottish Government officials to seek a resolution to address the £3.5m funding gap relating to the 2020/21 national contract uplifts pending the outcome of the wider policy review.
- 5.3 Regular updates will be reported to the EIJB and partners.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The main report sets out the estimated financial implications of the proposed contract uplifts. The estimated funding gap on the 2020/21 national uplifts and the recurring budget implications from 2022/23 will be considered alongside progress in addressing the wider EIJB budget gap and delivery of the EIJB's approved savings programme. The EIJB Chief Officer and Chief Finance Officer will provide regular updates to the EIJB and partners.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 The scale of the identified funding gap will require extensive and continuing engagement as the EIJB and partners seek to identify a sustainable solution.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 Relevant papers are hyperlinked within the main body of the report.

9. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Estimated Cost of Proposed Contract Uplifts 2021/22

Appendix 1 – Estimated Cost of Proposed Contract Uplifts 2021/22

Description of Service	Baseline Spend	Uplift %	Uplift 2021/22
Day Care	£8.26m	2.2%	£0.182m
Care at Home and Care and Support	£81.61m	2.2%	£1.795m
Direct Payments and Individual Service Funds	£35.12m	2.2%	£0.773m
Block Contracts	£18.58m	2.2%	£0.409m
Residential Care (outwith National Care Home Contract)	£38.31m	2.2%	£0.842m
	£181.88m		£4.001m

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The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 27 May 2021

20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

Executive/routine
Wards
Council Commitments

1. For Decision/Action

- 1.1 The Finance and Resources Committee has referred a report on 20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

Andrew Kerr

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Referral Report

20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease

2. Terms of Referral

- 2.1 On 20 May 2021, the Finance and Resources Committee considered a report regarding the property at 20 West Shore Road, which is subject to a long ground lease to November 2104. An opportunity to acquire the tenant's interest in the property has arisen which would allow the Council to let the property to a tenant in keeping with the Granton Waterfront regeneration vision. The report sought approval to acquire the ground lease interest, and to subsequently lease the property to Edinburgh Palette on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.
- 2.2 The Finance and Resources Committee agreed:
- 2.2.1 To approve the purchase of the ground lease interest in the property at 20 West Shore Road;
 - 2.2.2 To agree the use of Prudential Borrowing to fund the purchase;
 - 2.2.3 To approve a 15-year lease of the property to Edinburgh Palette on the terms outlined in the report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources; and
 - 2.2.4 To refer the report to Council for approval.

3. Background Reading/ External References

- 3.1 Finance and Resources Committee of 20 May 2021
- 3.1 [Finance and Resources Committee – 20 May 2021 – Webcast](#)

4. Appendices

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – report by the Executive Director of Resources

Finance and Resources Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 20 May 2021

20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease

Executive/routine Wards Council Commitments	Executive Ward 4 - Forth 1 , 2 , 10 , 11
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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That Committee:
 - 1.1.1 Approves the purchase of the ground lease interest in the property at 20 West Shore Road;
 - 1.1.2 Approves the use of Prudential Borrowing to fund the purchase; and,
 - 1.1.2 Approves a 15-year lease of the property to Edinburgh Palette on the terms outlined in this report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

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20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Council own the heritable interest in the property at 20 West Shore Road, which is subject to a long ground lease to November 2104. An opportunity to acquire the tenant's interest in the property has arisen which would allow the Council to let the property to a tenant in keeping with the Granton Waterfront regeneration vision. The report seeks approval to acquire the ground lease interest, and to subsequently lease the property to Edinburgh Palette on the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

3. Background

- 3.1 In [March 2018](#), the Housing and Economy Committee agreed the high-level objectives for the regeneration of Granton Waterfront including the intention to work collaboratively with the public-sector partners and the local community to develop a vision for Granton. This included agreement to undertake work to update frameworks and studies to support future development.
- 3.2 Later the same year, the Council purchased the Forthquarter site with other land in Granton Waterfront, owned by Waterfront Edinburgh Limited (WEL/EDI), also transferred to the Council. A multi-disciplinary team was appointed to prepare a Development Framework and a high level, programme delivery plan for Granton Waterfront.
- 3.3 On [6 December 2019](#), the Finance and Resources Committee approved the appointment of Arcadis to provide project management capacity and capability to support the delivery of Granton Waterfront.
- 3.4 On [25 February 2020](#), the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee received an update on Granton Waterfront Regeneration including an outline of the Programme Delivery Plan.
- 3.5 The Development Framework, which will guide future development within Granton Waterfront, was approved by the Planning Committee on 26 February 2020. This guidance sets out the ambition to transform this former industrial site into a new city quarter which will, with time, redefine Edinburgh into one of Europe's top Waterfront destinations to live, learn, work and visit.

- 4.3 To coincide with the proposed purchase, the Council, with the consent of the current occupier, undertook an advance marketing exercise to secure a tenant for the property. The intention being to mitigate the risk holding costs of the vacant property once the tenant interest was acquired.
- 4.4 Marketing details were prepared setting out key criteria and interested parties were asked, by a closing date, to set out proposals which addressed the following:
- Details of the proposed lease term, on a full repairing and insuring basis, and the proposed mechanism for paying a rent to the Council. Rental offers of in the region of £95,000 per annum were sought;
 - How the proposed use would address the Granton Vision for the property as a meanwhile use and how the property will be used as a creative space while the regeneration is taking place on adjacent sites; and
 - The way the community will be involved in the future use of the building.
- 4.5 At the closing date two proposals were received which were assessed by a panel of Council officers from the Granton Waterfront Project Team. The preferred submission which was deemed to best address the key criteria set out in the marketing details was that received from Edinburgh Palette.
- 4.6 The provisional terms for the lease to Edinburgh Palette are as follows:-
- Tenant Edinburgh Palette;
 - Rent £95,000 per annum;
 - Term 15-years from the date of entry;
 - Rent Free 12-month rent free period from date of entry;
 - Rent Review At 5-yearly intervals;
 - Use Creation of sustainable creative studio and business incubation space;
 - Repair Full repairing liability on the tenant.
- 4.7 Consequently although the Council will forgo the income from the ground lease of £23,300 per annum, the acquisition of the ground lease interest and proposed re-letting will allow a greater rental income to be received.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Subject to Committee approval, the legal documentation for the purchase of the ground lease and subsequent re letting of the property will be completed.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 It is proposed to use borrowing to fund the purchase.
- 6.3 The capital cost of acquiring the ground lease interest totals £1.07m including LBTT and legal costs. This can be funded through borrowing serviced by the net rent generated from leasing the building to the proposed tenant. The borrowing costs for the purchase price equate to £72,000 per annum over a 20-year period.
- 6.4 The purchase of the ground lease will result in an immediate loss of income to the General Fund of £23,300 per annum. This will be offset by a higher rent on re letting the building once the acquisition is complete of £95,000 per annum with the increase in rent received enough to cover the current rent and the annual borrowing costs. There will be the possibility of increasing the rent at the review dates within the lease.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

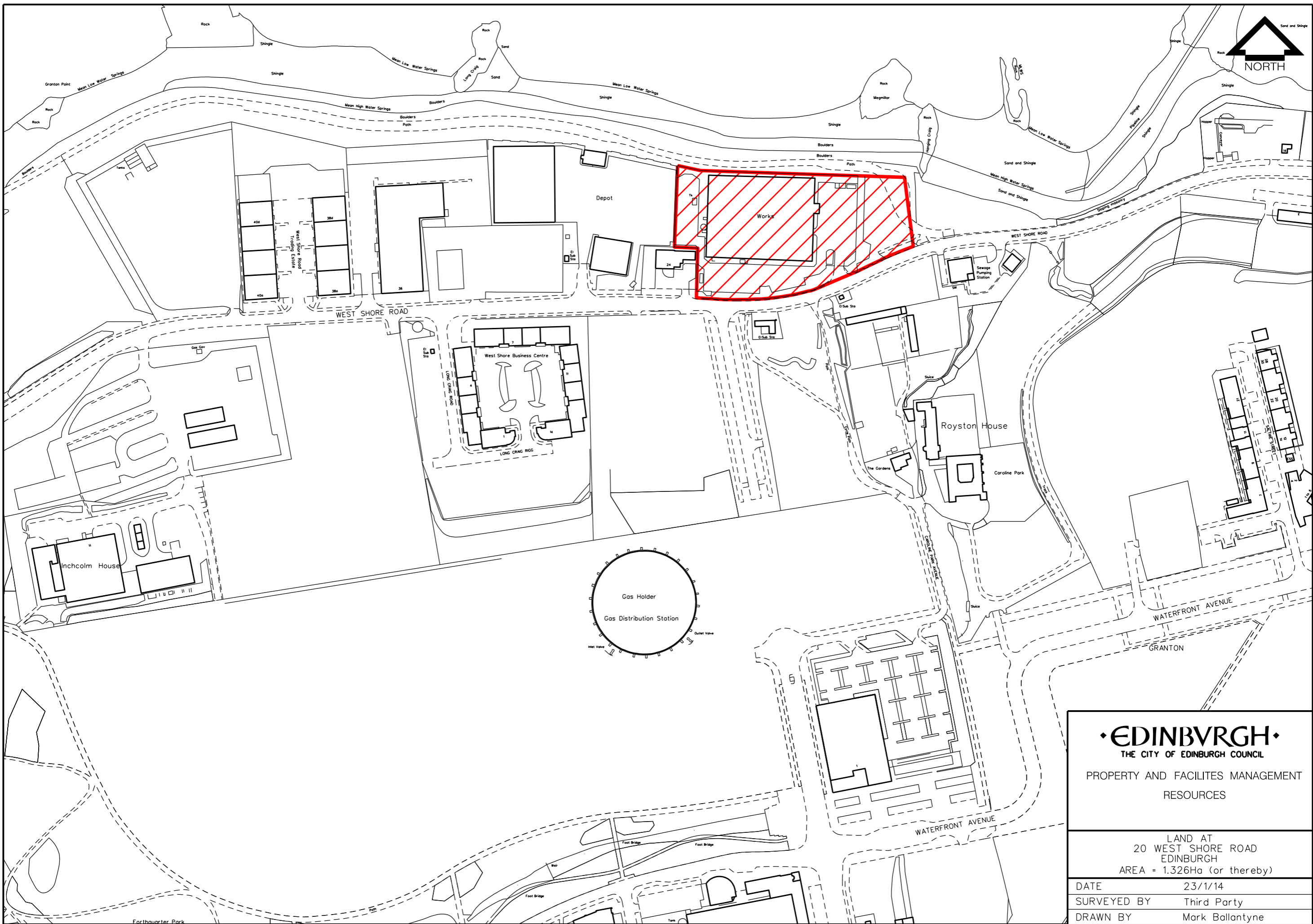
- 7.1 Ward members have been made aware of the recommendations of the report.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 Report to Housing and Economy Committee 22 March 2018 - [Granton Waterfront Regeneration Strategy](#)
- 8.2 Report to Finance and Resources Committee 6 December 2019 - [Award of Contract – Project and Commercial Management Support for Granton Waterfront](#)
- 8.3 Report to Policy and Sustainability Committee - [Granton Waterfront – Leading the Way in Sustainable Development: Programme Delivery Plan](#)

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Location Plan



LOCATION PLAN

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QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Miller for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) Could the Convener please provide a complete list of locations of all personal injury collisions that were

- a) fatal and
- b) serious severity collisions,

since 2011 showing the date when the collision occurred?

Answer (1)

Question (2) For each location, could the Convener please summarise what measure(s) are being taken and indicate the status of each measure including estimated or actual completion dates?

Answer (2)

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QUESTION NO 2

By Councillor Howie for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) How many public playparks do the council own or maintain?

Answer (1)

Question (2) For each of these, what individual pieces of play equipment are designed for use by disabled children?

Answer (2)

Question (3) Which playparks have blue badge or abundant parking immediately adjacent to them?

Answer (3)

Question (4) Which playparks have surfaces suitable for use by wheelchairs?

Answer (4)

Question (5) What is the council's current policy regarding the inclusion of accessible play equipment in any future playparks?

Answer (5)

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QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Howie for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

What is the council's response to the points raised by the RNIB in their consultation response on retaining Spaces for People that was received from them on 1st April 2021?

Answer

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QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

In December 2020 Council Officers were made aware that Juniper Green Primary School parents and staff had carried out research and had pulled together a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan to be progressed through 2021.

Through the local Ward Councillor, Councillor Webber, a draft of this road safety action plan was provided to Council officers. This included 50 ideas to be reviewed and considered and was obviously created with local knowledge and awareness of the entire area and this document made no mention of a planter!

Question (1) Is it safe to assume that the Spaces for People team are not genuinely interested in working collaboratively with communities, parent councils and schools to make their road safety action plan live and implemented and would rather progress with their own interpretation of the issues and the solutions?

Answer (1)

Question (2) How should the parent council and school progress their Road Safety Action Plan given the placement of the planter in April 2021?

Answer (2)

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QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

The council has stated its policy is to 'try and modify' Spaces for People schemes:

Question (1) What steps are the council taking to encourage the public to report 'near misses' or 'near accidents' related to Spaces for People infrastructure and other road infrastructure to ensure these are accurately captured?

Answer (1)

Question (2) How should the public report a 'near miss' or 'near accident' to best ensure a 'near miss' report is not 'missed'?

Answer (2)

Question (3) What policies are in place to ensure the data from 'near misses' or 'near accidents' is shared across all relevant people and lessons learned, and adaptations made in a timely fashion?

Answer (3)

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QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) Under what authority/legislation can “planters” be placed on the roadway?

Answer (1)

Question (2) What is the total cost of planters placed and proposed to be placed at locations close to Primary Schools?

Answer (2)

Question (3) In terms of the maintenance of planters by P1:

- (a) what is the cost;
- (b) what is the schedule; and
- (c) will all future costs be met from the Spaces for People fund, administered by Sustrans?

Answer (3)

Question (4) What consultation was undertaken with

- (a) local residents and
- (b) parent councils prior to implementation of the planters at each location?

Answer (4)

Question (5) Why were planters placed on roadways without reflective markings or other visibility aids?

Answer (5)

Question (6) Can links to the individual risk assessments be placed on the “Spaces for People – School Measures” portal?

Answer (6)

Question (7) Where it has been agreed that roads will be open out with school dropping off and pick up times who is going to move the planters to allow full unrestricted access outwith these times?

Answer (7)

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) In Item 10.2 of the previous full council meeting on 29 April, it lists that £15,000 was paid to Sustrans in 2019/20 for 'Bike Life'. Please provide detail of what services were included in that cost.

Answer (1)

Question (2) In *Bike Life* report https://www.sustrans.org.uk/media/5965/bikelife19_edinburgh_web.pdf, on page 12, "*Better road quality and fewer potholes*" is the biggest issue reported in terms of issues residents think are important for improving cycle safety in Edinburgh. Which *Spaces for People* schemes have seen road resurfacing form part?

Answer (2)

Question (3) Is another *Bike Life* survey /report scheduled and if so, when?

Answer (3)

Question (4) Is *Bike Life* reporting used to measure success or otherwise of *Spaces for People*?

Answer (4)

Question (5) Will the Council commit to undertaking equally detailed research for '*Walking Life*' (with questions for those with mobility issues) as pedestrians are top of the hierarchy of road users and activities around active travel should lead on this?

Answer (5)

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Johnston for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 May 2021**

Question

Can the Convener confirm:

In the last 12 months how many 5G Mast applications have been received per locality, how many have been approved and how many have been rejected?

Answer

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QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Mitchell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

On 20th July 2020 in the feedback summary for the Ferry Road scheme, Spaces for People said in response to a question about the removal of guardrails between Arboretum Road and Inverleith Gardens that, "This was considered, however the narrowness of the footways and the proximity to often high volume of traffic made this undesirable."

The guardrails at this location were removed by Spaces for People earlier this month.

Please could the Convener explain:

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| Question | (1) Why their removal is now considered desirable? |
| Answer | (1) |
| Question | (2) Why local members were not consulted or informed in advance of the change of opinion? |
| Answer | (2) |

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QUESTION NO 10

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

The publicly available Edinburgh Road Reports (eg. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/29452/14-may-2021>) in the table listing road works, in the 'Traffic Control' column, many of the controls are listed as:

*"Re-designating key parts of the road to help pedestrians, people using **wheelchairs**, prams or bicycles to physically distance"*

For every entry in this list, where the Traffic Control has the word '**wheelchair**' mentioned and, therefore, implies to council staff and the wider public that the control is specifically being put in place to help people with wheelchairs, please can you provide:

- a) The measure that was put in place to specifically help people using wheelchairs by improving accessibility.
- b) Any measures put in place as part of that scheme which conversely reduce accessibility for wheelchairs

Answer

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QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor Burgess for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) Does the council see it as a priority to engage with citizens about the need for their support and action in tackling the Climate Emergency?

Answer (1)

Question (2) What resources and programme will the council employ to engage with citizens about the need for their support and action in tackling the Climate Emergency?

Answer (2)

Question (3) Is the council considering extending its approach to citizen engagement, particularly with the UN Climate Conference being hosted in Glasgow later this year?

Answer (3)

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QUESTION NO 12

By Councillor Gloyer for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

Craigleith Crescent was scheduled for carriageway surface treatment in 2019-20.

- a) On what date was the condition of this carriageway last inspected?
- b) What was the outcome of that assessment?

Answer

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QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Further to his answer to my questions on this subject on 13 December 2018, will the Convener please identify:

Question (1) When were the technical factsheets "C6, Cycle Parking in New Developments", and "C7, Cycle Parking", published?

Answer (1)

Question (2) What consultation was carried out prior to their publication?

Answer (2)

Question (3) Will the Convener please provide the URL on the council's website where these factsheets can be downloaded?

Answer (3)

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QUESTION NO 14

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

Further to his answer to my leader's question on this subject at full council on 29 April 2021, please can the Council Leader confirm:

- a) when he made contact with the Cabinet Secretary with responsibility for education;
- b) whether the pledge for a standalone GME secondary school in central Edinburgh was discussed;
- c) whether any offer of funding was made by the Scottish Government towards such a school;
- d) what was the conclusion of the discussion.

Answer

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QUESTION NO 15

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

Following her answers to my questions on private sector rents on 10 December 2020, please will the Convener clarify:

- a) When did the Convenor last meet with the Scottish Government to discuss action to tackle excessive private sector rents, and what was the conclusion of that discussion?
- b) What action has the council taken to publicise the Rent Service Scotland process for challenging excessive private sector rents?

Answer

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QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

Please can the Convener clarify when the questions which I tabled for full council on 10 December 2020 on the subject of Gaelic Medium Education will be answered?

Answer

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