

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 22 April 2021

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Bird, Booth (substituting for Councillor Miller), Cameron (substituting for Councillor Arthur), Corbett, Key, Lang, Mowat (substituting for Councillor Webber for items 4 to 6), Smith, Webber and Whyte.

1. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

a) Deputation – Capital Cars and ECPH

The deputation noted that as part of the Business Bulletin, reference was made to a report being commissioned to look at the role of taxi's in Edinburgh City Centre, currently and in the future. The Business Bulletin also referred to the impact of the Edinburgh City Centre transformation on the hackney and Private Hire Trade. The deputation sought confirmation from Committee that the report referred to in the Business Bulletin which referenced "The role of taxis in Edinburgh city centre currently and, in the future," related to both hackney and private hire vehicles. The deputation also asked Committee to commit to engagement with both the hackney and Private Hire Taxi Trade on all aspects of the new George Street Project.

b) The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for April 2021 was presented.

Motion

- 1) To note the Business Bulletin
- 2) To agree that the Head of Place Management would assess whether a report could be brought to the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee on the Cammo Road Trial Closure.
- 3) To agree to provide a briefing note how on well the Council were to undertake the climate risk assessment.
- 4) To agree to provide a briefing note detailing discussions that had taken place with other Local Authorities on the bus partnership fund.
- 5) To agree to provide a briefing note providing further details on the George Street and First New Town (GNT) Public Realm Project.

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- 6) To agree to brief ward members and relevant stakeholders on the outcomes of the results of the junction turning counts, pedestrian counts and speed counts at the Liberton Brae and Kirk Brae junction.
- 7) To agree to clarify whether the online reporting of close passes was a legislative matter or a matter of funding
- 8) To agree to refer to grit bins in the forthcoming report of the Transport and Environment Committee in June 2021.
- 9) To agree to provide an update report on the Roseburn to Union Canal project.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

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- 8) To agree to refer to grit bins in the forthcoming report of the Transport and Environment Committee in June 2021.
- 9) To agree to provide an update report on the Roseburn to Union Canal project.
- 10) To note the scale of the Roseburn to Union Canal project and the updates that confirmed that this permanent Active Travel route would now be delivered by October 2022.
- 11) To note that in answer to Cllr Webber's Question Item 5.22 (Can the Convener please provide the following information relating to all temporary and permanent active travel projects/schemes across the city (not split by ward) that

had been approved for completion since 2010) to Full Council on 27th July 2020 the completion date was provided as June 2022.

- 12) To seek a report in one cycle detailing the mitigating actions to ensure the 4-month delay in the Roseburn to Union Canal project was minimised and reduced.
- 13) To note with regret that the outcome from the West Edinburgh Active Travel Link Consultation had been delayed from being reported at April 2021 Transport and Environment Committee as planned.
- 14) To seek assurance by inclusion in the same report, that the completion date of October 2023 would still be achieved.
- 15) To note with grave concern in relation to the Bus Partnership Fund that within Appendix 3 under "Quick Wins – West" was the inclusion of the Service 44 Bus Stop Rationalisation.
- 16) To note this was of significant concern when previously brought to Committee that the report was withdrawn.
- 17) To request that the New Equality and Diversity Framework be systematically applied to any review of bus stops along the route between Wallyford and Balerno.
- 18) To request that the Council's new Consultation Policy, developed in response to the City of Edinburgh Council's Best Value Assurance Audit be adopted.
- 19) To note both above new policies were approved at Policy & Sustainability Committee on 20th April 2021.

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Voting

For the motion - 8 votes

For the Amendment - 3 votes

(For the Motion – Councillors, Bird, Booth, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key, Lang and Macinnes.

For the Amendment – Councillors Smith, Webber and Whyte.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

2. Spaces for People Update - January 2021

a) Deputation – Capital Cars and ECPH

Committee considered a deputation from Capital Cars and ECPH.

The deputation wished to focus on the Bus Gates at the East End of Princes Street and at South St David Street referenced in the report. The deputation noted that when the South Bridge TTRO was proposed, which had since been abandoned after their legal interventions, they obtained factual evidence that the number of Private Hire Taxi's as a percentage of all vehicles in the area was very small (3% - 4%) and slightly lower on average than the percentage of Hackney's using the route. The deputation also suggested that the proposed bus gate for the South Bridge had not been justified for pedestrian or cycle safety and believed that the Council was to take a further decision on whether to continue with the operation of the Bus Gates at Princes Street and South St David's Street, given that the report stated that the next review would be taken by the end of April 2021. The deputation asked if officers had considered any evidence of impact on these two Bus Gates, in order to arrive at the conclusion that things should stay as they were, and Private Hire Taxi's be excluded. Given that the impact of Private Hire Taxi's was shown in this same area to be in very small numbers, the deputation formally requested that Committee allowed for these Bus Gates at Princes Street and South St David Street to allow Private Hire Taxi's access as long as these Bus Gates were in operation.

b) Deputation – Spokes Porty

Committee considered a deputation from Spokes Porty.

The deputation addressed the proposed Portobello to Musselburgh segregated cycle route. The deputation advised that Spokes Porty were disappointed that the Portobello to Musselburgh segregated cycle route had been cancelled. This was a vital link between Edinburgh and East Lothian. Although there were long term plans for this route, it took on an added urgency due to Coronavirus and the requirement for social distancing. The deputation suggested that a safe and attractive cycle route would encourage people to cycle, and would therefore leave better distances on the buses and pavements between Portobello and Musselburgh.

c) Deputation – South West Edinburgh in Motion

A written deputation was presented on behalf of South West Edinburgh in Motion.

The deputation noted they were bringing the deputation to request for the removal of the Spaces for People Scheme on Lanark and Longstone Roads.

The basis for their request was presented under the following headings:

- The installation was unlawful

- The installation had no relevance to mitigating the risk of Covid transmission
- The absence of a safety issue to be addressed
- Community majority opinion had been ignored
- New and real safety issues were being presented by the installation
- Discrimination against those with mobility issues or disabilities

d) Deputation – Newington Hotel Group

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Newington Hotel Group

The deputation did not oppose Active Travel in principal and advised that they saw great benefits in cycling for their guests and community. The deputation did however oppose the design of the Cycle Lane Defenders and the scale of installation along the Craigmillar Park Corridor.

e) Ward Councillors

In accordance with Standing Order 33.1, the Convener agreed to hear a presentation from Ward Councillors Mitchell and Neil Ross in relation to the Spaces for People Update – April 2021 - Report by the Executive Director of Place.

Councillor Mitchell noted he was disappointed that the Orchard Brae uphill cycle way was being put on hold and advised that this could be used well by students going to Flora Stevenson. Connecting on to that was the Orchard Brae Comely Bank roundabout where nine thousand pounds had been spent on paint which was not being followed up. Another school scheme was on Wester Drylaw Avenue that residents, the Community Council and Parent Council were opposed to.

Councillor Neil Ross noted there were 8 Spaces for People measures in Morningside ward, but given the results of the online consultation had not been received, Cllr Ross advised he would restrict his comments to para 4.4 and the town centres at para 4.4.4 and to the roads in the Braids estate at para 4.4.1 of the report. Cllr Ross advised he was pleased that changes to improve access were being considered for town centres on Morningside Road and Bruntsfield Place. Cllr Ross stated it was important local traders were supported by improving access for deliveries.

f) Report by the Executive Director of Place

An update was provided on Spaces for People (SfP) measures implemented over the last twelve months, minor changes to existing schemes were also noted and an update was provided on the scheme delivery programme.

Motion

- 1) To note the update on the Spaces for People (SfP) programme.

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- 2) To approve the schemes noted in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 (and in Appendix 2) of the report.
- 3) To agree to have further engagement with the deputation on Capital Cars and ECPH around what was possible in terms of private cars with regard to bus gates.
- 4) To agree that the Executive Director of Place would discuss directly with SUStans to assess whether an extension of time would be possible.
- 5) To agree that if any changes were made to the Ratho Primary School park and stride proposal, this would be communicated to Committee members.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the update on the Spaces for People (SfP) programme within the report.
- 2) To note the success of the UK wide vaccination programme that had seen almost 2.6 million Scottish residents vaccinated which was delivering results in relation to reduced morbidity and mortality associated with Covid-19.
- 3) To Note there was limited evidence of outdoor transmission of Covid-19 (<https://academic.oup.com/jid/article/223/4/550/6009483>)
- 4) To note from Monday 26th April 2021, the City of Edinburgh would enter into Tier 3 and we would see a gradual easing of restrictions and opening of retail, hospitality and in some cases a return to workplaces.
- 5) To note we were awaiting the outcome of a consultation on the measures being made permanent. The various degrees of implementation had created confusion and difficulties in completing and navigating through the documentation in an informed manner as schemes were not posted in a location and format that was readily accessible by members of the public, local groups or approved stakeholders.
- 6) To agree that all partially installed schemes should be halted immediately until the outcome of the Street Schemes consultation had been reported to Committee as a measure to support the Council's focus on value for money.
- 7) To approve the immediate reopening of Braid Road in both directions.
- 8) To approve the recommendations presented in the amendment as Appendix 1 which included but were not limited to the reversal and removal of:
 - i) Lanark Road.
 - ii) Comiston Road.

- iii) Silverknowes Road (North and South)
 - iv) Links Gardens
 - v) Pennywell Road
 - vi) Craigmillar Corridor
 - vii) George IV Bridge
- 9) To approve measures that prioritised pedestrians on Broughton Street and requested that space set aside for cycling provision was repurposed for pavement widening.
- 10) To request that an audit report on the removal of street clutter be presented back to Committee in one cycle as work started on 8th March 2021.
- 11) To note the measures proposed near schools in Appendix 2 and 3 of the report.
- 11.1) To recognise that many schemes were yet to be implemented and many were put in place despite significant comment from Local Elected Members and members of the public and as, yet the feedback had not been provided as per the terms of the agreed Stakeholder engagement.
- 11.2) To recognise that these measures across the schools would only be effective with effective enforcement.
- 11.3) To request that resources for enforcement around schools were found immediately from the SfP budget.
- 12) To note the Council had a statutory duty to provide and manage a network for all road users across the city.
- 13) To agree that if officers were able to bring the Orchard Brae uphill cycle segregation scheme forward then it should not be postpone for consideration under a separate future programme.
- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the update on the Spaces for People (SfP) programme.
- 2) To approve the schemes noted in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 (and in Appendix 2) of the report.
- 3) To note that a report on the spaces for people consultation would be brought to the June 2021 Committee but, in light of substantial safety concerns and objections raised by residents, to agree that officers should proceed with immediate reviews of the following schemes:

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- a) The recent road changes in the Braid estate in Morningside and to fully reopen Braid Road along with the implementation of the planned improvements near the Hermitage.
 - b) The Ferryhill Primary School road closure at Wester Drylaw Avenue.
 - c) The segregated cycleways on Drum Brae North, Ladywell Road, Lanark Road and Meadow Place Road.
 - d) The current closure of Silverknowes Road North to private vehicles and the Silverknowes 'quiet cycle route'.
- 4) To disagree with the suggested pause in the Orchard Brae uphill cycle segregation and to agree the SfP programme should be reprioritised in order to deliver this scheme.
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Key

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the update on the Spaces for People (SfP) programme.
 - 2) To approve the schemes noted in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 (and in Appendix 2) of the report.
 - 3) To agree to have further engagement with the deputation on Capital Cars and ECPH around what was possible in terms of private cars with regard to bus gates.
 - 4) To agree that the Executive Director of Place would discuss directly with SUStans to assess whether an extension of time would be possible.
 - 5) To agree that if any changes were made to the Ratho Primary School park and stride proposal, this would be communicated to Committee members
 - 6) To express disappointment with the suggested pause in the Orchard Brae uphill cycle segregation and the Portobello to Musselburgh route and to agree that options to deliver it within the SfP programme should be looked at urgently, as well as other options to deliver it as soon as possible.
- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Corbett

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) - 7 votes

For Amendment 1 - 3 votes

For Amendment 2 - 1 vote

(For the motion (as adjusted) – Councillors Bird, Booth, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key, and Macinnes

For Amendment 1 – Councillors Smith, Webber and Whyte

For Amendment 2 – Councillor Lang)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To note the update on the Spaces for People (SfP) programme.
- 2) To approve the schemes noted in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4 (and in Appendix 2) of the report.
- 3) To agree to have further engagement with the deputation on Capital Cars and ECPH around what was possible in terms of private cars with regard to bus gates.
- 4) To agree that the Executive Director of Place would discuss directly with SUStrans to assess whether an extension of time would be possible.
- 5) To agree that if any changes were made to the Ratho Primary School park and stride proposal, this would be communicated to Committee members.
- 6) To express disappointment with the suggested pause in the Orchard Brae uphill cycle segregation and the Portobello to Musselburgh route and agrees that options to deliver it within the SfP programme should be looked at urgently, as well as other options to deliver it as soon as possible.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 28 January 2021 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

3. Motion by Councillor Webber - Proposed Changes to Roads in Juniper Green

a) Deputation – Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council.

The deputation noted they were grateful for Councillor Webber's motion to introduce no entry (eastbound) to junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue for motorised vehicles. The deputation noted that, as a community council they have responded to the concerns of the community by supporting Police speed monitoring campaigns and had joined with other local Community Councils to support traffic research at Heriot Watt University. Through this work

and with expert insight from local police they developed a simple solution that would close the rat run with minimal impact on the local community.

b) Motion by Councillor Webber – Proposed Changes to Roads in Juniper Green

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

“Committee:

- 1) Notes Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council (JGBMCC) is keen to act in response to their own observations and those of their community.
- 2) Notes that JGBMCC have consulted widely and extensively with the local community both to gather ideas and on a proposed solution, initially raised by one of the local community police officers after observing the issues first-hand during a community speed watch initiative with Cllr Susan Webber Agrees to:
 - Introduce no entry (eastbound) to junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue for motorised vehicles. This means continued access for cyclists
 - Runs 24/7, as opposed to being restricted to specific hour
- 3) Further agrees to look at the feasibility of widening the pavement to make crossing easier but it might be best to initially enforce this through a temporary barrier as this would enable faster implementation.
- 4) Accepts these changes will reduce ‘rat runners’ and improve the safety of local residents by reducing the risk of an accident, especially during rush hour. This is also consistent with a number of Council and Government policies such as Safer Routes to School.
- 5) Notes, these proposed changes have the support of all local Councillors and calls for a report by the Director of Place be brought back in one cycle detailing the actions required to implement these proposals”

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Smith

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Webber:

Committee:

- 1) Notes Juniper Green & Baberton Mains Community Council (JGBMCC) is keen to act in response to their own observations and those of their community.

- 2) Notes that JGBMCC have consulted widely and extensively with the local community both to gather ideas and on a proposed solution, initially raised by one of the local community police officers after observing the issues first-hand during a community speed watch initiative with Cllr Susan Webber Agrees to:
 - Introduce no entry (eastbound) to junction of Woodhall Terrace and Baberton Avenue for motorised vehicles. This means continued access for cyclists
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- 4) Accepts these changes will reduce 'rat runners' and improve the safety of local residents by reducing the risk of an accident, especially during rush hour. This is also consistent with a number of Council and Government policies such as Safer Routes to School.
- 5) Notes, these proposed changes have the support of all local Councillors and calls for a report by the Director of Place be brought in a minimum of 2 cycles detailing the actions required to implement these proposals."

4. Wardie Bay and Beach - Response to Motion

a) Deputation – Wardie Bay and Beachwatch

A deputation was presented on behalf of Wardie Bay and Beachwatch.

The deputation thanked Councillors Bird and Steven Cuthill wholeheartedly for their hard work resulting from the Motion to Council on 10 December 2020 and the spirit of their efforts, especially in recognition of the necessity to protect and enhance the ecology and biodiversity of the site.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

In response to a motion by Councillor Bird, approved by Council on 10 December 2020, Committee considered a report outlining specific measures that the Council could consider to match the investment of the local community and support their calls for a cleaner, safer beach for the people and wildlife that benefit from it.

Motion

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that officers should engage with the community, local ward Councillors, and landowners to set up a management agreement, lease, or

similar agreement enabling the Council to take on responsibility for the management and development required to support the bathing designation of Wardie Bay. The outcome of these discussions should be reported back to Committee.

- 3) To discharge the approved motion by Councillor Bird to the Council on 10 December 2020.
 - 4) To note that officers would undertake to come back to the Committee if any issues emerged.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the report.
 - 2) To agree that officers should engage with the community, local ward Councillors, and landowners to set up a management agreement, lease, or similar agreement enabling the Council to take on responsibility for the management and development required to support the bathing designation of Wardie Bay. The outcome of these discussions should be reported back to Committee within three cycles.
 - 3) To discharge the approved motion by Councillor Bird to the Council on 10 December 2020.
 - 4) To note that officers would undertake to come back to the Committee if any issues emerge.
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Bird

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 Macinnes:

- 1) To note the contents of the report.
- 2) To agree that officers should engage with the community, local ward Councillors, and landowners to set up a management agreement, lease, or similar agreement enabling the Council to take on responsibility for the management and development required to support the bathing designation of Wardie Bay. The outcome of these discussions should be reported back to Committee within three cycles.
- 3) To discharge the approved motion by Councillor Bird to the Council on 10 December 2020.

- 4) To note that Officers would undertake to come back to the Committee if any issues emerge.

(References – Act of Council (No.11), 10 December 2020; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

5. Communal Bin Review Update

a) Deputation – New Town & Broughton Community Council

A deputation was presented on behalf of New Town & Broughton Community Council.

The deputation noted recommendation (1.1.2) of the report to approve the change from gull proof bags and recycling boxes to the Communal Bin Hub service and asked that Committee did not approve this recommendation at the meeting so that the issues highlighted could be full addressed.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

An update was provided on the progress of the Communal Bin Review project, specifically relating to the timing and the phasing of the implementation stage. The report also contains a monitoring report and recommendation to replace the gull proof bags (GPB) service with bins.

Motion

- 1) To approve the revised phasing and timeline for the delivery of the communal bin hub roll-out (Appendix 1 of the report).
- 2) To approve the change from gull proof bags and recycling boxes to the Communal Bin Hub service (Appendix 2 of the report).
- 3) To note the intention to review 'Bring Sites'.
- 4) To note the updated costs associated with delivery of the communal bin project and the application to Zero Waste Scotland to access funding from the Recycling Infrastructure Fund.
- 5) To note that there was a clear expectation from Committee that the engagement that had been asked for was undertaken as rapidly as possible. To further note that the information should be put out as quickly as possible to allow a degree of feedback into that across all the Community Councils referenced incorporating the New Town and Broughton Community Council. To agree to look at some kind of augmentation with the communication plan that was already planned. To make clear that there was limited time, Committee expected residents to have an opportunity to feedback directly in to the service

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and if there were any requirements for change after that period of engagement that the service would move to explain what it could accommodate and what it could not accommodate. A reference would be made back to Committee on the outcome of that engagement.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To approve the revised phasing and timeline for the delivery of the communal bin hub roll-out (Appendix 1 of the report).
 - 2) To defer a decision on the change from gull proof bags and recycling boxes to the Communal Bin Hub service until consultation and engagement had been carried out with the relevant Community Council and Street Associations affected by the changes as had been previously committed to.
 - 3) To note the intention to review 'Bring Sites'.
 - 4) To note the updated costs associated with delivery of the communal bin project and the application to Zero Waste Scotland to access funding from the Recycling Infrastructure Fund.
- moved by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the revised phasing and timeline for the delivery of the communal bin hub roll-out (Appendix 1 of the report).
 - 2) To approve the change from gull proof bags and recycling boxes to the Communal Bin Hub service (Appendix 2 of the report).
 - 3) To note the intention to review 'Bring Sites' and to agree that any proposal to remove specific bring sites should be subject to a decision by the Committee.
 - 4) To note the updated costs associated with delivery of the communal bin project and the application to Zero Waste Scotland to access funding from the Recycling Infrastructure Fund.
- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Key

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) - 7 votes

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted) - 4 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted) – Councillors Bird, Booth, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key and Macinnes

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted) – Councillors Lang, Mowat, Smith, and Whyte)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To approve the revised phasing and timeline for the delivery of the communal bin hub roll-out (Appendix 1 of the report).
- 2) To approve the change from gull proof bags and recycling boxes to the Communal Bin Hub service (Appendix 2 of the report).
- 3) To note the intention to review 'Bring Sites' and to agree that any proposal to remove specific bring sites should be subject to a decision by the Committee.
- 4) To note the updated costs associated with delivery of the communal bin project and the application to Zero Waste Scotland to access funding from the Recycling Infrastructure Fund.
- 5) To note the clear expectation from Committee that the engagement that had been asked for was undertaken as rapidly as possible. To further note that the information was put out as quickly as possible to allow a degree of feedback into that across all the Community Councils referenced incorporating the New Town and Broughton Community Council. To look at some kind of augmentation with the communication plan that was already planned. To make clear that there was limited time, Committee expected residents to have an opportunity to feedback directly in to the service and if there were any requirements for change after that period of engagement that the service would move to explain what it could accommodate and what it could not accommodate. A reference would be made back to Committee on the outcome of that engagement.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 4 March 2021 (item 19); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Councillor Bird declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Board Member of Changeworks.

6. Future Provision of Public Conveniences

a) Deputation – Scottish Tourist Guide Association

Committee considered a deputation from the Scottish Tourist Guide Association. The deputation advised that they welcomed the opportunity to input their knowledge and experience to the strategy for provision of Public

Conveniences, and felt they had concerns and suggestions to offer which might help shape it. The deputation advised that if the City was to return to its past success in attracting visitors, we must improve provision, address cuts and extend hygiene and handwashing facilities. Whilst the report by the Executive director of Place addressed some of the deputation's concerns, they advised that they would be very keen to work with the group to add their unique viewpoint and feedback from their guests.

b) Ward Councillors -

In accordance with Standing Order 33.1, the Convener agreed to hear presentations from Ward Councillors Burgess, Main and Rose.

Councillor Burgess addressed toilet provision on the Meadows and the need for urgent temporary provision. Councillor Burgess advised that whilst he and Councillor Rose were two Councillors for Southside Newington, Councillor Dickie and Councillor Perry and also Councillor Main from Morningside ward had been working on this issue.

Councillor Rose advised that tens of thousands of people passed through the Meadows on warm weather days. Councillor Rose noted that, due to lockdown restrictions, people congregated on the Meadows and advised that some residents had experienced unpleasant circumstances.

c) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place setting out plans for future provision of public conveniences in Edinburgh and sought approval to progress with focusing on ensuring there were appropriate facilities in premier parks in the first instance. An update was also provided on the costs and associated arrangements required to reopen all of the Council's existing public conveniences from April 2021, as requested by Council on 12 March 2021

Motion

- 1) To approve the approach for the future provision of public conveniences in Edinburgh set out in paragraphs 4.3 - 4.10 of the report.
- 2) To note the assessment of the existing facilities and gaps in existing provision as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 3) To note that it was intended to focus initially on provision of public conveniences in premier parks which did not currently have facilities.
- 4) To note the estimated investment required to create new or refurbished public conveniences.

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- 5) To note the requested information on reopening all of the Council's existing public conveniences while the COVID-19 restrictions remained in place.
 - 6) To agree to engage with all relevant stakeholders regarding the provision of toilets at Leith Links.
 - 7) To welcome the report and note the easing of lockdown was gradual and that outdoor recreation and meetings would remain a key part of social interaction during Summer 2021, making our parks and outdoor spaces even more important to the people of Edinburgh.
 - 8) To further note the damaging behaviour by a minority of people in the Meadows, Portobello and in other locations in the City, and the negative impact on the surrounding residents and others using the park and other affected areas.
 - 9) To refer the decision to Full Council to approve an additional £450k of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets, meeting accessibility needs, in premier parks that required additional facilities, including the Meadows, and other locations where people would congregate in large numbers over the summer months, including Portobello, with the understanding that if the Full Council Meeting of the 29 April 2021 did not go ahead, authority would be delegated to the Chief Executive to approve an additional £450k of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets.
 - 10) To request that the Executive Director of Place identified locations from the list set out in Appendix 1 of the report where the provision of temporary toilets throughout the summer would be beneficial to managing the impact of increased footfall.
 - 11) To delegate the decision on the final list of locations to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with Group Leaders.
 - 12) To further note that there were a number of significant community projects already underway in Colinton, but to agree to engage with the local community to understand if a community asset transfer of Colinton's public toilets could be used as a vehicle for improving provision, as set out in 4.20. To agree to retain the Colinton Public Convenience throughout the process of local engagement and the development of any other alternative plans as part of the ongoing public conveniences strategy.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), paragraphs 9 and 10 were accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1.

Amendment 1

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- 1) To approve the approach for the future provision of public conveniences in Edinburgh set out in paragraphs 4.3 - 4.10 of the report.
- 2) To note the assessment of the existing facilities and gaps in existing provision as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 3) To note that it was intended to focus initially on provision of public conveniences in premier parks which did not currently have facilities.
- 4) To note the estimated investment required to create new or refurbished public conveniences; and to 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).
- 5) To note the requested information on reopening all of the Council's existing public conveniences while the COVID-19 restrictions remained in place. and recycling boxes to the Communal Bin Hub service. To agree to reopen all existing public conveniences when Edinburgh entered Level 2 Covid restrictions.
- 6) To note that 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 to instruct officers to investigate whether this burden was not transferred in subsequent sales and report back to Committee with their findings.
- 7) To welcome, with respect of Colinton Public Conveniences, the written submissions by Colinton Community Council and Colinton Amenity Association.
- 8) To reject paragraph 4.20 of the report and to express continued support for the re-opening of Colinton Public Conveniences as part of the Council's scheme going ahead given (a) their location in the heart of Colinton village near to the Green Flag Spylaw Park; (b) the increasing number of visitors to the Colinton Tunnel as well as the Robert Louis Stevenson trail and Phoebe Traquair railings; and (c) the modern nature of the facilities which were in good condition and not subject to any anti-social behaviour issues.
- 9) To express disappointment at the manner in which they had been singled out without any clear evidence base and with no clear justification.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Smith

Amendment 2

Add to existing recommendations:

1) In relation to immediate needs:

1.1 - To agree to look at options for opening the currently closed public toilets as outlined in paragraph 4.30 of the report as soon as practicable, and consistent with public health advice.

1.2 – To agree to support Pentlands Hills Regional Park in its aim to install toilet facilities for Spring/Summer 2021.

1.3 – To agree to extend opening hours in peak footfall locations as necessary – for example, at the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links and at Portobello.

1.4 – To agree to provide enhanced signage as necessary to direct people to available facilities.

1.5 – To agree that additional temporary toilet facilities be placed at a central location on the Meadows on an urgent basis, to be available during periods of high demand and for as long as necessary.

2) In relation to future permanent provision:

2.1 – To request consideration of a permanent centrally-located toilet facility on the Meadows in addition to current provision, to address high and seasonal footfall in this location; and to agree to keep under review seasonal and high-demand capacity for Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

2.2 – To request a review of options for other high footfall country parks and LNRs such as Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill.

- moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Booth

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

Amendment 3

At end of recommendation 1.1.2, insert “and notes that no public toilets were proposed for closure as a result of this report”

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Key

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Amendment 4

1) To approve the approach for the future provision of public conveniences in Edinburgh set out in paragraphs 4.3 - 4.10 of the report.

2) To note the assessment of the existing facilities and gaps in existing provision as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

- 3) To note that it was intended to focus initially on provision of public conveniences in premier parks which did not currently have facilities.
 - 4) To note the estimated investment required to create new or refurbished public conveniences.
 - 5) To note the requested information on reopening all of the Council's existing public conveniences whilst the COVID-19 restrictions remained in place.
 - 6) To recognise that thousands of people gathered on the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links to socialise and enjoy the outdoors during good weather.
 - 7) To note that the existing toilet facilities and opening hours were inadequate to cope with this level of demand.
 - 8) To regret the impact of public urination in residential streets surrounding the Meadows and the Links.
 - 9) To call for sufficient temporary toilet facilities to be placed at a central location on the Meadows on an urgent basis. Whilst temporary, these provisions should be capable of being available during periods of good weather and large gatherings.
 - 10) To request a briefing note be circulated to Councillors on the facilities installed.
 - 11) To note the longer-term work on city-wide, permanent, toilet provision as proposed in the report and requested that, as well as the replacement of existing facilities at east and west ends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links, that consideration was also given to a permanent centrally located toilet facility in the park, to address high footfall in this location.
- moved by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Bird

Voting

For the motion - 8 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted) – Councillors Bird, Booth, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key, Lang and Macinnes.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted) – Councillors Mowat, Smith and Whyte)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To approve the approach for the future provision of public conveniences in Edinburgh set out in paragraphs 4.3 - 4.10 of the report.

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- 2) To note the assessment of the existing facilities and gaps in existing provision as set out in Appendix 1 of the report and to note that no public toilets were proposed for closure as a result of this report.
- 3) To note that it was intended to focus initially on provision of public conveniences in premier parks which did not currently have facilities.
- 4) To note the estimated investment required to create new or refurbished public conveniences.
- 5) To note the requested information on reopening all of the Council's existing public conveniences while the COVID-19 restrictions remained in place.
- 6) To agree to engage with all relevant stakeholders regarding the provision of toilets at Leith Links.
- 7) To welcome the report and to note the easing of lockdown was gradual and that outdoor recreation and meetings would remain a key part of social interaction during Summer 2021, making our parks and outdoor spaces even more important to the people of Edinburgh.
- 8) To further note the damaging behaviour by a minority of people in the Meadows, Portobello and in other locations in the City, and the negative impact on the surrounding residents and others using the park and other affected areas.
- 9) To refer the decision to Full Council to approve an additional £450k of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets, meeting accessibility needs, in premier parks that required additional facilities, including the Meadows, and other locations where people would congregate in large numbers over the summer months, including Portobello, with the understanding that if the Full Council Meeting of the 29 April 2021 did not go ahead, authority would be delegated to the Chief Executive to approve an additional £450k of additional resources from COVID funds for additional temporary public toilets.
- 10) To request that the Executive Director of Place identified locations from the list set out in Appendix 1 of the report where the provision of temporary toilets throughout the summer would be beneficial to managing the impact of increased footfall.
- 11) To delegate the decision on the final list of locations to the Executive Director of Place in consultation with Group Leaders.
- 12) To further note that there were a number of significant community projects already underway in Colinton, but to agree to engage with the local community to understand if a community asset transfer of Colinton's public toilets could be used as a vehicle for improving provision, as set out in paragraph 4.20 of the report. To agree to retain the Colinton Public Convenience throughout the

process of local engagement and the development of any other alternative plans as part of the ongoing public conveniences strategy.

13) In relation to immediate needs:

13.1 - To agree to look at options for opening the currently closed public toilets as outlined in paragraph 4.30 of the report as soon as practicable, and consistent with public health advice.

13.2 – To agree to support Pentlands Hills Regional Park in its aim to install toilet facilities for Spring/Summer 2021.

13.3 – To agree to extend opening hours in peak footfall locations as necessary – for example, at the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links and at Portobello.

13.4 – To agree to provide enhanced signage as necessary to direct people to available facilities.

13.5 – To agree that additional temporary toilet facilities be placed at a central location on the Meadows on an urgent basis, to be available during periods of high demand and for as long as necessary.

14) In relation to future permanent provision:

14.1 – To request consideration of a permanent centrally-located toilet facility on the Meadows in addition to current provision, to address high and seasonal footfall in this location; and to agree to keep under review seasonal and high-demand capacity for Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

14.2 – To request a review of options for other high footfall country parks and LNRs such as Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill.

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

Councillor Doran declared a non-financial interest in the above item as she lived in the Portobello area.

7. Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 28 January 2021 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 19 February 2021 as a correct record.

8. Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme

The Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

9. Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log for April 2021 was presented.

Decision

1) To agree to close the following actions:

Action 4 – Electric Vehicle Infrastructure: Business Case

Action 13 – Motion by Councillor Miller – Tollcross Primary School Road Safety Improvements

Action 21 (3 & 5) – Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

Action 23 - Decriminalised Traffic and Parking Enforcement (Update)

Action 26 – City Mobility Plan – Draft for Consultation

Action 28 – Edinburgh: Million Tree City

Action 30 – Business Bulletin

Action 31 – City Mobility Plan – Public Consultation and Engagement Key Messages and Next Steps

Action 32 (1) – Business Bulletin

Action 33 (1 & 2) – City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements Project - Section 3(b) (North St David Street) - Representations to Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order

Action 35 (1, 2, 3 & 4) – Spaces for People Update - November 2020

Action 37 – Motion by Councillor Webber – Intelligent Traffic Signals

Action 39 (1) – Business Bulletin

Action 40 (1 & 3) – Spaces for People Update - January 2021

Action 41 – Lothian Buses Presentation

Action 48 (1 & 2) – Revenue Monitoring Update –2020/2021 Month seven position

- 2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

10. Delivery of the Road Safety Improvements Programme

a) Deputation – Ratho and District Community Council

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Ratho and District Community Council

The deputation advised that they understood that the proposal to be put to the Committee was for a pedestrian signalised crossing only. This arose from a petition considered by the Petitions Committee on 4 September 2014, regarding a request for the installation of traffic signals at the A71 Dalmahoy junction. The deputation requested that designs for the junction were based on vehicular signals as requested in the petition for the safety of all road users, vehicular and pedestrian, and not solely based cost alone.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

An update was provided on the Council's ongoing programme of road safety improvements and on the long-term trend of a significant reduction in the number of personal injury collisions occurring each year in Edinburgh.

An update was also provided on plans for short term improvements at the major junction at Portobello High Street/King's Road/Seafield Road East/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road to improve safety for vulnerable road users. Approval, in principle, was requested to promote a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to temporarily ban left turns for goods vehicles with an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes, from Portobello High Street onto Sir Harry Lauder Road, for a period of up to 18 months.

Motion

- 1) To note the various workstreams included within the Council's programme of road safety improvements and the delivery of this programme in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- 2) To note the long-term trend of a significant reduction in the number of personal injury collisions occurring each year in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note that a new Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh was currently being developed to cover the period to 2030.

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- 4) To approve, in principle, the promotion of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to ban left turns for goods vehicles from Portobello High Street onto Sir Harry Lauder Road, as set out in paragraphs 4.32 – 4.47 of the report, should this be required as part of a programme of short term improvements at this junction to improve safety for vulnerable road users.
 - 5) To note that engagement with local stakeholders on the options for the road layout at the major junction at Portobello High Street/King's Road/Seafield Road East/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road had concluded that there was one possible option which may secure support. This was now being designed for an independent road safety audit and would then be discussed further with stakeholders.
 - 6) To note that an update on plans for longer term improvements at this junction and other major junctions in the city would be presented to Committee in June 2021.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the various workstreams included within the Council's programme of road safety improvements and the delivery of this programme in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- 2) To note the long-term trend of a significant reduction in the number of personal injury collisions occurring each year in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note that a new Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh was currently being developed to cover the period to 2030.
- 4) To approve, in principle, the promotion of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to ban left turns for goods vehicles from Portobello High Street onto Sir Harry Lauder Road, as set out in paragraphs 4.32 – 4.47 of the report, should this be required as part of a programme of short term improvements at this junction to improve safety for vulnerable road users;.
- 5) To note that engagement with local stakeholders on the options for the road layout at the major junction at Portobello High Street/King's Road/Seafield Road East/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road had concluded that there was one possible option which may secure support. This was now being designed for an independent road safety audit and would then be discussed further with stakeholders.
- 6) To note that an update on plans for longer term improvements at this junction and other major junctions in the city would be presented to Committee in June 2021.

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- 7) To note that the improvements at Dalmahoy Junction had been long overdue and that only a fully signalised junction was appropriate to address the issues.
 - 8) To regret that despite local community assurances given to local elected members and Currie Community Council, the signalised pedestrian crossing at Lanark Road West / Stewart Avenue was absent from Appendix 4 of the report.
 - 9) To call for a report in once cycle as to the circumstances that continued to prevent this crossing from being programmed which originally pre-dated this Council and was initiated by Cllr Bill Henderson.
- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the various workstreams included within the Council's programme of road safety improvements and the delivery of this programme in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- 2) To note the long-term trend of a significant reduction in the number of personal injury collisions occurring each year in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note that a new Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh was currently being developed to cover the period to 2030 for reporting to the Committee by the end of 2021
- 4) To approve, in principle, the promotion of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to ban left turns for goods vehicles from Portobello High Street onto Sir Harry Lauder Road, as set out in paragraphs 4.32 – 4.47, should this be required as part of a programme of short term improvements at this junction to improve safety for vulnerable road users;.
- 5) To note that engagement with local stakeholders on the options for the road layout at the major junction at Portobello High Street/King's Road/Seafield Road East/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road had concluded that there was one possible option which may secure support. This was now being designed for an independent road safety audit and would then be discussed further with stakeholders.
- 6) To note that an update on plans for longer term improvements at this junction and other major junctions in the city would be presented to Committee in June 2021.
- 7) To agree that a status update on the speed reduction measures delivered under 4.11 of the report should be provided by way of a members' briefing within the next six months.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), paragraphs 3 and 7 were accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) - 8 votes

For Amendment 1 - 3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted) – Councillors Bird, Booth, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key, Lang and Macinnes

For Amendment 1 – Councillors Smith, Webber and Whyte)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To note the various workstreams included within the Council's programme of road safety improvements and the delivery of this programme in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- 2) To note the long-term trend of a significant reduction in the number of personal injury collisions occurring each year in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note that a new Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh was currently being developed to cover the period to 2030 for reporting to the Committee by the end of 2021
- 4) To approve, in principle, the promotion of a Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to ban left turns for goods vehicles from Portobello High Street onto Sir Harry Lauder Road, as set out in paragraphs 4.32 – 4.47, should this be required as part of a programme of short term improvements at this junction to improve safety for vulnerable road users;.
- 5) To note that engagement with local stakeholders on the options for the road layout at the major junction at Portobello High Street/King's Road/Seafield Road East/Inchview Terrace/Sir Harry Lauder Road had concluded that there was one possible option which may secure support. This was now being designed for an independent road safety audit and would then be discussed further with stakeholders.
- 6) To note that an update on plans for longer term improvements at this junction and other major junctions in the city would be presented to Committee in June 2021.
- 7) To agree that a status update on the speed reduction measures delivered under 4.11 of the report should be provided by way of a members' briefing within the next six months.

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

11. Secure On-Street Cycle Parking Project – Further Expansion

An update was provided on the current roll out of secure on-street cycle parking and, recognising that there was strong evidence of demand for additional capacity, both at locations where units had been installed or were already planned and at other locations throughout the city. Approval was sought a further roll out of 50 new locations (100 units) per year, for the next two years.

This would be subject to the award of Sustrans match funding towards the cost of the additional units.

Decision

To approve, subject to the award of Sustrans match funding, the addition of 50 new locations (100 units) per year to the Secure On-Street Cycle Parking project for the next two years.

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

12. Intelligent Traffic Signals – Variable Message Signs

In response to a motion by Councillor Webber, approved by Committee on 12 November 2020, the existing arrangements for Variable Message Signs (VMS) across the city and Car Parking Guidance Signs (CPGS) in the city centre were summarised. Plans to remove all of the CPGS, as part of the Spaces for People programme, and to remove or upgrade existing VMS signs were also set out. Alongside the upgrade of some existing signs, a new Common Database would support the dissemination of travel information in a variety of ways.

Decision

- 1) To note the current status of the Variable Message Signs (VMS) and Car Parking Guidance Signs (CPGS) across the city.
- 2) To note the plans being developed to remove and upgrade VMS as part of the Council's Smart Cities programme and to remove the CPGS as part of the Spaces for People programme.
- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Webber from Transport and Environment Committee on 12 November 2020.

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

13. Consultation on Further Extension of 20mph Network

A revised approach to undertaking a review of the potential to extend Edinburgh's current 20mph network was outlined. A consultation process seeking views on levels of support for extending the network and for identifying further streets for inclusion was outlined. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restrictions in place for physical

distancing, it had not been possible to deliver the original consultation programme, as approved by Committee on 27 February 2020, as planned.

Motion

- 1) To approve the revised consultation approach to the extension of 20mph speed limits as set out in the report.
 - 2) To approve the proposed criteria for assessing further streets for inclusion in the 20mph network.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To request that the Council's new Consultation Policy be adopted for the extension of the 20mph speed limits as approved by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 20th April 2021 and that the revised approach be presented back in one cycle.
 - 2) To approve the proposed criteria for assessing further streets for inclusion in the 20mph network.
- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Voting

- For the motion - 8 votes
- For the Amendment - 3 votes

(For the Motion – Councillors, Bird, Booth, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key, Lang and Macinnes.

For the Amendment – Councillors Smith, Webber and Whyte.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes:

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

14. Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 10 February 2021- referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee had referred a report which provided an overview of the status of the overdue Internal Audit (IA) findings as at 10 February 2021. A total of 115 open IA findings remained to be addressed across the Council as at 10 February 2021. This included the one remaining historic finding and

excluded open and overdue Internal Audit findings for the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board and the Lothian Pension Fund.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the Transport and Environment Committee of 17 June 2021.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, 23 March 2021; referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

15. Transport Arms Length Organisations - Board and Auditor Appointments

Approval was sought for the appointment of Andrew Neal to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) as a Non-Executive Director (NED) with immediate effect and to extend the appointments of existing NEDs on the Boards of both Lothian Buses Limited and Edinburgh Trams Limited until the arrangements for reform of the Transport Arms Length Organisations (ALEOs) were implemented.

Approval was also sought for the appointment of Azets Audit Services Limited as Auditor for Lothian Buses for a further year.

Decision

- 1) To note that the appointment of Directors to the Council's Transport Arms Length organisations (ALEOs) and the appointment of auditors at Lothian Buses Limited were Reserved Matters, which required the written consent of the Council.
- 2) To approve the appointment of Andrew Neal as a Non-Executive Director (NED) to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh (TfE) with immediate effect.
- 3) To approve the appointment of Azets Audit Services Limited as Auditor for Lothian Buses for a further year.
- 3) To agree to extend the appointment of existing Board Members for the ALEOs until the arrangements for ALEO reform are implemented.

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

Declaration of Interests

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

Councillors Doran declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Director of Transport for Edinburgh.

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