

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 11 November 2021

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Bird, Burgess, Child, Hutchison (Items 1 - 12), Key, Lang, Miller, Smith, Rose (substituting for Councillor Hutchison for Items 13, 14, 15 and 16) and Whyte.

1. Active Travel Measures – Travelling Safely Update

a) Deputation – Spokes South Scotland

Committee considered a deputation from Spokes South Scotland. The deputation stated that although they were encouraged that the Scottish Government and Edinburgh Council had challenging targets to develop plans for significant changes in sustainable travel, they wanted to see those targets reflected in the decisions Council made in the Committee. The deputation stated that they understood it took time for families to switch to more sustainable travel options, particularly within the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, however they argued that the recommended changes would reduce safety and comfort for cyclists on Braid and Comiston Road, making families doubt that they had a safe route to school or work. The deputation asked Committee to consider re-opening Braid Road Northbound for use by local residents, delay changes to Braid Road until a more suitable design was made available for pedestrians and cyclists, and to consider not extending the bus lane if Braid Road were to be reopened.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Committee considered a report providing an update on the Travelling Safely programme, which included details of the engagement undertaken on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes. The report also provided an update on the review of disabled parking measures at the Arboretum Road crossing point.

Motion

- 1) To note the updates in the report, including details on existing measures.
- 2) To consider feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and agree the recommendations in paragraph 4.4 and in Appendix 2 of the report.

- 3) To note the outcome of the review of disabled parking measures at the Arboretum Road crossing point in paragraph 4.8 of the report.
- 4) To note and to approve the approach described in paragraph 5.4 of the consultation, advertising and making of ETROs for Travelling Safely measures.
- 5) To recognise that a complete Active Travel Network was necessary for safe journeys for those who chose to travel by bike in the city and that the reintroduction of alternative road features such as loading facilities could effectively reduce the safety aspects of an active travel network and impact on its continuity and potentially on levels of use.
- 6) To request a particular focus from officers to monitor the impact of the proposed changes to the active travel and public transport environment across the area that included Braid Road and Comiston Road and to report back to the Transport and Environment Committee within one year.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note updates in the report, including detail on the existing measures (as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report).
- 2) To consider feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and to agree to remove in full the Comiston Road scheme and approved option 1 for Braid Road.
- 3) To welcome the outcome of the review of disabled parking measures at the Arboretum Road crossing point in paragraph 4.8 however, to consider that further improvements were required to fully address the clear equality issues with the flawed and temporary scheme. To further agree that officers should report to Committee within two cycles detailing the two previous designs for full Active Travel Schemes for this area, the outcomes of the public consultations on these designs, and a proposed plan and timescale to bring forward a permanent scheme that provided both the essential pedestrian crossing that had been the source of requests for over 10 years along with an approach to the use of the crescent areas that provided drop off and Blue Badge Holder parking to give access for those with mobility issues.

- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

- 1) To delete recommendation 1.1.2 and insert;
 - To note the consultation feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and to accordingly agree;
 - The recommendations in paragraph 4.4 and in Appendix 2 with respect to Comiston Road of the report.
 - To proceed with Option 1, so Braid Road was fully reopened in both directions, given this was by far the most popular choice in the local community.

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- To proceed swiftly to implement the Braidburn Terrace one-way scheme along with the planned road safety improvements at the junction of Braid Road and Hermitage Drive, including extended pavements, a raised table road surface and a toucan light-controlled crossing.
- To install effective speed reducing measures, such as high speed signs, raised tables, speed bumps and chicanes, on Braid Road, Hermitage Drive and Midmar Drive.
- In consultation with the local community, review the operation of the Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Connection, after Braid Road had been re-opened, to assess the need for changes to address the residents' concerns."

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Bird

Amendment 3

1) To replace recommendation 1.1.2 with;

- To consider the feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and to agree:
 - a. To implement Option 1 for Braid Road as per officers' recommendations, however to further note the staged implementation of the improvements to Braidburn Terrace, 'Braidburn Valley Park to Hermitage of Braid', including the toucan crossing on Braid Road. To agree that to support residents to continue walking, wheeling and cycling, Braid Road should not be opened to traffic in both directions until the toucan crossing was operational.
 - b. To alter the measures on Comiston Road as per officers' recommendations, however to retain the maximum amount of 'cycle lane defenders' and provide a full-time bus lane with double yellow lines, in order to prioritise bus and bike users as per the sustainable transport hierarchy.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Burgess

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 - 7 votes

For amendment 1 - 3 votes

For amendment 2 - 1 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller

For amendment 1: Councillors Hutchison, Smith and Whyte

For amendment 2: Councillor Lang.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To note the updates in the report, including details on existing measures.
- 2) To consider feedback received on the Comiston Road and Braid Road schemes and agreed:
 - To implement Option 2 for Braid Road as per officers' recommendations, however further noted the staged implementation of the improvements to Braidburn Terrace, 'Braidburn Valley Park to Hermitage of Braid', including the toucan crossing on Braid Road. To agree that to support residents to continue walking, wheeling and cycling, Braid Road should not be opened to traffic in both directions until the toucan crossing was operational.
 - To alter the measures on Comiston Road as per officers' recommendations, however retaining the maximum amount of 'cycle lane defenders' and to provide a full-time bus lane with double yellow lines, in order to prioritise bus and bike users as per the sustainable transport hierarchy.
- 3) To note the outcome of the review of disabled parking measures at the Arboretum Road crossing point in paragraph 4.8 of the report.
- 4) To note and to approve the approach described in paragraph 5.4 of the consultation, advertising and making of ETROs for Travelling Safely measures.
- 5) To recognise that a complete Active Travel Network was necessary for safe journeys for those who chose to travel by bike in the city and that the reintroduction of alternative road features such as loading facilities could effectively reduce the safety aspects of an active travel network and impact on its continuity and potentially on levels of use.
- 6) To request a particular focus from officers to monitor the impact of the proposed changes to the active travel and public transport environment across the area that includes Braid Road and Comiston Road and to report back to the Transport and Environment Committee within one year.

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

2. A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements

a) Deputation – St Mary's Church Residents Association

Committee considered a deputation from St Mary's Church Residents Association. The deputation was concerned over the lack of drainage in the area, potentially causing a hazard to motorists. The deputation was also concerned over the non-compliance of speed limits, and the lack of speed cameras in the area. The deputation also raised concerns over the lack of crossings in the area, causing safety issues for pedestrians, cyclists and road users. The deputation asked Committee to consider

funding issues and to consider an affordable compromise in order to receive better signalling and adequate drainage in the area.

b) Deputation – Ratho and District Community Council

Committee considered a deputation from Ratho and District Community Council. The deputation was concerned that the proposed solution would not improve the safety of motorists, and that filters were needed in order to prevent blockings on the road. The deputation argued that realignment and reduction in speed limits were not good enough options, and an introduction of enforcement was needed in order to prevent speeding and accidents happening in the area. The deputation asked Committee to consider installing a fully signalised junction in the area in order to improve safety.

c) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Committee considered a report which provided an update on the A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements project. The report also set out proposals delivering alternative road safety measures at the junction to improve road safety.

Motion

- 1) To note the work that had been done to date on the A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements project.
- 2) To note the current cost estimated for the introduction of a signalised junction was £962,000, which was significantly greater than the funding package of £455,000 approved by Committee in March 2017.
- 3) To note that a safety scheme was installed in April 2017 and a reduced 40mph speed limit was subsequently implemented in February 2018. Since these changes came into effect there had been significant reduction in personal injury collisions at the junction.
- 4) To note that as a result of the reduction in personal injury collisions, a preliminary design for alternative road safety measures at the junction had been developed (outlined in paragraph 4.10 and detailed in Appendix 2 of the report).
- 5) To approve proceeding with the alternative road safety measures proposed.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the work that had been done to date on the A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements project.
- 2) To note that the current cost estimated for the introduction of a signalised junction of £962,000 was significantly greater than the funding package of £455,000 approved by Committee in March 2017. However, to further note the alternative road safety measures proposed by officers costed at £625,000 also significantly exceeded the approved funding package.
- 3) To note with regret that decades of delays on improvements to the junction had led to inevitably increased costs.

- 4) To note that a fully signalised junction was the preferred option of local residents, the Ratho and District Community Council and ward Councillors.
- 5) To agree to proceed with the current plan for a fully signalised junction with the required funding of £507,000 to be included in the capital programme for roads for 2022/23 to be presented to Council at the budget setting meeting in February 2022.

- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 7 votes

For amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller

For the amendment: Councillors Hutchison, Lang, Smith and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

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

3. City Mobility Plan - Mode Share Targets

a) Deputation – Spokes

Committee considered a deputation from Spokes. The deputation was concerned over the background assumptions that underpinned the targets, and the downgrading of targets for getting around by bike. The deputation was also concerned that the cycling mode share targets were ambitious and that such a big target would impact planned cycling budgets. The deputation asked Committee to remove the modal change targets or revise solely as a response to the car mileage reduction initiative.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Committee received a report on the City Mobility Plan (CMP) mode share targets which helped set a level of measurable ambition for actions and decisions which would deliver a shift towards more sustainable travel. The report highlighted that this was in response to Edinburgh's ambitious agenda for change, including to be net zero carbon by 2030. The report sought approval of the mode share targets, which would form part of the suite of Key Performance Indicators supporting monitoring of the CMP and would be re-examined as part of the CMP's review cycle to ensure they remained realistic and ambitious. The report sought approval for these targets which were based on planning for a 30% reduction in kilometres travelled by car by Edinburgh residents

to contribute to the Scottish Government's target of a national reduction of 20% in car kilometres by 2030.

Motion

- 1) To approve the mode share targets as set out in the appended Technical Note to the report.
- 2) To note that the mode share targets would continue to be reviewed as part of the City Mobility Plan review cycle to ensure they were realistic, deliverable and ambitious.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

To continue consideration of this item for a further report that:

- 1) Outlined how the potential targets in the Technical Note could be related in a realistic and deliverable way to the City Mobility Plan actions rather than simply an overall and stretched Scottish Government Target.
- 2) Committed to continue to measure trip data in addition to Km travelled data given the implications for the administration's "to not through" policy for public transport around the City Centre had likely implications for reduced numbers of longer public transport trips.
- 3) Attempted to set out how delivery trips would be measured given evidence that these had grown during the pandemic and that continued home working and reduced travel by residents in 20 minute neighbourhoods could potentially maintain these increases over the long term.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the target of 30% reduction in car kms as set out in the appended Technical Note.
- 2) To recognise the complexity of establishing individual mode share targets and committed to working with key stakeholder groups such as Living Streets and Spokes to review and refine individual mode share targets which would support the shift towards sustainable transport. These were to be reported to Transport and Environment Committee by March 2021.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Burgess

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	-	8 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Lang, Macinnes and Miller

For amendment: Councillors Hutchison, Smith and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes;

- 1) To approve the target of 30% reduction in car kms as set out in the appended Technical Note.
- 2) To note that the mode share targets would continue to be reviewed as part of the City Mobility Plan review cycle to ensure they were realistic, deliverable and ambitious.
- 3) To recognise the complexity of establishing individual mode share targets and committed to working with key stakeholder groups such as Living Streets and Spokes to review and refine individual mode share targets which would support the shift towards sustainable transport. These were to be reported to Transport and Environment Committee by March 2021.

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

4. Brunstane Road Closure (ETRO Progress Update)

Committee received a report highlighting the response to the statutory consultation for the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) at Brunstane Road.

The report indicated that Brunstane Road was a residential street to the east of Portobello which formed a route between Milton Road East to the south and Joppa Road to the north, and was an area that had been subjected to longstanding traffic problems south of the bridge over the railway line due to a combination of factors. The report explained how as a means to address the situation the Transport and Environment Committee agreed to trial the closure of Brunstane Road to motorised vehicles, together with complementary traffic management measures introduced within the Coillesdene area, through the introduction of an ETRO on the 28th of January 2021. The report highlighted that those who lived on Brunstane Road were generally supportive of the proposed ETRO, while those who indicated they did not live on Brunstane Road were opposed.

It was noted that two deputations were received for this Item from Portobello Amenity Society and Brightons and Rosefields Residents' Association, however due to the quasi-judicial nature of the ETRO process the deputations were refused by Committee.

Motion

- 1) To recall the previous Committee decision of 28 January 2021 instructing progress of this scheme.
- 2) To note the contents of the report and the responses from the statutory public consultation on the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO).

- 3) To set aside objections, having considered the content of the 218 objections received, and to agree to proceed with the trialling of the proposed measures under the ETRO.
- 4) To approve the making of the ETRO as advertised.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

To replace the recommendations in the report with:

Committee noted that the full ETRO public consultation showed an even higher proportion of the wider population being against the closure with 74% indicating their opposition with 211 lodging an objection. Committee therefore to agree to abandon the ETRO process and that officers should re-examine alternative measures for Brunstane Road such as parking controls and/or an HGV ban.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Smith

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	7 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller

For amendment: Lang, Rose, Smith and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Child declared a non-financial interest in this item as founder and member of Brightons and Rosefields Residents' Association and as founder of the Portobello Amenity Society.

Councillor Doran declared a non-financial interest in this item as a resident in the Joppa area.

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

5. Motion by the Liberal Democrat Group – Edinburgh Recycling Centres

a) Deputation – Unite the Union and Unison

Committee considered a deputation from Unite the Union and Unison. The deputation explained how since the booking system was introduced into Edinburgh recycling centres, staff have experienced less abuse from customers, the recycling centres were more accessible, and the booking system made workers more efficient and safer at their work. The deputation asked Committee not to scrap the booking system, and to retain it instead.

b) Motion by Councillor Lang

The following motion by Councillor Lang was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17: "Committee:

- 1) Notes that an online booking system was introduced for Edinburgh recycling centres in June 2020 to ensure they could be reopened safely following the COVID-19 related closure.
- 2) Notes the comments from the Transport & Environment Convener at the September 2020 meeting of the Council where she confirmed it would be for the Transport & Environment Committee to decide whether to maintain the booking system on a long term basis.
- 3) Notes that neither Glasgow City Council, Dundee City Council nor Perth & Kinross Council have booking systems for accessing recycling centres and that Aberdeen City Council's booking system relates only to a small number of limited circumstances depending on vehicle type and the waste to be recycled.
- 4) Therefore agrees that, taking into account national COVID guidance and requirements, the need for users to book a slot in advance of accessing a recycling centre in Edinburgh has now passed and resolves that the current booking system should cease from 1 January 2022."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Bird

Amendment

- 1) To note that an online booking system was introduced for Edinburgh recycling centres in June 2020 to ensure they could be reopened safely following the COVID-19 related closure.
- 2) To note the comments from the Transport and Environment Convener at the September 2020 meeting of the Council where she confirmed it would be for the Transport and Environment Committee to decide whether to maintain the booking system on a long-term basis.
- 3) To recognise that the appointment booking system had been warmly welcomed by staff who had experienced calmer, better working conditions as a result with reduced instances of aggression; that the system appeared to work very well, reducing queuing time for residents and ensuring a more even use of the recycling sites throughout the day. The social distancing that this system more easily provided was also still considered important for the ease of both staff and residents.

- 4) To note that initial concerns from residents during the early period of implementation had abated considerably over time and that onsite staff reported plentiful positive comments from the public focussing on a preference for the new system, that they could have access sites more easily without queuing and that they could complete visits faster than previously
- 5) To note that it had helped prevent the use of recycling centres by non-Edinburgh residents or businesses which had previously been an operational concern and cost.
- 6) To note that the cost of implementing the system was only £7,500 and recognised the long term value of this Covid response to longer term waste operations.
- 7) To note that since the appointments system was adopted over 740,000 bookings had taken place to date.
- 8) To note that it would maybe be possible to expand some capacity using the appointments system at some or all three recycling sites and requested a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in March 2021 which would outline this and describe operational impacts of the new method of working.
- 9) To request that the report also provided officer recommendations on whether the system should be retained for Committee decision.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	- 4 votes
For the amendment	- 7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Hutchison, Lang, Smith and Whyte

For Amendment: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Macinnes.

6. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 14 October 2021 as a correct record.

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 26 October 2021 as a correct record.

7. Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme

The Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

- 1) To provide Committee with an update on the reports and report authors ahead of January's Committee.
- 2) To otherwise note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted.)

8. Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log

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

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:

Action 15(1) – Motion by Councillor Miller – Safe Cycle Journeys to School – Agenda – Transport and Environment Committee – 11.10.19

Action 21 – 40mph Speed Limit Review

Action 23 – Waste and Cleansing Service Policy Assurance Statement

Action 27(2) – Trial Closure of Brunstane Road and Associated Measures to Mitigate intrusive Traffic in the Coillesdene Area

Action 31(6) – Working in Partnership with Police Scotland to Deliver Innovative Approaches to Road Safety for Vulnerable Road Users – Operation Close Pass

Action 36(5&8) – Potential Retention of Spaces for People Measures

Action 38 – Winter Maintenance Review – 2020/21

Action 39 – A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements

Action 44(4&5) – Active Travel Measures – Travelling Safely (Formerly Spaces for People)

Action 46 – Emergency Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Spaces for People – Internal Audit – Agenda – 19.08.21

Action 47 – Emergency Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme – Agenda – 19.08.21

Action 49(3) – City Mobility Plan and City Plan

Action 50 – Place Service Internal Audit – Actions Update

- 2) To explore what opportunities there were to keep dialogue open between safety partners on the use of camera footage.
- 3) To otherwise note the outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

9. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for November 2021 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that officers would carry out an inspection and fix the broken step at Golden Acre Steps as appropriate.
- 2) To provide an update on road crossings and when they would be completed at a future Committee.
- 3) To provide an update on the Wardie Bay and assurance that the date of completion would be upheld.
- 4) To provide an update after consultation with the Scottish Government on the ETRO process.
- 5) To provide an update on the Low Emission Zone.
- 6) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

10. Spaces for People – Internal Audit

Committee considered a report responding to a motion approved at the Transport and Environment Committee on 9 September 2021 on the Spaces for People (SfP) Internal Audit.

The motion required a report to be brought to the November 2021 Transport and Environment Committee outlining in detail management responses and what lessons were learned and could be used for forward implementation. Committee were asked to note the management responses and lessons learned from the SfP Audit as were detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

Decision

To note the report.

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

11. Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme – Future Delivery and Interim Community Initiatives

Committee considered a report addressing the Future Delivery and Interim Community Initiatives of Edinburgh's Cycle Hire Scheme. The report addressed the motion from the Transport and Environment Committee held on 19 August 2021 that called for a report in November 2021 outlining options for a new scheme.

The report addressed the motion as it considered merits of the former Serco scheme; outlined proposed objectives for new schemes; and proposed the establishment of a project team who would prepare detailed options for the medium and longer term. The report also proposed short-term, mitigating actions that could be implemented with longer-term options being developed for approval and subsequently implemented if Committee approved.

Motion

- 1) To note the current position on the Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme (ECHS) and the proposed short and medium-term mitigating measures set out in the report.
 - 2) To agree to the establishment of a project team to take forward a detailed assessment of proposed objectives for a new scheme in the medium to long term, with the outcome being reported to Committee as early as possible.
 - 3) To approve funding to support the short-term mitigating measures, as detailed in paragraph 4.14 of the report.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note with regret the abrupt end of the Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme (ECHS) in September and the failure of the SNP/Labour Administration to ensure continuity of service for the users of this long-awaited scheme despite a considerable budget allocation being available and this to be considered a failure of leadership, delivery and commercial ability by the Administration.
- 2) To note with considerable frustration that any re-procurement would take a minimum of 18 months to two years and called for a review of alternative procurement models to reduce the excessively lengthy timescale.
- 3) To note the current position on the ECHS and the proposed short and medium-term mitigating measures set out in the report but to agree that spend on these should be reviewed by Committee on an annual basis in order that the budgeted funds could be mitigated for the original use of a replacement, mass use cycle hire scheme.
- 4) To agree to the establishment of a project team to take forward a detailed assessment of proposed objectives for a new scheme but time limited this work to six months recognising the considerable knowledge already available in the field both within Transport for Edinburgh and cities across the UK, with the outcome being reported to Committee as early as possible.
- 5) To approve funding to support the short-term mitigating measures for 2021/22 only at this stage.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	7 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller

For the amendment: Councillors Hutchison, Lang, Smith and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

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

12. Healthcare Worker and Carer (Parking) Permits

Committee received a report updating points raised in a motion that requested a review of the Healthcare Workers' Permit (HWP) scheme. The report outlined that the current scheme did not include carers registered with the Scottish Social Services Council, unregistered home care workers and personal assistants, and recognised that unpaid carers could incur substantial parking costs when caring for vulnerable people who lived within the Controlled Parking Zone.

The report provided Committee with an update on the points raised within the motion and set out proposals to revise the HWP and sought authority to commence the necessary legal proceedings. The report also provided a progress update on benchmarking exercises and subsequent investigations into enhancing parking opportunities for other healthcare professionals and carers, both paid and unpaid. The report also set out key principles for two new potential carer parking permit schemes and sought authority to engage and consult with key stakeholders to further refine the details of these new permit proposals.

Motion

- 1) To note the current arrangement for Healthcare Workers' Permits (HWP) and the recent review of these.
- 2) To approve the proposed changes to the Healthcare Workers' Permits (HWP) as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.
- 3) To approve the start of the legal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process to make the above changes to HWPs.
- 4) To note the conclusion that there were opportunities for introducing Carer's parking permits and the proposals set out for this and approved further engagement with key stakeholders to further refine proposals for carer permit schemes.
- 5) To discharge the motion approved by Council on 10 December 2020.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the current arrangement for Healthcare Workers' Permits (HWP) and the recent review of these.
- 2) To approve the proposed changes to the Healthcare Workers' Permits (HWP) as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.
- 3) To approve the start of the legal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process to make the above changes to HWPs.
- 4) To agree to the principle of introducing a new Carer's parking permit scheme, welcomed the proposals set out in the report to achieve this, approved further engagement with key stakeholders to further refine the proposals so a report could return to Committee within six months.
- 5) To discharge the motion approved by Council on 10 December 2020 noting that outstanding actions would be logged in the Committee rolling actions log.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Bird

Amendment 2

Add one additional recommendation:

To note that the majority of care home staff walked or used public transport, and therefore to also agree to include discussion of walking and public transport in the further engagement with key stakeholders.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Burgess

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)	- 7 votes
For the amendment	- 3 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Bird, Burgess, Child, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.

For the amendment: Councillors Lang, Smith and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes;

- 1) To note the current arrangement for Healthcare Workers' Permits (HWP) and the recent review of these.
- 2) To approve the proposed changes to the Healthcare Workers' Permits (HWP) as set out in paragraph 4.4 of the report.

- 3) To approve the start of the legal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process to make the above changes to HWP's.
- 4) To note the conclusion that there were opportunities for introducing Carer's parking permits and the proposals set out for this and approved further engagement with key stakeholders to further refine proposals for carer permit schemes.
- 5) To discharge the motion approved by Council on 10 December 2020.
- 6) To note the majority of home care staff walked or used public transport, and therefore also agreed to include discussion of walking and public transport in the further engagement with key stakeholders.

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

13. Waste and Cleansing Services Performance Update

Committee considered a report updating Committee on the Waste and Cleansing Services performance for the first two quarters of 2021/22 (April-September 2021). The report highlighted the continued impact on Covid-19 had on the service, and the impact on household waste arisings due to residents spending significantly more time at home, and the continues impact of increased online deliveries.

Motion

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

– moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the contents of the report including the activities and dependencies outlined within the report and the progress made towards these.
- 2) To note that tipping and dumping in Edinburgh had increased year-on-year since 2017, and that this was selfish and anti-social behaviour blighted many communities, as it did in local authority areas across Scotland.
- 3) To note that dealing with tipping and dumping consumed significant council resources, and that this money could be better invested elsewhere.
- 4) To request a report within three cycles which detailed the extent of the problem, identifying hotspots and to make clear what options were available to deal with this problem, including the bulky household uplift service.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

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 including the activities and dependencies outlined within the report and the progress made towards these.
- 2) To note that tipping and dumping in Edinburgh had increased year-on-year since 2017, and that this was selfish and anti-social behaviour blighted many communities, as it did in local authority areas across Scotland.
- 3) To note that dealing with tipping and dumping consumed significant council resources, and that this money could be better invested elsewhere.
- 4) To request a report within three cycles which detailed the extent of the problem, identifying hotspots and to make clear what options were available to deal with this problem, including the bulky household uplift service.

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

14. Waste and Cleansing Services Policy Assurance Statement

Committee considered a report reviewing the Waste and Cleansing Services' customer facing policies in line with the Council's policy assurance procedures to ensure that they remained accurate and relevant, and that they could continue to support the efficient and equitable delivery of the front-line services.

Decision

To note the report.

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

15. Public Utility Company Performance and Road Work Co-ordination April 2020 – March 2021

Committee considered a report summarising the performance of the Public Utility Companies during 2020/21. The report also reviewed major issues encountered during the period and the actions taken to address road works co-ordination issues.

Decision

To note the report.

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

16. North Bridge Refurbishment Scope and Funding Update

The Committee, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 8 Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Committee received a report providing additional detail of the further emerging scope and consequent costs relating to the North Bridge Refurbishment, together with details of mitigation measures being processed on the project.

Decision

To note the report.

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