

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## City of Edinburgh Council

**10.00 am Thursday, 30th June, 2022**

Main Council Chamber - City Chambers

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## 1. Order of business

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

## 2. Declaration of interests

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## **8. Motions**

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### **8.1** By Councillor Lang - Scottish Government Resource Spending Review

“Council;

1. notes with concern the Scottish Government’s Resource Spending Review, which set out a cash terms freeze in local government spending up until 2026/27.
2. notes the Fraser of Allander Institute conclusion that, on the basis of the review report, the Scottish local government budget will decline by 7% in real terms over the next four years.
3. considers such a funding settlement to be wholly unacceptable, risking further deep and damaging cuts to

Council services, and agrees to continue to work through COSLA to press the Scottish Government for significantly improved funding of local government.

4. further recognises the particular resource challenges facing Edinburgh as the Capital City of Scotland with a growing population, returning visitor numbers, increased demand for council services, and competition with the private sector for key staff roles, all of which requires proper and additional funding for the Council.
5. recognises the importance of the Council making the strongest possible representations directly to the Scottish Government, over and above the positive work being undertaken by COSLA.
6. therefore, agrees that the Lord Provost should write to invite the Cabinet Secretary of Finance & Economy to address and take questions at a meeting of the Council before the end of the year, with such an agenda item supported by an officer report on the likely implications of the spending review on Edinburgh Council's budget."

## **8.2** By Councillor Osler – Trees

"Council;

1. Recognises the vital importance of urban trees in helping to address the Climate Emergency and global biodiversity losses and notes the ambition of the Edinburgh Million Tree City Project is for Edinburgh to be a "Million Tree City" by 2030.
2. Recognises the consensus amongst mental health practitioners that access to trees and wooded areas can be beneficial for residents' health and wellbeing
3. Notes that from October 2021 to March 2022 25,230 trees were planted and 898 tree removals were recorded leaving a net increase in tree numbers of 24,332.

4. Recognises and agrees that successful delivery of the Project requires active maintenance and management of our green spaces and roadside tree resources, in addition to the Project's current focus on the planting of new trees.
5. Requests a report to the Culture and Communities Committee, within two cycles, on the Council's plan for
  - a. information and engagement for local communities in advance of tree planting
  - b. managing and maintaining (i) trees planted under the Project (including tree watering), and (ii) existing trees within our green spaces"

### **8.3** By Councillor Day - Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

"Council acknowledges the importance of local community based projects, and the support they can provide to local people.

Council acknowledges that financial support has already been provided to Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre to facilitate its transition to new models of working, including the need to diversify and work with other city partners to secure a long term plan.

Agrees to delegate to the Director of Education and Children Services a one off award to Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre of up to £50,000 from the increased unallocated reserve of 2021/22 General Fund subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secured.

Council agrees that no further funding will be allocated out with the council's normal grants processes."

#### **8.4** By Councillor Osler - Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

“Council;

1. notes the work towards a model of 20-minute neighbourhoods across the city which requires the development of strong local community facilities that are locally and easily accessible for all residents.
2. recognises the critical role that neighbourhood and community centres play in our communities, not only providing services to those of all ages, but also in maintaining safe places for people to meet and spend time.
3. notes that demand for much needed local services has increased at a time when funding for these facilities has fallen below that needed.
4. notes that the Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre, which has provided services for the local community since 1995, now faces an imminent threat of closure as a result of immediate funding challenges.
5. agrees that officers should work with Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre’s Management Committee to create a sound and sustainable financial arrangement that allows the Centre to continue over the long term.
6. agrees to delegate to the Director of Education and Children Services to award £50,000 from Council Unallocated Reserves to the Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre to ensure the Centre can remain open and continue serving the community in the short term. The award of grant is subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secure.”

#### **8.5** By Councillor O'Neill - Carers Week

“Council:

Welcomes the annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and the challenges faced by unpaid carers who should be recognised and duly supported.

Notes that Carers Week this year focused on making caring 'Visible, Valued and Supported', with emphasis on asking for additional support; including breaks, respite and care services, infection control, identification of carers, financial help, and support to juggle work and care.

Notes that almost half of adult carers have had to give up work and income to support someone in a care capacity; half of carers had to use personal savings and/or give up personal interests due to their role.

Further notes that at least one third of young carers and young adult carers said they 'always' or 'usually' feel 'worried', 'lonely', or 'stressed'.

Understands the pandemic has resulted in further strain on carers and many people have had to take on more caring responsibilities, or new ones, for family members and friends due to illness, disability, or old age.

Further understands the disproportionate affect that caring responsibilities has on women, women of colour, disabled people, and families with low-income background and that an intersectional approach is needed; and

Asks Council to recognise the contribution that carers make to this city and that we, as a city work together with the IJB to identify opportunities for joint delivery of an increase to financial and peer support."

## **8.6** By Councillor Staniforth - Provision of Sanitary Bins in Council Buildings

"Council:

- Notes that sanitary bins are currently only provided in women's and accessible toilets in council buildings.
- Recognises that trans men also need sanitary bins to dispose of period products
- Acknowledges that there are a variety of medical conditions that may require the use of wet wipes and other contaminated products such as incontinence pads that require safe disposal
- Notes that the flushing of these products is discouraged by Scottish Water and they are often discharged into our rivers during high rainfall events
- Agrees that having sanitary bins in all toilet cubicles, male, female and accessible will address health, equalities, and environmental issues
- Council agrees that a report should come to the Council meeting in August 2022 on the feasibility of installing sanitary bins in every toilet cubicle on all council premises”

## 8.7 By Councillor Whyte - Cleaning Up Edinburgh

“Council recognises that all major parties that produced manifestos for the recent Council election included an emphasis on improving street cleanliness, waste management, recycling, better enforcement and upkeep of the public realm in Edinburgh.

For example the Edinburgh Conservative manifesto made a number of pledges which included the following many of which also appear to have support from other Parties:

- a “Spring Clean” of the City;
- a well-resourced enforcement team to deal with fly-tipping,



dumping around bins, litter and dog fouling,

- a Graffiti Taskforce to clean up our public spaces.
- End the Brown Bin Garden Waste Tax to increase recycling and reduce fly tipping.
- Scrap the Special uplift charge to reduce fly-tipping.
- Undertake a full review of the costly and ineffective “Bin Hubs” project for communal bin areas, imposed on so many residents against their will and without respecting their views
- Improve the efficiency of collections from existing hubs and introduce proper and regular clean-ups around them.
- Start a programme to put communal bins underground wherever possible.
- Keep Gull Proof Sacks where they are wanted in the World Heritage Site unless a better alternative can be implemented with residents’ support.
- Reintroduce a comprehensive weed clearing programme, with a clear, timetabled programme of cleaning and weeding to replace the current request-only system.
- Improve the maintenance schedule for litter bins.
- Develop technology solutions for reporting problems, like with QR codes on bins.
- Re-instate a programme to regularly clear street drains to prevent local flooding.

Council notes that the Bin Hub roll out that was due to be completed by the end of 2021 appears to have stalled and there has been no update to councillors on the accompanying implementation of increased collection schedules for communal bins or data on effectiveness.

Council therefore calls for a report to be provided to a suitable Committee early after the summer recess providing detail on how these and other relevant actions can be implemented to improve the cleanliness and upkeep of our public realm along with costings to allow the necessary budget implications to be considered by the Council.”

**8.8** By Councillor Whyte - Restoring a Bus Service for Willowbrae/Lady Nairne

“Council notes that when Lothian Buses withdrew the service 69 with little notice to service users in early 2020 it left the Willowbrae/Lady Nairne area without a bus service. This has isolated many older and disabled people in the area, which is extremely hilly and, apart from one local shop, is entirely residential. The mobility problems caused by the lack of a bus service for this community were highlighted in detail through a survey by the Northfield/Willowbrae Community Council the results of which were passed on in detail to the then Transport Convener.

Council notes that, despite the return of a bus service for the area being a focus for all candidates in the Craigentiny/Duddingston Ward by-election in November 2020, there has been no public discussion of the matter by the Council or public record of it having been raised by the Councillor who was elected.

Council therefore agrees that officers should provide a report to the Transport Committee within two cycles detailing the subsidy required to restore a bus service to the Willowbrae/Lady Nairne area in order that budget approval for such a service could be sought. The report should explore alternatives to a traditional bus service through the use of suitable smaller vehicles by a traditional bus operator or the use of Community Transport provider. Flexibility in service structure should be used to ensure an appropriate transport service for those who most need it in the area and provide a solution to ensure a necessary social transport solution even if traditional provision proves difficult to fund.”

**8.9** By Councillor Mowat - Bus for Dumbiedykes

“Council recognises that Dumbiedykes is a housing scheme built in the City Centre; that Edinburgh’s geography means that Dumbiedykes is at the bottom of steep hill; that many of the services that residents use are up the hill in the Southside; that

the community is not served by a scheduled bus service since the 35 has been moved back onto its regular route of the Royal Mile and further recognises that it sits within a Datazone that falls into the 4<sup>th</sup> most deprived decile using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and that despite its relative proximity to the City Centre only achieves a 4 for geographical access which recognises that this is not a well-connected community and that this restricts the access of residents to essential health services and their access to work and therefore calls for a Report into the short term options for improving access for this community to their essential services recognising their calls over many years for improved regular scheduled bus access.”

#### **8.10 By Councillor Booth - Rainbow Bridge / Lindsay Road Bridge**

“Council:

1) Notes that Leith ward councillors received a letter from council structures engineers on 14 December 2021 informing them of the immediate closure on safety grounds of the Lindsay Road pedestrian/cycling bridge, also known as the Rainbow Bridge, on safety grounds;

2) Notes that this bridge is a popular and well-used walking, wheeling and cycling route from North Leith to Western Harbour and Newhaven, is fast becoming an icon for the LGBT+ community because of its striking rainbow paintwork, and has also been used as an outside hospitality area by a local pub;

3) Is concerned that, six months on from its emergency closure, the bridge remains closed and the communities of North Leith, Newhaven and Western Harbour have been deprived of an important walking and cycling route for that time;

4) Therefore agrees that a report will be presented to the first available meeting of Transport and Environment Committee, in August 2022, outlining options for the future of the bridge, which

should include, but not be limited to, the option of an ‘intermediate solution’ of partial infilling of the very corroded middle span, which may allow the bridge to continue to be used for walking, wheeling and cycling, and may also allow its continued use as an outside hospitality area.”

## **8.11** By Councillor Biagi - Cost of Living Support

1. Council notes:
  - a) the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and Bank of England predictions that inflation could reach 11% in this financial year, far surpassing prior estimates.
  - b) that in February it agreed additional cost-of-living support measures.
  - c) the estimated underspend of £3.9m on the balanced budget passed for the 2021-22 financial year.
2. Council agrees to convene a Leadership Advisory Panel within two weeks, with a report to consider the feasibility and costs of:
  - a) approving a further low-income household payment of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals, repeating the scheme approved on 24 February 2022. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend.
  - b) Adding a one-off Living Costs Top-up Grant to the school clothing grant so that it is increased to £200 per qualifying child for this coming school year. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend
3. to commission a further report to return to Council in one cycle to outline further options for financial support from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the

rising cost-of-living.”

#### 8.12 By Councillor Nicolson - Save Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre

“Council:

1. Notes the board of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre have made clear that the centre is not going to survive financially beyond summer without one-off funding support from the council. Drylaw and Telford only have one neighbourhood centre and one church providing community groups and support. At a time where communities face a Tory Cost of Living Crisis, losing this valuable resource would be extremely damaging to the community.
2. Commends the work Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre (DNC) has done over the years to become embedded in the community and provide much needed services to primary children and older people. This includes but not exclusively providing lifeline supports such as telephone support throughout the pandemic to isolated residents, the only local after school clubs for primary children, a food growing space for local people, providing space for a disability day service and providing food to people affected by the Tory cost of living crisis.
3. Notes that Drylaw and Telford have experienced a growth in anti-social behaviour during the pandemic including motorbike thefts by local young people. Young people are travelling outside the area to access youth work.
4. Council thanks officers for their actions so far in offering advice and some practical support to the organisation but regrets this has not managed to help the centre reach a positive outcome.

5. Therefore, agrees that due to the unique and exceptional circumstances, the Council delegates to the Executive Director of Education and Children Services to award a one-off grant of £40,000 from unallocated reserves to Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secured. Further agrees to continue to support the management committee to deliver their existing groups in addition to widening access for young people and their families with the support of City of Edinburgh council officers and local youth work organisations.”

### **8.13** By Councillor Macinnes - Accessibility Commission

“Council:

1. Recognises that Edinburgh is undergoing significant, ongoing change to its transport network and placemaking efforts, particularly as we move towards our 2030 Net Zero Carbon commitments and make further efforts to prioritise walking, wheeling and cycling.
2. Recognises that while reducing private car use is vital if we are to meet these aims as well as tackle congestion, many older and disabled residents rely on car transport to go about their lives and that lack of accessibility remains a significant issue for many in our community. Notes that many already use or would wish to use wheeling and cycling as a means of tackling mobility and disability challenges and that this should be recognised and facilitated within our policy development and implementation.
3. Notes the existing forums and stakeholder groups, like the Edinburgh Access Panel, who already made a significant contribution to these issues and agrees the need to ensure that community voices reflecting lived experience are

heard as we shape the future of this city together.

4. Further notes that there is a need to provide additional input to the approach of the Council to ensure currently unheard or disadvantaged groups provide valuable input to help shape policy and implementation plans. Recognises this would help the Council ensure that we take the right policy decisions to tackle current transport inequalities and that we implement those policies in a way that reflects what we hear from residents and experts about meeting the needs of older and disabled residents.
  
5. Therefore, requests a report within 3 cycles which outlines options for creating an Accessibility Commission, following the same participatory model of the Poverty Commission. This report should provide options for membership, specific objectives relating to identified major projects and general policies, and how the establishment of an Accessibility Commission can work effectively alongside Council consultation and engagement activity.”

**8.14** By Councillor McVey - UK Conservative Government Rwanda Policy

1. Council welcomes refugees to our Capital.
  
2. Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the extradition of refugees by the Conservative UK Government to Rwanda. This is not only inhumane and contrary to the refugee convention but also an enormous waste of taxpayers money - which could be used to better fund Councils supporting refugees in their area.
  
3. Council welcomes the decision of the European Court of Human Rights which has so far prevented this policy being executed.

4. Council agrees that the Council Leader will write to the Home Office to express the City's dismay and disgust at the Conservative UK Government extraditing vulnerable people.
5. Council agrees this letter will include Edinburgh's willingness to discuss joining the refugee resettlement scheme when the Conservative UK Government's illegal and inhumane policies are abandoned.
6. Agrees to also send this letter for information to COSLA's new President and Community Wellbeing Spokesperson and request they take a COSLA position on the extradition of refugees to Rwanda to communicate a united voice of Local Government that this is not in our name.

#### **8.15** By Councillor Macinnes - Workplace Parking Levy

"Council:

1. Agrees the existing Council commitment to continue exploration with the intention of implementation, of a Workplace Parking Levy as outlined in the agreed City Mobility Plan.
2. Recognises that this proposal must be designed to meet Edinburgh resident's needs and, above all, to contribute to sustainable transport solutions in the city.
3. Recognises that there is a clear need, in moving towards our 2030 net zero carbon goals, for significant investment in sustainable transport options, primarily active travel and public transport.
4. Recognises that a Workplace Parking Levy can make a serious contribution to improving the transport network in the city, providing cleaner, sustainable options for all to



choose and helping to eradicate existing transport inequalities.

5. Requests that an update report on the work to date on an Edinburgh Workplace Parking Levy should be brought to Council within two cycles; and that this report should include an updated position on: the Scottish Government legislation progress, appropriate options on which workplaces should be considered, what appropriate exemptions might be necessary, how we can encourage employers and workers to shift to sustainable means of travel and how revenues raised can be reserved to directly invest in continued improvements to the transport network.”

#### **8.16** By Councillor McFarlane - Prevention of Drug Deaths

“Council:

Notes The Scottish Government’s National Mission to reduce drug related deaths, and the role City of Edinburgh Council can play in proactive harm reduction.

Commends the outstanding work of ‘Crew 2000’ with its drop-in prevention and harm reduction service at their premises on Cockburn Street, including free training for anyone 14 and over to administer the life-saving drug Naloxone.

Recognises that carriage of Naloxone and raising awareness of how to recognise and identify when a person is experiencing an overdose is a significant part of the effort to reduce drug related deaths in Scotland.

Agrees to request a report in two cycles to the Regulatory Committee to explore opportunities within licensing provision to increase requirements for training in administering Naloxone for

licenced premises, door staff and personal license holders.”

#### 8.17 By Councillor Campbell - Trade Unions in Communities Hubs

“Council:

Recognises that the impacts of Covid, Brexit, and now the cost of living crisis are entrenching inequality in our city.

Further recognises that the importance of services and support, targeted to the communities where the need is highest, must be a priority for the Council during this administrative term.

Welcomes the move by Trades Unions to come together to develop a ‘Trades Unions in Communities’ strategy and plan, built around community hubs run in conjunction with community groups and organisations.

Agrees that access to advice on housing, health, benefits, skills and employment rights will be more crucial than ever, and further agrees that these must be prioritised when the Council is developing and implementing policies such as Twenty Minute Neighbourhoods, developing our response to the prevention duty, creating a ‘no wrong door approach’ and considering how best to implement the outcomes from the Poverty Commission.

Further recognises the contribution the hubs could make to the delivery of these policies and improved outcomes for our communities.

Welcomes the intention to create one of these hubs in Niddrie, recognising that the wider Niddrie and Craigmillar area is one of the largest areas of multiple deprivation in Edinburgh, as defined by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

Instructs Council officers from within the Twenty Minute Neighbourhood Team, and the Prevention Team, to engage with the Trades Unions and community groups to see what support the council can offer to help create this hub.

Agree that the Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work Committee will receive a report in one cycle updating on progress with these discussions.”

**8.18** By Councillor Macinnes - Young People’s Assembly

“Council:

1. Recognises that we have the responsibility of both dealing with today’s issues and building a future city that our young people will inherit and contribute to.
2. Recognises that there are many areas of Council planning and implementation where young people’s voices are vital in setting our direction. These include, but are not limited to, tackling poverty and its terrible impact on families and the prospects for how people live their lives, as well as the climate emergency and what we can do here in Edinburgh to meet our obligations to future generations.
3. Requests a report within 2 cycles on how we can quickly set an effective Young Person’s Assembly in motion; what its objectives and parameters could be; how the Assembly should be structured to ensure equality in representation from all communities and a clear commitment to establishing a long term focus on young people’s needs and requests through this forum.”

**8.19** By Councillor Campbell - Living Hours City

“Council:

Recognises the fantastic work of the Living Wage Action Group, and the positive news that the city has doubled the number of businesses signing up to become accredited, reaching record numbers of accreditations since becoming a Living Wage City.

Recognises too the importance of fair wages and fair work in helping residents deal with the cost of living crisis.

Further notes that the Living Hours movement is becoming increasingly recognised as crucial to tackling poverty, and that there is a disproportionately high number of workers in precarious work in the lowest paid sectors such as retail, hospitality and health and social care, sectors which represent a significant number of jobs in Edinburgh.

Agrees that ensuring workers have at least four weeks notice of shifts, a guaranteed minimum of 16 hours and a contract that accurately reflects the hours should be the aim of every Local Authority.

Agrees in principle that Edinburgh should become Living Hours City, and instructs the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener to take forward discussions with the Living Wage Action Group and Living Wage Scotland on how to make this happen.

Agrees the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee will receive a report in two cycles setting out progress on this and including any barriers the Council would face in becoming a Living Hours employer, and how these can be overcome.”

## **8.20** By Councillor Gardiner - City Plan 2030

“Council notes that the recently circulated City of Edinburgh Council reports schedule does not include City Plan 2030 and therefore agrees that:

1. Planning Committee should consider a report detailing any proposed changes to the Development Plan Scheme at the August 2022 Planning Committee.
2. Planning Committee should consider a report in August 2022, or at the latest before the end of September 2022, regarding any proposed update to City Plan 2030 following the detailed consideration of responses received during the City Plan 2030 Period of Representation.”

**8.21** By Councillor Gardiner - Currie Community High School

“Council asks for a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee, providing an update on the construction of Currie Community High School, in the context of construction price inflation due to labour and supply chain issues related to Brexit and the pandemic and with the following principles addressed:

- 1) There will be no reduction in Passivhaus specification for the new school as this will reduce ongoing energy costs for the new facility and contribute towards Edinburgh’s carbon reduction targets.
- 2) There will be no reduction in the educational and community facilities to be incorporated into the new school, including swimming pool.”

**8.22** By Councillor Booth - Bus Lane Hours

“Council:

- 1) Notes the decision of Transport and Environment Committee on 20 June 2019 to carry out a consultation on extending bus lane hours to 7am-7pm, 7 days a week;
- 2) Notes this consultation went live on 31 October 2019 and ran until 22 November 2019;
- 3) Notes that the consultation report did not return to Transport and Environment Committee for a decision, largely due to the impact of the covid pandemic;
- 4) Agrees that, while Edinburgh has an excellent bus service delivered by the world-leading Lothian Buses, that the council should always look for opportunities to improve the reliability and speed of buses in the city;
- 5) Therefore agrees that a report on extending bus lane hours to 7/7/7 should return to the first available Transport and Environment Committee in August 2022 for a decision.”

## **8.23** By Councillor Day - Shared Strategic Priorities

### **“Shared strategic priorities**

Council welcomes the development of a cross-party way of working, with Councillors collaborating to best serve the interests of our city and its residents in an open and transparent way.

Recognises that there are manifesto commitments which are common across parties, and that a shared strategic work programme can be agreed which will:

- Prioritise investment in our people, in our services and in our communities to deliver a high standard of basic services and amenities. To do this, we need fair funding for

Edinburgh and fair pay for our workers.

- Build on the work of the cross-party Poverty Commission to address the deprivation that exist within our city.
- Tackle the climate emergency by taking practical steps towards meeting Edinburgh's aim of being a net zero city by 2030.
- Increase the number of homes for affordable rent, with a target to build 25,000 council owned homes over the next 10 years.
- Put a framework in place to verify that Edinburgh's children are safe, supported and well educated.
- Support the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Tax).
- Work with residents, civic society and employers to rebuild Edinburgh's economy as we come out of the pandemic.

This shared approach will contribute to a 5-year programme of objectives for our city and will be reflected in the Council's Business Plan. This will be reviewed annually, and part of this process will include outlining the coming year's programme.

### **Cross party working**

To deliver these shared priorities the Administration will lead a culture of collaboration, cross party respect and constructive engagement by working in ways and establishing processes that are cross party, open and inclusive.

### **Ways of working**

The Administration, with any necessary support from Council Officers, will convene cross party working groups to develop joint policy and funding strategies, holding at least three sessions during August 2022 to share information and facilitate cross party deliberation and consensus.

Council is asked to endorse the outline approach described above, and notes that the Chief Executive will be responsible for drafting the refreshed Council Business Plan for consideration by Council.”

#### **8.24** By Councillor Heap - Celebrating Pride Month

“Council:

1. Welcomes the celebration of Pride in Edinburgh this month;
2. understands that pride is a celebration of the diversity, history, achievements and equal status of the LGBTIQ+ community;
3. celebrates the significant strides made in LGBTIQ+ equality in recent decades, but
4. further understands that Pride is also a protest against the continuing, and in some cases, increasing, inequalities faced by this community;
5. notes with profound regret the 10% and 87% yearly increases in, respectively, sexual orientation and transgender hate crimes in Scotland in 2021/22,
6. understands that trans people are integral part of the LGBTIQ+ community, condemns and opposes the ongoing campaigns of hate against them and supports their right to live free from transphobia and to be recognised by society as they wish,
7. agrees to continue to actively support the work of STRIDE (City of Edinburgh Council’s LGBTIQ+ Colleague network) by ensuring the network has the required resources to undertake their role in contributing to the creation of an inclusive culture in the organisation,
8. welcomes warmly the return of full-scale Pride events in the city after the 2020 and 2021 events were cancelled due to Covid-19, including the Pride March on 25 June,



9. and believes the Council has a central role in driving progress towards the full equality and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people in Edinburgh.”

## 9. Congratulatory Motions

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### 9.1 By Councillor Graham - Ian Rankin

“This Council congratulates Sir Ian Rankin on his Knighthood in the Queen’s Birthday Honours list 2022. I understand that this has been awarded for his services to Literature and generous Charitable Work.

Sir Ian’s literary career has spanned almost 40 years and spawned the Edinburgh characters Inspector John Rebus and Malcom Fox along with many others. Rebus has created a worldwide interest in Edinburgh and its environs. Sir Ian has made a significant contribution to contemporary Scottish Literature.

Council further notes his charitable work not only through his own Charitable Trust but also over the years generously giving both his time and resources to organisations throughout the City.

Council thanks Sir Ian for his continued charitable work and his remarkable contribution to Scottish Culture.”

### 9.2 By Councillor Bruce - Dean Park Primary School - 50th Anniversary

“The Council recognises Dean Park Primary School in Balerno has been at the heart of the village since it was built in 1972. The school celebrates diversity and equality and is committed to promoting educational excellence. Its ethos is one of collaboration where teachers, parents and community groups

work together to achieve the best outcomes for its pupils.

The Council therefore congratulates Dean Park Primary School on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and asks the Lord Provost to send a letter of congratulations to the school to recognise this achievement.”

## 10. Questions

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