

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 27 October 2022

Present:

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

COUNCILLORS

Scott Arthur
Danny Aston
Jule Bandel
Alan C Beal
Marco Biagi
Chas Booth
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Jack Caldwell
Lezley Marion Cameron
Kate Campbell
Christopher Cowdy
James Dalglish
Euan R Davidson
Cammy Day
Sanne Dijkstra-Downie
Denis C Dixon
Stuart Dobbin
Phil Duggart
Katrina Faccenda
Pauline Flannery
Catherine Fullerton
Neil Gardiner
Fiona Glasgow
Joan Griffiths
Dan Heap
Euan Hyslop
Stephen P Jenkinson
Tim Jones
David Key
Simita Kumar

Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Martha Mattos Coelho
Finlay McFarlane
Ross McKenzie
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Adam McVey
Jane E Meagher
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Jo Mowat
Alys Mumford
Marie-Clair Munro
Vicky Nicolson
Kayleigh O'Neill
Hal Osler
Ben Parker
Tim Pogson
Susan Rae
Frank Ross
Neil J Ross
Jason Rust
Alex Staniforth
Edward J Thornley
Val Walker
Mandy H Watt
Iain Whyte
Norman J Work
Louise Young
Lewis J Younie

1 Order of Business – Suspension of Standing Order 24.1 – Voting

The Lord Provost ruled that Standing Order 24.1 be suspended for this meeting and that voting be taken by a show of hands and with a clear public audit trail from vote to Member.

2 Order of Business – Statement by the Lord Provost – Civic Apology – City’s Past Involvement in Colonialism and Slavery

The Lord Provost made the following statement in regard to the city’s past role in sustaining slavery and colonialism.

“The decision of the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 30 August 2022 provides a welcome opportunity to reflect on the city’s role in the rise of colonialism and the part played by some of our forefathers in slavery and the economic benefits of it.

It is impossible to look out from this building across the city and not see how the landscape of the city was shaped by the wealth generated from colonialism and slavery.

The effects of colonialism and slavery are deeply embedded in the fabric of our city, in the buildings, in the institutions and even in the way that Edinburgh is laid out.

We cannot deny the benefits that the city has accrued over the years from the exploitation of others and in particular the continent and peoples of Africa.

Coming to terms with our past and recognising the detriment our ancestors have wrought through colonialism and slavery is very difficult for us all.

But try we must to reconcile our past with the generations of today in order that we can move forward, united in our common goals of equality, fraternity and liberty.

Through the establishment of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review, led by Professor Sir Geoff Palmer, Edinburgh is aiming to fill the gap in knowledge and understanding about the city’s past.

I wish to thank Geoff and his team most sincerely for producing a world leading piece of work on the subject which will help shape policy and engagement in our city for the foreseeable future.

It is appropriate to start this process with a formal apology.

So as Civic Leader of the City and Convener of the Council, I apologise to all those who suffered profound physical and mental abuse from the City’s past involvement in colonialism and slavery.”

3 Monitoring Officer Report

The Council 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 Paragraphs 1, 3 and 12 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

The Lord Provost ruled that Standing Order 15.3 be suspended for this item and that there would be no time limit in place for questions on the report.

Information was provided on the Quality Assurance report which had been commissioned in relation to the findings published by the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Council on 24 November 2022.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee 5 October 2021 (item 20); report by the Monitoring Officer, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Kumar made a transparency statement as a member of Public Health Scotland and for having contact with the staff bank.

4 Operation Unicorn - Motion by Councillor Mumford

a) Deputation – Tron Area Business Group

The deputation expressed gratitude to the Council and its officers for the outstanding way they participated along with other organisations in successfully delivering Operation Unicorn. All trading was disrupted for a number of days due to the complexity of delivering this unique and important operation.

The deputation asked the Council, in terms of the planning process for any future major or unique event in the Old Town, to include consultation or other participation from representatives of business to highlight and minimise any disruption.

b) Motion by Councillor Mumford

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

“Council:

- Congratulates officers and the Executive Team for successfully running Operation Unicorn.

- Notes that as the capital city, Edinburgh was the main focus for mourners wishing to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth in Scotland, incurring significant logistical challenges and costs.
- Notes that despite careful planning, last-minute changes to Operation Unicorn beyond the control of the council led to considerable extra work and costs.
- Therefore, calls for a report to December's Full Council outlining the full costs of Operation Unicorn to the council, including but not limited to:
 - officer time, including detail of overtime worked by officers to deliver Operation Unicorn, whether appropriate time has been taken back for this and details of the impact this has had on wider council workplans.
 - costs associated with queuing and crowd management including sanitation, policing, and security.
 - details of overspend for Operation Unicorn, including costs incurred due to unplanned elements of Operation Unicorn, for example the change from train to plane travel and associated road closures.
 - where possible, separation of costs incurred for the facilitation of mourning Queen Elizabeth and for the proclamation of King Charles III.

Additionally calls for a report to Finance and Resources Committee within 3 cycles outlining the costs associated with future planned visits from Charles III or other members of the monarchy that will be incurred by the council over the next year and whether this is covered in full by the Capital City Supplement.

Further asks for detail of equality impact assessments undertaken – both formally and informally – relating to activities surrounding Operation Unicorn, especially concerning the impact on access to the city for disabled people and older adults, and safety for women.

Finally, instructs the Council Leader and relevant Executive Staff to raise the costs of Operation Unicorn with the Scottish and UK Governments to: ascertain whether any funds will be received by the council towards this; make requests for this if not; and report back to all members on the outcome of this request.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.
- 2) To request that the Council Leader write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to demand:
 - the Capital City Supplement be taken out of general revenue grant funding and provided to the City separately and distinctly
 - the Capital City Supplement is increased to match the demands incurred by the City by events such as Operation Unicorn due to its position as the capital city.

- moved by Councillor Neil Ross, seconded by Councillor Younie

In terms of Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Mumford:

- 1) To congratulate officers and the Executive Team for successfully running Operation Unicorn.
- 2) To note that as the capital city, Edinburgh was the main focus for mourners wishing to pay tribute to Queen Elizabeth in Scotland, incurring significant logistical challenges and costs.
- 3) To note that despite careful planning, last-minute changes to Operation Unicorn beyond the control of the council led to considerable extra work and costs.
- 4) Therefore, to call for a report to December's Full Council outlining the full costs of Operation Unicorn to the council, including but not limited to:
 - officer time, including detail of overtime worked by officers to deliver Operation Unicorn, whether appropriate time has been taken back for this and details of the impact this has had on wider council workplans.
 - costs associated with queuing and crowd management including sanitation, policing, and security.
 - details of overspend for Operation Unicorn, including costs incurred due to unplanned elements of Operation Unicorn, for example the change from train to plane travel and associated road closures.
 - where possible, separation of costs incurred for the facilitation of mourning Queen Elizabeth and for the proclamation of King Charles III.
- 5) Additionally to call for a report to Finance and Resources Committee within 3 cycles outlining the costs associated with future planned visits from Charles III

or other members of the monarchy that would be incurred by the council over the next year and whether this was covered in full by the Capital City Supplement.

- 6) To further ask for detail of equality impact assessments undertaken – both formally and informally – relating to activities surrounding Operation Unicorn, especially concerning the impact on access to the city for disabled people and older adults, and safety for women.
- 7) To instruct the Council Leader and relevant Executive Staff to raise the costs of Operation Unicorn with the Scottish and UK Governments to: ascertain whether any funds would be received by the council towards this; make requests for this if not; and report back to all members on the outcome of this request.
- 8) To request that the Council Leader write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to demand:
 - the Capital City Supplement be taken out of general revenue grant funding and provided to the City separately and distinctly
 - the Capital City Supplement be increased to match the demands incurred by the City by events such as Operation Unicorn due to its position as the capital city.

5 Edinburgh's Christmas - Motion by Councillor McVey

a) Deputation – Tron Area Business Group

The deputation acknowledged the recent change of event organiser for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022. Sustaining the local economy would be more important than ever this winter.

The deputation asked the Council to ensure that Old Town businesses and other Edinburgh based businesses be provided with an excellent opportunity to participate in the Christmas market with their retail offering of appropriate consumer goods for the Festive season or attractive catering.

b) Motion by Councillor McVey

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

- "1) Council notes the collapse of the arrangements for this year's winter festivals and the outcome of the emergency Finance and Resources Committee on October 10th agreeing the way ahead.
- 2) Notes with regret that the Council Administration has failed to provide the briefings to councillors on progress with the contract as instructed by Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022- showing contempt for Councillors, Committee and Council.

- 3) Council agrees to revisit the options of the Christmas and Hogmanay delivery and requests a report within 3 cycles to Policy and Sustainability Committee to examine options including a joint venture model of delivery which would be publicly owned or part publicly owned.
- 4) Council agrees to re-establish the Festival and Events All- Party oversight group to oversee this year's contract and work highlighted in point 3 with membership of the Council Leader as the Convener, Convener of Culture and Communities and all City Centre Ward Councillors, Group Leaders and Culture Spokespeople."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

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

Amendment

To replace all of the motion by Councillor McVey with:

- "1) Council notes the collapse of the arrangements for this year's Christmas Market and the outcome of the emergency Finance and Resources Committee on October 10th agreeing the way ahead. Council further notes that arrangements are underway for the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas, which will include key elements from the public consultation and will be spread more widely across the city centre.
- 2) Notes the sincere apology from the Council Administration for failing to re-establish the Festival and Events All-Party Oversight Group at an earlier stage and regrets that elected members were not kept fully informed when serious issues began to arise over the delivery of the Christmas Market contract.
- 3) Council agrees to revisit the options for the Christmas Market delivery and requests a report within 3 cycles to the Culture & Communities Committee to examine options that would ensure commitments to: quality, reliability, community engagement, supporting local traders and sharing the celebrations around the city are properly reflected in any plans and future procurement programmes. Consideration should also be given to a different model of delivery e.g. partnership working or a joint venture, which would be publicly owned or part publicly owned.
- 4) Council welcomes the re-established Festival and Events APOG (All-Party oversight group) and notes that fortnightly meetings have been scheduled to oversee this year's contract. The APOG membership is the Council Leader as the Convener, Convener of Culture and Communities Committee and all City Centre Ward Councillors, Group Leaders and Culture Spokespeople. When considering the work at point 3, the APOG should seek input from local traders

groups, community groups and from Councillors in wards that could benefit from extending the winter festival beyond the City Centre.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	29 votes
For the amendment	-	33 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work.

For the amendment: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Daggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Day.

6 Get Me Home Safely - Motion by Councillor Mumford

a) Deputation – Unite the Union

The deputation gave a presentation on Unite the Union's "Get Me Home Safely" campaign which called on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers were able to get home safely from work at night.

The deputation stated that the City of Edinburgh Council was in a unique position to impact the campaign due to its ownership of buses and trams in the city. Discussions could therefore be facilitated around putting in place a transport infrastructure that would support late hours workers.

The deputation asked the Council to support the terms of the motion by Councillor Mumford.

b) Motion by Councillor Mumford

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

Council recognises:

- Many industries which make Edinburgh thrive – including hospitality, health and social care, and cleaning – depend on shift work which can often entail late-night working.
- These are sectors which predominantly employ women, and many workers are increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night.
- Both employers and decision makers have a duty of care towards workers in Edinburgh, which does not end when an employee finishes their shift but need to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours.
- Unite the union's 'Get Me Home Safely' campaign calls on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers are able to get home safely from work at night.
- Last year, East Dunbartonshire Council adopted a Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy meaning that Hospitality venues in East Dunbartonshire will now have to ensure their employees can safely travel to and from work late at night, or risk losing their licence.

And therefore Council:

- 1) Fully supports Unite the union's 'Get Me Home Safely' campaign.
- 2) Instructs relevant officers in Licensing, Transport and Community Safety to design an implementation plan to meet the aims of this campaign including:
 - adopting of a policy to ensure that the approval of late-night licences will be contingent on employers funding safe transport home for their shift workers, thereby ensuring that workers don't face additional financial penalties or risk for undertaking late night shifts;
 - engaging with Lothian buses and Edinburgh Trams regarding the provision of better night-time public transport services which links with the needs of shift workers;
 - Using Edinburgh Council's voice on regional and national bodies to advocate for any additional legislative changes, for example around private car hire use and taxable benefits, which may be required to ensure that our city's workers are able to travel home safely without incurring additional costs."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 1

To add after 'Council recognises' in the motion by Councillor Mumford:

"That a Get Me Home Safely motion was passed by Council on Thursday 17th March 2022 requesting a report to the Licensing Board, which is on the agenda for consideration at its meeting on 31 October 2022."

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Amendment 2

To add after the final paragraph of the motion by Councillor Mumford:

"Notes that Crew 2000 chair a monthly Safer Nightlife Working Group working across the industry with the cities venues, events promoters, DJs, community police and others and that this forum could be a useful way to engage with key stakeholders.

Notes that it has been agreed by the Gig Economy Task Force in March 2022 that the Council should develop an Edinburgh specific supplementary statement of licensing policy to provide late night transport arrangements for workers in licensed premises.

Recognises that work to implement Get Me Home Safely may take several months and Edinburgh's Winter Festival season is fast approaching during which a number of late licenses may be issued and therefore recommends:

- Continued engagement and promotion of the Best Bar None Scotland Scheme.
- Officers produce, issue and promote an interim guidance document for late night venues on industry best practice including various examples on supporting nightlife staff to safely travel home from work.
- Officers explore interim ways to encourage venues at the point of license application or renewal to encourage continuous review and engagement with their staff about their travel arrangements to be fed back in a short report to the Licensing Board and Regulatory Committee within one cycle."

- moved by Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

Amendment 3

Council:

Accepts and supports the motion points in the section “**Council recognises**”.

Adds new points in this section

- That while there is no provision in licensing regulations to require licensed venues to ensure safe travel for employees, there is an ability to include guidance and good practice within a statement of licensing policy.
- That although Council cannot instruct the Licensing Board (as a separate legal entity) or make changes to the licensing policy, it can request and encourage consideration of key issues affecting licenses and premises in the council’s area.

In the section “**And therefore council**” delete from “instructs relevant officers” to end and insert

Encourages the Licensing Board and Regulatory Committee members to consider the ‘Get me home safely’ campaign principles when reviewing and updating licensing policies and will submit the terms of this motion as part of the current consultation on alcohol licensing policy so that it can be formally considered in setting that policy for the next 5-year term.

Seeks a report within 2 cycles to the Transport and Environment Committee covering how:

- a) night-time public transport services can be improved to meet the needs of shift workers;
- b) how Edinburgh Council’s voice on regional and national bodies can be used to advocate for any additional legislative changes, for example around private car hire use and taxable benefits, which may be required to ensure that our city’s workers are able to travel home safely without incurring additional costs.”

- moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment 4

To accept Paragraphs 1 – 5 and paragraph 6 of the motion by Councillor Mumford and deletes all following replacing with:

“Notes that the Licensing Board is currently consulting on its Statement of Licensing Policy and that Councillors can submit representations to this to influence the policy and that whilst such policy development is ongoing this would be the most efficient and effective way to influence any changes to this policy;

Calls for a report to the Regulatory Committee in 3 cycles on whether attaching a condition requiring the funding of travel home after late night shifts would be competent within the Civic Government Scotland Act 1982 which regulates Civic Licensing;

Instructs officers to issue refreshed guidance on the relationship between ALEOs and Councillors to ensure Council is acting within competence.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Whyte

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendments 1, 2 and 3 and Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Amendment 4 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Mumford:

- 1) To recognise:
 - i) That a Get Me Home Safely motion was passed by Council on Thursday 17th March 2022 requesting a report to the Licensing Board, which was on the agenda for consideration at its meeting on 31 October 2022.
 - ii) That any industries which mad Edinburgh thrive – including hospitality, health and social care, and cleaning – depended on shift work which could often entail late-night working.
 - iii) That these were sectors which predominantly employed women, and many workers were increasingly worried about their safety travelling to and from work at night.
 - iv) That both employers and decision makers had a duty of care towards workers in Edinburgh, which did not end when an employee finished their shift but needed to take into consideration journeys home, especially during unsocial hours.
 - v) That Unite the union’s ‘Get Me Home Safely’ campaign called on employers to take all reasonable steps to ensure workers were able to get home safely from work at night.
 - vi) That last year, East Dunbartonshire Council adopted a Supplementary Statement of Licensing Policy meaning that hospitality venues in East Dunbartonshire would now have to ensure their employees could safely travel to and from work late at night, or risk losing their licence.

- 2) Council therefore:
- i) Fully supports Unite the union's 'Get Me Home Safely' campaign.
 - ii) Instructs relevant officers in Licensing, Transport and Community Safety to design an implementation plan to meet the aims of this campaign including:
 - adopting of a policy to ensure that the approval of late-night licences will be contingent on employers funding safe transport home for their shift workers, thereby ensuring that workers don't face additional financial penalties or risk for undertaking late night shifts;
 - engaging with Lothian buses and Edinburgh Trams regarding the provision of better night-time public transport services which links with the needs of shift workers;
 - Using Edinburgh Council's voice on regional and national bodies to advocate for any additional legislative changes, for example around private car hire use and taxable benefits, which may be required to ensure that our city's workers are able to travel home safely without incurring additional costs."
 - iii) Notes that Crew 2000 chair a monthly Safer Nightlife Working Group working across the industry with the cities venues, events promoters, DJs, community police and others and that this forum could be a useful way to engage with key stakeholders.
 - iv) Notes that it has been agreed by the Gig Economy Task Force in March 2022 that the Council should develop an Edinburgh specific supplementary statement of licensing policy to provide late night transport arrangements for workers in licensed premises.
 - v) Recognises that work to implement Get Me Home Safely may take several months and Edinburgh's Winter Festival season is fast approaching during which a number of late licenses may be issued and therefore recommends:
 - Continued engagement and promotion of the Best Bar None Scotland Scheme.
 - Officers produce, issue and promote an interim guidance document for late night venues on industry best practice including various examples on supporting nightlife staff to safely travel home from work.
 - Officers explore interim ways to encourage venues at the point of license application or renewal to encourage continuous review and engagement with their staff about their travel arrangements to

be fed back in a short report to the Licensing Board and Regulatory Committee within one cycle.”

- vi) Calls for a report to the Regulatory Committee in 3 cycles on whether attaching a condition requiring the funding of travel home after late night shifts would be competent within the Civic Government Scotland Act 1982 which regulates Civic Licensing;
- vii) Instructs officers to issue refreshed guidance on the relationship between ALEOs and Councillors to ensure Council is acting within competence.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Campbell, Miller and Mumford made transparency statements as members of Unite the Union.

7 YouTube Access at High Schools - Motion by Councillor Cowdy

a) Deputation – James Gillespie’s High School “Pupil Voice”

The deputation stated that the banning of the use of YouTube had and would continue to disadvantage students and teachers as YouTube was a vastly used resource in class and private study. YouTube provided excellent visual educational content which was helpful to students and teachers in classes.

The deputation believed that by the Council banning the use of YouTube, students and teachers had been deprived of a crucial learning and teaching resource.

b) Motion by Councillor Cowdy

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

“Council:

Recognises the huge benefits that pupils from schools across the city receive from accessing educational information on YouTube including tutorials, documentaries and news items.

Acknowledges that inappropriate material is abundant on the internet so responsible steps are necessary to protect children and young people from these risks, and that YouTube has strict content policies which cover content relating to nudity, hate speech, graphic violence, or dangerous acts.

Understands that a blanket ban on YouTube at schools will not stop access to the other sources of inappropriate material on the internet through search engines or through personal devices.

Agrees to overturn the blanket ban on YouTube at schools to allow pupils to access material vital to their educational attainment.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Cowdy

- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Munro

Amendment 1

Accepts paragraphs 1 and 2, deletes paragraphs 3 and 4 and adds:

Council:

- 3) Notes that when it was brought to council's attention that children and young people were able to access inappropriate material on council devices, the standard practice to suspend access on safeguarding grounds was immediately implemented. Teachers were immediately alerted via relevant networks and access to YouTube for teachers was reinstated on Empowered Learning iPads on Thursday 13 October 2022 and on desktops and laptops on Sunday 23 October 2022.
- 4) Notes that Restricted Access is being arranged for pupils as a short-term measure and a Short Life Working Group is trialling more nuanced filtering options.
- 5) Notes that all staff and pupils do have full access to the educational video streaming/hosting service ClickView. ClickView does not contain the breadth of content available on YouTube but we do have complete confidence that its content and features are safe, secure and age appropriate.
- 6) Notes that pupils are taught to safely manage risks as part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum including digital safety, however as corporate parents we must also secure the resources we make available in our schools and early years settings.

- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Walker

Amendment 2

Agrees paragraph 1 and deletes all other text after

“Council:

Acknowledges that inappropriate material is abundant on the internet so responsible steps are necessary to protect children and young people from these risks”

and replace with

“and that while YouTube has content policies that cover nudity, hate speech, graphic violence, or dangerous acts, it is important to ensure that inappropriate content cannot be accessed by school children through Council-owned and Council-provided devices.

Notes that the Council quickly took steps on October 11th to ensure safeguarding measures to block inappropriate content being accessed by pupils and that this resulted in YouTube being blocked temporarily, but that access for Teachers was restored on October 13th.

Agrees that the Education and IT teams work to ensure that as safe access as possible for pupils is restored as soon as technically possible and an update report on progress to come the Education, Children and Families Committee in one cycle.”

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Key

Amendment 3

Delete paragraph 3 and 4 and insert;

3. Recognises that while the Council cannot prevent any and all inappropriate content through firewalls and filters, it has a duty of care to make every effort to limit this being accessed through a council-provided device.

4. Accepts that the decision to withdraw YouTube access at the start of the month was a precautionary move but communication with teachers, pupil and parent forums, and elected members, on progress to resolve this has been insufficient, and with the return to school this week, the need for an urgent solution is essential, especially for senior pupils who have prelim exams on the horizon.

5. Therefore, instructs the Director of Education to prioritise resources to resolve the outstanding issues so that YouTube access is reinstated no later than Monday 7th November, or failing this, agrees to provide access to senior pupils in S4, S5 and S6 in the interim, with a report to the Education Committee on 17th November for a decision over how to return access for all other pupils, with a suitable parental information and choice communications plan.

- moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Davidson

Amendment 4

Add to end of last section of the motion to read:

Agrees to overturn the blanket ban on YouTube at schools to allow pupils to access material vital to their educational attainment as a matter of urgency and as soon as it has been established that adult content cannot be accessed via school iPads.

Further agrees that a briefing note on the matter will be circulated to members of Education, Children and Families committee.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Parker

With the agreement of the movers and seconders, Amendments 1 and 4 were withdrawn.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), amendment 2 and amendment 3 (as verbally adjusted) were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Cowdy:

- 1) To recognise the huge benefits that pupils from schools across the city received from accessing educational information on YouTube including tutorials, documentaries and news items.
- 2) To acknowledge that inappropriate material was abundant on the internet so responsible steps were necessary to protect children and young people from these risks, and that while YouTube had content policies which covered nudity, hate speech, graphic violence, or dangerous acts, it was important to ensure that inappropriate content could not be accessed by school children through Council-owned and Council-provided devices.
- 3) To note that the Council quickly took steps on 11 October 2022 to ensure safeguarding measures to block inappropriate content being accessed by pupils and that this resulted in YouTube being blocked

temporarily but that access for teachers was restored on 13 October 2022.

- 4) To agree that the Education and IT teams work to ensure that as safe access as possible for pupils was restored as soon as technically possible and an update report on progress to be brought to the Education, Children and Families Committee in one cycle.
- 5) To recognise that while the Council could not prevent any and all inappropriate content through firewalls and filters, it had a duty of care to make every effort to limit this being accessed through a council-provided device.
- 6) To accept that the decision to withdraw YouTube access at the start of the month was a precautionary move but communication with teachers, pupil and parent forums, and elected members, on progress to resolve this had been insufficient, and with the return to school this week, the need for an urgent solution was essential, especially for senior pupils who had prelim exams on the horizon.
- 7) Therefore, instructs the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services to prioritise resources to resolve the outstanding issues so that YouTube access was restricted no later than Monday 7th November, or failing this, agrees to provide access to senior pupils in S4, S5 and S6 in the interim, with a report to the Education Committee on 15th November for a decision over how to return access for all other pupils, with a suitable parental information and choice communications plan.

8 Human Rights in Iran - Motion by Councillor Faccenda

a) Deputation – British Iranian Diaspora Residents of Edinburgh

The deputation expressed its support for the motion by Councillor Faccenda expressing solidarity with those demonstrating in favour of human rights in Iran and condemning the violent oppression being used against them.

The deputation outlined the oppressive regime which existed in Iran against human rights, many of them women.

The deputation urged the Council to support the terms of the motion by Councillor Faccenda.

b) Motion by Councillor Faccenda

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

“Council:

Condemns the violent oppression of the anti-governmental protestors in Iran after the death of Mahsa Amini following her arrest and alleged beating by the so-called “morality police” and recognises the bravery of those fighting for human rights many of them women.

Condemns the violence of state forces including shooting, firing of tear gas and arrest of many protestors leading to reports of the death of at least 154 people including children and injury of many others.

Notes that many of those leading the protests are women who are calling for the protection of the rights of women in Iran and for an end to enforced veiling and the daily violence and oppression they face.

Agrees the Leader of the Council will write to the Iranian Ambassador to the United Kingdom expressing our solidarity with those demonstrating in favour of human rights in Iran and condemning the violent oppression being used against them.

And further agrees the Leader of the Council will write to the Home Secretary urging her to take all actions possible to help Iranian refugees seeking asylum in the United Kingdom.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Faccenda.

- moved by Councillor Faccenda, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Amendment

To agree:

- 1) That officers would work with British-Iranian Diaspora Residents of Edinburgh to enable protests as a matter of urgency and to look at what support could be provided to enable cultural events which promoted the struggle for human rights in Iran.
- 2) That officers would investigate the possibility of installing posters of Mahsa Amini in a prominent position in Edinburgh.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

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 Faccenda:

- 1) To condemn the violent oppression of the anti-governmental protestors in Iran after the death of Mahsa Amini following her arrest and alleged beating by the so-called “morality police” and to recognise the bravery of those fighting for human rights many of them women.
- 2) To condemn the violence of state forces including shooting, firing of tear gas and arrest of many protestors leading to reports of the death of at least 154 people including children and injury of many others.
- 3) To note that many of those leading the protests were women who were calling for the protection of the rights of women in Iran and for an end to enforced veiling and the daily violence and oppression they face.
- 4) To agree the Leader of the Council would write to the Iranian Ambassador to the United Kingdom expressing our solidarity with those demonstrating in favour of human rights in Iran and condemning the violent oppression being used against them.
- 5) To further agree the Leader of the Council would write to the Home Secretary urging her to take all actions possible to help Iranian refugees seeking asylum in the United Kingdom.
- 6) To agree that officers would work with British-Iranian Diaspora Residents of Edinburgh to enable protests as a matter of urgency and to look at what support could be provided to enable cultural events which promoted the struggle for human rights in Iran.
- 7) To agree that officers would investigate the possibility of installing posters of Mahsa Amini in a prominent position in Edinburgh.

9 Small Business Saturday 2022 - Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

a) Deputation – Tron Area Business Group

The deputation expressed its support for this excellent initiative and suggested that the Council expand it locally and beyond the national initiative to include additional dates such as in spring and summer in order to specifically encourage consumers towards more locally owned and operated businesses.

The deputation advised they felt that businesses could be best supported in the run up to Christmas and New Year if roadworks and road closures could be

restricted to urgent or essential works only to ensure the transport network could operate without impediment.

b) Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

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

“Small Business Saturday is a grass roots, non-commercial campaign which highlights small business success and encourages people to “shop local” and support businesses in their communities. This year Small Business Saturday falls on Saturday 3 December.

Council committed to, and achieved, in the period up to the Covid 19 pandemic impacting the UK, year on year increases in the percentage of overall Council budget spend with Small Businesses.

Council agrees:

To promote and support Small Business Saturday by proactively engaging with Edinburgh’s Small Businesses and Community Councils in the run-up to Small Business Saturday on 3 December 2022.

That Council engagement with Small Business should include highlighting the benefits which Active Travel and Public Transport usage, together with access and infrastructure improvements, bring to supporting our city’s small businesses and local shopping areas year-round.

To call for a report back to the Transport & Environment Committee within 2 cycles on establishing an appropriate and cost neutral mechanism through which ideas and suggestions to Council on low-cost measures for improving user and shopper access to local shopping streets via Active Travel and Public Transport means – dropped kerbs, bike racks, clutter removal etc. The methods for doing this should include:

- 1) Linking with the 20min neighbourhood programme which already has committed to working with businesses; and/or,
- 2) Ways in which the Council can proactively engage with the small business community to promote Active Travel and public transport.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

- moved by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron, seconded by Councillor Arthur

Amendment 1

Insert after paragraph 3:

Council also recognises the challenges that many of our town centres and shopping streets are experiencing due to an uncertain economic forecast and believes the public realm outside shops must be as accessible and aesthetically desirable as possible to help shops fairly compete with big online retail.

Insert at the end:

- 3) To ensure the views of local businesses, town centre residents and users are balanced and taken into account as part of the ongoing Pedestrian Experience Improvement Programme (PEIP) with a view towards improved permanent integrated walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure, such as extended pavements and lanes, where there is active support through Council placemaking.
- 4) Points 1, 2 and 3 must also take small businesses' stock delivery needs into consideration and examine how deliveries can be made safely, conveniently, sustainably and ensure there are adequate loading bays or access to help lessen pavement parking which negatively impacts town centres.
- 5) Officers will use appropriate Council channels leading up to Small Business Saturday 2022 to promote great shopping streets currently behind ongoing public infrastructure works, such as on The Bridges, Constitution Street, Roseburn, Marchmont and Leith Walk.

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Flannery

Amendment 2

Insert after "clutter removal etc.":

"Further asks for the report to include options on how Active Travel and Public Transport access and infrastructure on local shopping streets can be improved in the mid- and long-term in line with the sustainable transport hierarchy."

- moved by Councillor Bandel, seconded by Councillor Miller

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron:

- 1) To note Small Business Saturday was a grass roots, non-commercial campaign which highlighted small business success and encouraged

people to “shop local” and support businesses in their communities. This year Small Business Saturday fell on Saturday 3 December.

- 2) To note Council committed to, and achieved, in the period up to the Covid 19 pandemic impacting the UK, year on year increases in the percentage of overall Council budget spend with Small Businesses.
- 3) To agree to promote and support Small Business Saturday by proactively engaging with Edinburgh’s Small Businesses and Community Councils in the run-up to Small Business Saturday on 3 December 2022.
- 4) To also recognise the challenges that many of our town centres and shopping streets were experiencing due to an uncertain economic forecast and believes the public realm outside shops must be as accessible and aesthetically desirable as possible to help shops fairly compete with big online retail.
- 5) To ensure the views of local businesses, town centre residents and users were balanced and taken into account as part of the ongoing Pedestrian Experience Improvement Programme (PEIP) with a view towards improved permanent integrated walking, wheeling and cycling infrastructure, such as extended pavements and lanes, where there is active support through Council placemaking.
- 6) Points 1, 2 and 3 must also take small businesses’ stock delivery needs into consideration and examine how deliveries could be made safely, conveniently, sustainably and ensure there were adequate loading bays or access to help lessen pavement parking which negatively impacted town centres.
- 7) To request officers to use appropriate Council channels leading up to Small Business Saturday 2022 to promote great shopping streets currently behind ongoing public infrastructure works, such as on The Bridges, Constitution Street, Roseburn, Marchmont and Leith Walk.
- 8) To agree that Council engagement with Small Business should include highlighting the benefits which Active Travel and Public Transport usage, together with access and infrastructure improvements, bring to supporting our city’s small businesses and local shopping areas year-round.
- 9) To call for a report back to the Transport and Environment Committee within 2 cycles on establishing an appropriate and cost neutral mechanism through which ideas and suggestions to Council on low-cost measures for improving user and shopper access to local shopping streets via Active Travel and Public Transport means – dropped kerbs, bike racks, clutter removal etc. Further asks for the report to include options on how Active Travel and Public Transport access and

infrastructure on local shopping streets could be improved in the mid and long term in line with the sustainable transport hierarchy. The methods for doing this should include:

- i) Linking with the 20min neighbourhood programme which already had committed to working with businesses; and/or,
- ii) Ways in which the Council could proactively engage with the small business community to promote Active Travel and public transport.

10 Minutes

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of the Council of 16 September 2022 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minute of the Council of 22 September 2022 subject to amending Councillor Key's declaration of interest at item 4 to "a family member is a registered landlord of rented accommodation in Edinburgh".

11 Leader's Report

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

- Warm Spaces over the winter period
- Conservative Government at Westminster
- Closure of the Edinburgh Filmhouse and Edinburgh International Film Festival
- Black History Month
- Congratulations to Councillor Booth – Kielder Marathon – Fundraising for Bikes for Refugees

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor McVey | - | Thanks to Lord Provost for implementation of recommendations of Slavery and Colonialisation Review Group |
| | - | Edinburgh's Christmas - Apologies |
| Councillor Lang | - | Scottish Government Funding for Local Councils – financial challenges – members meetings |
| Councillor Parker | - | COP26 Summit 1 Year anniversary – Council's climate team resources |
| Councillor Whyte | - | Internal Audit – Whistleblowing – Independent Inquiry and independent officer for Scotland |
| Councillor Faccenda | - | Better pay and services for Firefighters - support |

Councillor Campbell	-	Minutes of meetings in relation to strikes over the summer
Councillor Younie	-	Council's handling of legal cases
Councillor Mumford	-	Cost of Living Crisis – Working Group
Councillor Jones	-	Estimated costs of EnerPhit retrofitting - funding
Councillor Arthur	-	Host families for refugees – concerns for future
Councillor Kumar	-	Care Experience Week – Children's Care Seminar member attendance
Councillor Davidson	-	National Care Services – financial future
Councillor O'Neill	-	Warm Banks – accessible Council buildings
Councillor Cowdy	-	Community Council's assistance to street cleaning teams with leaf clearing – plans for this year
Councillor Work	-	Council's attendance at Contalmaison – apology to Macrae's Battalion Trust
Councillor Beal	-	Edinburgh Filmhouse – current status and re-opening
Councillor Heap	-	Resilience of Edinburgh's cultural institutions
Councillor Mitchell	-	Concern about the leaking of a confidential report by a member of the EIJB
Councillor Fullerton	-	SNP Coalition Budget – Deep cleaning of the City and upkeep of 'hotspots' – programme of works
Councillor Booth	-	Conservative Government in Westminster – concern for this Council

12 Appointments to Committees etc

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Biagi in place of Councillor Nicolson on the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Aston in place of Councillor Macinnes as a Council representative on SEStran.

13 Concessionary Travel on Edinburgh Trams for Young People (Under 22) – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee

The Transport and Environment Committee had referred a report on Concessionary Travel on Edinburgh Trams for Young People (Under 22) to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval of the use of reserves to meet the costs incurred by Edinburgh Trams up to 31 March 2023.

Decision

To agree the use of reserves to meet the costs incurred by Edinburgh Trams up to 31 March 2023 in regard to Concessionary Travel on Edinburgh Trams for Young People (Under 22).

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 6 October 2022 (item 11); referral from the Transport and Environment Committee, submitted.)

14 Interim Appointment of the Council's Chief Social Work Officer

Details were provided on an interim appointment to the Council's Chief Social Work Officer post which had been made under urgency provisions by the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Lord Provost, following the resignation of the incumbent post holder.

Proposals were outlined for the recruitment of a permanent Service Director, Children's Services and Criminal Justice (which included the designated post of Chief Social Work Officer for the Council) which had commenced on 17 October 2022.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Council's Chief Social Worker Officer, Jackie Irvine, left the employment of the Council on Friday 16 September.
- 2) In response to this, to note that the Executive Director of Education and Children's Services, in consultation with the Lord Provost, approved the interim appointment of Rose Howley to the Council's Chief Social Work Officer post under urgency provisions set out in paragraph A4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

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

15 Sexual Entertainment Venues - Motion by Councillor Younie

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

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the key aims of civic licensing are the preservation of public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.
- 2) Notes the implementation of a Nil Cap policy on Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) on 1 April 2023, which may lead to the closure of four venues.
- 3) Notes that entertainers may continue to work in the industry despite possible closures and may be working in less safe and completely unregulated environments.
- 4) Recognises that this could lead to the further deterioration of performers’ safety in the city.
- 5) Therefore, agrees that a report shall be presented to the Regulatory Committee within 1 cycle to consider this.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Younie

- moved by Councillor Younie, seconded by Councillor Osler

Amendment 1

To add after point 4 in the motion by Councillor Younie:

- “5) Recognises that the Equally Safe strategy for ending violence against women and girls expects that we work with others to reduce the demand for Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- 6) Agrees that the council should work with partners to put in place a programme of support for entertainers who may be affected by these closures.

And to amend ‘1 cycle’ at point 5 of the motion to ‘2 cycles’

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment 2

To add to the motion by Councillor Younie and verbally altered in terms of Standing Order 22.5:

- “6) The report will also include details of what work has been carried out to date on employment support for women working in the industry, as promised by Labour.
- 7) Further agrees for a separate briefing to all Councillors in one cycle explaining the press report that the Administration tried to block the Trade Union representing women working in the industry from appearing in Court - ultimately failing in their attempt to silence the Union and the voice of the affected women.”

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

Amendment 3

To delete para 5) in the motion by Councillor Younie and replace with:

- “5) Therefore, to instruct the Regulatory Committee to re-consider the Nil cap policy in regard to sexual entertainment venues at the next Regulatory Committee in November 2022.”

- moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Miller

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

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 2.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted):	-	32 votes
For Amendment 2 (as adjusted)	-	30 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted) – Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalglish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Daggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

(For the amendment (as adjusted) – Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O’Neill, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Younie:

- 1) To note that the key aims of civic licensing were the preservation of public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder.
- 2) To note the implementation of a Nil Cap policy on Sexual Entertainment Venues (SEVs) on 1 April 2023, which may lead to the closure of four venues.
- 3) To note that entertainers may continue to work in the industry despite possible closures and may be working in less safe and completely unregulated environments.
- 4) To recognise that this could lead to the further deterioration of performers' safety in the city.
- 5) To agree, therefore, that a report shall be presented to the Regulatory Committee within two cycles to consider this.
- 6) To recognise that the Equally Safe strategy for ending violence against women and girls expected that we work with others to reduce the demand for Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- 7) To agree that the Council should work with partners to put in place a programme of support for entertainers who may be affected by these closures.

16 School Bicycle Storage - Motion by Councillor Hyslop

The following motion by Councillor Hyslop was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally altered in terms of Standing Order 22.5

“Council:

- 1) Notes that current statistics used by the Council, provided by the Hands Up Scotland Survey 2021 results, indicate that 12.3% of pupils across Edinburgh cycle, scoot and/or skate to school.
- 2) Notes the success of Bikeability programmes throughout the City and welcomes schemes from individual schools to increase active travel to and from school, for example by providing bikes on loan to pupils.
- 3) Notes that there are a number of factors which affect the number of pupils cycling to school, including access to bikes; and access to secure bike storage facilities at home and at school.
- 4) Notes, with concern, incidents of bicycle theft from school bicycle storage facilities.

- 5) (a) Requests a report to be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee within 3 cycles and referred on to the Education, Children and Families Committee thereafter if necessary, which outlines potential targets for increasing the uptake of cycling, scooting and skating to school in the City.
- (b) The report should include an overview of current security measures of bike storage facilities across the school estate; the cost of extra security measures that could be implemented including provision of street hangars on school grounds.
- (c) The report should also include a map of current bicycle hangars across the city; a range of potential targets for an increase in residential bicycle hangars; and a range of potential targets for an increase in cycling, scooting and skating to school for consideration by Committees.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Hyslop

- moved by Councillor Hyslop, seconded by Councillor Aston

Amendment

To insert at the end of 5 (a) of the motion by Councillor Hyslop:

“and strategies to meet them.”

To insert after “potential targets for an increase in residential bicycle hangars”: “and strategies to meet them.”

- moved by Councillor Bandel, seconded by Councillor Miller

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 Hyslop:

- 1) To note that current statistics used by the Council, provided by the Hands Up Scotland Survey 2021 results, indicated that 12.3% of pupils across Edinburgh cycle, scoot and/or skate to school.
- 2) To note the success of Bikeability programmes throughout the City and welcomes schemes from individual schools to increase active travel to and from school, for example by providing bikes on loan to pupils.
- 3) To note that there were a number of factors which affected the number of pupils cycling to school, including access to bikes; and access to secure bike storage facilities at home and at school.

- 4) To note, with concern, incidents of bicycle theft from school bicycle storage facilities.
- 5) (a) To request report to be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee within 3 cycles and referred on to the Education, Children and Families Committee thereafter if necessary, which outlined potential targets for increasing the uptake of cycling, scooting and skating to school in the City and strategies to meet them.
 - (b) The report should include an overview of current security measures of bike storage facilities across the school estate; the cost of extra security measures that could be implemented including provision of street hangars on school grounds.
 - (c) The report should also include a map of current bicycle hangars across the city; a range of potential targets for an increase in residential bicycle hangars and strategies to meet them; and a range of potential targets for an increase in cycling, scooting and skating to school for consideration by Committees.

17 Hong Kong Protestors - Motion by Councillor Day

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

“Council notes with concern the recent alleged attacks on Hong Kong protestors outside the Chinese Consulate in Manchester.

Council notes that the Vienna Convention, which gives some diplomatic immunity to consular staff and their properties, diplomats and their employees are still covered by UK law and can potentially be declared persona non grata by the British government.

Agrees that the council leader writes to the Chinese Consulate re affirming our support for freedom of speech and the right to protest peacefully, and that this is expected during any future protests in our city.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment

To add at the end of the motion by Councillor Day:

“Notes that the freedom to protest peacefully and safely is essential to a democratic country.

Further agrees that the council leader write to the chief constable of Police Scotland urging them to ensure that protesters outside or near consulates in Edinburgh are kept safe from interference or harm.”

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Booth

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note with concern the recent alleged attacks on Hong Kong protestors outside the Chinese Consulate in Manchester.
- 2) To note that the Vienna Convention, which gives some diplomatic immunity to consular staff and their properties, diplomats and their employees were still covered by UK law and could potentially be declared persona non grata by the British government.
- 3) To agree that the council leader write to the Chinese Consulate re affirming our support for freedom of speech and the right to protest peacefully, and that this was expected during any future protests in our city.
- 4) To note that the freedom to protest peacefully and safely was essential to a democratic country.
- 5) To further agree that the council leader write to the chief constable of Police Scotland urging them to ensure that protesters outside or near consulates in Edinburgh were kept safe from interference or harm.

18 Edinburgh Leisure Pitch Hire Prices - Motion by Councillor Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally altered in terms of Standing Order 22.5:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that prices for hiring 3G pitches within the schools’ estate that are operated by Edinburgh Leisure were lower than for pitches within Edinburgh Leisure’s own facilities, but the board have since agreed to lower the prices for the synthetic pitches at EL venues ie. the Jack Kane Centre, Saughton and Meggetland.
- 2) Notes that this produced anomalies where prices were lower at some locations in the least deprived deciles on the SIMD index on account of them being part of the schools’ estate, but higher at some locations in areas of high multiple

deprivation, such as at the Jack Kane Leisure Centre/Hunter's Hall Park in Niddrie, which form part of Edinburgh Leisure's own facilities.

- 3) Notes that team sports are hugely important and beneficial for children and young people for a wide range of reasons – e.g. fostering good mental and physical health, developing social skills, instilling a sense of community, and creating friendships.
- 4) Recognises that sports clubs for children and young people in areas of high multiple deprivation are reluctant to pass on rising costs to families, particularly during the current cost-of-living crisis, but that sometimes this is unavoidable.
- 5) Recognises that the Council, being committed to achieving the goals of the Poverty Commission, has a crucial interest in ensuring that children and young people in our poorest communities have continued and expanding access to team sports at an affordable price because of the benefits these provide as noted above.
- 6) Further notes that the Council is the owner both of Edinburgh Leisure's facilities and the schools' estate and therefore can exert influence in how pricing structures for the pitches operated by Edinburgh Leisure are set.
- 7) Calls upon the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to write to the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure asking that prices for 3G pitches in Edinburgh Leisure facilities in the poorest areas of the city are set no higher than the cheapest rates available for pitch hire at sites within the schools' estate."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

Amendment 1

Deletes all of the motion by Councillor Campbell and replace with:

Council notes:

- 1) That learning, participating, and practicing individual and team sports are hugely important and beneficial to the physical, social, and mental development and wellbeing of children, young people, and adults;
- 2) An inextricable link between poverty and poor health, with people and families on low income are more likely to experience multiple long term health conditions, poor mental health, and have a lower life expectancy;
- 3) There are costs borne by people, families and sports clubs associated with access to participation in team sports, including for example, the hire of

facility/pitch/court hire, purchasing and upkeep of sports kit, team strips and sports equipment, and the impact of the ongoing Cost of Living Crisis on the affordability and costs of participation in individual and team sports activities;

- 4) Notes that in respect of pitch hire, the Edinburgh Leisure Board has already agreed to harmonisation of prices for hiring synthetic pitches with revised pricing coming into force in August 2022, (an exception being the cost of hire of synthetic pitches at the new Meadowbank Sports Centre);
- 5) That Edinburgh Leisure pitch venues when not booked out, can be used on a casual basis (turn up and play) at a cost of £1 per head. Access is also available to Edinburgh Leisure synthetic pitches at a cost of £1 per head is via the Edinburgh Leisure Community Access Programme;
- 6) The Management Fee received by Edinburgh Leisure from The City of Edinburgh Council has decreased from circa £9.5 million in 2014/15 to circa £7 million in 2022/23 (exclusive of any additional monetary COVID related support received from CEC);
- 7) As part of its vision to inspire Edinburgh citizens to be more active and healthier, Edinburgh Leisure is delivering 22 Active Communities/Wellbeing Projects, many of which depend on securing funds from external sources and from partner organisations; and
- 8) An update report on the Edinburgh Leisure – Active Communities Programme will be considered by the Culture and Communities Committee at its forthcoming meeting in December 2022.

- moved by Councillor Lesley Marion Cameron, seconded by Councillor Walker

Amendment 2

To replace point 7 of the motion by Councillor Campbell with:

- “7) Calls for a report within two cycles to the Culture and Communities Committee detailing prices for all 3G and 4G pitches within the schools estate, and Edinburgh Leisure’s own facilities, along with a market comparison.”

To add to the motion verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22.5:

- “8) Agrees to invite the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure to that Committee to discuss how access to 3G and 4G pitches in areas in SIMD 1-4 can be made more affordable and in a way that avoids any unintended consequences.”

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Amendment 3

To remove paragraphs 6 and 7 of the motion by Councillor Campbell and insert:

- “6) Requests officers liaise with Edinburgh Leisure regarding the setting of fees and rates to understand how they are decided, remain competitive and inclusive, and any concessions or group/team discounts that are available.
- 7) Agrees a briefing note will be circulated to councillors on the above findings within two cycles.”

- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Whyte

In accordance with Standing order 22(12), Paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of Amendment 1, Amendment 2 in its entirety and paragraph 7 (as adjusted) of Amendment 3 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Campbell:

- 1) To note that prices for hiring 3G pitches within the schools' estate that were operated by Edinburgh Leisure were lower than for pitches within Edinburgh Leisure's own facilities, but the board had since agreed to lower the prices for the synthetic pitches at EL venues i.e. the Jack Kane Centre, Saughton and Meggetland.
- 2) To note that this produced anomalies where prices were lower at some locations in the least deprived deciles on the SIMD index on account of them being part of the schools' estate, but higher at some locations in areas of high multiple deprivation, such as at the Jack Kane Leisure Centre/Hunter's Hall Park in Niddrie, which formed part of Edinburgh Leisure's own facilities.
- 3) To note that team sports were hugely important and beneficial for children and young people for a wide range of reasons – e.g. fostering good mental and physical health, developing social skills, instilling a sense of community, and creating friendships.
- 4) To recognise that sports clubs for children and young people in areas of high multiple deprivation were reluctant to pass on rising costs to families, particularly during the current cost-of-living crisis, but that sometimes this was unavoidable.
- 5) To recognise that the Council, being committed to achieving the goals of the Poverty Commission, had a crucial interest in ensuring that children and young people in our poorest communities had continued and expanding access to team sports at an affordable price because of the benefits these provide as noted above.

- 6) To further note that the Council was the owner both of Edinburgh Leisure's facilities and the schools' estate and therefore could exert influence in how pricing structures for the pitches operated by Edinburgh Leisure were set.
- 7) To call for a report within two cycles to the Culture and Communities Committee detailing prices for all 3G and 4G pitches within the schools estate, and Edinburgh Leisure's own facilities, along with a market comparison.
- 8) To agree to invite the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure to that Committee to discuss how access to 3G and 4G pitches in areas in SIMD 1-4 could be made more affordable and in a way that avoided any unintended consequences.
- 9) To note that in respect of pitch hire, the Edinburgh Leisure Board had already agreed to harmonisation of prices for hiring synthetic pitches with revised pricing coming into force in August 2022, (an exception being the cost of hire of synthetic pitches at the new Meadowbank Sports Centre).
- 10) To note that Edinburgh Leisure pitch venues when not booked out, could be used on a casual basis (turn up and play) at a cost of £1 per head. Access was also available to Edinburgh Leisure synthetic pitches at a cost of £1 per head was via the Edinburgh Leisure Community Access Programme.
- 11) To note that the Management Fee received by Edinburgh Leisure from The City of Edinburgh Council had decreased from circa £9.5 million in 2014/15 to circa £7 million in 2022/23 (exclusive of any additional monetary COVID related support received from CEC).
- 12) To agree that a briefing note would be circulated to councillors on the findings relating to point 8) above within two cycles.

19 Seafield Sounding Board - Motion by Councillor Aston

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

"Council:

- notes that the Development Management Subcommittee recently considered an application which it judged would undermine work to develop a masterplan for the wider Seafield waterfront site and accordingly rejected it.
- requests a Business Bulletin update to come to Planning Committee in three cycles confirming timelines for outputs from the Seafield Sounding board consultation and masterplan, including appointment of community consultation consultant."

- moved by Councillor Aston, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Aston.

20 Information about Vaping - Motion by Councillor Gardiner

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

“Council notes that vaping occurs among young people within or near to our secondary schools.

Council notes existing Council policy banning vaping from Council premises, including schools and wider ongoing work by health professionals to establish health impacts.

Council requests a report to Education, Children and Families Committee within one cycle which considers a coordinated approach involving council school staff, NHS Lothian school nurses to raise awareness and provide evidence based public health information in schools and across services for young people about any potential health side effects from vaping to ensure young people are well informed about the choices they make.”

- moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Key

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Gardiner.

21 Pentland Hills as Scotland’s New National Park - Motion by Councillor Gardiner

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

“Following the recent Scottish Government call for potential new National Parks, Council requests that officers provide an outline report to the next Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee to enable members to consider the merits of the Pentland Hills forming a new National Park.

Key issues to be outlined include: safe and sustainable access from urban populations near to the park; high quality, well maintained path networks within the park; how the park can accommodate sustainable land uses and employment in addition to recreation and health benefits to the region.

The outline report should also identify key stakeholders and provide a potential timeline for: stakeholders engagement; committee reporting and subject to committee approval, identify the process, timeline and requirements for a potential submission of a Pentland Hills National Park proposal to the Scottish Government, for their consideration.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Gardiner.

- moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Biagi

Amendment 1

Adds point at start:

“Council notes that the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000 states an aim of National Parks is “to conserve and enhance the natural and cultural heritage of the area”, and that National Parks are established primarily for the protection of areas of outstanding natural value and the preservation of natural life within them.”

After second paragraph adds:

“The report should also consider what measures could be undertaken to protect and improve the Park’s biodiversity and rewild it’s natural landscape to better support a diverse array of plants and animals, in order to make as strong a case as possible for securing National Park status.”

At final paragraph, after ‘and subject to’ adds “Culture and Communities”.

Adds at end:

“This report should also outline how the Pentland Hills becoming a National Park would interact with existing Council greenspace investment plans, including Thriving Greenspace 2050.

- moved by Councillor Thornley, seconded by Councillor Osler

Amendment 2

Adds, at end:

“Further notes the importance of National Parks for biodiversity, nature restoration and as part of our response to the Climate Emergency.

Therefore, requests the report also sets out opportunities within the Pentland Hills for improving biodiversity and implementing nature-based solutions to the Climate Emergency – for example, native woodland and peatland restoration – and outlines processes by which the Council could support these efforts going forward, irrespective of whether the site is chosen to form a new National Park or not.”

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Heap

Amendment 3

Deletes all and replaces with:

“Council notes the current consultation by NatureScot which closes on 30 November and that the Scottish Government has committed to designating at least one new National Park by 2026 and that the Pentland Hills Regional Park is a potential candidate for a new National Park.

Council notes that the following criteria are important to submitting an application:

- (a) safe and sustainable access from urban populations near to the park
- (b) high-quality, well-maintained path networks within the park
- (c) how the park can accommodate sustainable land uses and employment in addition to recreation and health benefits to the region.

Council also notes that any future proposal for the submission of Pentland Hills as a National Park should identify key stakeholders and provide a potential timeline for:

- (a) stakeholder engagement
- (b) committee reporting and subject to committee approval, identify the process, timeline and requirements for such a submission to the Scottish Government.

Council therefore refers the above criteria to the next Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee to enable members to consider the merits of the Pentland Hills forming a new National Park and subsequently creating an outline report for a potential submission to the Scottish Government.”

- moved by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Rust

With the agreement of the mover and seconder, Amendment 3 was withdrawn.

At this point in the meeting the following composite amendment was submitted in place of Amendments 1 and 2:

Composite Amendment

“Further notes the importance of National Parks for biodiversity, nature restoration and as part of our response to the climate emergency. Therefore, to request that the outline report and process going forward also sets out opportunities within the Pentland Hills Regional Park for protecting and improving the Park’s biodiversity and implementing nature-based solutions to the climate emergency, for example native woodland and peatland restoration, and to consider how this could better support a diverse array of plants and animals in order to make as strong a case as possible for securing National Park status.”

In terms of Standing Order 22(12), the composite amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Gardiner:

- 1) Following the recent Scottish Government to call for potential new National Parks, Council requests that officers provide an outline report to the next Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee to enable members to consider the merits of the Pentland Hills forming a new National Park.
- 2) Key issues to be outlined include: safe and sustainable access from urban populations near to the park; high quality, well maintained path networks within the park; how the park can accommodate sustainable land uses and employment in addition to recreation and health benefits to the region.
- 3) The outline report should also identify key stakeholders and provide a potential timeline for: stakeholders engagement; committee reporting and subject to committee approval, identify the process, timeline and requirements for a potential submission of a Pentland Hills National Park proposal to the Scottish Government, for their consideration.”
- 4) To further note the importance of National Parks for biodiversity, nature restoration and as part of our response to the climate emergency. Therefore, to request that the outline report and process going forward also sets out opportunities within the Pentland Hills Regional Park for protecting and improving the Park’s biodiversity and implementing nature-based solutions to the climate emergency, for example native woodland and peatland restoration, and to consider how this could better support a diverse array of plants and animals in order to make as strong a case as possible for securing National Park status.

22 Champion Roles - Motion by Councillor Fullerton

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

“Council:

Notes the valuable impact elected members champions have made in areas such as advocating for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, older people and younger people and areas of the City like Edinburgh’s festivals and events and small businesses.

Notes that since May 2022, no appointments have been made to continue any of this work.

Calls for a report within one cycle to make appointments to the full existing list of Elected Member Champions, with job descriptions included in the report. These roles

would continue to act as an ambassador for their specific area and taking responsibility for maintaining and raising the profile of their area.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Fullerton

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

Amendment 1

Deletes all of the motion by Councillor Fullerton and replaces with:

“Council:

- 1) Notes the role of Armed Forces/Veteran Champion is fulfilled by the Lord Provost in his role.
- 2) Agrees it is the responsibility of all councillors to represent diverse communities.
- 3) Notes the Political Management Report will come to December Council, and this should include any identified roles for champions that are not already fulfilled by elected members.”

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Arthur

Amendment 2

To delete all of the motion by Councillor Fullerton and replace with:

- “1) notes the decision in the last term of the Council to appoint a number of ‘champions’.
- 2) regrets the decision of the last administration to reject both the idea of setting clear, SMART objectives for champions and ensuring there was a robust reporting mechanism to judge performance.
- 3) believes this decision means there has been no objective analysis of the impact and effectiveness of these roles.
- 4) therefore agrees that all existing elected members who served as champions in the last Council term should provide to officers, by the end of November 2022, a report detailing their activities and achievements specifically in their role as a champion rather than from any other positions held.

- 5) further agrees that officers should compile and review this information and return to the February 2023 meeting of the Council with a report setting out recommendations on which champion roles to be retained, created or removed."

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment 3

In paragraph three of the motion by Councillor Fullerton, delete the first sentence and replace with:

"Calls for a report within one cycle to review the role of Elected Member Champions, to identify which roles fulfil a unique cross-committee function which does not duplicate the work of an existing Convener, and outlines a process by which appointments can be made to those roles, including role descriptions for those roles which are to continue."

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor O'Neill

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the motion was adjusted, Paragraph 4 of Amendment 2 accepted as an addendum to the motion and Amendment 3 accepted as an amendment to the motion.

In terms of Standing Order 22(12), Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Amendment 1 were accepted as an addendum to Amendment 2.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	29 votes
For Amendment 2 (as adjusted)	-	33 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work.

For Amendment 2 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

To approve the following adjusted Amendment 2 by Councillor Lang:

- 1) To note the decision in the last term of the Council to appoint a number of 'champions'.
- 2) To regret the decision of the last administration to reject both the idea of setting clear, SMART objectives for champions and ensuring there was a robust reporting mechanism to judge performance.
- 3) To believe this decision meant there had been no objective analysis of the impact and effectiveness of these roles.
- 4) To therefore agree that all existing elected members who served as champions in the last Council term should provide to officers, by the end of November 2022, a report detailing their activities and achievements specifically in their role as a champion rather than from any other positions held.
- 5) To further agree that officers should compile and review this information and return to the February 2023 meeting of the Council with a report setting out recommendations on which champion roles to be retained, created or removed.
- 6) To note the role of Armed Forces/Veteran Champion was fulfilled by the Lord Provost in his role.
- 7) To agree it was the responsibility of all councillors to represent diverse communities.

23 Safe Surgeries - Motion by Councillor Miller

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

"Council:

- 1) Reaffirms that Edinburgh welcomes migrants to our city.
- 2) Notes the Safe Surgeries initiative, for GP practices which commit to taking steps to tackle the barriers faced by many migrants in accessing healthcare, which is organised by Doctors of the World, an independent humanitarian movement working to empower excluded people to access healthcare.
- 3) Notes that Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) is responsible for primary care in Edinburgh and reaffirms this council's commitment to working in partnership with the board
- 4) Asks the EIJB to consider ways in which GP practices could be supported to become Safe Surgeries.

- 5) Recommits to working collaboratively with the EIJB on all issues relating to the health and wellbeing of migrants in Edinburgh.”

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Bandel

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Miller

24 Ethical Advertising Sponsorship Policy - Motion by Councillor Parker

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

“Council:

- Notes that the purpose of advertising and sponsorship is to stimulate demand for goods and services, including those which are environmentally damaging
- Notes that some advertising prohibitions and restrictions already exist across the UK, including for tobacco products and offensive weapons
- Notes that Councils across the UK – including Liverpool, Bristol, Norwich and North Somerset – have passed versions of ethical advertising policies which use powers available to Councils to prohibit the advertising of environmentally or socially irresponsible goods and services
- Recognises the contradiction between the Council’s declaration of a Climate Emergency and the continued advertising of environmentally damaging goods and services in Edinburgh
- Therefore, requests a report to Policy & Sustainability committee within 2 cycles which:
 - Sets out current council policy towards advertising and sponsorship, including what consideration is given to the advertisement of products and services which undermine the council’s commitment to tackling the climate emergency, ending poverty and making the city a welcoming place for all
 - Explores the feasibility and process by which an ethical advertising and sponsorship policy could be developed including information about:
 - How other councils have developed their ethical advertising policy
 - What products and services are currently being advertised in Council land / property in Edinburgh
 - Any potential legal or financial risks for the council related to adopting an ethical advertising and sponsorship policy.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Parker.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment

Deletes all after Paragraph 4 (opening with “Therefore,”) in the motion by Councillor Parker and replace with:

“Notes that the Council’s Policy on Advertising and Sponsorship held in the Policy Register (which is available on the Council website) <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory-record/1229205/advertising-and-sponsorship-policy> was approved on 2nd March 2021 and that it is due for its annual review and that consideration of any changes to this policy should take place as part of the scheduled work programme rather than calling for additional reports which unnecessarily add to the workload of officers.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Doggart

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	28 votes
For the amendment		33 votes

((For the Motion: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O’Neill, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work.

For the Amendment: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Mowat.

25 16 Days Activism Against Gender Based Violence - Motion by Councillor Mumford

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

“Council:

- Notes that the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that kicks off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day. And further notes that the international theme

of this year's 16 Days is 'UNITE', and the Scotland theme is #WhatNext – together recognising that everyone must come together to take action against gender-based violence;

- Recognises that gender-based violence is both a cause and consequence of women's inequality and reaffirms our commitment to eradicate both violence and inequality for everyone in Edinburgh;
- Recognises that while gender-based violence is overwhelmingly experienced by women, people of other genders, including men, are also victim-survivors of genderbased violence.
- Commends the work of service-delivery organisations Edinburgh Women's Aid, Shakti Women's Aid, Edinburgh Rape Crisis, as well as all organisations involved in the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee working for an end to gender-based violence.

Council further:

- Instructs party leaders and civic office holders to work together with the relevant officers, and in reference to the Improvement Service's 16 Days Toolkit to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence by taking public action to highlight Edinburgh Council's objections to all forms of gender-based violence, including but not limited to:
 - Cyber-flashing
 - Sharing of intimate images (revenge porn)
 - Stalking
 - Rape and sexual abuse
 - Female Genital Mutilation
 - Domestic Abuse including coercive control, financial abuse and reproductive control
 - Sexual harassment in schools, the workplace and in public
 - Forced marriage
- Requests a report to Full Council in four cycles from the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee on how the Council is taking action against Gender-Based Violence throughout the year, not just during the 16 days. This report should include highlights of the work over the past year, key aims and activities over the coming year and, in addition to reporting on activities throughout Edinburgh, include detail on any steps that are being taken to protect elected members, employees and workers in the Council from all forms of gender-based violence."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment

To add to the motion by Councillor Mumford:

“After Edinburgh Rape Crisis insert ‘Saheliya, Abused Men in Scotland and Others’.

After ‘workers in the Council from all forms of gender-based violence’ insert: ‘Additionally the report should engage with Edinburgh’s service-delivery organisations to gather information on their current state of play and financial resilience’.

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

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 Mumford:

- 1) To note that the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence was an annual international campaign that kicked off on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and ran until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

And further note that the international theme of this year’s 16 Days was ‘UNITE’, and the Scotland theme was #WhatNext – together recognising that everyone must come together to take action against gender-based violence.

- 2) To recognise that gender-based violence was both a cause and consequence of women’s inequality and reaffirm the commitment to eradicate both violence and inequality for everyone in Edinburgh.
- 3) To recognise that while gender-based violence was overwhelmingly experienced by women, people of other genders, including men, were also victim-survivors of genderbased violence.
- 4) To commend the work of service-delivery organisations Edinburgh Women’s Aid, Shakti Women’s Aid, Edinburgh Rape Crisis, Saheliya, Abused Men in Scotland and Others, as well as all organisations involved in the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee working for an end to gender-based violence.
- 5) To further instruct party leaders and civic office holders to work together with the relevant officers, and in reference to the Improvement Service’s 16 Days

Toolkit to mark the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence by taking public action to highlight Edinburgh Council's objections to all forms of gender-based violence, including but not limited to:

- Cyber-flashing
- Sharing of intimate images (revenge porn)
- Stalking
- Rape and sexual abuse
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Domestic Abuse including coercive control, financial abuse and reproductive control
- Sexual harassment in schools, the workplace and in public
- Forced marriage

- 6) To request a report to Full Council in four cycles from the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee on how the Council was taking action against Gender-Based Violence throughout the year, not just during the 16 days. This report should include highlights of the work over the past year, key aims and activities over the coming year and, in addition to reporting on activities throughout Edinburgh, include detail on any steps that were being taken to protect elected members, employees and workers in the Council from all forms of gender-based violence. Additionally, the report should engage with Edinburgh's service-delivery organisations to gather information on their current state of play and financial resilience.

Declaration of Interest

Councillor McFarlane made a transparency statement as a member of the Men and Boys Coalition.

26 Absenteeism in Schools - Motion by Councillor Jones

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

“Council notes that absenteeism figures in schools in Edinburgh show an increase in absenteeism rates among pupils at schools across the city.

Council notes:

Boroughmuir High School's absence rate among girls rose from 5% in 2018 to 7% in 2021, while among boys it rose from 5.3% to 6.2%.

At Craigroyston High, girls' absences rose from 12.7% to 18.3% and boys' from 10.6% to 16.5%.

At Portobello High, girls' absences rose from 9.7% to 13.5% and boys' from 8.7% to 11.3%.

Council notes that while attendance in schools in Edinburgh is generally good, a significant number of children are 'slipping through the net'.

Council calls for a report in one cycle to Education, Children and Families Committee to report on how schools are addressing absenteeism with specific reference to:

- 1) Ensuring schools identify children who have had less than 85% attendance in the years following covid in order to support them;
- 2) Whether schools are providing tailored catch-up plans for the children noted above with specific measurable achievable learning outcomes for each child;
- 3) Whether provision of private one-to-one tuition or small group tuition is available outside the normal school day.

Where the above is not in place, what steps the Authority can take to assist Headteachers in providing pupils with increased assistance to improve attendance and, ultimately individual attainment.”

- moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Cowdy

Amendment

To add a point 4 in the motion by Councillor Jones:

- “4) This report will also include consideration and actions relating to the factors preventing young people from attending school: such as information relating to lasting COVID impact on young people, young peoples' mental health and poverty-related attendance issues.”

- moved by Councillor Fullerton, seconded by Councillor Kumar

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 Jones:

- 1) To note that absenteeism figures in schools in Edinburgh showed an increase in absenteeism rates among pupils at schools across the city.
- 2) To note:

Boroughmuir High School's absence rate among girls rose from 5% in 2018 to 7% in 2021, while among boys it rose from 5.3% to 6.2%.

At Craigroyston High, girls' absences rose from 12.7% to 18.3% and boys' from 10.6% to 16.5%.

At Portobello High, girls' absences rose from 9.7% to 13.5% and boys' from 8.7% to 11.3%.

- 3) To note that while attendance in schools in Edinburgh was generally good, a significant number of children were 'slipping through the net'.
- 4) To call for a report in one cycle to Education, Children and Families Committee to report on how schools were addressing absenteeism with specific reference to:
 - a) ensuring schools identified children who had had less than 85% attendance in the years following covid in order to support them;
 - b) whether schools were providing tailored catch-up plans for the children noted above with specific measurable achievable learning outcomes for each child;
 - c) whether provision of private one-to-one tuition or small group tuition was available outside the normal school day.

Where the above was not in place, what steps the Authority could take to assist Headteachers in providing pupils with increased assistance to improve attendance and, ultimately individual attainment.

- 5) This report would also include consideration and actions relating to the factors preventing young people from attending school: such as information relating to lasting COVID impact on young people, young peoples' mental health and poverty-related attendance issues.

27 Bridgend Farmhouse - Motion by Councillor Burgess

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

"Council,

Recognises that Bridgend Farmhouse www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk is an award winning, community-owned and run charitable organisation in South Edinburgh with a mission to ensure that their renovated farmhouse exists as a sustainable community-owned centre for learning, eating and exercise, where all can learn, work and grow together to develop a flourishing community and place;

Congratulates Bridgend Farmhouse on their 4th anniversary since opening as a community hub in 2018 and the recent opening of their straw-bale and timber Eco Bothy & Play area in October 2022 after seven years work by over 80 volunteers;

Notes that Bridgend Farmhouse is the first example of a successful community asset transfer from this Council, having taken place in 2015;

Welcomes the aims and objectives of Bridgend Farmhouse;

- To advance community development through the shared ownership of Bridgend Farmhouse and providing opportunities for active citizenship and volunteering.
- To advance education and training in the community by utilising the farmhouse site for various learning activities, particularly those that support engagement in the outdoors, local woodlands, sustainability, and environmental and place-based education.
- To advance health, both physical and mental, and address health inequalities and social isolation to support people to live happy, healthy and enriched lives.
- To advance the arts, heritage and culture of the local area and on site.
- To promote equality and diversity by providing accessible facilities and a diversity of activities.
- To advance environmental protection, biodiversity and the enjoyment of the Craigmillar Castle park, and promote and enable sustainable development and living practices.

Further welcomes that Bridgend Bike Hub project is a well-used active travel hub in South-East Edinburgh, with bike hire, bike repair, cycling classes and electric-bikes, generating work and opportunities that are contributing towards the Council's active travel targets and providing local, affordable, accessible and supported cycling and walking facilities;

Agrees in principle that the council should provide advice and in-kind support for Bridgend Farmhouse Community Benefit Society with Charitable Status as a contribution towards its continuing success."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Burgess.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Pogson

Amendment

To add to the motion by Councillor Burgess:

"Extends an invitation to Bridgend Farmhouse to give a presentation to Culture and Communities Committee on the work that they do."

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Flannery

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 Burgess:

- 1) To recognise that Bridgend Farmhouse www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk was an award winning, community-owned and run charitable organisation in South Edinburgh with a mission to ensure that their renovated farmhouse existed as a sustainable community-owned centre for learning, eating and exercise, where all could learn, work and grow together to develop a flourishing community and place.
- 2) To congratulate Bridgend Farmhouse on their 4th anniversary since opening as a community hub in 2018 and the recent opening of their straw-bale and timber Eco Bothy & Play area in October 2022 after seven years work by over 80 volunteers.
- 3) To note that Bridgend Farmhouse was the first example of a successful community asset transfer from this Council, having taken place in 2015.
- 4) To welcome the aims and objectives of Bridgend Farmhouse;
 - To advance community development through the shared ownership of Bridgend Farmhouse and providing opportunities for active citizenship and volunteering.
 - To advance education and training in the community by utilising the farmhouse site for various learning activities, particularly those that support engagement in the outdoors, local woodlands, sustainability, and environmental and place-based education.
 - To advance health, both physical and mental, and address health inequalities and social isolation to support people to live happy, healthy and enriched lives.
 - To advance the arts, heritage and culture of the local area and on site.
 - To promote equality and diversity by providing accessible facilities and a diversity of activities.
 - To advance environmental protection, biodiversity and the enjoyment of the Craigmillar Castle park, and promote and enable sustainable development and living practices
- 5) To further welcome that Bridgend Bike Hub project was a well-used active travel hub in South-East Edinburgh, with bike hire, bike repair, cycling classes and electric-bikes, generating work and opportunities that were contributing towards the Council's active travel targets and providing local, affordable, accessible and supported cycling and walking facilities;
- 6) To agree in principle that the council should provide advice and in-kind support for Bridgend Farmhouse Community Benefit Society with Charitable Status as a contribution towards its continuing success.
- 7) To extend an invitation to Bridgend Farmhouse to give a presentation to Culture and Communities Committee on the work that they do.

28 Sport Scotland – Volunteer of the Year Award 2022 - Motion by the Lord Provost

The following motion by the Lord Provost was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Congratulates David Pollacchi, a dedicated Committee Member and team coach from Lochend Football Academy who, from 200,000 nominated volunteers across Scotland won the ‘Sport Scotland’s Volunteer of the Year’ Award 2022!

David has championed a successful fundraising campaign over a fourteen-month period to raise funding of circa £70,000 to replace the previous, almost unplayable surface with a new 3G sustainable facility that will last for the next decade.

During this time the club have become a registered charity and also Scottish Football Association Quality Mark accredited.

As per the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) 2020, Lochend is one of the most deprived areas in the city of Edinburgh and this grassroots community football academy opened in 2008, located on the edge of Lochend Park and attracts children and young people from the local neighbourhood. The club promotes a strong community ethos where both mental and physical wellbeing are enhanced with football in an outdoors environment, aiding the children’s growth and potential.

Following fundraising initiatives, David has this year managed to secure funding from the OneCity Trust to provide free football camps and coaching sessions for children (both boys and girls). In addition, sponsorship deals have been negotiated for the children’s football strips with Farmers Autocare and NRS Healthcare.

David has shown a high level of dedication in making a positive difference to the wellbeing of local children and young people, by inspiring them with his commitment to football, the club and the community.

Council requests that the Lord Provost recognises this success in an appropriate manner.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Decision

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.

29 Questions

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

Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 29 of 27 October 2022)

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

- (1) How many young people who are enrolled in Edinburgh Council schools are currently out of full time education? Can this answer be broken down in those off for 0-3 months, 3-6months, 6-9months, 9-12months and those more than 12 months.

Answer

- (1) All children and young people are entitled to full time education provision. In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to implement a package of support that could be achieved using a flexible part-time timetable. A procedure that sets out the expectations and considerations in relation to such arrangements was produced in 2019 for consistency across educational establishments to ensure that all children and young people get the best out of their education provision. All decisions to implement a flexible timetable is clearly documented within the GIRFEC child planning framework.

These flexible part-time timetables are for an agreed period of time with clear aims and conditions, recorded within the GIRFEC child planning framework and the arrangements are correctly recorded within SEEMIS to ensure an accurate attendance record. This is a work in progress and post COVID the challenges have become significantly more complex.

For the session 2021-2022 we have 179 complete SEEMIS records of flexible part-time tables. In the record we have 99 pupils engaging with flexible arrangements for 3 months, 8 for up to 6 months, 47 for up to 9 months and 18 for up to 12 months. There was a further seven pupils whose flexible arrangement went beyond twelve months. The analysis for quarter 1 is ongoing and can be provided.

- Question** (2) Can the Convener itemise the reasons the Council has on record for these pupils not being in school full time i.e. subject to bullying, illness, expulsion and other categories?"
- Answer** (2) The reasons for children and young people being on a flexible timetable is clearly documented on the GIRFEC plan. In the session 2021-2022; 46% of flexible timetables were in place to reduce the risk of exclusion relating to social, emotional and behavioural needs, 18% family issues, 15% mental health and 13% challenges relating to Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and a wide range of other needs.
- Question** (3) Is it current policy that those missing out on full time education experience can be offered digital access at home and is this an appropriate replacement to in-class learning in line with GIRFEC according to current Council policy?
- Answer** (3) The flexible timetable is a tailored package of educational opportunities and experiences that are part of a planned strategy which has as its principal purpose the successful, steady and incremental re-integration and inclusion. This tailored package is drawn from the Team Around the Learning Community. An integral part of this team is the Additional Support for Learning Service (ASLS) which offers a virtual learning environment (VLE) where appropriate, there are currently 40 children and young people engaging with this aspect of the service.
- Question** (4) What flexibility is there in Council policy to accommodate young people in exceptional circumstances in alternative full time education in other schools that meet the young person's needs for those such as illness or being subjected to bullying?

Answer

- (4) In some situations the GIRFEC child planning process may identify barriers that are specific to the current school environment. In these circumstances the school, their partners and the family may agree to explore the possibility of a hosting in another school. However, multiple schools during the course of a pupil's educational experience is one of several risk factors that can lead to poor outcomes. For this reason, hostings should only ever be progressed when assessment and planning through the GIRFEC planning process suggests a strong likelihood of success. Work is ongoing on the Team Around the Learning Community to meet the needs of that community, ensures that children and young people can thrive in their local school and that any flexible arrangement is an effective strategy in returning learners to full-time mainstream provision.

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Mattos Coelho for
answer by the Convener of the
Education, Children and Families
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

Question (1) School staff recruitment is of major importance for young person's success in their learning journey.

Can the Education, Children and Families Convener clarify why headteachers have not been able to post adverts to recruit support staff recently?

Answer (1) The Corporate Leadership Team approved a change to the recruitment approval process from 11th August 2022, as a step to seek to manage in year costs given the projected financial position of the Council. This change, along with a high volume of recruitment particularly within Education, meant that there were delays in the approvals and recruitment process.

Question (2) Can the Education, Children and Families Convener clarify when will headteachers be able to post adverts to recruit support staff again?

Answer (2) Schools have always been able to advertise posts, however recruitment remains exceptionally busy - since the school term started on 16th August 2022, 632 adverts have been posted on Myjobscotland for 1,152 positions (just for schools). Centralised recruitment is about to be implemented which will significantly improve the candidate experience, as well as reduce unnecessary bureaucracy.

Supplementary Question I thank the convener for her answer. Could the Convener clarify, roughly, where the HR new procedure.

Can the Education, Children and Families Convener give us a rough timescale when the new recruitment approval process will be fully operational?

**Supplementary
Answer**

The new recruitment process is already fully operational. Schools must submit all vacancies with 3 levels of approval:

1. Headteacher
2. Education Dept
3. HR

As part of the Education Dept approval, all promoted teaching posts in schools are approved at a weekly Staffing Board. For non-promoted teaching posts and school-based support staff posts these are checked against DSM budgets and staffing allocations before approval.

The central recruitment process for PSAs has also already started with 2 adverts (one for mainstream and one for special schools) already live on My Job Scotland. These adverts are due to close on 14th November.

QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor McVey for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question (1) How many meetings have you had with either the Director or officers directly involved in the delivery of Christmas and Hogmanay to monitor progress on the delivery of the contract? Can the dates of the meetings be provided?

Answer (1) I had one meeting with officers specifically on the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas. This took place at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

In addition, the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas was discussed at the Leader's Meeting on 26 September 2022.

Finally, I attended the All Party Oversight Group (APOG) meeting on Winter Festivals on 3 October 2022.

Question (2) When were you first aware that parts of the contract, such as 3rd sector and Voluntary Stalls on Castle Street were not going to be delivered within the Angel contract?

Answer (2) As noted above, I met with officers at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022 and was briefed on the issues relating to delivery of the Edinburgh Christmas contract.

Question (3) When were you aware that deadlines for planning permission required to host the events were missed?

Answer (3) See answer 2.

Question (4) When were you first made aware that the financial contribution of Angel Events, which was the basis of them winning the contract, would unlikely be delivered?

Answer (4) See answer 2.

Question (5) Why did you not ensure briefings were provided to Councillors as instructed by the Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022?

Answer (5) As reported to Finance and Resources Committee, officers have acknowledged that they could have done more to keep Elected Members updated on the risks surrounding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas.

However, as soon as it became clear that it would not be possible to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas in the way which had been reported to Finance and Resources Committee, a briefing was set up with me, and with the Conveners of Culture and Communities and Finance and Resources. Thereafter, an APOG was set up with representatives from all political groups invited.

Question (6) Was there a planned briefing for Councillors, or any discussions with officers on the creation of a briefing that was not shared with other Councillors?

Answer (6) No. A briefing was provided by officers at the APOG on 3 October 2022.

Supplementary Question Can the Council Leader confirm how many emails he has had directly from anyone involved in the Christmas contract, between the award of the contract in June 2022 and 22 September 2022, which raised issues or requested help from the Council Leader in relation to the successful delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

Supplementary Answer I can confirm I did not receive any emails from anyone involved in the Christmas contract between June 2022 and 22 September 2022 which raised issues or requested my help in relation to the successful delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas.

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for
answer by the Convener of the
Culture and Communities Committee
at a meeting of the Council on 27
October 2022**

Question (1) How many meetings have you had with either the Director or officers directly involved in the delivery of Christmas and Hogmanay to monitor progress on the delivery of the contract? Can the dates of the meetings be provided?

Answer (1) I had one meeting with officers specifically on the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas. This took place at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

I also attended the All Party Oversight Group (APOG) on 3 October 2022.

Question (2) When were you first aware that parts of the contract, such as 3rd sector and Voluntary Stalls on Castle Street were not going to be delivered within the Angel contract?

Answer (2) As noted above, I met with officers at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022 and was briefed on the issues relating to delivery of the Edinburgh Christmas contract.

Question (3) When were you aware that deadlines for planning permission required to host the events were missed?

Answer (3) See answer 2.

Question (4) When were you first made aware that the financial contribution of Angel Events, which was the basis of them winning the contract, would unlikely be delivered?

Answer (4) See answer 2.

Question (5) Why did you not ensure briefings were provided to Councillors as instructed by the Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022?

Answer (5) As reported to Finance and Resources Committee, officers have acknowledged that they could have done more to keep Elected Members updated on the risks surrounding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas.

However, as soon as it became clear that it would not be possible to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas in the way which had been reported to Finance and Resources Committee, a briefing was set up with me, the Council Leader and the Convener of Finance and Resources. Thereafter, an APOG was set up with representatives from all political groups invited.

Question (6) Was there a planned briefing for Councillors, or any discussions with officers on the creation of a briefing that was not shared with other Councillors?

Answer (6) No. A briefing was provided by officers at the APOG on 3 October 2022.

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Macinnes for answer
by the Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Question (1) How many meetings have you had with either the Director or officers directly involved in the delivery of Christmas and Hogmanay to monitor progress on the delivery of the contract? Can the dates of the meetings be provided?

Answer (1) I had one meeting with officers specifically on the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas. This took place at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

I attended the All Party Oversight Group (APOG) meeting on Winter Festivals on 3 October 2022.

Question (2) When were you first aware that parts of the contract, such as 3rd sector and Voluntary Stalls on Castle Street were not going to be delivered within the Angel contract?

Answer (2) As noted above, I met with officers at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022 and was briefed that Angel Events had asked to withdraw from the contract; the implication being that none of the elements would be delivered unless an alternative provider was contracted to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas.

Question (3) When were you aware that deadlines for planning permission required to host the events were missed?

Answer (3) See answer 2.

Question (4) When were you first made aware that the financial contribution of Angel Events, which was the basis of them winning the contract, would unlikely be delivered?

Answer (4) See answer 2.

Question (5) Why did you not ensure briefings were provided to Councillors as instructed by the Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022?

Answer (5) The Rolling Actions Log was approved by all members of the Finance and Resources Committee on 8th September 2022. There were no outstanding actions regarding the Winter Festivals on the action log. It's unfortunate that Cllr Macinnes didn't raise her concerns about this at committee.

As reported to Finance and Resources Committee, officers have acknowledged that they could have done more to keep Elected Members updated on the risks surrounding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas.

However, as soon as it became clear that it would not be possible to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas in the way which had been reported to Finance and Resources Committee, a briefing was set up with me, the Council Leader and the Convener of Culture and Communities. Thereafter, an APOG was set up with representatives from all political groups invited.

Question (6) Was there a planned briefing for Councillors, or any discussions with officers on the creation of a briefing that was not shared with other Councillors?

Answer (6) No. A briefing was provided by officers at the APOG on 3 October 2022.

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

- Question** (1) On the basis of existing catchments, building capacity constraints and school roll projections, when is Queensferry High School expected to reach its maximum operating capacity?
- Answer** (1) Current projections show that Queensferry High School will reach its notional capacity in 2025. However, secondary schools can remain fully operational beyond the notional capacity. The projections are an indication of an issue, the specific year on year circumstances are monitored and addressed when necessary through the rising rolls programme.
- Question** (2) Given the draft CityPlan was published in November 2021, why did it take until September 2022 for the Council to write formally to landowners around Kirkliston regarding possible sites for a new high school?
- Answer** (2) The draft City Plan did not propose any new housing allocations in Kirkliston. All previous discussions about potential sites had been with housing developers who in turn have development agreements with landowners. The lack of housing sites in City Plan meant a new approach direct to landowners was required. This approach needed to be made by colleagues in the Estates Service and the whole process required time to be completed.
- Question** (3) Given the long-standing and pressing need to identify future high school capacity for Kirkliston, does the Convener believe it acceptable that landowners around Kirkliston were only written to formally in September 2022 regarding possible sites for a new high school?
- Answer** (3) As the informal engagement on options for learning estate infrastructure was significantly delayed due to the pandemic and is still ongoing, the approach to landowners is being carried out at an appropriate point in the overall engagement process.

Question (4) What is the time period which would likely be required between a new site being agreed for a new high school and it becoming open and operational, taking into account planning and construction periods?

Answer (4) If all the necessary elements were fully agreed for a new school (e.g., site, budget allocation, statutory consultation approval etc), then approximately 3 - 3.5 years would be required to design and build a new secondary school.

Supplementary Question Further to the answer to question 2, can the Convener please clarify what work was required by the Estates Services and which meant it took 10 months to write to landowners following the publication of the draft City Plan?

Supplementary Answer The Estates team had to complete title deeds checks and find contact details before making approaches to the landowners. Competing work pressures and priorities, for both the Estates and Learning Estate Planning teams also had a bearing on the time taken.

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

What is the current timetable for the resurfacing of Station Road in Queensferry?

Answer

I am happy to confirm that works are currently programmed to start on 3 July 2023. The work is scheduled to take up to 3 months and will be phased around the school holidays. Undertaking the work during the summer break will reduce the risk to the children attending the schools nearby.

Supplementary Question

At its meeting of 18 August, the Transport & Environment Committee approved the Transport Infrastructure Investment - Capital Delivery Priorities 2022/23 which listed Station Road as being resurfaced in this financial year. Can the Convener clarify why, just two months on from this report being agreed, this project at Station Road has already been postponed into the 2023/24 financial year?

Supplementary Answer

The decision to re-profile the works in Station Road was taken by the Transport Contracts and Design Team. Due to the proximity to 3 schools in the area, the most effective time to carry out the works, to ensure safe working, is during a school holiday. It was not possible to carry out the works during the school summer holidays in 2022 due to existing commitments across Edinburgh. Due to the extent and duration of the works it was, therefore, decided to carry the works forward to the school summer holidays in 2023. This significantly reduces conflict with pupils and parents travelling to and from the 3 schools.

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Question

In a briefing issued to councillors on 2nd September, it was stated that customers of the garden waste collection scheme would be written to with the details of compensation arising from the suspended collections during and immediately following the industrial action.

When were the customers written to with this information?

Answer

The arrangements for this have not yet been communicated to customers as officers have been evaluating the options for how this can be delivered. I have been assured, however, that the details will be communicated to service users in the next 4-6 weeks.

QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

On 24 June 2021, the Council decided to work with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel to explore long term replacements for the Shopping Streets schemes being removed at that time to give adequate safe space for pedestrians in our local town centres. Schemes were removed from Great Junction Street, Stockbridge, Gorgie/Dalry Road, Bruntsfield, Tollcross, Morningside, Portobello and Corstorphine.

Question (1) For each of these town centres, what engagement has taken place to explore long-term replacements with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel?

Answer (1) The 20-minute Neighbourhood Programme Team has started work to prepare a plan for Portobello and Gorgie/Dalry town centres, to coincide with planned road renewal projects. The Team will work with the local community and businesses to co-design the town centres as more 'liveable' places, with improved walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport connectivity from neighbouring communities. Living Streets and the Access Panel will both be engaged at an early stage. It is anticipated that concept designs will be prepared for consultation in 2023.

Work to develop detailed long-term plans for Stockbridge, Corstorphine, Bruntsfield and Morningside town centres is yet to progress. However, the planned engagement for the Our Future Streets framework, Active Travel Action Plan and Public Transport Action Plan in 2023 will consider these areas and feed into future detailed design work. Engagement with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel will be part of a future engagement strategy.

Tollcross is part of the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation programme and Great Junction Street is covered by the Leith Connections project. Both projects have engaged with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel throughout.

Question (2) When are proposals likely to be brought forward to Council committee for subsequent engagement with local residents, community councils and ward councillors?

Answer (2) Please refer to the answer to Question 1.

Question (3) If no progress has been made, when is work expected to commence?

Answer (3) Please refer to the answer to Question 1.

QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question (1) How many families is the council currently supporting through Kinship LAC arrangements?

Answer (1) There are two main kinship arrangements in place in Edinburgh. There are Kinship arrangements when the children are not looked after. We call this kinship non-LAC. There are other arrangements where the child or children may still be looked after. This would tend to be where the involvement of social workers in a more formal arrangement is required to secure and support the placement. The additional terms below relate to historical arrangements or new ones in relation to continuing care.

Number of children:

Kinship LAC – 229

Continuing Care Kinship – 37

Kinship non-LAC – 219

Residence Allowance – 179

Total number of supported kinship arrangements – 664

Question (2) How much is it estimated that these family arrangements are saving the council in other LAC costs

Answer (2) This is difficult to quantify as it is very much dependent on the costs of different types of alternative placements that could have been used in the absence of a kinship placement.

Below are average costs as there may be variations depending on age etc.

The cost of a CEC Foster placement is £22,600 per annum

The average cost for a residential placement in one of our young people's houses is £ 150,000 per annum.

The average cost of an external residential unit is £222,000.

The cost for a kinship arrangement is

Kinship LAC £8,600

Kinship Non LAC £8,700

Residence Allowance £8,900

The above provides an indication of potential costs for alternative placements which may be required in the absence of a kinship placement.

Question (3) Has the council done an analysis on the ongoing legal costs faced by Kinship Carers when facing repeated parental challenges to LAC arrangements?

Answer (3) There are not many cases where there are repeated parental challenges in court. We have to date not undertaken any analysis. We may cover the costs of relatively straight forward cases but will consider possible alternatives if there is likely to be a complex legal case.

QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

Question (1) In cases of road surface treatment, what is the normal scheduled time period between a road being treated and contractors returning to repaint road markings?

Answer (1) I have been informed that there is currently no scheduled time period between the roads being treated and the Contractor returning to replace the road markings, although it is normally expected that the work is undertaken within 4-8 weeks. However, it is worth noting that replacing road markings too soon after a surface treatment results in the markings wearing away within a matter of weeks.

Question (2) What monitoring is undertaken in terms of their adherence to this target time period?

Answer (2) As detailed above, there is no set time period for the markings to be reinstated. Council officers are in regular contact with the Contractor (including site and virtual meetings). Project managers for each site are aware of the work completed and any outstanding works to be followed up in the meetings with the Contractor.

Question (3) Are records held of the time taken between surface treatments and the subsequent painting of road markings for individual surfacing projects?

Answer (3) No records are held on the time taken to lay the treatment and the painting of the road markings. On the completion of each treatment, built drawings are provided, but these only record the date, extent and type of new road surface laid.

**Supplementary
Question** Given the potential safety issues which arise from a lack of road markings, can the Convener clarify if he believes a maximum time limit for replacing road markings should be built into the contracts for surface treatment works?

**Supplementary
Answer**

All future surface treatment schemes will have a maximum acceptable time period between carrying-out the material laying operation and the road markings reinstatement operation built into the contract.

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

To ask the Convener of Transport & Environment Committee, pursuant to the answer given to question 5(2) at the June 2022 meeting of the Council;

Question (1) Which of the school travel plans listed were formally signed off in August as expected?

Answer (1) None. This was due to the time taken to arrange meetings with the school management teams and parent councils. Officers are actively engaging with schools and parent councils to finalise and sign off the School Travel for the 35 schools that had temporary measures put in place under the Spaces for People programme.

Question (2) For those schools travels plans which have been signed off, when will they be published on the Streets Ahead Edinburgh website and shared with ward councillors as promised?

Answer (2) As the plans are uploaded onto the Streets Ahead website, notification of this will be sent to all Transport and Environment Committee members and relevant ward Councillors.

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

- (1) How many Community Councils in Edinburgh are:
- a) currently active, according to the definition on the Directory of Community Councils on the council's website?
 - b) How many have become inactive in the last five years?
 - c) How many, and which, of those active Councils are at risk of becoming inactive?

Answer

- (1) a) 44 out of 46 Community Councils were initially active following the 2019 Community Council elections. Two did not receive sufficient nominations to be established during the election process.

Seven out of the 44 established Community Councils have not submitted their annual accounts in order to receive their 2022-23 grant. Of those seven, one is known to be dormant, one is yet to submit their accounts but has engaged with the Council and we have been unable to contact the remaining five. As a result, we are still trying to ascertain if they are active.

- b) Before the 2019 elections two Community Councils were inactive. During the covid pandemic and lockdown, seven community councils have become minimally active.

Determining the active status of community councils has been based on feedback provided following a survey of Elected Members in the 1st Quarter of 2022 and the Council's interactions with individual Community Councils over the five year period.

- c) Officers are not aware of any of the active Community Councils being at risk of becoming inactive based on the minutes and communications received from them.

Question (2) What support and resource has been made available to date for those at risk of becoming inactive, outside of the block grant?

Answer (2) In addition to the annual grant, Community Councils have the power, as independent bodies, to raise additional funds and can apply for specific additional grant monies from the Council.

During the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, guidance was provided on the steps that could be taken by Community Councils to remain active, how to hold virtual meetings and support was made available in obtaining or using the necessary software.

For those at risk of becoming inactive for reasons other than financial, officers from the Community Empowerment & Engagement Team can provide practical advice and support in generating local interest in Community Councils.

Question (3) What advice and resources, outside of the block grant, are being made available to support at risk Community Councils to avoid them folding?

Answer (3) Officers from Governance and Community Empowerment and Engagement Teams have consulted with Elected Members to support these Community Councils to maintain or return to active status.

QUESTION NO 14

By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) How many applications have been received in each of the last five years for dropped kerb road occupation permits?

Answer (1) The number of applications for each of the last five years is shown in the table below:

Year	Number of applications
2017	130
2018	126
2019	98
2020	97
2021	157

There have been 112 to the end of September 2022.

Question (2) What is the target turnaround time for the applications for dropped kerb road occupation permits in terms of an application being received and a decision being issued?

Answer (2) There are currently no target turnaround times for processing applications for dropped kerb road occupation permits. This is because many sites are complicated by the presence of lampposts, parking bays, etc.

Question (3) What percentage of applications have been handled within this target turnaround time?

Answer (3) As noted above, there is no target turnaround time for processing applications.

Supplementary Question While there are no target times, can the Convener please clarify if records are kept of the time which has been taken to deal with individual dropped kerb permits?"

**Supplementary
Answer**

On average the Council receives 2000 Road Occupation applications a year and all applications are recorded on a spreadsheet which details the dates received and the date of issue of a permit.

Unfortunately, the different types of permit applications are not recorded separately. To gain the information requested an officer would need to manually go through all applications on an individual basis.

There are plans to introduce an on-line application and payment system for Permits which will automatically record the dates of initial application and date of issue of all Road Occupation Permits. These on line applications will be separated into the different types of permit types including Dropped Crossings in a 'drop down' menu format.

QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question

What is the current policy position with respect to school foreign trips and is this policy subject to any periodic review?

Answer

The Council in common with other local authorities continues to be unable to access 'school journeys' insurance that caters for COVID-19 cancellation, which has now widened to 'communicable diseases'. Many providers offer so-called group travel guarantees/assurances however these vary significantly in their breadth and depth of cover.

The Council has taken an incremental approach to restarting residential visits, including a prompt reintroduction of UK camping expeditions and visits to UK outdoor education centres. The latter includes 5773 young people visiting the Council's Benmore and Lagganlia outdoor centres during the 2021/22 academic year and an innovative COVID-19 approved residential provider list, which has allowed this Council to negotiate additional/comprehensive financial protection for families, third parties and the Council. This work is sector leading and has been shared nationally. Each step has required considerable planning to support schools in delivering high quality outcomes to all young people.

The policy to review educational outings is under review with a working group of Headteachers and officers and will be presented to ECF within 2 cycles.

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question When he became aware of plans to install a cycle lane on Maybury Drive?

Answer I became aware of these plans when it was raised with me by the Lord Provost.

Question (2) When were ward councillors and residents made aware of these plans?

Answer (2) A notification letter was sent on 11 May 2022 to all the local Councillors and residents advising them that the works were due to commence. In line with the Council's approach to notification of roadworks, this letter did not include details of each element of the scheme.

It is important to note that there is currently no requirement to consult on changes to road markings that do not require changes to or a new Traffic Order. In the case of Maybury Road, there was no requirement to consult on the changes, but I accept that recent history in the area means that Ward Councillors could have benefited from being notified of the planned changes.

Question (3) Under which Council Policy the decision to install a cycle lane was made?

Answer (3) The installation of Cycle Lanes is in line with Edinburgh Street Design Guidance (ESDG) and fact sheets (C1 and C2). The ESDG is the first point of reference for all street designs whether it is for renewals schemes, improvements to existing streets or new streets, (including urban paths), in Edinburgh.

Question (4) Whether there are any other road layout changes planned in East Craigs at present?

Answer (4) At the current time, officers do not have any planned road layout changes in East Craigs.

Question (5) What he will do, going forward, to ensure that communication with residents takes place as clearly and openly as possible?

Answer (5) Going forward, when new cycle lanes are introduced, officers will include this information in our pre-start notification letters to residents. Also ward Councillors will be sent plans showing the details of the works before construction begins.

QUESTION NO 17

By Councillor Caldwell answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

In July 2022, the City of Edinburgh Council started rolling out sensors to automatically report full bins with a planned 11,000 rolled out by Summer 2023.

Can the Transport and Environment convener please;

Question (1) Provide an updated list of streets or parks, broken down by ward, where sensors onto bins have been rolled out, since inception of the scheme?

Answer (1) Table 1 below shows the list of locations where bin sensors have been rolled out, broken down by ward.

Question (2) Confirm the total of how many times the smart communal bins in Pitt Street have reported themselves as full, broken down by month?

Answer (2) As we are in a testing phase, this information is currently not available. The dashboards for recording and reporting data are currently being development. I anticipate this work will be complete by June 2023.

Question (3) Confirm how many reports have been made via the public 'Report an overflowing communal bin' portal of overflowing communal smart bins in Pitt Street since the initial rollout?

Answer (3) There have been no reports for this location since 29 July 2022.

Question (4) Confirm the total of how many times the smart litter bins in the Meadows have reported themselves as full, broken down by month?

Answer (4) See answer 2 above.

Question (5) Confirm the total of how many times the smart litter bins on West Lanark Road have reported themselves as full, broken down by month?

Answer (5) See answer 2 above.

Table 1

Serial Number of Sensor	Name	Ward
524C6209CBC7D339	A8000 - Kirkliston To South Queensferry	01-Almond
55966E90A7C239C5	A90 - Cramond Bridge to Dalmeny	01-Almond
72AD20CF09EC8C0E	Ashburnham Gardens	01-Almond
9612D643AF5AABDE	Bankhead Road	01-Almond
6C3AD49A6809A9D8	Barnton Avenue	01-Almond
B02338582DFEBA34	Barnton_005	01-Almond
4263E4ACA7330A66	Bo'Ness Road	01-Almond
BC7B36465222CF8F	Bo'Ness Road	01-Almond
91F9AFA7F3906F36	Bo'Ness Road	01-Almond
EFB75D0AFB0ADD66	Braehead Drive	01-Almond
32AF141180C77698	Bridge Street	01-Almond
9372E9C3AAE4D1AD	Bridleway - Port Edgar To Dalmeny	01-Almond
839CEEEB5CDE26C1	Builyeon Road	01-Almond
042F3316EED2FDF4	Burgess Road	01-Almond
7B78D0F2AF77D6E3	Caddell's Row	01-Almond
662DBD967F5C11B9	Cammo Road	01-Almond
B529DFB9988BAD4A	Cammo Walk	01-Almond
4AD90905CF178038	Cammo Walk	01-Almond
4F51D88BCAB861B2	Canmore Street	01-Almond
6360F8941154FB95	Carlowrie Avenue	01-Almond
3CF7F515AFD22A70	Carlowrie Crescent	01-Almond
B2CC8118944F9EDC	Carlowrie Crescent	01-Almond
3CEF1CAFCB3B9EC0	Carmel Road	01-Almond
8F5D080B34C92B52	Chapel Gate Road	01-Almond
5D43DE82FE9C0F55	Chapel Gate Road	01-Almond
B2FEB5E47BBE47BA	Chariot Drive	01-Almond
10C862BC18430546	Cleric's Hill	01-Almond
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E18167C452FCBC62	Corbiehill Road	01-Almond
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QUESTION NO 18

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

On 11 November 2021, the Council approved a process of engagement with stakeholders to further refine proposals for carer parking permit schemes.

- Question** (1) What progress has been made to engage with stakeholders on these proposals?
- Answer** (1) Background research and benchmarking exercises have been completed and a full stakeholder engagement exercise is planned.
- Question** (2) If no progress has been made on engagement, why not?
- Answer** (2) Please see answer 1 above.
- Question** (3) When is this process expected to commence?
- Answer** (3) Stakeholder engagement is expected to commence in November 2022.
- Question** (4) When might a report be presented to councillors with refined proposals for carer parking permit schemes?
- Answer** (4) A report is planned for the Transport and Environment Committee in Spring 2023.

QUESTION NO 19

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Housing,
Homelessness and Fair Work
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

The financial pressure of homelessness services on the council budget is well documented, but more importantly the human and social cost is exceptionally high.

Question

(1) Can the convener confirm if she has met any of the following organisations since taking on her role:

- Shelter
- Crisis
- The Centre for Homelessness Impact
- Simon Community
- Bethany
- Rock Trust
- Cyrenians
- Social Bite
- SHAPE

Answer

(1) The Convener has met with;

- Simon Community
- Cyrenians
- SHAPE
- Chief Executive of Homeless Network
- Chief Executive of Scottish Refugee Council

A planned meeting with Shelter is in the process of being rearranged at Shelter's request.

The Convener is due to meet with representatives from Bethany, Rock Trust, Simon Scotland and Cyrenians on 31st October. Spokes persons for Housing have also received an invitation to this meeting.

There are scheduled meetings to take place in early November with Crisis, The Centre for Homelessness Impact and Social Bite.

Question

(2) Once again can I ask if the convener intends to reconvene the Homelessness Task Force which is an essential forum for bringing together the council and third sector partners to discuss joint solutions to the challenges around homelessness in our city?

Answer

(2) As Councillor Campbell is aware the re-establishment of this important task force has been caught up in the Political Management Arrangements discussions.

However, because the issues are so urgent and because there can be no doubt that we need to continue to work in close partnership with the third sector and others I have asked Committee Services to present a report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 1st December 2022, which will seek committee approval to formally re-establish the task force.

In the meantime, I have arranged for an informal meeting with the relevant partners and elected members. Councillor Campbell received her invitation on 17th October 2022.

Question

(3) Can the convener give a timeframe for doing so?

Answer

- (3) If the task force is agreed by Committee on 1st December 2022, I would look to have a meeting arranged for early January 2023.

QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer
by the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question (1) Has the Leader of the Council followed up with BT as promised at the Full Council meeting on the 22nd of September and when is the next of his meetings scheduled to occur?

Answer (1) I met with BT on 21 September and agreed to meet with them every three months. The next meeting will be in two months' time.

Question (2) On the 22nd September 2022 Full Council meeting and in answer to my question the Leader of the Council stated that only 13 out of 55 jobs by BT in the supposed 'EH1 Post Code Clean-up' had not been completed.

- How many have been completed now?

- Does he agree with the public perception that post 'cleanup' EH1 phone boxes are still covered with graffiti, missing receivers or badly damaged?

Answer (2) BT have confirmed all jobs have now been completed.

I appreciate members of the public may not be happy with the look of the phoneboxes. BT are aware that it is likely payphones will be subject to damage. They encourage councillors and the public to report any issues with boxes and welcome this information.

Question (3) On the 22nd September 2022 Full Council meeting in answer to my supplementary question the Leader of the Council stated that he was hopeful some of the applications for BTs new 'phone hubs' would be approved.

What assurances has he had from BT that their new offer will not simply degrade and be as badly maintained as current BT assets are?

Answer (3) BT have a maintenance management plan in place for Street Hubs that will be implemented should they be approved. I'm happy to provide details of the relevant members of staff at BT who can assist councillors directly with any questions they have.

Question (4) Does the Leader of the Council agree that if there is more than one phone box in an area within 400 meters' walking distance from the next public phone box, and if it doesn't meet one of Ofcoms additional criteria blocking its removal that the surplus should be removed by BT immediately?

Answer (4) BT are a private company and the Council has limited powers to instruct them to undertake work or removals. The Council can however make requests for the removal of phoneboxes if required.

QUESTION NO 21

By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

What delay to the process of adopting City Plan 2030 does the Planning Convener understand would be caused by reconsidering the principles it sets out for development of purpose-built student accommodation, with regard to defining and tackling overconcentration of purpose-built student accommodation in particular areas of the city?

Answer

The proposed policy on student accommodation seeks to maximise opportunities for mixed use development including housing and affordable housing, to complement mixed communities.

Change to the proposed policy would trigger potential consultation and representation processes. This could result in the City Plan needing to be restarted under new legislation. The result would be a very significant delay to the eventual adoption of City Plan.

Supplementary Question

Given his answer, how does the planning convener intend to implement the Labour manifesto pledge to 'support effective planning restrictions on the number of purpose built student accommodation blocks within a community council area' (page 9, Edinburgh Labour manifesto 2022)?

Supplementary Answer

It is the goal of Edinburgh Labour to get the balance right between the need for accommodation for students as well as the urgent crisis regarding the need for buildings of other uses such as housing, City Plan 2030 is very much a step forward in this respect. Edinburgh Labour aims to deliver our manifesto pledges regarding Planning Policy when future development plans are brought forward over the next five years of Labour leadership of the Council.

QUESTION NO 22

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

- Question**
- (1) In relation to the oversubscription at James Gillespie's High School (JGHS):
- a) What discussions has the Convener had with James Gillespie's High School (JGHS) about the increasing school roll?
 - b) Has the Convener had any discussions with JGHS's parent council? What was the resulting outcome?

Answer

(1) There have been not direct discussions with JGHS or the parent Council but an annexe project has recently been completed to provide the additional capacity required by the school. The school and officers have communicated frequently with parents about this project as it has encountered delays due to the pandemic and the current economic challenges.

- Question**
- (2) The Convener has previously answered that two secondary schools and seven primary schools were oversubscribed for new residents in their catchment areas.
- a) What are the names of these schools?
 - b) Has the convener had discussions with these schools? What was the resulting outcome?

Answer

(2) (a) Response as of 21 September

Initially (prior to start of session) – Primary Schools

Broughton Primary – 2 late catchment applications - one has since been granted since start of session the other no longer wants the place.

Craigour Park- initially two children on the waiting list at the start of session- both have since been granted to the school

Fox Covert ND- initially two late catchment applications – both children have since been granted to the school

Gylemuir - initially two late catchment applications – both children have since been granted to the school

James Gillespie's Primary – initially one late catchment application which was turned down and one child is still on the waiting list

Kirkliston – one late catchment application – who remains on the waiting list

Towerbank – initially three late catchment applications– one child has been granted and the other two children are still on the waiting list

Initially (prior to start of session) – Secondary Schools

Boroughmuir High – initially 18 late catchment applications were turned down. Five were granted on late appeals. There are 13 children on the catchment waiting list

James Gillespie's High – initially seven late catchment applications were turned down. There are now six late catchment children on the waiting list. One was granted on appeal to Boroughmuir.

- b) These issues are discussed at Convener Meetings with officers and whilst the Convener hasn't met with these schools specifically, officers are in regular contact with head teachers.

QUESTION NO 23

By Councillor Key for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

The Council Report Schedule dated 19/10/22 does not list any agenda items at all for the meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 15th November 2022.

Every other Committee scheduled in that paper between October and December has a comprehensive list of agenda items.

Has the Convener taken her eye off the ball again, does she need a Vice-Convener to help with the volume of work, and will her Committee continue to run with no transparency and no forward planning?

Answer

The committee schedule was updated on the 17 October, and as stated in a previous council question there is not a specified deadline to update the schedule. Updating the schedule is the responsibility of the Council Officers for the Education and Children's Services Directorate.

QUESTION NO 24

**By Councillor Mattos Coelho for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

Question

The Scottish Government Young persons' (under 22s) free bus travel scheme is being very welcomed by families across the city. 51,784 cards had been issued in the CEC area by July 2022, representing 65% of those eligible and is one of the highest out of the Scottish Local Authorities.

However, can the Transport and Environment Convener clarify what is the council doing to help families where English is not their first language, do not have access to a computer or have a library close by to apply for bus passes for their children?

Answer

The Council is not provided with resources by the Scottish Government to provide additional support but does try to maximise uptake. The scheme is promoted by schools, colleges, universities and by public transport providers. The social work team and care workers also support individuals where it is needed.

Council officers are also actively engaging with the teams supporting refugees to ensure that they are supported to apply for these cards.

The Improvement Service are also working on improving accessibility for the online site (www.getyournec.scot).

QUESTION NO 25

By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) Can the Convener give an update on how many young Ukrainians, who have fled Russia's illegal and immoral war, are in each Council school?

Answer (1)

SCHOOL	No of Ukrainian CYP enrolled
Abbeyhill PS	1
Balerno Community HS	5
Balgreen PS	2
Bonally PS	1
Boroughmuir HS	1
Broughton PS	7
Bruntsfield PS	3
Carrick Knowe PS	3
Castlebrae Community HS	32
Castleview Primary School	17
Clerminston	3
Colinton	1
Corstorphine	5
Craigeninney	1
Craigeninney EYC	1
Craiglockhart PS	4
Craigmillar EYC	3
Craigmount HS	2
Craigour Park PS	1
Craigroyston CHS	1
Cramond PS	1
Currie CHS	4
Currie PS	3
Dalmeny PS	1
Dalry PS	5
Davidson's Main PS	3
Dean Park PS	1
Drummond CHS	13
Duddingston PS	3
East Craigs PS	3
Firrhill HS	1
Flora Stevenson PS	2

Fox Covert PS	1
Gracemount PS	2
Granton PS	3
Gylemuir PS	3
Gracemount PS	2
Granton PS	3
Gylemuir PS	3
Hermitage Park PS	11
James Gillespie PS	8
Juniper Green PS	1
Leith Academy	102
Leith Primary School	16
Leith Walk PS	11
Liberton HS	1
Liberton PS	1
Lorne PS	24
Niddrie Mill PS	1
Oxgangs ELC	2
Oxgangs PS	1
Pentland PS	2
Parsons Green PS	1
Pirniehall PS	1
Portobellos HS	4
Preston Street PS	1
Queensferry Community HS	1
Roseburn PS	5
Royal Mile PS	4
Sciennes PS	5
St Andrew Fox Covert PS	1
St Augustines RC HS	3
St John Vianney PS	4
St Marys RC PS	37
St Peter's PS	7
St Thomas Aquin	4
Stockbridge PS	3
The Royal High School	4
Tollcross PS	2
Trinity Academy	19
Trinity PS	31
Tynecastle HS	14
Victoria PS	60
Victoria EYC	7
Viewforth EYC	1
Wardie PS	2
TOTAL	543

Question

- (2)** Can the Convener outline how much additional resource has been paid to each Council school specifically to support the increase in school rolls and to support young Ukrainian students studying in Edinburgh primary and secondary schools?

Answer

- (2) As of the 21st October 2022, no funding has yet been received. Scottish Government has not confirmed the level of funding which will be made available to temporary displaced Ukrainian children and young people. This should be confirmed shortly. Schools are currently purchasing what is required to support and will have access to funding once confirmed.

QUESTION NO 26

By Councillor Mumford for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

Since the Full Council in June 2022, what progress has been made to arranging additional training, focus groups and a survey on Gender Budget Analysis?

Answer

The Scottish Women's Budget Group will deliver a training session open to all elected members on 21 November, with the aim of explaining how gender budget approaches can help local authorities to meet their responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty and how councillors can use gender budgeting to address inequalities. Opportunities for complementary staff training are also currently being explored.

Feedback from the session above will inform the development of more in-depth engagement with relevant officers and elected members, including consideration of the use of surveys and focus groups.

QUESTION NO 27

**By Councillor Younie for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

There have been references in media that many Councils in Scotland including Edinburgh are utilising CCTV cameras supplied by HikVision, which are linked to human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China.

There are also reports that these cameras are being removed in Edinburgh.

To ask the Leader of the Council;

Question (1) Can he confirm that the cameras are being removed?

Answer (1) Following completion of the public realm CCTV upgrade project, there will be no HikVision cameras present on the public realm network.

However, there are more than 1,300 cameras which cover Council buildings. The exact number of HikVision units is not currently captured but a survey is being carried out which will identify this for the Council.

As units are being upgraded or repaired, they are being replaced with compliant equipment, in accordance with UK Government guidelines.

Question (2) Can he provide a timetable for their removal?

Answer (2) The public realm project is due to be completed by February 2023. This includes replacement of old hardware including any analogue HikVision equipment.

For Council buildings, it is not possible to provide a timetable for removal at this point.

Question (3) Can he provide updates when each action on said timetable is completed?

Answer

- (3) I have asked officers to update Culture and Communities Committee on the public realm project is completed.

On completion of the survey of Council buildings, the total number of HikVision units will be reported to Finance and Resources Committee.

QUESTION NO 28

By Councillor Younie for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Many Day Centres having closed, especially in the West of the City, with little provision made for those in need.

To ask the Chair of the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board;

Question (1) How many Day Centres were closed over the last 5 years?

Answer (1) **Disability Services** - The Partnership has not closed any Day Support centres in the last 5 years.

Older People Day Opportunities - As part of the Older People Day Opportunities Review in 2018/19, it was agreed that all mainstream day opportunity places would, appropriately, be provided by the third sector. This affected five partnership centres.

As a result of the review, associated options appraisal, and integrated impact assessment:

- older people and their families, receiving support at the five centres, were involved in individual assessments, with a suitable place, or alternative provision, being arranged for everyone;
- three partnership centres were no longer required, (North Merchiston, Portlee, Granton); and
- two partnership centres are now providing an increased level of reablement and therapeutic intervention sessions, through the Be Able service, at Drumbrae in the north, and Capelaw in the south.

As part of the Scottish Government Guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic, all day services were suspended, remobilising from spring 2022 onwards, in line with government guidance.

Question (2) How many people are on the waiting lists for Day Centres in Edinburgh?

Answer (2) **Disability Services** - We do not hold a waiting list for any Partnership Day Support centres primarily as there is a wide choice of day support available across the city.

Older People Day Opportunities - 17 waiting. Capacity: 1,258 block contract commissioned places. 293 additional places to accommodate range of SDS options.

Question (3) Would it be possible to review the covid regulations which the Day Centres are operating under?

Answer (3) The Scottish Government reviewed covid regulations and issues guidance on the 28 September 2022. All services are required to follow the guidance undernoted:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-adult-social-care-building-based-day-services/>

Question (4) When will the closed Day Centres be reopening?

Answer (4) The Scottish Government reviewed covid regulations and issues guidance on the 28 September 2022. All services are required to follow the guidance undernoted:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-adult-social-care-building-based-day-services/>

QUESTION NO 29

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question

Further to his supplementary answer to my question at full council of 22 September 2022, can I give the council leader a further opportunity to answer the question: what were the reasons behind his changes to the Licensing Board, as agreed by full council on 26 May 2022?

Answer

The report detailing proposals for the appointment of members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards, including the Licensing Board was presented to Council on 26 May 2022 (adjourned from 19 May 2022). The amendment to that report which outlined the political balance and membership of the Licensing Board was agreed with 32 votes.

**Supplementary
Question**

Further to the answer to question 29 at Full Council on 27 October 2022, please can the Council Leader clarify why he has not answered the question, and when he intends to do so?

**Supplementary
Answer**

An answer was provided to your question on appointments to the Licensing Board when you originally asked on 30 June 2022 and each time this was asked thereafter.

QUESTION NO 30

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for
answer by the Convener of the
Education, Children and Families
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

Question (1) With regard to the kitchen upgrades at Trinity Primary School which started in April 2022, and which were initially due to be completed in August, but which are still ongoing, resulting in no warm lunches for pupils since 25 April 2022, what is the cause or causes of this delay?

Answer (1) The actual contract start date was 3 May 2022. The delays have principally been caused by previously unknown matters that were revealed when the intrusive works began, including the discovery of asbestos that had to be removed under licence; a defective roof structure over part of the kitchen area requiring the design and installation of steel beams; and the existing floor which was not expected to be removed resulting in design changes to the drainage system and installation. Works are now scheduled to complete on site by 11 November 2022.

Question (2) Which other schools are facing delays to kitchen upgrades?

Answer (2) None.

Question (3) What measures are being taken to ensure other schools are not facing similar delays and therefore disruptions to warm lunch provision?

Answer (3) While no other schools are facing similar delays, going forward, Catering Services are currently considering the use of a mobile kitchen unit to supply a limited hot service during larger projects should a similar situation arise in the future.

Supplementary Question If the 11 November deadline for use of the Trinity Primary School kitchen is not met, does the Convener agree that an enhanced lunch menu should be in place for pupils at Trinity Primary from that date, given that they have been served the same sandwich lunch since April, and given that some pupils for whom school lunches are vitally important are therefore missing out on valuable nutrition?

**Supplementary
Answer**

We have received today (8 November) news from the contractor over that full demonstrations will be given on Monday 14th November with snagging being completed on Friday 11th so catering will take full possession of the kitchen from the 14th. This allows us a week of re-stocking the kitchen and being in a position to deliver a full service the following week.

QUESTION NO 31

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by
the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

- Question**
- (1) Currie Community high School Swimming Pool
- a) When did the swimming pool at Currie Community High School close to pupils and the local community?
 - b) What were the reasons behind the closure?
 - c) When is the pool likely to re-open?

Answer

(1) The pool closed on 7th April 2022 following the failure of the (asbestos clad) calorifier in the male changing rooms.

Works relating to the licenced removal of asbestos, the calorifier replacement and building fabric re-instatement will be completed by 24th October. Separately, defects to tiling around the pool, situated outside the changing room and shower area are required and due to lead times on the fabrication of the pool tiles, this is scheduled to be completed 14th – 17th November.

There is also a high-level window which has been broken that will need to be replaced, this is made from toughened glass and is currently safe. There will be a requirement to clean and disinfect the pool and we would look to carry out the installation of a new window during this time.

- Question**
- (2) Wester Hailes High School Swimming Pool
- a) When did the swimming pool at Wester Hailes High School close for maintenance on lighting?
 - b) Why is the lighting work taking so long to repair?
 - c) When is the pool likely to re-open?

Answer

- (2) a) The pool was initially closed on 13 June 2022 for necessary lighting repairs at high level to the pool area and consisted of the replacement of lamps, and associated control equipment.
- b) While the pool lighting has been concluded there is a separate and unconnected repair being carried out following leaks in the ceiling space affecting the male and female changing rooms. This also required licenced asbestos removal works prior to the subsequent repair and reinstatement works.
- c) The works to the changing rooms are scheduled for completion on 3rd November 2022.

Supplementary Question

Can I just confirm, for all the months that the swimming pools have been out of service in both Currie Community High School and Wester Hailes High School, that the pupils of both of these schools have had alternative swimming lessons in other swimming venues because it is essential for their health, fitness, exercise and wellbeing etc.

Supplementary Answer

Health and wellbeing is a priority within our schools and is addressed during P.E. through a range of sporting activities. As swimming is delivered in blocks over the school as part of the HWB programme it will be timetabled once the pools are re-opened.

QUESTION NO 32

By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) Please could you tell me the number of recycling/garden waste bins that have been damaged by lorries when emptying residents bins per year and per ward for the previous 3 years?

Answer (1) This specific level of information is not collected. The Council does, however, hold information on the total number of new and replacement garden waste and recycling bins delivered in the last three years- this is tabulated below. The total number of replacement and new garden waste bins issued in each of the three years equates to less than 1% of our garden waste customer base.

Ward	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
01-Almond	31	42	68	141
02-Pentland Hills	24	38	39	101
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	21	22	41	84
04-Forth	12	31	15	58
05-Inverleith	16	24	27	67
06-Corstorphine/Murrayfield	22	27	63	112
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	12	20	33	65
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	28	52	64	144
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	15	13	18	46
10-Meadows/Morningside	8	13	22	43
11-City Centre	4	1	8	13
12-Leith Walk	2	5	5	12

13-Leith	4	2	3	9
14-Craigtinny/Duddingston	15	22	30	67
15-Southside/Newington	17	18	18	53
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	51	44	68	163
17-Portobello/Craigmillar	25	30	53	108
All Garden Waste Bins Delivered	307	404	575	1,286

Ward	2019	2020	2021	Total
01-Almond	62	116	181	359
02-Pentland Hills	67	95	124	286
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	28	64	117	209
04-Forth	45	79	95	219
05-Inverleith	29	50	62	141
06-Corston/Murrayfield	33	75	81	189
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	53	87	120	260
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	48	65	86	199
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	30	51	54	135
10-Meadows/Morningside	22	45	58	125
11-City Centre	6	4	5	15
12-Leith Walk	14	12	10	36
13-Leith	10	22	23	55
14-Craigtinny/Duddingston	42	52	74	168
15-Southside/Newington	28	33	50	111
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	133	187	187	507
17-Portobello/Craigmillar	88	108	125	321
All Recycling Bins Delivered	738	1,145	1,452	3,335

**Supplementary
Question**

There appears to be a steady rise or in some wards a dramatic increase in replacement garden waste bins - is there a particular reason for this? Has something changed recently with regards to these bins?

**Supplementary
Answer**

There has been no change in the standard of the containers that has been purchased. All containers are sourced through Scotland Excel and manufactured to the European Standard for waste containers.

QUESTION NO 33

By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) What progress has been made in securing reliable and frequent bus services on routes 20, 63, and 68?

Answer (1) Contract extensions for 12 months have been secured from August 2022. A reduced frequency of service on routes 20 and 63 have been agreed to allow McGill's to operate the services more reliably within their available driver resource.

Question (2) It has been clear for many years that the vast majority of the residents of Ratho want a direct bus service re-instated into the centre of Edinburgh. For a lot of residents this service is essential for work and leisure. With two new large housing developments now in situ since the direct bus was stopped, what is the council doing to meet the needs of residents of Ratho in this regard?

Answer (2) A report on Supported Bus Services, including services 20, 63 and 68, is being prepared for Transport and Environment Committee in December.

Question (3) What discussions has the council had with regards to the First Bus services being sold to McGills?

Answer (3) I am pleased to be able to confirm that Officers have met with representatives from McGill's and have been reassured there is an ongoing commitment to fulfil the terms of the current contracts. McGill's have confirmed that they are actively working on recruitment of drivers and are keen to return the service 20 and 63 to their original frequencies as soon as resource permits.

Supplementary Question Is Service 68 no longer running at present?

Supplementary Answer The Service 68 is operating to its full contracted schedule. The only issues we are aware of, and highlighted to us by McGill's, were two vehicle breakdowns week beginning 24th October.

QUESTION NO 34

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Given the Council's commitment to spend 10% of its Transport budget to improve cycling facilities, what efforts is the Convener making to ensure:

Question (1) Investment is directed to two of the city's best pieces of National Cycle Infrastructure; National Route 75 along the Water of Leith and Union Canal towpath; and National Route 754 along the Union Canal towpath connecting Wester Hailes to the city centre?

Answer (1) Investment in cycle infrastructure is principally aimed at making cycling a realistic travel choice for people of all ages and abilities in our city. Research has shown that lack of cycling infrastructure is one of the biggest barriers to increasing cycling uptake, and that this is particularly true where women and older and disabled people are concerned. As set out in the Active Travel Investment Programme (ATInP) report to Transport and Environment Committee in [June 2019](#), the investment programme focuses on:

- Connections into and through the city centre;
- Connections to the Gyle/Edinburgh Park area;
- Projects related to large-scale redevelopments, for example in the Granton/Muirhouse area; and
- Other strategic missing links, for example connecting the walking and cycling infrastructure planned as part of the tram extension project to the Victoria Quay/Ocean Terminal area, via central Leith.

A small section of Route 75 will benefit from our planned transformation of George Street. Routes 75 and 754 have also, however, benefitted from previous rounds of investment. There will be a chance to review this as part of the Active Travel Investment Programme which I hope will

mark a step change in our active travel ambitions as part of our plans to boost the economy, improve wellbeing, hit net-zero and cut congestion.

Question (2) Non segregated priority and mandatory cycle lanes across the city are being properly maintained?

Answer (2) All non-segregated and mandatory cycle lanes across the city are inspected on a regular basis, in line with the Council's Risk-Based Approach to Safety Inspections - (as approved by yourself at the October Transport and Environment Committee). Defects are categorised and repaired within the timescales set out in the guidance.

Cycle lane condition is determined through scanner surveys and visual assessments. Future capital investment is prioritised in line with the Council's carriageway and footway investment strategy.

Question (3) Secure overnight cycle parking is being provided to residents across the city, particularly those living in tenement flats?

Answer (3) The on-street cycle parking programme of 180 secure units, providing parking spaces for 1,080 bikes, is being delivered in phases, to co-ordinate with other planned changes to parking restrictions and communal bin provision in the affected streets. To date, 108 units are operational and the statutory process for traffic orders required to install the next tranche of 42 units will commence shortly. All 180 units are expected to be operational by autumn 2023.

Question (4) More Bike racks are distributed on the streets across the city to avoid bikes locked to lamp posts or railings creating footpath obstructions?

Answer (4) The Council has had an ongoing programme of installing bike racks in streets and at or outside schools and nurseries across the city since 2016. This has provided 1,100 bike racks to date.

The ATInP includes a continuing programme of annual roll outs of bike racks, with a total estimated investment through to 2025/26 of approximately £182,000.

QUESTION NO 35

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Three bridges and two paths in the very popular Colinton and Craiglockhart Dells are now closed through lack of repair, and increasing frustrations are felt by local residents and city-wide visitors alike at the slow progress of reinstatement:

Question (1) What is the Convener doing to ensure these bridges and paths are repaired as a matter of urgency?

Answer (1) I understand the concerns of local residents and their frustration over the delay in reinstating these bridges. Council officers are progressing with the development of designs for the remediation of the Pipeline and Redhall Weir bridges. The final design of both schemes is expected to be completed in the next three months. It is expected that an award of contract will be made in this financial year (subject to there being market interest in undertaking these schemes). On award of contract, officers will update ward Councillors on the programmed completion dates.

Alongside these two schemes, interim repairs to the Redhall walled garden bridge are being planned with the aim of delivery this calendar year.

Question (2) In light of ongoing inflationary pressures affecting the construction industry can the Convener confirm costs for repair of the Redhall Weir Bridge and the Pipeline Bridge are still within budget?

Answer (2) The original budget for remediation of these two bridges was £121,000. Given the pressures in the industry, the estimate has been revised up to £180,000. This will be contained with the Parks and Greenspace capital investment programme for 2022/23.

Question (3) Given three years have now passed since the Redhall Bridge was closed can the Convener confirm the timescales for its re-instatement?

Answer (3) See answer 1 above.

Question (4) What steps is the Convener taking to make sure systems are put in place to avoid having so many paths and crossing points of the Water of Leith out of action at the same time.

Answer (4) A survey of all bridges in parks and greenspaces has recently been completed. The information from this will be used to develop plans for future repair, replacement and, if applicable, rationalisation of bridges within the estate.

Officers are prioritising the repair and reopening of the Redhall walled garden bridge in order to allow a crossing point over the Water of Leith for the local community in advance of the more significant remediation schemes to the other two bridges.

Supplementary Question In light of the continuing, frustrating and at time inexplicable drifting of timescales, Ward Councillors are finding it increasingly difficult to respond to questions from the public with any kind of integrity so is the Convener prepared to organise a public meeting so Officers can explain themselves to residents?

Supplementary Answer I am happy to organise a meeting of Ward Councillors, Community Council representatives and officers.

QUESTION NO 36

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

Now that the booking system has been in place for over two years, can the Convener provide data for recycling volumes for; before the booking system was implemented; during Lockdown; and since Physical Distancing requirements ended on 9th Aug 2021?

Answer

The table below shows the volume of recycling for Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) before, during and after the arrangements for physical distancing were in place.

Month	Year	Tonnes Recycled	Notes
April - March	2018/19	17,744	Before the booking system
April - March	2019/20	18,269	Before the booking system
April - March	2020/21	13,010	HWRC closed April – mid June due to Covid. Booking system introduced on reopening.
April - March	2021/22	16,087	Booking system in place

QUESTION NO 37

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

As the proposed Workplace Parking Levy, increasing global energy prices, the City's proposed Low Emissions Zone and Net Zero 2030 ambitions puts pressure on organisations operating within the city, some are keen to turn to new Electric Vehicle fleets but a lack of clarity from the Council is holding up the procurement process.

Question (1) When will publicly accessible EV charging points be placed in Council facility car parks including schools, libraries and leisure centres?

Answer (1) I am not sure that I consider schools as suitable locations for public EV charging facilities. Several EV charging points are, however, already in place at Council facilities, with further information on their locations available [online](#).

Question (2) When will the Council be issuing a clear strategy for managing their Electric Vehicle charging points within the city?

Answer (2) The Council has an EV action plan which sets out our approach to delivering new infrastructure. Updates are regularly reported to Transport and Environment Committee on the delivery of this action, with the next update due in Spring 2023. Income received from chargers is used to fund on-going maintenance of the infrastructure, and as such I hope the Transport and Environment Committee will support me in ending the sale of cut-price electricity to EV owners.

QUESTION NO 38

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Given that:

- There is a budgeted Carriageway and footway replacement cost of £2,260m
- The Roads and Footway Capital Investment Programme capital budget for 2022/23 is £15.178m
- At this rate of replacement/repair it would take 149 years to repair all the city's roads and pavements
- New roads have a life expectancy of 20-30 years

Question

Can the Convener confirm the cost impact to road repairs of implementing Street Design Guidance?

Answer

Implementing the Street Design Guidance for carriageway and footway renewals will always be a higher cost when compared with a like-for-like renewal. However, this increased cost delivers, not only an improvement in asset condition, but an improvement to the streetscape. The result of this approach can be transformative for vulnerable pedestrians.

The cost increases can vary significantly depending on the design principles/intervention applied (Basic, Standard, Innovative) to a renewal scheme. For example, applying a Basic principle to a renewal scheme may only account for a 5-10% increase compared with a like-for-like renewal.

Applying a Standard design principle which looks at significant street re-design and road space reallocation could increase the cost of a like-for-like renewal by anywhere between 25% and 300%, depending on how inadequate the existing streetscape was and the quality of the final design. Whilst the costs are significantly higher, there is often scope to recover some of this cost increase through external funding (e.g. from Scottish Government or Sustrans).

A scheme which applies an Innovative design would not normally be delivered using funding from the carriageways and footways renewal budget.

QUESTION NO 39

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

In response to increased instances of flooding across the city from extreme heavy rainfall events, and complaints from residents, the flood prevention team acknowledged the serious issue and said, in 2021:

- The Council and Scottish Water are collaborating through a drainage partnership, which also encompasses SEPA to address these issues together.
- The Council is working closely with Scottish Water to develop surface water management plans, which identify the most critical areas in this city for flooding.
- It is not feasible or practical to design road drainage or sewers to cope with extreme events until there is a better understanding of the extent of the problem across the city.

Question (1) When will the drainage partnership be reporting their findings to Council?

Answer (1) It is not currently anticipated that the Drainage Partnership will report its findings to the Council. The partnership is a forum which allows the partners to share data and identify areas of high flood risk and to work together to develop interventions.

As previously agreed by Transport and Environment Committee, an update report on the implementation of the Council's Vision for Water Management is expected to be provided to Committee in the Spring 2023.

Question (2) Have the most critical areas in this city for flooding been identified?

Answer (2) Flood risk areas across the city have been identified and mapping is being developed to better understand this. We are aware of historical flooded and at-risk areas identified by the SEPA flood maps. Whilst critical areas can be identified, this can vary depending on localised storms as has been seen over the last 4 years.

Question (3) What steps are being taken to understand the extent of the problem across the city?

Answer (3) The Council's Flood Prevention Team has been leading on the development of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for the whole council area. This will identify areas of the city at particular risk of flooding and develop mitigation measures for the effective management of surface water, where practicable.

The Council has started the process of designing the above ground changes required to help lower the risk of flooding working with Scottish Water. These studies are known as 'Blue -Green Neighbourhoods' and also address the Nature Emergency, 20 minute neighbourhoods work and improvements for active travel. As yet, there is no funding for these interventions.

Scottish Water are also developing studies to analyse impact from sewer flooding. Three catchment areas have been identified as the highest risk. Studies on the first catchment area, Craighleith, has begun. Scottish Water's catchment flood managers also consider sources of flooding and wider surface water management in these areas. The other two highest risk catchments (Morningside and Oxfangs) will follow.

These studies being carried out by the Council and Scottish Water are being done in collaboration, with input from SEPA, and will be used to develop interventions for the management of flood risk.

Question (4) When will suggested reporting on a strategy for the Blue/Green Infrastructure in the City come before Committee or the Council?

Answer (4) The Vision for Water Management was approved by Transport and Environment Committee on 12 November 2020. As mentioned in answer 1, an update on the Vision will be presented to Committee in Spring 2023.

Supplementary Question When is this anticipated completion date for this mapping development?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Mapping to improve understanding of, and publicise flood risk areas is constantly under development and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future. In addition to the projects previously mentioned, SEPA are currently refreshing their national surface water flood maps using the most up-to-date data on current and future rainfall, together with local input from local authorities including the City of Edinburgh Council. The Council is unaware of when this new mapping will be available to the public.

QUESTION NO 40

By Councillor Doggart for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

- Question** (1) How many “Fitness to Teach” referrals have been made by City of Edinburgh Council in each of the last 10 years to the GTCS?
- Answer** (1) We are checking our archives given you are seeking information over the last 10 years and we will commit to bringing this information to committee members within the next week.
- Question** (2) How many “Fitness to Teach” referrals were made by members of the public to GTCS in each of the last 10 years in respect of teachers employed by City of Edinburgh Council?
- Answer** (2) We do not hold this information as it is held by the GTCS. We have requested this information from them but they are treating it as a Freedom of Information Request. Once the information is provided to us, we will ensure this is passed on to members.
- Question** (3) When will the GTCS review of the “Fitness to Teach” referral process in City of Edinburgh Council be completed and when will the results of that review be presented to the ECF Committee?
- Answer** (3) There is no such review underway. We have reached out to GTCS to discuss this.
- Question** (4) Have officers completed a review of current processes in relation to GTSC referrals and if so, when?

Answer (4) No formal review has been instigated. Andrew Kerr and Amanda Hatton met the Chief Executive and Registrar of GTCS on 4 February 2022 following a letter to Andrew Kerr dated 13 January 2022. There has been further correspondence between Amanda Hatton and the Chief Executive of the Care Inspectorate. It was agreed that GTCS will copy all fitness to teach information requests to Andrew and Amanda going forward. We also have development meetings with the GTCS every 4-6 months.

Question (5) Has City of Edinburgh Council ceased using Non-Disclosure Agreements in relation to teachers leaving the Council's employment to alleviate the GTCS's concern expressed in the Chief Executive's letter dated 16 February 2022 to the City of Edinburgh Council's Chief Executive? If so, what was the date of the last NDA

Answer (5) Officers are not aware of any Non-Disclosure Agreements this calendar year in relation to teachers. The Service is unable to attest or undertake to confirm that officers will not use Non-Disclosure Agreements in relation to teachers in future.

Supplementary Question In response to the answer given to question 3 and the GTCS letter of 16 February, in which it was suggested "it would be helpful to carry out a focused review of CEC fitness to teach referrals to help us both identify learning to improve", could the convener offer commitment to ensuring it is done and explain why the review is still not underway nine months after the original letter?

Supplementary Answer Amanda Hatton, Executive Director of Education and Children's Services responded to the letter of 16 February 2022 from the Chief Executive/Registrar of GTCS on 18 March 2022. Amanda advised that colleagues within her service were making referrals as and when required in line with the GTCS referral process and did not commit to a review at that time. Amanda asked GTCS for comparator referral data from other local authorities but to date this has not been received. Representatives from the Council continue to meet GTCS representatives regularly and will once again ask for the comparator data.

QUESTION NO 41

By Councillor Jones for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) What were the Curriculum for Excellence attainment results for pupils in P1, P4 and P7 in each Primary School in Edinburgh for reading, writing, listening and talking and numeracy for 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022?

Answer (1) A full report on Curriculum for Excellence attainment results for Primary Schools in Edinburgh will be brought to the November Education, Children and Families Committee on 15 November 2022 and will cover the timeframe mentioned above.

We will prepare a data pack with the specific information requested for each school in due course which will be circulated to councillors but do not have sufficient time for the data to be ready for this response. Note however that there is a public website which contains information about attainment for every local authority primary in Scotland which can be accessed here:

[School Information Dashboard - Primary | Tableau Public](#)

Question (2) How do these results compare with the Curriculum for Excellence expected levels?

Answer (2) Information on the attainment levels of different local authorities is available via the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) which can be found here: [Explore the data | Benchmarking \(improvementservice.org.uk\)](#) (note that 2021-22 is not yet available but will likely be published in December 2022).

The 2020-21 figure for City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) showing the percentage of primary school pupils meeting

the expected levels (combined P1/P4/P7) in literacy is 73.81%, which is above the national figure of 66.88%; the corresponding figure for numeracy is 80.42% which is above the national figure of 74.69%. CEC is the fourth highest local authority for both literacy and numeracy for 2020-21.

Question

(3) What interventions were implemented to achieve the expected levels of attainment?

Answer

(3) All learners experience a learning environment which is rich in literacy designed to extend skills in reading, writing talking and listening. Learners with identified specific needs receive targeted and personalised support. There is not sufficient space to list all interventions but these can be grouped into ones which develop skills in phonics, including multi-sensory approaches, inferential and deductive comprehension skills, writing through talk (developing metacognitive skills); Read Write Inc, Fresh Start and Toe by Toe. Specific literacy support has been provided to learners with identified gaps in learning, as a result of Covid impact. Schools have been provided with additional funding to employ additional staffing to provide targeted support, including to support transition from P5-S3.

QUESTION NO 42

By Councillor Jones for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) Could the Convener provide all the information which was used to inform officers' recommendation to implement the Brunstane Road ETRO?

Answer (1) The information used to inform the officer recommendations has been set out in previous reports to Transport and Environment Committee. The links to the reports are provided below, including traffic surveys and consultation results in the appendices. The Committee decided at its meeting in [December 2021](#) to make the ETRO.

[11 November 2021](#) Item 7.7

[28 January 2021](#) Item 7.4

[12 November 2020](#) Item 6.1 (Business Bulletin)

Question (2) Could the Convener confirm when all the information regarding the 6 month review of the Brunstane Road ETRO will be made public?

Answer (2) Officers will bring a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in December 2022 or early 2023 to seek a decision from the Committee on whether the ETRO is progressed to a permanent TRO. This report will contain all relevant information to allow Committee to make a decision.

QUESTION NO 43

**By Councillor Jones for answer by
the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question

Could the Convener confirm when the Report on improving the Placing Appeals Process will be presented to the Education, Children and Families Committee?

Answer

A meeting with the Appeals chairs is being scheduled for November. The meeting with the chairs will be used to get their views on the option appraisal undertaken and then the report will come to the Education, Children and Families Committee once the date for the next committee after November committee has been confirmed.

QUESTION NO 44

**By Councillor Gardiner for answer by
the Convener of the Development
Management Sub-Committee
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

Question

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convener, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

Answer

Yes, confirmed.

QUESTION NO 45

**By Councillor Work for answer by the
Convener of the Licensing Board at a
meeting of the Council on 27 October
2022**

Question

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convenor, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

Answer

Yes. I can confirm.

QUESTION NO 46

By Councillor Fullerton for answer by the Convener of the Licensing Sub-Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convenor, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

Answer

I can confirm that the Council Leader did not make me aware of problems with Edinburgh's Christmas prior to the withdrawal of the main contractors from the contract.

The Leader did contact me after the withdrawal of the contractor as, due to chairing Licensing Sub-Committee at the same time, I was unable to attend the All Party Oversight Group.

QUESTION NO 47

**By Councillor Fullerton for answer by
the Convener of Regulatory
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 October 2022**

Question

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convener, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

Answer

Yes, confirmed.

QUESTION NO 48

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Small local shops and customer-facing businesses are vital to Edinburgh, contributing monies and employment to our Gross Added Value. They are a cornerstone for our town centres and communities in the draft City Plan 2030.

In 2020, we saw more Edinburgh businesses close than open for the first time and now they're feeling the effects of the Cost-of-Living Crisis. 3 out of the 5 independent cafes in Bonnington have closed in the last six months alone.

Can the convener please confirm;

Question (1) What steps are being taken by the Council to ensure our town centre businesses are being supported and can continue serving their communities?

Answer (1) The Council is engaging with town centre businesses through the Business Champions Network to encourage collaboration and collate feedback on issues affecting businesses across the city. There is also an Internal Business Champions Network to identify any areas of challenge for local businesses engaging with the Council.

Business support is also available through the Edinburgh Guarantee with initiatives such as Edinburgh's Employer Recruitment Incentive, which funds the cost of recruitment and employment.

The Council also uses a variety of promotional activities including:

- Signposting to the [Find Business Support - Cost of Doing Business](#) webpage, a one stop shop of all current advice and support;
- Free to access Business Gateway advisers to advise and signpost to initiatives such as DigitalBoost (supporting local businesses to find new ways of doing

business through free to access digital consultancy support);

- Promotion of the town centres through a series of neighbourhood promotional films (www.edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods) which include an overview of the area, shopping, food and drink, things to do and accommodation;
- Produced and shared a 'Neighbourhoods' album for businesses to use in their own promotional activity [Neighbourhoods | Flickr](#);
- Distributed editorial and advertorial content on town centres (including publications such as The Skinny and Daily Record); and
- Continued focused on Edinburgh's town centre 'neighbourhoods' this winter.

Question (2) What discussions has the Scottish Government's Minister for Businesses, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise had with the Council regarding support for small shopfront businesses and has the Minister offered any support?

Answer (2) Council officers have had no direct conversations with the Scottish Government's Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise with the Council on support for small shopfront businesses in Edinburgh.

There is ongoing dialogue with Scottish Government through the Scottish Cities Alliance which is focused on a range of measures needed to support City Centres. These discussions may result in changes to support packages or legislation in order to support small business (although the measures being discussed are City Centre focused only).

Question (3) Will the Policy and Sustainability Convenor write an open letter to this month's Chancellor to underline the importance of a stable economy for Edinburgh and its diverse culture and communities?

Answer (3) Yes, I'm happy to write to the Chancellor

QUESTION NO 49

By Councillor Heap for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022

Question (1) How many times since May 2022 have Council representatives met representatives from LOVE to LOVE Gorgie Farm?

Answer (1) There has been one meeting since May 2022.

Question (2) What the Council is doing to support Gorgie Farm?

Answer (2) Gorgie Farm representatives provided a business statement which seeks to re purpose some of the site. Council Officers have verbally asked Gorgie Farm to articulate what support they require.

They advised there is an issue with damage to the roof of one of the buildings the lease and the Council legal team have confirmed the Council has no liability to fund the repair.