

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## City of Edinburgh Council

**10.00 am Thursday, 25th August, 2022**

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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### 1. Order of business

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

## 2. Declaration of interests

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- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

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## **8. Motions**

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- 8.1** By Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron - US Supreme Court Ruling on Abortion Rights
- “Council notes the ruling by the US Supreme Court on Roe v Wade with deep regret and concern and stands in solidarity with women and girls in the USA.
- Council reaffirms its 2018 commitment to support the rights of women and girls everywhere to have safe access to sexual health and abortion services without fear of prejudice, intolerance, intimidation, and abuse.
- Council instructs the Council Leader to convey the views and concerns of Council in writing to the US Consul General in Edinburgh and the US Ambassador in London.”

## 8.2 By Councillor Nicolson - Keep Safe Spaces

### “1) Council notes:

- a) Recent studies show that the Covid pandemic has increased many people’s social anxiety resulting in people being at risk of becoming isolated.
- b) Keep Safe is a partnership between I am Me Scotland and Police Scotland and is an award-winning initiative operating across Scotland.
- c) Keep Safe is a network of safe spaces for vulnerable or disabled people to use and to seek assistance if necessary while going about their daily lives.
- d) Keep safe spaces are checked by Police Scotland and must always have two members of staff available.
- e) Keep Safe provide free training for all staff around their availability.
- f) Keep Safe aims to promote social inclusion and decrease disability hate crime making communities safer and more inclusive for everyone.

### 2) Council agrees:

- a) To commission a report to return to full council in two cycles into how best to establish as many Keep Safe places across Edinburgh as possible, in addition to those already in existence.
- b) In line with 20-minute neighbourhoods and the Three Conversations approach, staff will continue to support individuals to access their local communities and retain their independence for as long as possible. CEC, through our H&SCP networks and partners in the Third and Private Sectors, will cascade information about this scheme to encourage vulnerable people to carry a Keep Safe card which holds information that provides useful information about an individual’s health, how

they communicate and who to contact for help and to download the Keep Safe app which alerts people to where Keep Safe spaces are located.”

### **8.3** By Councillor McVey - Respectful Political Debate and Councillor Safety

“Council notes motions passed in the previous Council Term on “Respectful Political Debate” and “Threatening Behaviour Towards Councillors”.

Council further notes work by the Police, Council and COSLA to create a safer more positive environment, including the Council’s Protocol on Elected Member Personal Safety in November 2019 and training sessions organised by local Police for elected members.

Council understands that overly-personalised targeted comments can encourage verbal abuse and the threat of physical violence, including that faced by politicians and their families at both a local and national level.

Council also understands the impact this behaviour can have is discouraging people from frequently targeted and marginalised groups from standing for elected office.

Welcomes robust debate and close cross party working that is central to our role as elected members, and further recognises that challenging a political party’s record, policies and approach is a fundamental principle of our democracy and should be protected.

Council reaffirms the Council’s commitment to improve the level of discourse and acknowledges that it is our responsibility to set a respectful tone both in and out of the chamber to help foster a positive public discourse.

Council requests that Group Leaders meetings have a standing item to keep general issues of behaviour and conduct at Council and committee meetings under regular review, these should include the Lord Provost where appropriate.”

#### **8.4** By Councillor Jenkinson - Warm and Welcoming Public Spaces

“Council:

- 1) Acknowledges that the cost-of-living crisis is currently hitting thousands of Edinburgh households and that this crisis is only expected to worsen with the Bank of England currently projecting inflation could climb as high as 15% in Q4 2022.
- 2) Acknowledges that the impact of rising domestic energy and food prices will very likely adversely affect the health and well-being of many of our citizens, with unfortunately some having to choose between heating their homes or eating this winter.
- 3) Recognises that local authorities have a duty of care to their citizens, to promote and protect their well-being and to do what they can to prevent any avoidable harm.
- 4) Requests the development of a deliverable plan presented to the Policy & Sustainability Committee within 2 cycles which will set out how the Council will work with city partners to promote access to free of charge ‘Warm and Welcoming’ public spaces where Edinburgh citizens can keep warm and comfortable this coming winter and where they can receive support and advice services to help alleviate food and fuel poverty.”

#### **8.5** By Councillor Lang - COVID-19 and Council Services

“Council:

- 1) commends officers for their hard-work, dedication and professionalism in providing so many essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, and recognises the unprecedented challenges which the health emergency and national restrictions brought to much of the Council's core work.
- 2) notes that cases of coronavirus continue to be high and acknowledges the duty of care which the Council has to both protect its staff and to minimise the further spread of the virus.

- 3) nevertheless recognises that all COVID rules and restrictions were lifted by the Scottish Government earlier this year and that the Council also has a responsibility to deliver services in a new business-as-usual environment.
- 4) notes that some services continue to be unavailable, or are only being offered on a restricted basis, with COVID-19 being given as the reason.
- 5) agrees that a report should be submitted to the Policy & Sustainability Committee within one cycle which
  - a) lists all the services which are either not being provided or only being provided on a significantly restricted basis as a result of COVID-19,
  - b) provides the reasoning and rationale for continuing these restrictions, and
  - c) gives an indicative timetable for these outstanding services returning to normal levels of delivery.”

#### **8.6** By Councillor Lang - Parking on Pavements and at Dropped Kerbs

Council:

- 1) notes that almost three years have passed since the Scottish Parliament approved the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 which included new prohibitions on both pavement parking and parking at dropped kerbs.
- 2) notes the Scottish Government’s confirmation that the necessary regulations to implement these new parking restrictions will be agreed by December 2022, allowing local authorities to complete the assessment of streets and install any signs and lines associated with exemptions by December 2023.
- 3) regrets the lengthy period of time which the Scottish Government is taking to commence the new restrictions but believes it important for the Council to now plan on this basis of the timetable set out.
- 4) recognises the strong, long-standing, cross-party consensus within the Council to use the new powers

provided by the 2019 Act and agrees the work required to implement and subsequently enforce the new parking bans must be made a priority.

- 5) therefore requests a report to the first Transport and Environment Committee following the Scottish Parliament approval of the remaining regulations, setting out a timetable and resource plan to ensure the necessary work is completed for the ban on pavement parking and at dropped kerbs to be implemented across Edinburgh from the permitted commencement date in December 2023.”

## **8.7** By Councillor Kumar - Care Experienced Guaranteed Interview Scheme

“Council:

- 1) Acknowledges that people with care experience do not have equal opportunities to access positive destinations.
- 2) Recognises that care experienced individuals require additional support to navigate the work environment due to trauma and adversity.
- 3) Notes current workplan and renews its commitment to #KeepThePromise.
- 4) Agrees to explore options to record if an applicant is care experienced when applying for jobs within the Council.
- 5) Guarantees to interview all applicants who are care experienced, provided they meet the essential criteria for that job.
- 6) Agrees to collect data to periodically monitor and review the impact of this guarantee on outcomes for individuals.
- 7) Signposts care experienced applicants to advisors and initiatives (including Through Care and After Care, Edinburgh Guarantee, and others) if
  - a) applications do not meet essential criteria or
  - b) are not successful following an interview

to help provide further support and signpost to develop CVs, apply for apprenticeships, work, training, or further education.



- 8) Encourages all political parties to offer taster days, work experience of internship to care experienced individuals.”

**8.8** By Councillor Campbell - Edinburgh Leisure Toilet Facilities

“Council,

Notes that part of the council’s public toilet strategy is making toilets in all publicly owned and operated buildings accessible to the public.

Recognises the pressures from the pandemic, and that this required necessary curtailment of access to protect service users and staff and reduce the spread of the virus.

Notes that since restrictions have lifted Edinburgh Leisure have maintained a policy of only allowing customers to use toilet facilities in their buildings and preventing public access.

Agrees that this is not in line with existing council policy.

Notes that Edinburgh Leisure is an ALEO of the council.

Agrees, as shareholder, that toilets in Edinburgh Leisure buildings should be open to the public.

Further agrees to instruct council officers to work with the chief executive of Edinburgh Leisure, to review their current policy on public access to toilets in Edinburgh Leisure buildings, to ensure the council’s policy is implemented.”

**8.9** By Councillor Campbell - Portobello Transport Capacity

“Council,

Recognises that visitor numbers to Portobello significantly increased during the pandemic but have not fallen away and that especially on hot days Portobello beach is now one of the top destinations for residents and people travelling in from communities outwith Edinburgh.

Recognises the impact that this has on amenities, and core services. Further recognises that steps have been taken to increase capacity in terms of waste, cleansing and policing and thanks officers and wider public services for this increase in

resource.

Recognises, however, that there is still more to do and that particularly transport solutions and traffic management still need to be improved in order to for this extra demand to be managed.

Recognises the narrow streets and high-density housing around the prom and the existing parking pressures, and that it is unsustainable and unacceptable to do nothing to address this as visitor numbers increase. Further recognises that over the extremely hot weather the challenges included driving on pavements, cars pavement parking in front of tenement doors blocking access, dangerous parking on corners and double yellow lines, and large vehicles being forced to reverse up streets due to blockages, causing risks to other road users and pedestrians.

Agrees, therefore, to have a workshop with key stakeholders including ward councillors, public services including the police, council officers, residents and community representatives to look at transport solutions in particular, but also wider destination management policies.

This should include examining increasing enforcement to address immediate pressures, but also to consider long term solutions such as bus gates, one-way systems and road closures to improve traffic management, limiting access where appropriate and improving road safety around all streets in Portobello, but particularly those close to the beach and promenade.

This should further include discussion of a strategy to discourage travelling to Portobello beach by car and encourage active travel and public transport use.

Agrees a report back to Transport and Environment in two cycles on actions that can be taken forward through the twenty minute neighbourhood work already ongoing for Portobello.”

#### **8.10** By Councillor Kumar - Shared Prosperity Fund Reporting

“Council,

Notes the shared prosperity fund report which allows officers to allocate around £10m of funding without returning to committee

for approval.

Notes that due to time pressure there were flaws in the process, including a lack of diversity on the panel, potential conflicts of interest, and a lack of information for councillors.

Notes that the report was passed at committee with a verbal amendment from the convener to 'keep projects under review through regular update reports; that defined representation of under-represented groups in project delivery will be specifically reported on'

Notes the amendment to the report in May which agreed the investment plan in August would include this information:

- 1.1.7 Agrees that the investment plan will set out in detail how any investment will be targeted towards areas of high SIMD in the city, equally spread so that projects are easily accessible to all residents across the city, and will set outcomes which help us achieve our objective of tackling poverty.
- 1.1.8 Agrees that the investment plans will include carbon impact assessments, especially for any capital projects, which set out how they will help us achieve our net zero target of 2030.
- 1.1.9 Agrees that the investment plans will include detail on how the skills development aspect of any investment will help us with our aim of achieving a just transition and developing the skills in our workforce to help us meet our net zero target of 2030.

Notes that none of this information was included in the August report.

Therefore agrees for this information to be included in all regular update reports:

- A map of the city showing the locations where services will be delivered
- A table which shows how much of the spend each year will be accessed by residents in each SIMD grouping
- A table which shows how much of the spend each year will be accessed by groups by:

- ethnicity
- age
- gender
- sexual orientation
- disability
- Violence or trauma experienced
- other protected characteristics
- A carbon impact assessment of any capital projects
- An analysis of how the spend can help support a just transition

Agrees the update reports will come to HHFW committee on a six-monthly basis.”

#### **8.11** By Councillor Campbell - Community Centres and Lifelong Learning Review

“Council:

Recognises the fantastic contribution that community centres can make, with many bringing in additional resources, maximising the council spend by building capacity around council resources, but rooting the work they do within local communities at a grass roots level.

Recognises too that there can be challenges for local centres where capacity within local communities needs to be developed and supported.

Recognises as part of GIRFEC a vision and blueprint of holistic whole family support has been developed which includes an assets and community based approach where ‘Support should be empowering, building on existing strengths within the family and wider community. Families should be able to ‘reach in’ not be ‘referred to’. Support must be explicitly connected to locations that work for local families and the community, such as schools, health centres, village halls and sports centres.’

Notes that the review of lifelong learning has taken place during the political instability of the election period and over recess,

limiting elected member oversight of this process. Further recognises the uncertainty this is causing for community centre management committees, with inevitable impacts and consequences for the way they deliver services to their local communities.

Agrees with the principle that best practice should be recognised and scaled up and recognises the important role that community learning and development officers play in building this capacity, and that these roles being strongly rooted in communities is vital for success.

Agrees that no final decisions will be made around any changes to structure without a full consultation with management committees. Agrees further that this consultation should focus on learning from community centres with a track record of strong delivery and a report on sharing and scaling best practice must be included as part of the review.

Agrees that a report on the changes to the delivery and structure of lifelong learning in our communities must come back to Policy and Sustainability committee, including information on the strategy for scaling best practice across all our community centres and providing assurance as to how the above principles have been included in the restructure.”

**8.12** By Councillor McVey - Recruitment Committee - Membership Imbalance

“Notes the need for Director and Head of Service appointments to be made and the involvement of Elected Members through the Recruitment Committee.

Notes the current imbalance of one party with only 20% of Councillors currently making up as much as 50% of the members of the Recruitment Committee (with an additional casting vote).

Agrees to limit Recruitment Committee to Council Leader, one appropriate Executive Committee Convener and Group Leaders (one representative from each other Party) to provide a better balance of decision making in the process. Agrees to keep all other elements the same, including substitutes.”

### **8.13** By Councillor McVey - Tram Extension

“Council:

- 1) Notes the work of the team in delivering Trams to Newhaven, keeping the project on track in the most difficult of circumstances. Notes successful delivery of this project being able to weather the circumstances of the last 3 years is due to the approach approved by Council with the right governance controls, the right team and collaborative approach, prudent business planning and straightforward communication with local residents and businesses.
- 2) Notes the importance of public confidence in the delivery of such a major infrastructure scheme and notes the June 29<sup>th</sup> 2022 “Elected Member Briefing Note - Trams to Newhaven Project” which set out a holistic response giving assurance on issues relating to recent media reports. Requests this information is set out in a full update report on the project be brought to Transport and Environment Committee in once cycle to set out the projected timeline, costs and any other relevant issues for Councillors and residents.
- 3) Further that 2 further extensions are planned within the City Mobility Strategy and agrees of the importance of progressing these to ensure Granton Waterfront and Bioquarter can deliver new communities, much-needed housing and job opportunities in the most sustainable way possible.
- 4) Therefore, agrees by January 2023, officers will bring forward next steps to Council to progress these projects, including information for Councillors on light rail's inclusion in the Scottish Government's "Strategic Transport Projects Review 2" which opens significant opportunities of national funding to support the delivery of these extensions.”

### **8.14** By Councillor McVey - North Bridge

“Council:

- 1) Notes the essential work on North Bridge to keep this vital

north-south connection.

- 2) Notes reports that the works will run significantly beyond schedule and require yet more funding to resolve the fundamental issues with the bridge.
- 3) Agrees that Transport and Environment Committee will receive a detailed project update in one cycle setting out:
  - 3.1 revised projected budget position of the project.
  - 3.2 revised projected completion date.
  - 3.3 a detailed breakdown of the reasons behind the revisions in 3.1 and 3.2 and a detailed timeline of the Council's project management arrangements and when the Council was aware of information that the project would be further delayed and would require further capital resource.
  - 3.4 Requests officers carry out additional and sustained communication with the affected north bridge businesses and local resident groups through the works and an update is included in the report.
  - 3.5 Further requests additional work with contractors to restore a pedestrian crossing (where possible and safe to do so) to improve footfall at times of site closure -as happened in previous Christmas periods and an update is included in the report."

#### **8.15** By Councillor Caldwell - Air Quality in Primary Schools

"Council notes;

- 1) That the November 2021 report to Policy and Sustainability Committee updated Council on the implementation of addressing indoor air quality in schools, as required by the Scottish Government.
- 2) That £775,000 was made available to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2021 from the Scottish Government to undertake such work during the Covid-19 pandemic, which included, but was not limited to, assessments, portable Co2 monitors and adjustments to windows.
- 3) That despite the de-escalation of Covid-19 restrictions and

mitigations, airborne viruses and diseases still have a high chance of incubating in school classrooms, and it is within the Council's duty of care to mitigate such occurrences where reasonable, unrestrictive and cost-effective.

- 4) While natural cross-ventilation is an effective method of reducing Co2, increased ventilation from natural sources such as open windows during Winter months has a significant impact on indoor air temperature.
- 5) The current increased availability of HEPA Air Purifiers from institutions such as the University of St. Andrew's through Public Contracts Scotland.

Council also notes;

- 6) It is ultimately an aim of the Council to reduce pollutants, including Co2, from traffic, particularly around schools, using initiatives such as the Safer Routes to Schools Programme.
- 7) Despite this aim, the December 2021 Local Air Quality Management APR still listed one site near London Road (ID81) as exceeding the air quality objectives during 2020, a year which was marked by historically low traffic levels in Edinburgh.
- 8) Multiple studies including Heliyon Journal (ISSN 2405-8440), Johns Hopkins University Department of Medicine (PMID 24329966) and the Kharagpur Department of Architecture and Regional Planning (ISSN 0013-9351) which demonstrates the effectiveness of certain models of HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Arrestor) to remove both Co2 and PM2.5 pollutants from the air.

Council therefore agrees;

- 1) That relevant officers update the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles of the Air Quality in Schools work carried out and any analysis on the impact since November 2021 including an update on how the Scottish Government funding was spent.
- 2) A report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in three cycles on the feasibility of rolling out suitable HEPA Air Purifiers to all primary schools managed by the City of Edinburgh Council. This may be included in the 'Air Quality



in Schools update' in point 1) if it's ready by that time.

- 3) That increased air filtration for Edinburgh's Primary Schools is not a substitute for the overall target to reduce emissions from traffic, but instead should run in parallel with actions to help Edinburgh meet our Net Zero target by 2030."

#### **8.16** By Councillor O'Neill - Rollout of Adult Disability Payment (ADP)

"Council:

- 1) Welcomes the rollout of the Adult Disability Payment (ADP) to residents of Edinburgh from 29 August 2022;
- 2) Notes that ADP will replace the UK Government's Disability Living Allowance for adults (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) which is a welcome move according to many disabled people and disabled people's organisations;
- 3) Further notes that there are multiple Council services (for example issuing National Entitlement Cards and Blue Badges) which may require proof of ADP to allow disabled people to access local services;
- 4) Acknowledges the exponential hardship disabled people face and the trauma put upon them by the Department of Work & Pensions through intrusive and degrading assessments and that this hardship has increased under successive Conservative led Governments since 2010;
- 5) Further acknowledges the more humane and compassionate process that the ADP is designed around; acknowledges Social Security Scotland's dedication to deliver with dignity, fairness and respect;
- 6) Looks forward to a more inclusive, humane and accessible process for first time applicants and those who will be transitioning from PIP and DLA and hopes that all are fully supported and receive what they are entitled to;
- 7) Agrees that relevant frontline support officers should be enabled through training to signpost and assist new applicants of ADP and those who wish to appeal decisions

by Social Security Scotland;

- 8) Requests a report within 3 cycles which:
- a) Looks at the probable uptick in people accessing welfare rights advice due to the ADP rollout;
  - b) Looks at monitoring capacity and possible additional support options to recipients/applicants and advisors;
  - c) Examines what more the Council can do to support disabled people accessing what they are entitled to.”

**8.17** By Councillor Davidson - National Care Service

“Council

Notes the publication by the Scottish Government of the National Care Service bill and the significant impact this legislation could have on carers services in Edinburgh. Further notes concerns about the centralisation of care services and the loss of local decision making. Calls on the Council to begin consulting with as wide a range of stakeholders as possible via the IJB and other services in order to provide as rounded a submission to the legislative process as possible.”

**8.18** By Councillor Hyslop - Cost of Energy Crisis

“Council:

Notes that the cost-of-living crisis is already having an impact on communities throughout Edinburgh, with resident severely worried about the impact.

Notes that the rising cost of energy bills is a significant element of the increasing cost of living.

Notes that the average price of household energy bills increased by 54% in April and are projected to rise again in October by upwards of 70%- pushing thousands more of our residents into fuel poverty.

Notes the Conservative UK government's failure to act in line with

other Governments, such as France, to take decisive action to protect those on the lowest incomes from sharp energy bill increases and resultant fuel poverty.

Notes that, as a result many residents will be unable to afford to heat their homes in cold weather this year and the real threat to life this poses in our communities.

Requests that Council Officers produce a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in one cycle which identifies all public buildings in the City which could be used as warm spaces for public access through the colder months and any other action that can help mitigate the devastating choices our residents face between heating and eating.

Requests that Council Officers invite partner organisations and ALEOs to identify any spaces they would be willing to open to the public as warm spaces through the colder months.

Finally, regrets that in one of the most energy-rich nations on earth, actions to prevent our residents freezing are needed and agrees to write to the UK Government to condemn their inaction and encourage a far stronger response to reduce energy bills for all residents and support people most in need to meet the costs.”

#### **8.19** By Councillor Younie - Sexual Entertainment Venues

“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 would continue to work in the industry despite the closures and will be working in less safe and completely unregulated environments.
- 4) Recognises that this will lead to the further deterioration of women's safety in the City.
- 5) Therefore agrees that a report shall be presented to the Licensing Board within 2 cycles to consider this.”

**8.20** By Councillor Parker - Extreme Heat, Climate Adaptation and Resilience

“Council recognises that recent episodes of extreme heat have been severely disruptive, put significant pressure on key infrastructure and services, and seen residents at risk of loss of life.

Council also recognises that climate change will mean that such episodes will become more frequent, more severe, and significantly more disruptive in the future.

Council accepts it has a responsibility to keep residents safe and understands that failure to take radical action to reduce climate emissions and limit the frequency and severity of episodes of extreme heat, and failure to adequately resource plans to mitigate the effects of such weather when it occurs, is to neglect this responsibility.

Therefore, Council:

- Reaffirms its commitment to the 2030 Climate Strategy and intentions to meet all targets within the strategy as soon as possible, and
- Requests a report to Policy & Sustainability committee within 2 cycles which:
  - a) provides an update to the work of Edinburgh Adapts on climate resilience; and,
  - b) outlines measures to accelerate efforts to adapt the city including detail on, but not limited to:
    - Increasing greenspace and canopy cover to keep temperatures down
    - Reviewing management and maintenance of public parks, in particular the frequency of grass cutting and tree watering
    - Measures to restrict barbequing in parks and open spaces during periods of extreme heat
    - Reviewing and changing the fabric of buildings in the city, including exploring the possibility of introducing restrictions around material choices for

new builds

- Provision of water points and public toilets
- Provision of benches and other rest points
- Measures to limit private vehicle use during periods of extreme heat
- Public health messaging and interventions such as sunscreen for children and other vulnerable residents
- Guidance around flexibility within the work and school day, and guidance for safe working temperatures for Council employees and others.”

#### **8.21** By Councillor Mowat - Festival Review

- “1) Council congratulates the Edinburgh International Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Society, Edinburgh Book Festival, Edinburgh Art Festival, Edinburgh Jazz Festival and Edinburgh Film Festival for delivering successful and full Festivals, after 2 years of very limited programmes and in bringing the return of the activity to the City;
- 2) Council notes that after 2 years not holding the Festivals’ events and restructuring within Council departments, there have been some challenges in the delivery of Festivals and the required interdependencies with Council Departments in supporting that delivery and calls for:
  - a) A report to the relevant Committee (to be determined according to what issues come out of the two meetings below) by the end of November at the latest detailing – issues raised; areas that need improving and any inter service concerns so that we capture any weaknesses in process that have emerged and how we can work to improve these processes to ensure delivery of future festivals works for the Council, the Festivals, Residents and visitors.
  - b) The report should be informed by a separate meeting of interested councillors and officers

convened by the end of September to capture concerns raised with councillors and to consider what worked, what didn't and what needs to be improved;

- c) The report should be informed by a meeting by the end of September with Festival organisers and officers to determine what worked, what didn't and what needs to be improved."

## **8.22** By Councillor Mumford - Local Government Finance

"Council;

- Notes the decision of the last meeting of Council to lobby the Scottish Government over their settlement for local government and City of Edinburgh Council;
- Agrees to make representations to the UK Chancellor about the need for a fair settlement given the Scottish budget is likely to see a cut as a result of the UK Government's Resource Spending Review;
- Further agrees that the Finance & Resources Convenor supported by officers makes representation to the Scottish Government to make the case for greater fiscal freedoms for the Council, in particular:
  - Devolution of Non-Domestic Rate Relief on empty property next year
  - Reform or replacement of council tax to allow for redistributive tax arrangements by Local Authorities
  - Completion of work on Scottish Government-Local Government fiscal framework
  - Reduction in ring-fencing of council budgets through a new outcomes-based agreement
  - Progress on reforming capital accounting
  - Welcoming and committing to make full use of new revenue-raising powers such as Transient Visitor Levy and Workplace Parking Levy as well as seeking to reduce pressures on the city;

- Requests an update report to Finance & Resource committee in two cycles.”

### 8.23 By Councillor Rae - Cost of Living Crisis

“Council:

- 1) Notes the significant pressure on the cost of living, with inflation, exorbitant fuel bills, rising rents and the fastest fall in real pay on record.
- 2) Notes that the Cost of Living Crisis has been caused by a combination of external factors such as the war in Ukraine, the Covid pandemic and Brexit, and compounded by Tory incompetence and cruelty following years of their deliberate adoption of economic austerity, and that the primary responsibility for addressing the Cost of Living Crisis lies therefore with the UK Tory Government;
- 3) Therefore agrees that the council leader will write to the relevant UK Government ministers urging them to take urgent action to address the Cost of Living Crisis and its impact on those on the lowest incomes;
- 4) Nonetheless also agrees the council should explore all options within its power to address the Cost of Living Crisis, and in particular the impact on those on the lowest incomes;
- 5) Therefore agrees the council leader will convene an urgent working group to examine ways in which the council can address the Cost of Living Crisis, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - a) Re-examining the recommendations of the recent Edinburgh Poverty Commission to examine whether further action is needed to implement them;
  - b) Examining additional steps the council could take to maximise income and improve benefits uptake, especially amongst those on the lowest incomes;
  - c) Examining additional steps the council can take to address rising energy costs, including consideration of extending and expanding existing energy

- efficiency measures, consideration of establishing an 'Energy Bank' and exploring the potential to transform Energy for Edinburgh to provide low-cost energy to residents;
- d) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising food costs, including collaboration with community food initiatives and food banks;
  - e) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising housing costs, including action to highlight existing powers for private rented tenants to challenge excessive rent increases, consideration of a further council rent freeze and re-examining the council's policy on eviction for rent arrears;
- 6) Agrees that recommendations from the urgent working group on the Cost of Living Crisis will be reported to the relevant executive committee for decision."

#### **8.24** By Councillor McVey - Council Staff Pay

"Council notes the ongoing cost of living crisis and the need to support Council staff with a fair pay deal.

Notes Edinburgh Council has already budgeted 3% for a pay uplift this year.

Council notes the Scottish Government has made available an additional £140m to support Councils to increase the pay offer to local government staff.

Notes COSLA decided against making a 5% pay offer to Unions and that the Leader of Edinburgh Council voted instead for a 3.5% pay offer, resulting in industrial action.

Agrees to instruct the Leader of Edinburgh Council to vote for a revised 5% pay offer at COSLA.

Agrees continue to lobby the UK Government, and support COSLA in doing so, to increase public sector pay awards which will provide consequential to the Scottish Government.

Agrees to continue to lobby the Scottish Government, and support COSLA in doing so, to meet the full gap between Edinburgh Council's budget and the final pay uplift when settled."



## 9. Congratulatory Motions

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### 9.1 By Councillor Day - Jake Wightman

Council notes:

Britain's Jake Wightman produced a stunning run to take 1500m gold at the World Championships in Oregon on 19 July 2022.

Council further notes Jake's long standing active membership of Edinburgh Athletics club, having previously trained at Meadowbank Sports centre

The 28-year-old produced a brilliant final burst to pass Olympic champion Jakob Ingebrigtsen and clinch the title in three minutes 29.23.

He is the first British man to win the world 1500m title since Steve Cram in 1983. Jake's win continues the great tradition of Edinburgh 1500m runners at the highest-level following Chris O'Hare in the World Championship finals in Moscow in 2013 and London in 2017 and Josh Kerr's stunning bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics last year."

Council agree to request the Lord Provost celebrate this amazing athlete and world champion in an appropriate manner."

### 9.2 By Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron - Bernard Hunter Mobile Cranes and Metal Recycling - The First 75 Years

"Council notes that Bernard Hunter, has achieved the significant milestone of 75 years in business.

Established in 1946, and located in Gilmerton, Bernard Hunter is a successful family run business which is well known throughout the UK within the crane hire, scrap metal recycling and machinery movement industry.

Bernard Hunter is committed to sustainability and being at the forefront of carbon reduction in construction. The company owns Scotland's first hybrid crane, currently in situ, helping to build the new residential development at The Engine Yard on Leith Walk, site of Edinburgh's historic tram depot.

Council congratulates everyone at Bernard Hunter Mobile Cranes and Metal Recycling company, headquartered in Gilmerton, on achieving the significant milestone of 75 years in business and asks the Lord Provost to mark this in an appropriate way.”

**9.3** By Councillor Day - The Caledonian Thebans

“Council notes that The Caledonian Thebans are Scotland's foremost inclusive rugby team.

Since formation in 2002, they have been pushing boundaries on and off the pitch to provide a welcoming environment for anyone who wants to play rugby.

Council notes that Caledonian TheBans will host their biggest ‘*new to rugby bootcamp*’ and hopefully their bid to establish a permanent home at the former Ferranti Bowling Club at Inverleith will be successful.

Council acknowledges that Caledonian Thebans Rugby celebrates 20 years of inclusive, progressive sport in our capital city and therefore requests the Lord Provost celebrates this occasion in an appropriate manner.”

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## **Nick Smith**

Service Director, Legal and Assurance

## **Information about the City of Edinburgh Council**

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# Minutes

## The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 30 June 2022

Present:-

### LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

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Jule Bandel  
Alan C Beal  
Marco Biagi  
Chas Booth  
Graeme Bruce  
Steve Burgess  
Jack Caldwell  
Lezley Marion Cameron  
Kate Campbell  
Christopher Cowdy  
James Dalgleish  
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  
Margaret A Graham  
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**

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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 Prevention of Drug Deaths – Motion by Councillor McFarlane**

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### **a) Deputation – Young Communist League (Edinburgh Branch)**

The deputation indicated that the matter of drug deaths was a class related issue and should be addressed as such by the Council. They welcomed and supported the motion as a first step to tackling the issue of drug deaths.

The deputations felt that the terms of the motion could help save lives and create a culture where drug addiction was seen not as a criminal issue but as a medical issue. They also felt that the motion did not address the root of the problem and that the pro-active approach would be to address the root cause of poverty and deprivation.

The deputation urged the Council to support the proposals for the introduction of safe consumption facilities in Edinburgh and to deliver on past promises.

### **b) Motion by Councillor McFarlane**

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

“Council:

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

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

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

Agrees to request a report in two cycles to the Licensing Board to explore opportunities within licensing provision to increase requirements for training in



administering Naloxone for licenced premises, door staff and personal license holders.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor McFarlane

- moved by Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor Miller

### **Amendment 1**

Council notes:

Whilst the number of suspected drug related deaths fell by 8% in 2021 compared with the previous year, according to data from Police Scotland, published on 15 March 2022; according to the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction’s Technical Report, “Drug-related Deaths and Mortality in Europe”, Scotland still has the highest number of drug related deaths in Europe.

Council further notes:

Consultation on the proposal for a Member’s Bill on Proposed Drugs Death Prevention (Scotland) Bill by Paul Sweeney MSP, to enable the establishment of overdose prevention centres, including a licensing framework for centres in order to prevent death due to drug overdose; and to create a new body for the oversight of drug policy development and implementation in order to improve public health by preventing and reducing drug use, harm and related death is currently underway and will close on 17 August 2022;

Council welcomes:

The aims, funding, delivery framework and measures within the Scottish Government’s National Mission to reduce drug related death and harms, launched in January 2021.

The contribution which the access to, and provision of, overdose prevention centres, recovery services, safe administration of naloxone, and other public health led, evidence-based interventions, commissioned and delivered by the NHS, Councils, third sector partners and charities are making to reducing drug related death and harms in Edinburgh and throughout Scotland.

Council calls for:

A cross party Council response to be submitted to the consultation on Paul Sweeney MSP’s Members Bill on Proposed Drugs Death Prevention (Scotland) Bill before 17 August closing date.

An Edinburgh Summit on Reducing Drug Related Deaths and Harm to be hosted by the Council, the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board, NHS Lothian and members of The Edinburgh Partnership, to be held in early Autumn 2022. The purpose of the summit being to discuss what progress has been made since January 2021 to reduce recorded drug deaths and harms; and what further interventions could be introduced, including ways in which the availability and access to the safe administering of naloxone can be increased and improved.

- moved by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Jenkinson

## **Amendment 2**

Council

Notes that Scotland still has some of the highest drug deaths in the developed world and regrets the real terms cuts to rehabilitation services since the current Scottish Government took office in 2007.

Further notes the inspirational work of campaigner Peter Krykant to promote Overdose Prevention Centre's across Scotland. Calls on the Council to work with partners in health and criminal justice to provide a report to the Policy & Sustainability Committee in two cycles into the feasibility of supporting an official Overdose Prevention Centre trial in the City.

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Flannery

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion

## **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	50 votes
For Amendment 1	-	13 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Caldwell, Campbell, Cowdy, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Duggart, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Jones, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Mumford, Munro, Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Rust, Staniforth, Thornley, Whyte, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Arthur, Cameron, Dalgleish, Day, Faccenda, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Meagher, Pogson, Walker and Watt.)

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McFarlane:

- 1) To note the Scottish Government's National Mission to reduce drug related deaths, and the role City of Edinburgh Council could play in proactive harm reduction.
- 2) To commend the outstanding work of 'Crew 2000' with its drop-in prevention and harm reduction service at their premises on Cockburn Street, including free training for anyone 14 and over to administer the life-saving drug Naloxone.
- 3) To recognise that carriage of Naloxone and raising awareness of how to recognise and identify when a person was experiencing an overdose was a significant part of the effort to reduce drug related deaths in Scotland.
- 4) To request a report in two cycles to the Licensing Board to explore opportunities within licensing provision to increase requirements for training in administering Naloxone for licenced premises, door staff and personal license holders.
- 5) To note that Scotland still had some of the highest drug deaths in the developed world and regretted the real terms cuts to rehabilitation services since the current Scottish Government took office in 2007.
- 6) To further note the inspirational work of campaigner Peter Krykant to promote Overdose Prevention Centre's across Scotland. To call on the Council to work with partners in health and criminal justice to provide a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles into the feasibility of supporting an official Overdose Prevention Centre trial in the City.

## **3 Trade Unions in Communities Hubs – Motion by Councillor Campbell**

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### **a) Deputation – Unite CEC Branch**

The deputation welcomed the motion as an example of something that could be worked on together with the intention of helping the citizens of Edinburgh who were in need by providing a poverty alleviation approach that would

involve the trade unions and representatives working voluntarily to provide advice to communities on work related matters and signposting people to essential services.

**b) 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Agree that the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee will receive a report in two cycles updating on progress with these discussions.”

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Mumford

## Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell.

## 4 Shared Strategic Priorities - Motion by Councillor Day

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### a) Deputation – Unite CEC Branch

The deputation indicated that working together was important and should be expanded to involve more than political groups and Council officers to be able to concentrate on the needs of Edinburgh and its citizens.

### b) Motion by Councillor Day

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

#### **“Shared strategic priorities**

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

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

- Prioritise investment in our people, in our services and in our communities to deliver a high standard of basic services and amenities. To do this, we need fair funding for Edinburgh and fair pay for our workers.
- Build on the work of the cross-party Poverty Commission to address the deprivation that exist within our city.
- Tackle the climate emergency by taking practical steps towards meeting Edinburgh’s aim of being a net zero city by 2030.
- Increase the number of homes for affordable rent, with a target to build 25,000 council owned homes over the next 10 years.
- Put a framework in place to verify that Edinburgh’s children are safe, supported and well educated.
- Support the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Tax).

- Work with residents, civic society and employers to rebuild Edinburgh's economy as we come out of the pandemic.

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

### **Cross party working**

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

### **Ways of working**

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

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

-moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment 1**

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

- 1) Council welcomes Cross-Party working to collaborate on policies where appropriate and deliver the best services for the Capital's residents
- 2) Council recognises that Officers work with the Administration parties to bring forward their programme.
- 3) Further recognises the need for opposition to scrutinise these plans and set out alternatives in line with democratic principles.
- 4) Council notes the importance of good governance and agrees with the Account's Commission that:

“Good governance involves councils being accountable and accessible to the communities they serve. Councils must be transparent about the decisions they make and the quality of the services they provide. The council’s leadership must be scrutinised and held to account for its plans and performance. This requires a culture that recognises the importance of scrutiny and is open to candid discussions about risks.”

- 5) Agrees therefore that the Administration will bring forward their programme, as is normal, setting out its policies and underlying principles of working, including collaborating Cross-Party where appropriate at the earliest possible opportunity for Council to decide and scrutinise.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Macinnes

### **Amendment 2**

Under section “Ways of Working” in the motion by Councillor Day, delete “joint policy” and insert “common areas of agreement”.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Beal

### **Amendment 3**

Replace all of the motion by Councillor Day with;

This Council,

- 1) Recognises that there is a groundswell of Edinburgh councillors who were elected on a commitment to deliver progressive policies for the City;
- 2) However, notes the decision of the majority of the Labour Party group to form a coalition administration with Conservative and Liberal Democrat groups, giving these parties senior positions and greater influence within the Council than they would otherwise have had;
- 3) Believes that all councillors should welcome the stated ‘Shared Priorities’ in Councillor Day’s motion including tackling the climate emergency, investing in recovery and tackling poverty and inequality, however, Council recognises the poor track record that some parties have on these issues both locally and nationally;
- 4) Further recognises that, in order to be agreed by all parties, Councillor Day’s proposed ‘shared strategic work programme’ with ‘joint policy and funding strategies’, would further strengthen the influence of Conservative and Liberal Democrat parties and would rule out inclusion of progressive policies as proposed in other parties’ manifestos;

- 5) However, notes that the Labour-LibDem-Conservative council coalition is able to bring forward their shared programme for the council and that this could then be supported or amended by 'opposition' parties on an issue-by-issue basis;
- 6) Believes that despite significant policy differences between certain parties, that parties should be willing to work with each other on policies and approaches where there is common ground, and urges that this constructive approach is taken during this term of Council.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Miller

#### **Amendment 4**

Council

Reword the introduction to paragraph two in the motion by Councillor Day to read:

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

And reword the sixth bullet point of paragraph two in the motion to read:

Consider the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Tax) while setting out how proceeds can be guaranteed to be additional resource to the Council and how this could be deployed to benefit all areas of the City with improved core services rather than just the areas frequented by tourists.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an amendment and Amendment 4 was accepted as an addendum to the Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1.

#### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	34 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	29 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie,



Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 1 (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.)

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

### **Shared strategic priorities**

- 1) To welcome the development of a cross-party way of working, with Councillors collaborating to best serve the interests of the city and its residents in an open and transparent way.
- 2) To recognise that there were manifesto commitments which were common across many and sometimes all parties, and that a shared strategic work programme could be agreed which would:
  - Prioritise investment in our people, in our services and in our communities to deliver a high standard of basic services and amenities. To do this, we need fair funding for Edinburgh and fair pay for our workers.
  - Build on the work of the cross-party Poverty Commission to address the deprivation that exist within our city.
  - Tackle the climate emergency by taking practical steps towards meeting Edinburgh's aim of being a net zero city by 2030.
  - Increase the number of homes for affordable rent, with a target to build 25,000 council owned homes over the next 10 years.
  - Put a framework in place to verify that Edinburgh's children were safe, supported and well educated.
  - Consider and support the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Tax) while setting out how proceeds could be guaranteed to be additional resource to the Council and how this could be deployed to benefit all areas of the City with improved core services rather than just the areas frequented by tourists.
  - Work with residents, civic society and employers to rebuild Edinburgh's economy as we come out of the pandemic.

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

### **Cross party working**

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

### **Ways of working**

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

To endorse the outline approach described above and note that the Chief Executive would be responsible for drafting the refreshed Council Business Plan for consideration by Council.

## **5 Minutes**

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### **Decision**

- a) To approve the minute of the Council of 17 March 2022 as a correct record.
- b) To approve the minute of the Council of 19 May 2022 (resumed on 26 May 2022) as a correct record.

## **6 Leader's Report**

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

- Ukraine refugees – Council hub
- Tourist Season
- Ukraine Refugees - School Placements
- New Meadowbank Stadium opening
- Trams
- 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World leading Festival
- Congratulations – Andrew Kerr - OBE

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor McVey     | - | Edinburgh's welcome to Ukrainian refugees<br>Russian Consul in Edinburgh   |
| Councillor Lang      | - | Scottish Government spending review -<br>representations   |
| Councillor Burgess   | - | Liberal Democrat Group – policy plans  |
| Councillor Whyte     | - | Council position if independence referendum goes<br>ahead without Section 30 consent                                 |
| Councillor Jenkinson | - | Active travel education corridor – August Walk the<br>Route  |
| Councillor Campbell  | - | Council Administration   |
| Councillor Beal      | - | West/East cycle route – incentive/compensation<br>scheme for traders   |
| Councillor Miller    | - | Welcoming Ukrainian refugees – provision of<br>suitable and safe accommodation                                       |
| Councillor Doggart   | - | Welcoming Ukrainian refugees – discussions with<br>other Council leaders in South East Scotland and<br>through COSLA |
| Councillor Graham    | - | US ruling on abortion right  |
| Councillor Biagi     | - | Leader's comments in regards to Lidl   |
| Councillor Caldwell  | - | Active Travel - advertising  |
| Councillor Bandel    | - | Fossil fuel - sponsorship  |
| Councillor Bruce     | - | Update on the bid for the Great British Railways<br>HQ   |
| Councillor Heap      | - | Bike hangers   |
| Councillor Rust      | - | Elected member verbal abuse of employees and<br>upset to school pupils   |

## 7 Appointments to Members of Committees, Boards and Joint Boards

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The Council had made appointments to a range of Committees, Boards and Joint Boards. Details were provided on outstanding appointments and associated matters.

The Council was invited to confirm its outstanding appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2022/23.

### Decision

- 1) To agree the appointments of members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 to this minute.
- 2) To note that the Chief Executive in consultation with each political group would develop political management arrangements proposals for consideration by Council in August/September 2022
- 3) To agree that the findings of the Effectiveness Review of the Governance, Risk and Best Committee should be taken into consideration when agreeing the new Political Management Arrangements.

(Reference – Act of Council No 8 of 19 May 2022 (resumed on 26 May 2022); report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

## 8 Appointments to Outside Organisations 2022/27

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The Council had agreed appointments to COSLA and NHS Lothian. Details were provided on the remaining appointments to outside organisations, which had been continued to this meeting.

The Council was invited to appoint/nominate representatives to the various organisations, companies, outside bodies and joint working groups on which it was represented.

### Decision

To agree to appoint members to outside bodies for 2022-27 as detailed in Appendix 2 to this minute.

(Reference – Act of Council No 9 of 19 May 2022 (resumed on 26 May 2022); report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

## 9 Elected Member Reference Group – Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review

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Details were provided on proposals for a newly established Elected Member Reference Group to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.

### Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the next meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022.

(Reference – Act of Council No 1 of 10 February 2022; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 10 Chief Official Personnel Committee

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As a consequence of a recent review of the Council’s HR policies and procedures, a gap had been identified in that the Council’s Chief Executive and Chief Officer Disciplinary policy did not currently cover all circumstances.

The Policy and Sustainability Committee had agreed to recommend to Council to adopt Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee (SJNC) Model Framework (the “Gold Book”) and to establish two Chief Official Personnel Committees.

### Decision

- 1) To adopt the Scottish Joint Negotiating Committee (SJNC) Model Framework (the “Gold Book”) and agree that it will apply where appropriate.
- 2) To establish a Chief Official Personnel Assessment Committee with the remit and membership as set out in Appendix one to the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 3) To establish a Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee with the remit and membership as set out in Appendix one to the report.
- 4) To appoint the following members to the Chief Official Personnel Assessment Committee:  
  
Councillors Arthur, Jones, McVey, Mumford and Neil Ross.
- 5) To appoint the following members to the Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee:  
  
Councillors Day, Lang, Macinnes, Staniforth and Whyte.

- 6) To appoint Councillor Neil Ross as Convener to the Chief Official Personnel Assessment Committee and Councillor Day as convener to the Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee.
- 7) To agree the Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions as set out in appendix one to the report and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any minor amendments as necessary to implement the decision of Council.
- 8) To agree the Scheme of Delegation to Officers as set out in Appendix two to the report and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make any minor amendments as necessary to implement the decision of Council.
- 9) To note Paragraph 4.5 of Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive but, notwithstanding agree that the power to appoint an investigating officer should be within the power of the Assessment Committee with the assistance of the Service Director Human Resources and Monitoring Officer.
- 10) To further agree that:
  - the Quorum for each of the Chief Officer Personnel Assessment and the Hearing Committee should be 50%
  - the power to initiate an investigation, should lie with the Assessment Committee and / or the Monitoring Officer with advice from the Service Director of Human Resources.).

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 29 March 2022 (item 7); report by the Interim Executive director of Corporate Services, submitted)

## **11 Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Updated Scheme of Integration**

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The Integration Scheme for the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (the “EIJB”) required to be updated every five years following a period of public consultation. Council officers, working with colleagues in NHS Lothian, had produced an updated Integration Scheme which was published for public consultation on 28 March 2022.

Details were provided on the outcome of the consultation and one minor amendment to the proposed updated Integration Scheme was made as a result of this response.

## Decision

To approve the updated Integration Scheme for the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board.

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

## 12 Unaudited Annual Accounts 2021.22

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Details were provided on the Council's 2021/22 Unaudited Annual Accounts prior to their submission to the external auditor. The statements detailed the financial position and performance of the Council, together with that of the wider Council Group, for the year ending 31 March 2022 and included a summary of the draft outturn position.

### Decision

- 1) To note that the unaudited annual accounts for 2021/22 would be submitted to the external auditor by the statutory date.
- 2) To note that the provisional outturn position showed an overall underspend of £3.877m and that this sum had been set aside in reserves, with £2.628m of this underspend previously earmarked to allow a balanced budget for 2022/23 to be set on 18 February 2022.
- 3) To approve, subject to the outcome of the audit process, earmarking up to £0.961m from the remaining unallocated element of the underspend to invest in essential infrastructure upgrades for the Enterprise Resource Planning project.
- 4) To approve additionally up to £0.450m from the in-year COVID-related underspend to provide further support to the Our Future Work programme.
- 5) To note that a more detailed revenue and capital outturn analysis would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2022.
- 6) To note the intention to submit the audited annual accounts and annual auditor's report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and thereafter to the Finance and Resources Committee in October 2022, for approval.

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

## 13 Embedding Gender Budgeting Analysis – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

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The Finance and Resources Committee had referred the following motion by Councillor Mumford to the Council for consideration in terms of Standing order 31.1:

“Committee:

- 1) Notes that gender budgeting is an internationally recognised tool to expose the gendered impact of public spending and ensures consideration of spending decisions through this lens;
- 2) Recognises that the First Minister’s National Advisory Council on Women and Girls recommended that local authorities integrate intersectional gender budget analysis into their budget setting procedures;
- 3) Recognises that the Council’s response to the Scottish Government’s consultation on the Scottish Specific elements of the Public Sector Equality Duty responded to this recommendation stating that “gender budget analysis would be a positive step forward and perfectly feasible at the present time”, while disagreeing with the need for a statutory duty;
- 4) Notes that the Scottish Women’s Budget Group’s project ‘Gender Budgeting from Theory to Action’ aims to support greater use of gender budgeting tools in local decision making in Scotland to reduce inequalities;
- 5) Therefore requests a report to this committee within 2 cycles into measures that the Council can take to introduce, embed or improve intersectional gender budgeting including but not limited to:
  - a) A strategy for resource allocation to achieve equality;
  - b) Greater intersectional data gathering;
  - c) An equalities budget statement alongside all submitted budget motions;
  - d) Strengthening IIAs for spending decisions and ensuring greater opportunities for scrutiny by elected members and the public;
  - e) Investing in gender competence of officers and elected members;
  - f) Mechanisms and structures to improve gender budgeting such as working groups, taskforces and champions;



- 6) And further requests that officers engage with the Scottish Women's Budget Group within the next cycle to explore the possibility of Edinburgh Council undertaking a pilot gender budget analysis project with them."

## **Motion**

Council:

- 1) Notes that gender budgeting is an internationally recognised tool to expose the impact of public spending on different groups of people and ensures consideration of equality in spending;
- 2) Recognises that the First Minister's National Advisory Council on Women and Girls recommended that local authorities integrate intersectional gender budget analysis into their budget setting procedures;
- 3) Recognises that Edinburgh Council's own response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Scottish Specific elements of the Public Sector Equality Duty responded to this recommendation stating that "gender budget analysis would be a positive step forward and perfectly feasible at the present time", while disagreeing with the need for a statutory duty;
- 4) Notes that the Scottish Women's Budget Group's project 'Gender Budgeting from Theory to Action' aims to support greater use of gender budgeting tools in local decision making in Scotland to reduce inequalities, and has funding to provide training and mentorship to five local authorities in Scotland.

And therefore:

- 5) Commits that all elected members will attend one of a number of 2 hour briefings on Gender Budgeting and how it interacts with their role as Councillors;
- 6) Commits that Heads of Services and relevant members of their teams, as recommended by them, will attend at least one training session on Gender Budgeting, understanding that there will be opportunities for further engagement between officers and the Scottish Women's Budget Group if requested; and
- 7) With the support of the Scottish Women's Budget Group, to circulate a survey to elected members and key staff and conduct some small focus group discussions to understand existing knowledge and barriers to gender budget analysis, and to help inform ongoing member and officer engagement.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Watt

## Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.

(Reference –Finance and Resources Committee of 16 June 2022 (item 13); referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

## Declaration of Interests

Councillor Mumford made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a Scottish Women’s Budget Group member.

## 14 Scottish Government Resource Spending Review – Motion by Councillor Lang

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

“Council:

- 1) Notes with concern the Scottish Government’s Resource Spending Review, which set out a cash terms freeze in local government spending up until 2026/27.
- 2) Notes the Fraser of Allander Institute conclusion that, on the basis of the review report, the Scottish local government budget will decline by 7% in real terms over the next four years.
- 3) Considers such a funding settlement to be wholly unacceptable, risking further deep and damaging cuts to Council services, and agrees to continue to work through COSLA to press the Scottish Government for significantly improved funding of local government.
- 4) Further recognises the particular resource challenges facing Edinburgh as the Capital City of Scotland with a growing population, returning visitor numbers, increased demand for council services, and competition with the private sector for key staff roles, all of which requires proper and additional funding for the Council.
- 5) Recognises the importance of the Council making the strongest possible representations directly to the Scottish Government, over and above the positive work being undertaken by COSLA.
- 6) Therefore, agrees that the Lord Provost should write to invite the Cabinet Secretary of Finance and Economy to address and take questions at a meeting of the Council before the end of the year, with such an agenda item

supported by an officer report on the likely implications of the spending review on Edinburgh Council's budget."

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Younie

### **Amendment 1**

To add to the motion by Councillor Lang:

- 7) Council further notes the impact of UK Government decisions on consequential effects affecting the Scottish Budget on matters such as public sector pay and due to Westminster's austerity pay policies, the Scottish Government's ability to better-fund the pay award for local Government workers is constrained. Therefore, agrees that the Finance Convenor will write to UK Government to strengthen COSLA's case on this issue.
- 8) Council further notes the need for parity across public sector and request that in communication with the Scottish Government and COSLA, Edinburgh's representatives make the case for pay awards which are agreed in areas in NHS and teachers, to also be fully funded for Local Government workers as part of the national pay negotiations with COSLA.

- moved by Councillor Biagi, seconded by Councillor McVey

### **Amendment 2**

To add to the end of the motion by Councillor Lang:

- Notes that the Scottish Government Resource Spending Review is a spending framework and does not substitute for a budget or a settlement with local government – budgets will continue to be set annually by the Scottish Government and it remains to be seen what the settlement for Edinburgh will be this year;
- That the Scottish Government has suffered a 5.2% real terms cut to its budget this year and is likely to see a further cut as a result of the UK Government's Resource Spending Review – therefore agrees to write to make the strongest possible representations to the UK Chancellor on the need for a fair settlement which meets Scotland's needs;
- That the 'flat cash' trajectory for local government is the same for most Scottish Government spending areas and reflects the fiscal constraint imposed by the UK Government on Scotland;

- Further agrees to make representation to the Scottish Government to make the case for greater fiscal freedoms for the Council, in particular:
- Devolution of Non-Domestic Rate Relief on empty property next year
- Reform or replacement of council tax to allow for redistributive tax arrangements by Local Authorities
- Completion of work on Scottish Government-Local Government fiscal framework
- Reduction in ring-fencing of council budgets through a new outcomes-based agreement
- Progress on reforming capital accounting
- Welcoming and committing to make full use of new revenue-raising powers such as Transient Visitor Levy and Workplace Parking Levy as well as seeking to reduce pressures on the city.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Paragraph 8 of Amendment 1 was accepted as an amendment to the Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum Amendment 1.

## **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	34 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	29 votes

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

For the amendment: 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.)

## Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Lang:

- 1) To note with concern the Scottish Government's Resource Spending Review, which set out a cash terms freeze in local government spending up until 2026/27.
- 2) To note the Fraser of Allander Institute conclusion that, on the basis of the review report, the Scottish local government budget would decline by 7% in real terms over the next four years.
- 3) To consider such a funding settlement to be wholly unacceptable, risking further deep and damaging cuts to Council services, and agree to continue to work through COSLA to press the Scottish Government for significantly improved funding of local government.
- 4) To further recognise the particular resource challenges facing Edinburgh as the Capital City of Scotland with a growing population, returning visitor numbers, increased demand for council services, and competition with the private sector for key staff roles, all of which required proper and additional funding for the Council.
- 5) To recognise the importance of the Council making the strongest possible representations directly to the Scottish Government, over and above the positive work being undertaken by COSLA.
- 6) To therefore, agree that the Lord Provost should write to invite the Cabinet Secretary of Finance and Economy to address and take questions at a meeting of the Council before the end of the year, with such an agenda item supported by an officer report on the likely implications of the spending review on Edinburgh Council's budget.
- 7) To further note the need for parity across public sector and request that in communication with the Scottish Government and COSLA, Edinburgh's representatives make the case for pay awards which were agreed in areas in NHS and teachers, to also be fully funded for Local Government workers as part of the national pay negotiations with COSLA.

## 15 Trees - Motion by Councillor Osler

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

“Council:

- 1) Recognises the vital importance of urban trees in helping to address the Climate Emergency and global biodiversity losses and notes the ambition of the Edinburgh Million Tree City Project is for Edinburgh to be a “Million Tree City” by 2030.
- 2) Recognises the consensus amongst mental health practitioners that access to trees and wooded areas can be beneficial for residents’ health and wellbeing
- 3) Notes that from October 2021 to March 2022 25,230 trees were planted and 898 tree removals were recorded leaving a net increase in tree numbers of 24,332.
- 4) Recognises and agrees that successful delivery of the Project requires active maintenance and management of our green spaces and roadside tree resources, in addition to the Project’s current focus on the planting of new trees.
- 5) Requests a report to the Culture and Communities Committee, within two cycles, on the Council’s plan for a. information and engagement for local communities in advance of tree planting b. managing and maintaining (i) trees planted under the Project (including tree watering), and (ii) existing trees within our green spaces”

- moved by Councillor Thornley, seconded by Councillor Osler

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Thornley.

## 16 Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre - Motions by Councillor Day Osler and Nicolson

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The following motions by Councillors Day, Osler and Nicolson were submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

### **a) By Councillor Day**

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

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

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

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

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

**b) By Councillor Osler**

"Council:

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

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

**c) By Councillor Nicolson**

“Council:

- 1) Notes the board of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre have made clear that the centre is not going to survive financially beyond summer without one-off funding support from the council. Drylaw and Telford only have one neighbourhood centre and one church providing community groups and support. At a time where communities face a Tory Cost of Living Crisis, losing this valuable resource would be extremely damaging to the community.
- 2) Commends the work Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre (DNC) has done over the years to become embedded in the community and provide much needed services to primary children and older people. This includes but not exclusively providing lifeline supports such as telephone support throughout the pandemic to isolated residents, the only local after school clubs for primary children, a food growing space for local people, providing space for a disability day service and providing food to people affected by the Tory cost of living crisis.
- 3) Notes that Drylaw and Telford have experienced a growth in anti-social behaviour during the pandemic including motorbike thefts by local young people. Young people are travelling outside the area to access youth work.
- 4) Council thanks officers for their actions so far in offering advice and some practical support to the organisation but regrets this has not managed to help the centre reach a positive outcome.
- 5) Therefore, agrees that due to the unique and exceptional circumstances, the Council delegates to the Executive Director of Education and Children Services to award a one-off grant of £40,000 from unallocated reserves to Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secured. Further agrees to continue to support the management committee to deliver their existing groups in addition to widening access for young people and their families with the support of City of Edinburgh council officers and local youth work organisations.”

- moved by Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor McVey



## Amendment

Council:

- 1) Notes the decision by West Granton Community Trust (announced on June 27th) to close the Prentice Centre in a matter of months unless immediate action is taken.
- 2) Recognises the critical role that the Prentice Centre plays in the community it serves, not only providing services to those of all ages, but also in maintaining safe places for people to meet and spend time.
- 3) Agrees therefore to also delegate to the Director of Education and Children Services to award £50,000 from Council Unallocated Reserves for the Prentice Centre to ensure the Centre can remain open and continue serving the community in the short term. The award of grant is subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secure.
- 4) Agrees that due to the number of community-run centres facing closure due to financial strain, that a report is brought to Council in one cycle identifying those under financial strain and where additional resources can be made available to keep valuable community resources open. This report should also consider the state of management in the community-run centre sector and recommend principles for the relationship between CEC and centres on financial matters.

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Biagi

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the three motions were accepted as addendums to the amendment

## Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motions by Councillors Day, Osler and Nicolson	-	9 votes
For the amendment (as adjusted)	-	54 votes

(For the motions by Councillors Day, Osler and Nicolson: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte

For the amendment: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgeleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford,

Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.)

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillors Dobbin:

- 1) To acknowledge the importance of local community based projects, and the support they could provide to local people.
- 2) To acknowledge that financial support had already been provided to Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre to facilitate its transition to new models of working, including the need to diversify and work with other city partners to secure a long term plan.
- 3) To agree to delegate to the Director of Education and Children Services a one off award to Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre of up to £50,000 from the increased unallocated reserve of 2021/22 General Fund subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secured.
- 4) To agree that no further funding would be allocated out with the council's normal grants processes.
- 5) To note the work towards a model of 20-minute neighbourhoods across the city which required the development of strong local community facilities that were locally and easily accessible for all residents.
- 6) To recognise the critical role that neighbourhood and community centres played in the communities, not only providing services to those of all ages, but also in maintaining safe places for people to meet and spend time.
- 7) To note that demand for much needed local services had increased at a time when funding for these facilities had fallen below that needed.
- 8) To note that the Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre, which had provided services for the local community since 1995, now faced an imminent threat of closure as a result of immediate funding challenges.
- 9) To agree that officers should work with Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre's Management Committee to create a sound and sustainable financial arrangement that allowed the Centre to continue over the long term.
- 10) To note the board of Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre had made clear that the centre was not going to survive financially beyond summer without one-off funding support from the council. Drylaw and Telford only had one neighbourhood centre and one church providing community groups and

support. At a time where communities faced a Tory Cost of Living Crisis, losing this valuable resource would be extremely damaging to the community.

- 11) To commend the work Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre (DNC) had done over the years to become embedded in the community and provide much needed services to primary children and older people. This included but not exclusively providing lifeline supports such as telephone support throughout the pandemic to isolated residents, the only local after school clubs for primary children, a food growing space for local people, providing space for a disability day service and providing food to people affected by the Tory cost of living crisis.
- 12) To note that Drylaw and Telford had experienced a growth in anti-social behaviour during the pandemic including motorbike thefts by local young people. Young people were travelling outside the area to access youth work.
- 13) To thank officers for their actions so far in offering advice and some practical support to the organisation but regret this had not managed to help the centre reach a positive outcome.
- 14) To note the decision by West Granton Community Trust (announced on June 27th) to close the Prentice Centre in a matter of months unless immediate action was taken.
- 15) To recognise the critical role that the Prentice Centre played in the community it served, not only providing services to those of all ages, but also in maintaining safe places for people to meet and spend time.
- 16) To agree therefore to also delegate to the Director of Education and Children Services to award £50,000 from Council Unallocated Reserves for the Prentice Centre to ensure the Centre could remain open and continue serving the community in the short term. The award of grant was subject to appropriate due diligence, including grant conditions on expenditure and assurances from the Centre on additional funding being secure.
- 17) To agree that due to the number of community-run centres facing closure due to financial strain, that a report be brought to Council in one cycle identifying those under financial strain and where additional resources could be made available to keep valuable community resources open. This report should also consider the state of management in the community-run centre sector and recommend principles for the relationship between CEC and centres on financial matters.

## 17 Carers Week - Motion by Councillor O'Neill

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The following motion by Councillor O'Neill was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor O'Neill.

## 18 Provision of Sanitary Bins in Council Buildings - Motion by Councillor Staniforth

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

“Council:

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Staniforth.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Bandel

### **Amendment 1**

To delete paragraph 6 of the motion by Councillor Staniforth and replace with:

“Therefore agrees to the principle of installing sanitary bins in every toilet cubicle on all council premises and agrees that a report should come to the Council meeting in August 2022 setting out how this commitment will be delivered.”

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Young

### **Amendment 2**

To delete paragraph 6 of the motion by Councillor Staniforth and replace with:

“Council therefore calls for a Report to be brought to the Council meeting in August 2022 considering the costs and feasibility of installing access to a sanitary bin for all toilets on council premises.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	54 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgeleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth:

- 1) To note that sanitary bins were currently only provided in women's and accessible toilets in council buildings.
- 2) To recognise that trans men also needed sanitary bins to dispose of period products.
- 3) To acknowledge that there were a variety of medical conditions that may require the use of wet wipes and other contaminated products such as incontinence pads that required safe disposal.
- 4) To note that the flushing of these products was discouraged by Scottish Water and they were often discharged into our rivers during high rainfall events.
- 5) To agree that having sanitary bins in all toilet cubicles, male, female and accessible would address health, equalities, and environmental issues.

- 6) To therefore agree to the principle of installing sanitary bins in every toilet cubicle on all council premises and agree that a report should come to the Council meeting in August 2022 setting out how this commitment would be delivered.

## 19 Cleaning Up Edinburgh - Motion by Councillor Whyte

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

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

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

- a “Spring Clean” of the City;
- a well-resourced enforcement team to deal with fly-tipping, dumping around bins, litter and dog fouling,
- a Graffiti Taskforce to clean up our public spaces.
- End the Brown Bin Garden Waste Tax to increase recycling and reduce fly tipping.
- Scrap the Special uplift charge to reduce fly-tipping.
- Undertake a full review of the costly and ineffective “Bin Hubs” project for communal bin areas, imposed on so many residents against their will and without respecting their views
- Improve the efficiency of collections from existing hubs and introduce proper and regular clean-ups around them.
- Start a programme to put communal bins underground wherever possible.
- Keep Gull Proof Sacks where they are wanted in the World Heritage Site unless a better alternative can be implemented with residents’ support.
- Reintroduce a comprehensive weed clearing programme, with a clear, timetabled programme of cleaning and weeding to replace the current request-only system.

- Improve the maintenance schedule for litter bins.
- Develop technology solutions for reporting problems, like with QR codes on bins.
- Re-instate a programme to regularly clear street drains to prevent local flooding.

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

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Whyte.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Cowdy

### **Amendment 1**

To replace the final two paragraphs of the motion by Councillor Whyte with:

“Thanks the Council’s waste and cleansing staff for the work they do to maintain our city in the face of the many challenges encountered.

Agrees to take a data driven approach to implementing improvements to Edinburgh’s waste and cleansing service, and collaboratively set realistic stretch targets as part of the Council’s Business Plan.

Agrees to openly and transparently scrutinise the delivery of these services as part of biannual reports to the Transport and Environment Committee.

Agrees for a report to be provided to the Transport and Environment Committee by the end of 2022 providing details of impactful and deliverable actions that can be implemented to improve the cleanliness and upkeep of our public realm along with costings to allow the necessary budget implications to be considered by the Council.

Notes recent concerns raised by Councillors and members of the public regarding unsightly phone boxes and other neglected street clutter owned by third parties and agrees that the Committee report should include options for cleaning and removing these in consultation or partnership with the owners.



Notes that the Bin Hub roll out is well underway and agrees that an update briefing note be provided to Councillors on the status of the implementation of increased collection schedules for communal bins along with any data on effectiveness.”

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Graham

### **Amendment 2**

1) To delete paragraph 2 of the motion by Councillor Whyte and replace with:

“Notes that all parties proposed actions in manifestos to improve waste collection and street cleanliness and these varied on policies such as resource allocation, service delivery model and specific targeted actions.”

2) To delete the last paragraph of the motion by Councillor Whyte and replace with:

“Council therefore calls for the report to be provided to the Transport and Environment Committee by October 6th, providing an update on the delivery of the Communal Bin Review, including providing options for further actions to move locations where local elected members engaging with the community can identify an alternative location that meets service needs.

Further agrees this report provides a wider update on with options for additional actions to be implemented to improve the cleanliness and upkeep of our public realm along with costings to allow the necessary budget implications to be considered by the Council.”

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor McVey

### **Amendment 3**

1) To replace paragraphs 2-4 of the motion by Councillor Whyte as follows:

“2) Manifestos of all political groups elected were published.

3) Council notes that the bin hub roll out has been delayed.

4) Council therefore calls for a report to be provided to Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles providing detail on how waste policies which have shared support by political groups in this council can be implemented to improve the cleanliness and upkeep of our public realm along with costings to allow the necessary budget implications to be considered by political groups when developing their budget motions.”

2) To insert a new paragraph 5 to the motion by Councillor Whyte:

“5) Notes the decision of the Transport and Environment Committee on 14 October 2021 and reaffirms this Council’s support for residents in the UNESCO world heritage site of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh to embrace the zero waste hierarchy in answer to their call for lower impact of waste on the world heritage site, and therefore calls for the report to Committee to include progress regarding the zero waste hierarchy for these and all residents of Edinburgh.”

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an amendment to the motion, Amendment 2 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion and Amendment 3 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Whyte:

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

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

- a “Spring Clean” of the City;
- a well-resourced enforcement team to deal with fly-tipping, dumping around bins, litter and dog fouling,
- a Graffiti Taskforce to clean up our public spaces.
- End the Brown Bin Garden Waste Tax to increase recycling and reduce fly tipping.
- Scrap the Special uplift charge to reduce fly-tipping.
- Undertake a full review of the costly and ineffective “Bin Hubs” project for communal bin areas, imposed on so many residents against their will and without respecting their views
- Improve the efficiency of collections from existing hubs and introduce proper and regular clean-ups around them.

- Start a programme to put communal bins underground wherever possible.
  - Keep Gull Proof Sacks where they are wanted in the World Heritage Site unless a better alternative can be implemented with residents' support.
  - Reintroduce a comprehensive weed clearing programme, with a clear, timetabled programme of cleaning and weeding to replace the current request-only system.
  - Improve the maintenance schedule for litter bins.
  - Develop technology solutions for reporting problems, like with QR codes on bins.
  - Re-instate a programme to regularly clear street drains to prevent local flooding.
- 2) To thank the Council's waste and cleansing staff for the work they do to maintain our city in the face of the many challenges encountered.
  - 3) To agree to take a data driven approach to implementing improvements to Edinburgh's waste and cleansing service, and collaboratively set realistic stretch targets as part of the Council's Business Plan.
  - 4) To agree to openly and transparently scrutinise the delivery of these services as part of biannual reports to the Transport and Environment Committee.
  - 5) To agree for a report to be provided to the Transport and Environment Committee by the end of 2022 providing details of impactful and deliverable actions that could be implemented to improve the cleanliness and upkeep of our public realm along with costings to allow the necessary budget implications to be considered by the Council.
  - 6) To note recent concerns raised by Councillors and members of the public regarding unsightly phone boxes and other neglected street clutter owned by third parties and agree that the Committee report should include options for cleaning and removing these in consultation or partnership with the owners.
  - 7) To note that the Bin Hub roll out was well underway and agree that an update briefing note be provided to Councillors on the status of the implementation of increased collection schedules for communal bins along with any data on effectiveness.

- 8) To note the decision of the Transport and Environment Committee on 14 October 2021 and reaffirm this Council's support for residents in the UNESCO world heritage site of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh to embrace the zero waste hierarchy in answer to their call for lower impact of waste on the world heritage site, and therefore call for the report to Committee to include progress regarding the zero waste hierarchy for these and all residents of Edinburgh
- 9) To note that all parties proposed actions in manifestos to improve waste collection and street cleanliness and these varied on policies such as resource allocation, service delivery model and specific targeted actions.
- 10) To therefore call for the report to be provided to the Transport and Environment Committee by October 6th, providing an update on the delivery of the Communal Bin Review, including providing options for further actions to move locations where local elected members engaging with the community can identify an alternative location that meets service needs.

## **20 Restoring a Bus Service for Willowbrae, Lady Nairne and Bus for Dumbiedykes - Motions by Councillors Whyte and Mowat**

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The following motions by Councillors Whyte and Mowat were submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

- a) By Councillor Whyte

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

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

Council therefore agrees that officers should provide a report to the Transport Committee within two cycles detailing the subsidy required to restore a bus service to the Willowbrae/Lady Nairne area in order that budget approval for such a service could be sought. The report should explore alternatives to a

traditional bus service through the use of suitable smaller vehicles by a traditional bus operator or the use of Community Transport provider. Flexibility in service structure should be used to ensure an appropriate transport service for those who most need it in the area and provide a solution to ensure a necessary social transport solution even if traditional provision proves difficult to fund.”

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Jones

b) By Councillor Mowat

“Council recognises that Dumbiedykes is a housing scheme built in the City Centre; that Edinburgh’s geography means that Dumbiedykes is at the bottom of steep hill; that many of the services that residents use are up the hill in the Southside; that the community is not served by a scheduled bus service since the 35 has been moved back onto its regular route of the Royal Mile and further recognises that it sits within a Datazone that falls into the 4th most deprived decile using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and that despite its relative proximity to the City Centre only achieves a 4 for geographical access which recognises that this is not a well-connected community and that this restricts the access of residents to essential health services and their access to work and therefore calls for a Report into the short term options for improving access for this community to their essential services recognising their calls over many years for improved regular scheduled bus access.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Graham

### **Amendment 1**

To delete paragraph 2 of the motion by Councillor Whyte and replace with:

“Council recognises the context for the decision to discontinue the 69 bus service. Council further recognises the progress of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 which is undoing the damage of the privatisation and deregulation introduced by the Transport Act 1985 of Thatcher’s Conservative government and the lasting damage that that legislation has caused municipal bus services across the UK by subordinating social good to private profit.”

- moved by Councillor Aston, seconded by Councillor Macinnes

### **Amendment 2**

To propose a composite of the motion by Councillor Whyte (Restoring a Bus Service for Willowbrae/Lady Nairne) with the motion by Councillor Mowat (Bus for Dumbiedykes):

To amend the text of the motion by Councillor Whyte as follows:

Include paragraph 1 from the motion by Councillor Whyte:

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

Include text from the motion by Councillor Mowat:

- 2) Council recognises that Dumbiedykes is a housing scheme built in the City Centre; that Edinburgh's geography means that Dumbiedykes is at the bottom of steep hill; that many of the services that residents use are up the hill in the Southside; that the community is not served by a scheduled bus service since the supported bus service was withdrawn and the 35 has been moved back onto its regular route of the Royal Mile and further recognises that it sits within a Datazone that falls into the 4th most deprived decile using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and that despite its relative proximity to the City Centre only achieves a 4 for geographical access which recognises that this is not a well-connected community and that this restricts the access of residents to essential health services and their access to work

Replace paragraphs 2 and 3 of the motion by Councillor Whyte as follows:

- 3) Council further notes that the withdrawal of service 69 and bus services from Holyrood Road were not isolated cases, that Lothian Buses carries out regular bus service reviews and at these reviews it makes operational decisions to commission, alter or withdraw services for communities which may then suffer from a lack of public transport
- 4) Council notes that the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report on Award of Contracts for Supported Bus Services at a meeting on 27 February 2020 and agreed an amendment to the report recommendations:  
  
'1.1.6 notes the bus network changes announced by Lothian Buses on 20th February to be implemented on 29th March, and calls on officers to identify any emerging requirements for supported bus services, including but not limited to the residential area around Holyrood Road & Dumbiedykes, and the residential areas and leisure facilities in Ratho.'

- 5) Notes however the unprecedented changes to modes and patterns of transport as a result of the pandemic, beginning just weeks after the Committee took this decision in spring 2020 and the outstanding action point.
- 6) Council therefore calls for officers to provide a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in two cycles as per the decisions of committee on 27 February 2020, and contextualising this within a wider review of community requirements for supported bus services across Edinburgh, considering alternative models of provision including demand responsive transport and community transport noting recent schemes in the SEStran area, and providing financial information on provision of supported bus services or alternative models which will allow groups to bring forward budget proposals.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Bandel

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

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motions by Councillors Whyte and Mowat:

- 1) Council notes that when Lothian Buses withdrew the service 69 with little notice to service users in early 2020 it left the Willowbrae/Lady Nairne area without a bus service. This has isolated many older and disabled people in the area, which is extremely hilly and, apart from one local shop, is entirely residential. The mobility problems caused by the lack of a bus service for this community were highlighted in detail through a survey by the Northfield/Willowbrae Community Council the results of which were passed on in detail to the then Transport Convener.
- 2) Council recognises the context for the decision to discontinue the 69 bus service. Council further recognises the progress of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.
- 3) Council therefore agrees that officers should provide a report to the Transport Committee within two cycles detailing the subsidy required to restore a bus service to the Willowbrae/Lady Nairne area in order that budget approval for such a service could be sought. The report should explore alternatives to a traditional bus service through the use of suitable smaller vehicles by a traditional bus operator or the use of Community Transport provider. Flexibility in service structure should be used to ensure an appropriate transport service for those who most need it in the area and provide a solution to ensure a necessary social transport solution even if traditional provision proves difficult to fund.

- 4) Council recognises that Dumbiedykes is a housing scheme built in the City Centre; that Edinburgh’s geography means that Dumbiedykes is at the bottom of steep hill; that many of the services that residents use are up the hill in the Southside; that the community is not served by a scheduled bus service since the 35 has been moved back onto its regular route of the Royal Mile and further recognises that it sits within a Datazone that falls into the 4th most deprived decile using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and that despite its relative proximity to the City Centre only achieves a 4 for geographical access which recognises that this is not a well-connected community and that this restricts the access of residents to essential health services and their access to work and therefore calls for a Report into the short term options for improving access for this community to their essential services recognising their calls over many years for improved regular scheduled bus access.
- 5) Notes however the unprecedented changes to modes and patterns of transport as a result of the pandemic, beginning just weeks after the Committee took this decision in spring 2020 and the outstanding action point.
- 6) Council therefore calls for officers to provide a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in two cycles as per the decisions of committee on 27 February 2020, and contextualising this within a wider review of community requirements for supported bus services across Edinburgh, considering alternative models of provision including demand responsive transport and community transport noting recent schemes in the SEStran area, and providing financial information on provision of supported bus services or alternative models which will allow groups to bring forward budget proposals.

## **21 Rainbow Bridge/Lindsay Road Bridge - Motion by Councillor Booth**

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

“Council:

- 1) Notes that Leith ward councillors received a letter from council structures engineers on 14 December 2021 informing them of the immediate closure on safety grounds of the Lindsay Road pedestrian/cycling bridge, also known as the Rainbow Bridge, on safety grounds;
- 2) Notes that this bridge is a popular and well-used walking, wheeling and cycling route from North Leith to Western Harbour and Newhaven, is fast becoming an icon for the LGBT+ community because of its striking rainbow



paintwork, and has also been used as an outside hospitality area by a local pub;

- 3) Is concerned that, six months on from its emergency closure, the bridge remains closed and the communities of North Leith, Newhaven and Western Harbour have been deprived of an important walking and cycling route for that time;
- 4) Therefore agrees that a report will be presented to the meeting of Transport and Environment Committee, in October 2022, outlining options for the future of the bridge, which should include, but not be limited to, the option of an 'intermediate solution' of partial infilling of the very corroded middle span, which may allow the bridge to continue to be used for walking, wheeling and cycling, and may also allow its continued use as an outside hospitality area."

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor McVey

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Booth.

## **22 Cost of Living Support - Motion by Councillor Biagi**

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

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

year. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend

- 3) To commission a further report to return to Council in one cycle to outline further options for financial support from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-living.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Biagi.

- moved by Councillor Biagi, seconded by Councillor Mattos Coelho

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To accept point 1 in the motion by Councillor Biagi.
- 2) To delete *Leadership Advisory Panel within two weeks* and insert a Special Finance and Resources Committee in early August at point 2 in the motion.
- 3) To delete point 3 in the motion and replace with:

“To call a special meeting of the key Edinburgh Partnership members in July to inform the priorities for future CEC and partner spend to assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-living including support to access the £84m unclaimed DWP benefits

To commission a further report to return to the Council in one cycle outlining options for future cost of living support options.”.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment 2**

In section 2 of the motion by Councillor Biagi, to delete “Leadership Advisory Panel” and insert “an emergency meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee”.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Beal

### **Amendment 3**

- 1) To replace paragraph 2a) in the motion by Councillor Biagi:
  - 2a) approving a further low-income household payment of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals, repeating the scheme approved on 24 February 2022. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend.

With:

“2a) approving a further low-income household payment of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals, repeating the scheme approved on 24 February 2022, and the immediate cancellation of all school meal debt owed by students and families. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend.”

2) To replace paragraph 3 in the motion:

3) to commission a further report to return to Council in one cycle to outline further options for financial support from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-living.

With:

“3) to commission a further report to return to Council in one cycle to outline further options for financial support from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of- living, including expansion of free school meals to older children, and improved access for families to social security maximalisation schemes.”

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion, and Amendments 2 and 3 were adjusted and accepted as amendments to the motion.

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Biagi:

1) To note:

- a) the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and Bank of England predictions that inflation could reach 11% in this financial year, far surpassing prior estimates.
- b) that in February it agreed additional cost-of-living support measures.
- c) the estimated underspend of £3.9m on the balanced budget passed for the 2021-22 financial year.

- 2) To agree to convene an emergency meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee within two weeks, with a report to consider the feasibility and costs of:
  - a) approving a further low-income household payment of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals, repeating the scheme approved on 24 February 2022, and the immediate cancellation of all school meal debt owed by students and families. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend.
  - b) Adding a one-off Living Costs Top-up Grant to the school clothing grant so that it is increased to £200 per qualifying child for this coming school year. To be used from the additional unallocated reserve funding carried over from the 21/22 underspend
- 3) To commission a further report to return to Council in one cycle to outline further options for future cost of living support options from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-. living, including expansion of free school meals to older children
- 4) To call a special meeting of the key Edinburgh Partnership members in July to inform the priorities for future CEC and partner spend to assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-living including support to access the £84m unclaimed DWP benefits

## **23 Accessibility Commission - Motion by Councillor Macinnes**

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

“Council:

- 1) Recognises that Edinburgh is undergoing significant, ongoing change to its transport network and placemaking efforts, particularly as we move towards our 2030 Net Zero Carbon commitments and make further efforts to prioritise walking, wheeling and cycling.
- 2) Recognises that while reducing private car use is vital if we are to meet these aims as well as tackle congestion, many older and disabled residents rely on car transport to go about their lives and that lack of accessibility remains a significant issue for many in our community. Notes that many already use or would wish to use wheeling and cycling as a means of tackling mobility and

disability challenges and that this should be recognised and facilitated within our policy development and implementation.

- 3) Notes the existing forums and stakeholder groups, like the Edinburgh Access Panel, who already made a significant contribution to these issues and agrees the need to ensure that community voices reflecting lived experience are heard as we shape the future of this city together.
- 4) Further notes that there is a need to provide additional input to the approach of the Council to ensure currently unheard or disadvantaged groups provide valuable input to help shape policy and implementation plans. Recognises this would help the Council ensure that we take the right policy decisions to tackle current transport inequalities and that we implement those policies in a way that reflects what we hear from residents and experts about meeting the needs of older and disabled residents.
- 5) Therefore, requests a report within 3 cycles which outlines options for creating an Accessibility Commission, following the same participatory model of the Poverty Commission. This report should provide options for membership, specific objectives relating to identified major projects and general policies, and how the establishment of an Accessibility Commission can work effectively alongside Council consultation and engagement activity.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

### **Amendment**

- 1) In paragraph 2 of the motion by Councillor Macinnes, insert at the end of the first sentence:  
  
“Recognises that some decisions taken by the Council over the last five years have not always recognised or responded adequately to these needs, and that lessons must be learned from this.”
- 2) To delete paragraph 5 of the motion and insert:  
  
“5) Agrees that a report be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles, setting out how the Council’s engagement with the Edinburgh Access Panel can be strengthened and how the panel’s role in shaping Council decisions can be improved.”
- 3) To add to the end of the motion:

- “6) agrees that officers should, ahead of the committee’s consideration of this report, facilitate a round table meeting so all members of the new Transport & Environment Committee can meet with representatives of the Edinburgh Access Panel to better understand priorities and the improvements which can be delivered in the short term to improve accessibility across the city.
- 7) agrees that, as part of the Transport & Environment Committee work plan, there should be an annual accessibility report, detailing the steps taken by the Council over the preceding 12 months to address accessibility issues and setting out the key priorities and additional actions to be taken for the year to come.”

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was accepted as an amendment to the motion

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To recognise that Edinburgh was undergoing significant, ongoing change to its transport network and placemaking efforts, particularly as we move towards our 2030 Net Zero Carbon commitments and make further efforts to prioritise walking, wheeling and cycling.
- 2) To recognise that while reducing private car use was vital if we were to meet these aims as well as tackle congestion, many older and disabled residents rely on car transport to go about their lives and that lack of accessibility remains a significant issue for many in our community. To recognise that some decisions taken by the Council over the last five years have not always recognised or responded adequately to these needs, and that lessons must be learned from this. To note that many already use or would wish to use wheeling and cycling as a means of tackling mobility and disability challenges and that this should be recognised and facilitated within our policy development and implementation.
- 3) To note the existing forums and stakeholder groups, like the Edinburgh Access Panel, who already made a significant contribution to these issues and agree the need to ensure that community voices reflecting lived experience were heard as we shape the future of this city together.
- 4) To further note that there was a need to provide additional input to the approach of the Council to ensure currently unheard or disadvantaged groups provide valuable input to help shape policy and implementation plans. To

recognise this would help the Council ensure that we took the right policy decisions to tackle current transport inequalities and that we implemented those policies in a way that reflects what we heard from residents and experts about meeting the needs of older and disabled residents.

- 5) To agree that a report be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles, setting out how the Council's engagement with the Edinburgh Access Panel could be strengthened and how the panel's role in shaping Council decisions could be improved
- 6) To agree that officers should, ahead of the committee's consideration of this report, facilitate a round table meeting so all members of the new Transport and Environment Committee could meet with representatives of the Edinburgh Access Panel to better understand priorities and the improvements which could be delivered in the short term to improve accessibility across the city.
- 7) To agree that, as part of the Transport and Environment Committee work plan, there should be an annual accessibility report, detailing the steps taken by the Council over the preceding 12 months to address accessibility issues and setting out the key priorities and additional actions to be taken for the year to come.

## **24 Conservative Government Rwanda Policy - Motion by Councillor McVey**

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

- “1) Council welcomes refugees to our Capital.
- 2) Council condemns in the strongest possible terms the extradition of refugees by the Conservative UK Government to Rwanda. This is not only inhumane and contrary to the refugee convention but also an enormous waste of taxpayers money - which could be used to better fund Councils supporting refugees in their area.
- 3) Council welcomes the decision of the European Court of Human Rights which has so far prevented this policy being executed.
- 4) Council agrees that the Council Leader will write to the Home Office to express the City's dismay and disgust at the Conservative UK Government extraditing vulnerable people.

- 5) Council agrees this letter will include Edinburgh's willingness to discuss joining the refugee resettlement scheme when the Conservative UK Government's illegal and inhumane policies are abandoned.
- 6) Agrees to also send this letter for information to COSLA's new President and Community Wellbeing Spokesperson and request they take a COSLA position on the extradition of refugees to Rwanda to communicate a united voice of Local Government that this is not in our name."

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

### **Amendment 1**

To insert after paragraph 3 of the motion by Councillor McVey:

"4) Council further condemns the Conservative government's plans to abolish the Human Rights Act in part so they can try and evade the European Court of Human Rights in order to enable this inhumane policy."

To renumber the remainder accordingly.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Miller

### **Amendment 2**

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

Council:

- 1) Welcomes refugees to Edinburgh.
- 2) Considers that all political parties should be united in wishing to tackle the criminal gangs that profit from smuggling illegal migrants into the UK and the danger and death this creates.
- 3) Notes that the UK Government has negotiated a pilot migration and economic development partnership with Rwanda for the least vulnerable illegal migrants as part of a range of measures to deter people smuggling and illegal migration to this country.
- 4) Recognises that while UK Courts rejected legal challenges to the implementation of the Partnership the European Court of Human Rights has issued an Interim Measure preventing an initial flight and agrees that all legal



issues should be fully and properly considered by the Courts and the UK Government.

- 5) Considers that where political parties disagree with this policy, they should be encouraged to set out at Westminster the action they would take to reduce people smuggling by criminal gangs, and resultant deaths in the English Channel, which should be a common objective for us all.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Bruce

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	54 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgeleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

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

- 4) To further condemn the Conservative government's plans to abolish the Human Rights Act in part so they could try and evade the European Court of Human Rights in order to enable this inhumane policy.
- 5) To agree that the Council Leader would write to the Home Office to express the City's dismay and disgust at the Conservative UK Government extraditing vulnerable people.
- 6) To agree this letter would include Edinburgh's willingness to discuss joining the refugee resettlement scheme when the Conservative UK Government's illegal and inhumane policies were abandoned.
- 6) To agree to also send this letter for information to COSLA's new President and Community Wellbeing Spokesperson and request they take a COSLA position on the extradition of refugees to Rwanda to communicate a united voice of Local Government that this was not in our name.

## **25 Workplace Parking Levy - Motion by Councillor Macinnes**

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

"Council:

- 1) Agrees the existing Council commitment to continue exploration with the intention of implementation, of a Workplace Parking Levy as outlined in the agreed City Mobility Plan.
- 2) Recognises that this proposal must be designed to meet Edinburgh resident's needs and, above all, to contribute to sustainable transport solutions in the city.
- 3) Recognises that there is a clear need, in moving towards our 2030 net zero carbon goals, for significant investment in sustainable transport options, primarily active travel and public transport.
- 4) Recognises that a Workplace Parking Levy can make a serious contribution to improving the transport network in the city, providing cleaner, sustainable options for all to City of Edinburgh Council - 30 June 2022 Page 17 of 32 choose and helping to eradicate existing transport inequalities.
- 5) Requests that an update report on the work to date on an Edinburgh Workplace Parking Levy should be brought to Council within two cycles; and that this report should include an updated position on: the Scottish Government legislation progress, appropriate options on which workplaces should be considered, what appropriate exemptions might be necessary, how

we can encourage employers and workers to shift to sustainable means of travel and how revenues raised can be reserved to directly invest in continued improvements to the transport network.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Booth

### **Amendment 1**

That no action be taken on the matter.

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Bruce

### **Amendment 2**

To replace all of the motion by Councillor Macinnes with:

- 1) Notes Edinburgh does not have the Non-Statutory Guidance needed to implement a Workplace Parking Levy (WPL).
- 2) Agrees that parking is a key part of any transport system, but that poorly managing it leads to higher levels of trip generation and congestion.
- 3) Notes that The Scottish Government has made a clear “commitment” to reducing car-kilometres by 20% (compared to 2019 levels) by 2030 and that City of Edinburgh Council has responded to this with a 30% “target”. Linked to this Edinburgh also has a clear commitment to significantly increase the number of people using public and active travel, both to and within Edinburgh.
- 4) Notes that the focus of the original motion appears to be taxing (and thereby gentrifying) unwanted behaviours (rather than ending them) and that this is incompatible with Edinburgh’s commitment to tackle the climate emergency and reduce car-kilometres.
- 5) Agrees that as Edinburgh works through this transition, its parking needs will change significantly.
- 6) Agrees to a comprehensive review of the scale and distribution of on street and off-street public and private parking in Edinburgh in the context of City Plan 2030, and of how parking demand will change if our capital is to meet its Net Zero and Modal Shift targets.
- 7) Agrees to work with key stakeholders to develop a comprehensive plan to manage parking availability as public and active transport capacity expands.

- 8) Agrees that an initial scoping report should be presented on this to the Transport and Environment Committee before the end of 2022, along with a programme for early delivery of the final report.

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment 3**

- 1) In paragraph 3 of the motion by Councillor Macinnes, after “significant”, insert “additional”.
- 2) In paragraph 4 of the motion, delete “can make a serious contribution to improving” and insert “delivering additional funding which is necessary to improve”
- 3) In paragraph 5 of the motion, delete “Council” and insert “the Transport and Environment Committee for detailed scrutiny”.

- moved by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie, seconded by Councillor Lang

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an amendment to the motion

### **Voting**

In terms of Standing Order 24(4), the Lord Provost ruled that a first vote be taken for or against the motion for no action.

### **First Vote**

The voting was as follows:

For no action	-	9 votes
Against no action	-	54 votes

(For no action: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte

Against no action: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgeleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

As the vote for no action was lost, a second vote between the adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes and Amendment 2 by Councillor Arthur was then taken

### **Second Vote**

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	41 votes
For Amendment 2	-	12 votes
Abstentions	-	10

For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Campbell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Work, Young and Younie

For Amendment 2: Councillors Arthur, Cameron, Dalgleish, Day, Faccenda, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Pogson, Walker and Watt

Abstentions: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Daggart, Jones, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To agree the existing Council commitment to continue exploration with the intention of implementation, of a Workplace Parking Levy as outlined in the agreed City Mobility Plan.
- 2) To recognise that this proposal must be designed to meet Edinburgh resident's needs and, above all, to contribute to sustainable transport solutions in the city.
- 3) To recognise that there was a clear need, in moving towards our 2030 net zero carbon goals, for significant additional investment in sustainable transport options, primarily active travel and public transport.
- 4) To recognise that a Workplace Parking Levy delivering additional funding which was necessary to improve the transport network in the city, providing cleaner, sustainable options for all to choose and helping to eradicate existing transport inequalities.
- 5) To request that an update report on the work to date on an Edinburgh Workplace Parking Levy should be brought to the Transport and Environment Committee for detailed scrutiny within two cycles; and that this report should include an updated position on: the Scottish Government legislation progress,

appropriate options on which workplaces should be considered, what appropriate exemptions might be necessary, how we could encourage employers and workers to shift to sustainable means of travel and how revenues raised could be reserved to directly invest in continued improvements to the transport network.

## **26 Young People's Assembly - Motion by Councillor Macinnes**

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

“Council:

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Flannery

### **Amendment 1**

- 1) To insert new point 3 to the motion by Councillor Macinnes as follows:

“Recognises the vital role that third sector and youth organisations have played in elevating the voices of young people across our communities and recognises that dialogue and partnerships with these organisations will be key to ensuring both:

  - the widest possible demographic of young people have their say; and
  - best practice of democratic participation is shared.”

- 2) To renumber the existing 3 as point 4 in the motion.
- 3) To insert a new point 5 in the motion as follows:

“Agrees the report should also cover the option of consulting with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils on amending the ‘scheme for community councils (CC)’, to ensure that young people to have a stronger role within CC decision making, building on existing initiatives.”

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Young

## **Amendment 2**

To add after point 3 in the motion by councillor Macinnes:

“Further requests that the report recognises the need for the Assembly to offer meaningful political involvement to avoid tokenism, and seeks input from young people to explore their views on an Assembly as a tool for improving youth political engagement.”

- moved by Councillor Bandel, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as amendments to the motion.

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes.

- 1) To recognise that we have the responsibility of both dealing with today’s issues and building a future city that our young people would inherit and contribute to.
- 2) To recognises that there were many areas of Council planning and implementation where young people’s voices were vital in setting our direction. These included, but were not limited to, tackling poverty and its terrible impact on families and the prospects for how people lived their lives, as well as the climate emergency and what we could do here in Edinburgh to meet our obligations to future generations.
- 3) To recognise the vital role that third sector and youth organisations had played in elevating the voices of young people across our communities and recognise that dialogue and partnerships with these organisations would be key to ensuring both:
  - the widest possible demographic of young people had their say; and

- best practice of democratic participation was shared
- 4) To request a report within 2 cycles on how we could quickly set an effective Young Person's Assembly in motion; what its objectives and parameters could be; how the Assembly should be structured to ensure equality in representation from all communities and a clear commitment to establishing a long term focus on young people's needs and request through this forum. To further request that the report recognise the need for the Assembly to offer meaningful political involvement to avoid tokenism, and seek input from young people to explore their views on an Assembly as a tool for improving youth political engagement.
  - 5) To agree the report should also cover the option of consulting with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils on amending the 'scheme for community councils (CC)', to ensure that young people had a stronger role within CC decision making, building on existing initiatives.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Caldwell made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a non-remunerated member of a youth centre.

## **27 Living Hours City - Motion by Councillor Campbell**

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

"Council:

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

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

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

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



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

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

### **Amendment**

1) To insert after paragraph 3 of the motion by Councillor McVey:

“Also notes that workers in Fringe venues are vulnerable to precarious conditions and unfair work practices as highlighted by the Fair Fringe group.”

2) To insert after paragraph 5 of the motion:

“Further agrees to include a strand of work in the Living Wage Action Plan to identify how best to include Edinburgh's festivals in the Living Wage City.”

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Mumford

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

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

- 1) To recognise the fantastic work of the Living Wage Action Group, and the positive news that the city had doubled the number of businesses signing up to become accredited, reaching record numbers of accreditations since becoming a Living Wage City.
- 2) To recognise too the importance of fair wages and fair work in helping residents deal with the cost of living crisis.
- 3) To further note that the Living Hours movement was becoming increasingly recognised as crucial to tackling poverty, and that there was a disproportionately high number of workers in precarious work in the lowest paid sectors such as retail, hospitality and health and social care, sectors

which represented a significant number of jobs in Edinburgh. To also note that workers in Fringe venues were vulnerable to precarious conditions and unfair work practices as highlighted by the Fair Fringe group

- 4) To agree that ensuring workers had at least four weeks notice of shifts, a guaranteed minimum of 16 hours and a contract that accurately reflected the hours should be the aim of every Local Authority.
- 5) To agree in principle that Edinburgh should become Living Hours City, and instruct the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener to take forward discussions with the Living Wage Action Group and Living Wage Scotland on how to make this happen. To further agree to include a strand of work in the Living Wage Action Plan to identify how best to include Edinburgh's festivals in the Living Wage City
- 6) To agree the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee would receive a report in two cycles setting out progress on this and including any barriers the Council would face in becoming a Living Hours employer, and how these could be overcome.

## 28 City Plan - Motion by Councillor Gardiner

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

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

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Gardiner.

- moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Booth

### **Amendment**

- 1) To accept point 1 of the motion by Councillor Gardiner.
- 2) To delete point 2 of the motion and replace with:

- “2) This will set out timing for bringing forward City Plan 2030 following the detailed consideration of responses received during the City Plan 2030 Period of Representation. This detailed consideration is intended to be presented to Planning Committee before the end of the 2022 year.

Council notes with thanks to the council officers who have worked on the City Plan 2030, and to those members, individuals, businesses and other groups that have already contributed their views to this plan.”

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

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	29 votes
For the amendment	-	34 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 the amendment: Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalglish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

### **Decision**

To approve following amendment by Councillor Dalglish:

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

- 1) Planning Committee should consider a report detailing any proposed changes to the Development Plan Scheme at the August 2022 Planning Committee.
- 2) This will set out timing for bringing forward City Plan 2030 following the detailed consideration of responses received during the City Plan 2030 Period of Representation. This detailed consideration is intended to be presented to Planning Committee before the end of the 2022 year.

- 3) Council notes with thanks to the council officers who have worked on the City Plan 2030, and to those members, individuals, businesses and other groups that have already contributed their views to this plan.

## **29 Currie Community High School - Motion by Councillor Gardiner**

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

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

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Gardiner.

- moved by Councillor Gardiner, seconded by Councillor Glasgow

### **Amendment**

To delete all of the motion by councillor Gardiner and replace with:

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

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

- 3) Any delay in completion of construction will not impact the quality of education, facilities and development of teaching materials for those pupils currently attending CCHS.

- moved by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Rust

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	54 votes
For the amendment	-	9 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgeleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For the amendment: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Gardiner:

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

- 1) The new school achieves Passivhaus standard as this would reduce ongoing energy costs for the new facility and contribute towards Edinburgh's carbon reduction.
- 2) There would be no reduction in the educational and community facilities to be incorporated into the new school, including swimming pool.
- 3) Any delay in completion of construction would not impact the quality of education, facilities and development of teaching materials for those pupils currently attending CCHS.

## 30 Bus Lane Hours - Motion by Councillor Booth

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

“Council:

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

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Booth.

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Macinnes

### **Amendment**

To replace paragraph 5 of the motion by Councillor Booth with:

“Agrees that the emerging changes in traffic patterns as we exit the pandemic have strengthened the case for 7/7/7 bus lane operation.

Agrees that a report on 7/7/7 bus lane operation should be provided to the October 2022 Transport & Environment Committee for a decision. This should propose a clear timeline for universal 7/7/7 operation.

Agrees that a clear and consistent approach is needed to manage, protect and enforce bus lanes in Edinburgh.

Agrees that Transport & Environment Committee members should meet with representatives of Lothian Buses (and other providers) and Edinburgh Bus Users

Group to discuss any concerns they may have with respect to bus lane management, protection and enforcement, and share details of opportunities for expanding the bus lane network.

Agrees that this workshop should inform the development of the Public Transport Action Plan which should come to the Transport & Environment Committee at the turn of the year.”

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Graham

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Booth:

- 1) To note the decision of Transport and Environment Committee on 20 June 2019 to carry out a consultation on extending bus lane hours to 7am-7pm, 7 days a week;
- 2) To note this consultation went live on 31 October 2019 and ran until 22 November 2019;
- 3) To note that the consultation report did not return to Transport and Environment Committee for a decision, largely due to the impact of the covid pandemic;
- 4) To agree that, while Edinburgh had an excellent bus service delivered by the world-leading Lothian Buses, that the council should always look for opportunities to improve the reliability and speed of buses in the city;
- 5) To agree that the emerging changes in traffic patterns as we exit the pandemic had strengthened the case for 7/7/7 bus lane operation.
- 6) To agree that a report on 7/7/7 bus lane operation should be provided to the October 2022 Transport and Environment Committee for a decision. This should propose a clear timeline for universal 7/7/7 operation.
- 7) To agree that a clear and consistent approach was needed to manage, protect and enforce bus lanes in Edinburgh.
- 8) To agree that Transport and Environment Committee members should meet with representatives of Lothian Buses (and other providers) and Edinburgh Bus Users Group to discuss any concerns they may have with respect to bus lane management, protection and enforcement, and share details of opportunities for expanding the bus lane network.

- 9) To agree that this workshop should inform the development of the Public Transport Action Plan which should come to the Transport and Environment Committee at the turn of the year.

### **31 Celebrating Pride Month - Motion by Councillor Heap**

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

“Council:

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

#### **Motion**

Council:

- 1) Welcomes the celebration of Pride in Edinburgh this month;



- 2) understands that pride is a celebration of the diversity, history, achievements and equal status of the LGBTIQ+ community;
- 3) celebrates the significant strides made in LGBTIQ+ equality in recent decades, but
- 4) further understands that Pride is also a protest against the continuing, and in some cases, increasing, inequalities faced by this community;
- 5) notes with profound regret the 10% and 87% yearly increases in, respectively, sexual orientation and transgender hate crimes in Scotland in 2021/22,
- 6) understands that trans people are integral part of the LGBTIQ+ community, condemns and opposes the ongoing campaigns of hate against them and supports their right to live free from transphobia and to be recognised by society as they wish,
- 7) agrees to continue to actively support the work of STRIDE (City of Edinburgh Council's LGBTIQ+ Colleague network) by ensuring the network has the required resources to undertake their role in contributing to the creation of an inclusive culture in the organisation,
- 8) welcomes warmly the return of full-scale Pride events in the city after the 2020 and 2021 events were cancelled due to Covid-19, including the Pride March on 25 June,
- 9) Notes that the Council Flag Protocol directs officers to fly the Rainbow Flag only once during June and requests that the Progress Flag is flown from the Chambers for the entirety of the month of June as well as LGBTI+ history month in February and the International Day against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia on May 17.
- 10) and believes the Council has a central role in driving progress towards the full equality and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people in Edinburgh.

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

### **Decision**

To approve the adjusted motion by Councillor Heap.

### 31 Emergency Motion – Buffer Zones - Motion by Councillor Campbell

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The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Council to give early consideration to this matter.

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

“Following the Scottish Government summit on abortion care, and the statement by the First Minister that she would like to work with ‘test councils’ to implement by-laws to create Buffer Zones, Council agrees to express interest in Edinburgh being considered as one of the test Councils and join any discussions with COSLA and the Scottish Government on how to proceed subject to further legal advice on how further hurdles could be overcome.”

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Miller

#### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell.

### 32 Ian Rankin - Motion by Councillor Graham

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

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

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

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

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

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

## **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Graham.

### **33 Dean Park Primary School – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Motion by Councillor Bruce**

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

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

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

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

## **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Bruce.

### **34 Questions**

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The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 3 to this minute.

## APPENDIX 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 7 of 30 June 2022)

### APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022/23

#### CONVENERS AND VICE CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES</b>		
Policy and Sustainability	Convener:	Councillor Day
Culture and Communities	Convener:	Councillor Walker
Education, Children and Families	Convener:	Councillor Griffiths
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work	Convener:	Councillor Meagher
Finance and Resources	Convener:	Councillor Watt
Transport and Environment	Convener:	Councillor Arthur
<b>OTHER COMMITTEES</b>		
Governance, Risk and Best Value	Convener:	Councillor Campbell
Leadership Advisory Panel	Convener:	Councillor Day
Pensions	Convener:	Councillor Watt
Planning	Convener:	Councillor Dalgleish
Development Management Sub	Convener:	Councillor Osler
Regulatory	Convener:	Councillor Neil Ross
Licensing Sub-Committee	Convener:	Councillor Mowat
Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest	Convener:	Councillor Walker

<b>APPEALS</b>		
Committee on Discretionary Rating Appeals	Convener:	Councillor Day
Personnel Appeals	Convener	
Committee on Pupil/Student Support	Convener:	Councillor Meagher
Placing in Schools Appeals		Independent Chairperson
<b>RECRUITMENT</b>		
Recruitment Committee	Convener:	Council Leader

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**APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022/23**

**MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND JOINT BOARDS**

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES</b>	
<p><b>Policy and Sustainability Committee</b>                      (17 members: (including Leader of the Council (Convener) and Depute Leader of the Council - 5SNP, 4L, 3SLD, 3G, 2C)</p>	
Councillor Campbell Councillor Macinnes Councillor McVey Councillor Frank Ross Councillor Biagi Councillor Day (Convener) Councillor Griffiths Councillor Meagher Councillor Watt	Councillor Beal Councillor Dijkstra-Downie Councillor Lang Councillor Mumford Councillor Parker Councillor Staniforth Councillor Doggart Councillor Whyte
<p><b>Culture and Communities Committee</b>                      (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)</p>	
Councillor Glasgow Councillor McFarlane Councillor McNeese Mechan Councillor Meagher Councillor Walker (Convener) Councillor Osler	Councillor Thornley Councillor Heap Councillor Staniforth Councillor Mitchell Councillor Munro
<p><b>Education, Children and Families Committee</b>                      (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)</p>	
Councillor Key Councillor Kumar Councillor Mattos Coelho Councillor Griffiths (Convener) Councillor Walker Councillor Davidson	Councillor Young Councillor Burgess Councillor O'Neill Councillor Cowdy Councillor Jones

<b>Added Members for Education Matters</b>	
Church of Scotland Representative Roman Catholic Representative	Third Religious Representative Parent Representative – non-voting
<b>Finance and Resources Committee</b> (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)	
Councillor Biagi Councillor Hyslop Councillor Nicolson Councillor Griffiths Councillor Watt (Convener) Councillor Neil Ross	Councillor Younie Councillor Mumford Councillor Staniforth Councillor Bruce Councillor Doggart
<b>Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee</b> (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)	
Councillor Campbell Councillor Dobbin Councillor Kumar Councillor Meagher (Convener) Councillor Watt Councillor Caldwell	Councillor Flannery Councillor Parker Councillor Rae Councillor Bruce Councillor Whyte
<b>Transport and Environment Committee</b> (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)	
Councillor Aston Councillor Macinnes Councillor Work Councillor Arthur (Convener) Councillor Graham Councillor Dijkstra-Downie	Councillor Lang Councillor Bandel Councillor Miller Councillor Cowdy Councillor Munro

<b>Other Committees</b>	
<p><b>Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee</b> (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)</p> <p>Note: The Conveners and Vice Conveners of the following Committees shall not be eligible to serve as members of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee:</p> <p>The Policy and Sustainability Committee The Culture and Communities Committee The Education, Children and Families Committee The Finance and Resources Committee The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee The Transport and Environment Committ</p>	
<p>Councillor Campbell Councillor Dixon Councillor Nicolson Councillor Faccenda Councillor Jenkinson Councillor Thornley</p>	<p>Councillor Younie Councillor Bandel Councillor Miller Councillor Mowat Councillor Rust</p>
<p><b>Pensions Committee</b> (5 members –1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)</p> <p>(plus 2 external members representing the employers and the members in the pension funds</p>	
<p>Councillor Biagi Councillor Watt Councillor Neil Ross</p>	<p>Councillor Burgess Councillor Doggart</p>
<b>External Members</b>	
<p>John Anzani</p>	<p>Richard Lamont</p>
<p><b>Planning Committee and Development Management Sub-Committee</b> (11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)</p>	
<p>Councillor Gardiner Councillor Hyslop Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron Councillor Dalgleish (Convener of Planning Committee) Councillor Beal</p>	<p>Councillor Osler (Convener of Development Management Sub) Councillor Booth Councillor O'Neill Councillor Jones Councillor Mowat</p>



<p><b>Planning Local Review Body</b> All members of the Planning Committee (other than its Convener) comprising two panels of five.</p>	
<p><b>Panel 1</b> (5 members)</p>	
<p>Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron Councillor Gardiner Councillor Jones</p>	<p>Councillor O'Neill Councillor Osler</p>
<p><b>Panel 2</b> (5 members)</p>	
<p>Councillor Beal Councillor Booth Councillor Hyslop Councillor McNeese-Mechan</p>	<p>Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Mowat</p>
<p><b>Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee</b> (9 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 1G, 1C)</p>	
<p>Councillor Dixon Councillor Mattos Coelho Councillor Frank Ross Councillor Dalgleish Councillor McKenzie</p>	<p>Councillor Caldwell Councillor Neil Ross (Convener of Regulatory) Councillor Rae Councillor Mowat (Convener of Licensing Sub)</p>
<p><b>Leadership Advisory Panel</b> (5 members of the Council plus 3 statutory representatives, appointed by the committee dealing with education, when considering education business – a group leader from each of the 5 groups))</p>	
<p>SNP Group Leader – Councillor McVey Labour Group Leader – Councillor Day Scottish Liberal Democrat Group Leader – Councillor Lang</p>	<p>Green Group Leader – Councillors Mumford/Stanimforth Conservative Group Leader – Councillor Whyte</p>
<p><b>Administration of Trust Funds</b></p>	
<p><b>Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest</b> (8 members - 2SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 1G, 1C) plus one nominee of Friends of the City Arts Centre and two nominees of Executive Director of Corporate Services</p>	
<p>Councillor Fullerton Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Meagher Councillor Walker</p>	<p>Councillor Osler Councillor Thornley Councillor Rae Councillor Mitchell</p>

<b>Reviews and Appeals</b>	
<b>Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals</b> (5 members –1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Biagi Councillor Day (Convener) Councillor Beal	Councillor Staniforth Councillor Cowdy
<b>Personnel Appeals Committee</b> (9 members – 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 1G,1C)	
Councillor Dobbin Councillor McFarlane Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Griffiths Councillor Meagher	Councillor Dijkstra-Downie Councillor Flannery Councillor Miller Councillor Mowat
<b>Committee on Pupil Student Support</b> (5 members and one religious representative –1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Key Councillor Meagher (Convener) Councillor Davidson	Councillor Burgess Councillor Jones
<b>Placing in Schools Appeal Committee</b> (3 persons drawn from three Panels as described in Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions no.17)	
Panel 1 – All members of Council and religious representatives on the committee dealing with education business	
<b>Recruitment Committee</b>	
Leader of Council (Convener), Deputy Leader of the Council, 2 Executive Committee Conveners and relevant opposition spokespersons (or nominees)	

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**APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022/23**

**JOINT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS, THE LICENSING BOARD**

<b>Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee</b> (9 members – 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Dixon Councillor Glasgow Councillor McFarlane Councillor Dalgleish Councillor Griffiths	Councillor Beal Councillor Caldwell Councillor Staniforth Councillor Mitchell
<b>Licensing Board</b> (9 members: 3 SNP, 2 L, 2 SLD, 1G, 1 Conservative)	
Councillor Fullerton Councillor Key Councillor Work Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron Councillor Graham	Councillor Flannery Councillor Young (Convener) Councillor Booth Councillor Rust (Vice-Convener)
<b>Integration Joint Board</b> (5 members: 1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Nicolson Councillor Pogson (Chair/Vice Chair) Councillor Davidson	Councillor Miller Councillor Mitchell
<b>Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee</b> (1 member)	
Council Leader – Councillor Day	

<b>Edinburgh and South East of Scotland Region – Elected Member Oversight Committee</b> (2 members – previously the Leader and Depute Leader)	
Councillor Day	Vacancy
<b>SEStran (South East of Scotland Regional Transport Partnership)</b> (5 members – 1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Macinnes Councillor Arthur Councillor Lang	Councillor Bandel Councillor Munro
<b>SESPlan Joint Committee (South East Scotland Regional Joint Committee – Planning)</b> (2 members)	
Councillor Arthur	Vacancy
<b>Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee</b> (3 members)	
Councillor Bruce Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Jenkinson
<b>Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum</b> (2 members)	
Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Jenkinson

## **BAILIES**

SNP	– Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan
Labour	– Councillor Margaret Graham
SLD	– Councillor Pauline Flannery
Green	– Councillor Susan Rae
Conservative	– Councillor Jason Rust

## APPENDIX 2

(As referred to in Act of Council No 8 of 30 June 2022)

**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL**  
**APPOINTMENTS TO ORGANISATIONS, COMPANIES,**  
**OUTSIDE BODIES, WORKING GROUPS, ETC**  
**2022-2027**  
**Category 1a – External Organisations**

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Page 109	Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE)	A not-for-profit local government body working with over 300 councils throughout the UK promoting excellence in public services.	2 Members	<b>Substantive Member</b> Councillor Mandy Watt  <b>Substitute Member</b> Councillor Marco Biagi	Corporate Services	
2.	BioQuarter Community Impact Sub-Board (advisory role)	Provides high-level advice and expertise to BioQuarter initiative.	1 member	Councillor Cammy Day	Place	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
3.	Citizens Advice Edinburgh (Observer)	Five advice centres and 15 outreach points across the city. Provides <b>free, confidential, impartial and independent</b> advice on issues including money, benefits, immigration, employment rights, housing, consumer issues, family problems and health services.	1 Member (as observer)	Councillor Martha Mattos Coelho (SNP)	Corporate Services	
4.	COSLA	The representative voice of Scottish local government, lobbying on behalf of Scotland's 32 councils.	6 Members	Councillor Cammy Day (L) Councillor Kevin Lang (SLD) Councillor Lesley Macinnes (SNP) Councillor Adam McVey (SNP) Councillor Alys Mumford (G) Councillor Iain Whyte (C)	Corporate Services	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
4(a)	COSLA Policy Boards		4 members	<p><b>Health and Social Care Board</b> – Councillor Tim Pogson (L)</p> <p><b>Community Wellbeing Board</b> – Councillor Amy McNeese Mechan (SNP)</p> <p><b>Children and Young People Board</b> Councillor Euan Davidson (SLD)</p> <p><b>Environment and Economy Committee</b> Councillor Ben Parker (G)</p>	<p>Health and Social Care</p> <p>Place</p> <p>Education and Children’s Services</p> <p>Place</p>	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
4(b)	COSLA – Scottish Joint Council for Local Government Employees (SJC)	The full SJC meets once a year in November. It has decision making authority. In practice however, decisions about financial matters, and in particular pay, are reserved for Leaders who provide negotiating remits. Each Council should nominate one member for the SJC. The	1 member	Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Corporate Services	
5.	Craigmillar Opportunities Trust (Cre8te)	<del>A social enterprise that delivers services that help to regenerate local communities.</del>	<del>2 Members</del>		Place	<b>Council representation no longer required</b>
6.	Dance Base - Board of Management	Encourages and celebrates the potential for dance in everyone.	1 Member	Councillor Val Walker (L)	Education and Children's Services	



	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
7.	Dean Orphanage and Cauvin's Trust - Board	Works to keep young people from living on the streets and provides a continuum of care to young people aged 15-21 as they make the transition from being looked after and accommodated to living independently in the community.	1 Member	Councillor Euan Davidson (SLD)	Education and Children's Services	
8.	Edible Edinburgh	A cross city partnership aimed to inspire and motivate everyone in the city to work together to build new approaches to food. It helps individuals make healthy food choices, bringing social, economic and environmental benefits for the whole community.	1 member	Councillor Katrina Faccenda	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
9.	Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee	Advises the airport's Managing Director about issues which concern the local communities, travellers and other users of the airport and stimulates interest both within the airport community and local people	2 Members	<b>Substantive Member</b> Councillor Kevin Lang (SLD)  <b>Substitute Member</b> Councillor Scott Arthur (L)	Place	
10.	Edinburgh Area Support Team	Supports the work of the Children's Panel – a group of unpaid volunteers who sit on Children's Hearings on a rota basis.	1 Member	Councillor Simita Kumar (SNP)	Corporate Services	
11.	Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative	A local community benefit society which aims to deliver viable co-operative energy projects in the city.	3 Members	Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie (SLD) (SNP) Councillor Margaret Graham (L) Councillor Ben Parker (G)	Place	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
12.	Edinburgh Festival Centre Ltd	<del>Provides offices and ticketing services for the International Festival.</del>	1 Member		Place	<b>Council representation is no longer required</b>
13.	Edinburgh International Festival Council – Board of Trustees	Administers the affairs of the Edinburgh International Festival Society.	Lord Provost 3 Members	Lord Provost (SLD) Councillor Cammy Day (L) Councillor Joanna Mowat (C) Councillor Hal Osler (SLD)	Place	
14.	Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival – Board of Directors	The Festival is hosted in venues across the city with a selection of performers from across the jazz and blues musical spectrum, also hip-hop, funk and soul music.	3 Members	Councillor Pauline Flannery (SLD) Councillor Cathy Fullerton (SNP) Councillor Joan Griffiths (L)	Place	
15.	Edinburgh International Science Festival Limited (Trading Company)	An educational charity that encourages people of all ages and backgrounds to discover the wonder of the world around them.	4 Members	Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan (SNP) Councillor Alex Staniforth (G) Councillor Val Walker (L) Councillor Louise Young (SLD)	Place	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
16.	Edinburgh Partnership Board	The Community Planning Partnership for the City.	Council Leader (as Chair)  1 member from each political group	Councillor Cammy Day (L) (Chair) Councillor Kevin Lang (SLD) Councillor Adam McVey (SNP) Councillor Alex Staniforth (G) Councillor Iain Whyte (C) Councillor Louise Young (SLD)	Corporate Services	

16(a)	Edinburgh Partnership – Local Community Planning Partnerships	<p>Under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, there is a legislative duty to have locality improvement plans. Each locality community planning partnership is responsible for the development, delivery and joint resourcing of their respective plan, reporting to the board</p> <p><b>North East</b> (Craigentinny/ Duddingston, Leith, Leith Walk and Portobello/Craigmillar wards)</p> <p><b>South East</b> (City Centre, Morningside, Southside/Newington and Liberton/Gilmerton wards)</p>	One elected member for each ward in the locality and officer representation	<b>Authority delegated to the Chief Executive to work with Ward members to agree representation</b>		
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	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
Page 118		<p><b>North West</b> (Almond, Drumbrae/Gyle, Corstorphine/Murrayfield, Forth and Inverleith wards)</p> <p><b>South West</b> (Pentland Hills, Colinton/Fairmilehead, Sighthill/Gorgie and Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart wards)</p>				
	16(b)	Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership	Community Safety Partnership	1 member from each political group	Councillor Tim Pogson (L) Councillor Alex Staniforth (G) Councillor McNeese-Mechan (SNP) Councillor Hal Osler (SLD) Vacancy (C)	
17.	Edinburgh Police Fund for Children (formerly Police Aided Clothing Scheme) – Directors	Provides clothing to children aged 5-18 from underprivileged backgrounds	Lord Provost (ex officio)  1 Member	Lord Provost (ex officio) (SLD) Councillor Max Mitchell (C)	Education and Children's Services	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
18.	Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (Strategy Group)	Umbrella group for businesses making up Edinburgh's tourism sector	1 Member	Councillor	Place	<b>Council representation no longer required</b>
19.	Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature (Trustee)	An independent organisation that works through partnerships providing a focus and co-ordination for literary activity, reaching out to a wide audience to deliver clear benefits for the city and for Scotland.	Lord Provost (ex officio)	Lord Provost (ex officio) (SLD)	Corporate Services	
20.	Edinburgh University Curators of Patronage - Directors	The Curators have the right of nomination to the office of Principal and the patronage of sixteen Chairs and a share in the patronage of a number of other Chairs.	Lord Provost 2 Members	Lord Provost (SLD) Councillor Joan Griffiths (L) Councillor Frank Ross (SNP)	Education and Children's Services	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
21.	Edinburgh University Court – Assessor - Director	The Court is the University's governing body and the legal persona of the University.	Lord Provost	Lord Provost (SLD)	Corporate Services	
22.	Edinburgh World Heritage Trust Board	Provides strategic guidance to support the future development of Edinburgh World Heritage.	2 Members	Councillor Euan Davidson (SLD) Councillor Margaret Graham (L)	Place	
23.	Eurocities Network	<b>A network of major European cities which</b> brings together the local governments of more than 140 large cities in over 30 European countries. It influences and works with the EU institutions to respond to common issues that affect the day-to-day lives of Europeans.	2 Members  (Cannot be a Planning Committee or DM Sub-Committee member)	<b>Substantive member</b> Lord Provost (SLD)  <b>Substitute member</b> Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron (L)  Chief Executive (as Liaison Officer for contact purposes)	Corporate Service	



	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
24.	Handicabs (Lothian) Limited – Executive Committee (HcL – Dial-a-Ride, Dial-a-Bus) (Observer)	Charitable company to provide accessible transport for people in Edinburgh and the Lothians.	1 Member (as observer)	Councillor (Observer)	Place	<b>Council representation no longer required</b>
25.	Imagine - Directors	Promotes and develops the performing arts for children and young people in Scotland.	2 Members	Councillor Pauline Flannery (SLD) Councillor Cathy Fullerton (SNP)	Education and Children's Services	
26.	John Watson Trust	Awards grants to under 21 year olds with either a physical or learning disability or who are in a situation of deprivation.	1 Member	Councillor Finlay McFarlane (SNP)  Head of Schools and Lifelong Learning	Education and Children's Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
27.	Local Authority Pension Fund Forum– Executive Committee	Promotes the investment interests of local authority pension funds and maximises their influence as shareholders whilst promoting social responsibility and corporate governance at the companies in which they invest.	1 Member	Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Corporate Services	
28.	Lothian Homes Trust - Directors	Promotes the education of young people under the age of 22 who are in need of care or are living in deprived circumstances or otherwise require assistance to become adjusted to living independent lives.	4 Members	Councillor Jack Caldwell (SLD) Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron (L) Councillor Vicky Nicolson(SNP) Councillor Susan Rae (G)	Education and Children's Services	

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	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
29.	Lowland Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association	One of 13 autonomous Tri-Service bodies, established to support the Reserve Forces and Cadets in the Lowlands of Scotland.	2 Members	Councillor Phil Daggart (C) Councillor Frank Ross (SNP)	Education and Children's Services	
30.	NHS Lothian – Board	The Board's main role is to protect and improve the health of the people of Lothian and plan services for the local population.	1 Member	Councillor Stephen Jenkinson (L)	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership	
31.	Nuclear Free Local Authorities Scotland	To increase local accountability over national nuclear policy.	1 Member	Councillor David Key (SNP)	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Page 124	32. Nuclear Free Local Authorities UK and Ireland	Comprises member local authorities from England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland and aims to increase local accountability over national nuclear policy, identify the impact of national nuclear policy on local communities and work to minimise nuclear hazards and increase public safety.	1 Member	Councillor David Key (SNP)	Corporate Services	
33.	(Directors of) One City Limited, and thus as Trustees of the One City Trust	Independent Trust which promotes social inclusion in Edinburgh formed in 2003 as a recommendation of the Lord Provost's Commission on Social Exclusion.	Lord Provost (ex officio) 2 Members	Lord Provost (ex officio) (SLD) Councillor Cammy Day (L) Councillor Denis Dixon (SNP)	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
34.	Our Dynamic Earth	Raises awareness and understanding of our planet through the Dynamic Earth exhibition and promotes education and life-long learning in Earth and Environmental Science.	Lord Provost (ex officio)	Lord Provost (ex officio) (SLD)	Education and Children's Services	
35. Page 125	Queen's Hall (Edinburgh) Ltd Director	Offers a wide range of events including classical, jazz, blues, pop, rock, world, folk and comedy and is also home to the Scottish Chamber Orchestra.	1 Member	Councillor Val Walker (L)	Place	
36.	Rosyth Local Liaison Committee	Forum for consulting with local authorities on matters affecting public protection from nuclear and radiation hazards arising from nuclear operations in Rosyth Business Park.	4 Members	Councillor Kevin Lang (SLD) Councillor Norman Work (SNP) Councillor Louise Young (SLD) Councillor Lewis Younie (SLD)	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
37.	The Royal Company of Merchants Endowment Trust  (formerly the Merchant Company – Endowment Trust)	Provides assistance to men and women who meet the criteria.	5 Members	Councillor Steve Burgess (G) Councillor Euan Davidson (SLD) Councillor Max Mitchell (C) Councillor Tim Pogson (L) Councillor Frank Ross (SNP)	Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership	
38	Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo (Charities) Limited - Trustees	Each year, a substantial proportion of surplus funds generated by the Tattoo are distributed to charitable arts and service benevolent organisations.	Lord Provost (ex officio)	Lord Provost (ex officio) (SLD)	Corporate Services	
39.	Royal Scottish National Orchestra – Board of Directors	One of Europe's leading symphony orchestras.	1 Member	Councillor Edward Thornley (SLD)	Place	
40.	Scotland Excel	The Centre of Procurement Expertise for Scotland's local government sector.	2 Members and 2 Substitute Members	Councillor Adam McVey (SNP) Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
41.	Scotland Excel's Joint Committee's Executive Sub		1 member	Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Corporate Services	
42.	Scottish Chamber Orchestra – Board of Directors	One of Scotland's five National Performing Arts Companies.	1 Member	Councillor Val Walker (L)	Place	
43.	Scottish Councils Committee on Radioactive Substances (SCCORS)	Provides a mechanism to identify a common Scottish local authority viewpoint on radioactive waste management issues.	1 Members 1 Officer	Councillor David Key (SNP)	Corporate Services	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
44.	Scottish Enterprise Edinburgh and Lothians	Ensures the private sector and key stakeholders in specific regions have an influential role in Scottish Enterprise's strategy. Regionally based boards advise on the best way to maximise the contribution of each region to Scotland's economic growth.	1 Member	Councillor	Place	<b>Council Representation no longer required</b>

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	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
45.	Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board	Elected Member representation on the Scottish SAB is agreed by COSLA's Convention, with nominations proposed by political Group Leaders. It is expected that this will be confirmed in June following the Local Government Election.  It will be for the Group Leaders and Convention in June to determine if this appointment is to continue	1 Member	Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Corporate Services	
46.	Scottish National War Memorial – Trustees	Responsible for the administration of the Scottish National War Memorial at Edinburgh Castle.	Lord Provost (ex officio)	Lord Provost (ex-officio) (SLD)	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
47.	Smilechildcare	Provides subsidised childcare places and services for low income families	1 Member	Councillor Cathy Fullerton (SNP)	Education and Children's Services	
48.	Spartan's Community Football Academy - Directors	Aims to provide the community of North Edinburgh with a community inspired, developed and managed facility, to help develop people of all ages sporting, social and life skills.	2 Members	Councillor Scott Arthur (L) Councillor Stuart Dobbin (SNP)	Education and Children's Services	
49.	Torness Local Liaison Committee	Discusses safety issues at Torness Nuclear Power Station. To maintain regular communications about nuclear site.	3 Members	Councillor Steve Burgess (G) Councillor Denis Dixon (SNP) Councillor Hal Osler (SLD)	Corporate Services	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
50.	Transform Scotland – Board	The national alliance for sustainable transport, <a href="#">bringing together organisations</a> from the private, public and voluntary sectors.	1 Member	Councillor Scott Arthur (L)	Place	
51.	Wester Hailes Land and Property Development Company Ltd	Promotes the development of land and assets within Wester Hailes to the maximum benefit of the local community and provides a property management service to other community groups.	1 Member	Councillor Neil Gardiner (SNP)	Place	
52.	The Wilson Christie Fund (formerly the John Wilson/Robert Christie Bequest Fund Board of Management - Director	A fund for people over 60 who are in need, live in Edinburgh or Midlothian and have an acutely painful disease.	1 Member	Vacancy	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2022/27</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
53.	Worker's Educational Association Scotland (Observer)	Committed to equality of access to learning and gives priority to providing learning for educationally, socially and economically disadvantaged groups.	1 Member (as observer)	Councillor Walker (Observer)	Education and Children's Services	

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**2022-2027**

**Category 1b – Companies and Other Organisations Owned or Controlled by the Council and Council Joint Venture Companies**

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2017/22</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
54 Page 133	Essential Edinburgh-Business Improvement District (BID) Company Boards	Registered company	To promote collaborative and productive relationships between city centre businesses and the public sector, through the BID framework.	Convener of Housing and Economy Committee	Councillor Jane Meagher (L)	Place	
55.	Business Loans Scotland Ltd	Registered company	A pan-Scotland local authority business loan fund.	1 Member	Councillor	Place	<b>Council representation no longer required</b>

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2017/22</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
56.	Capital City Partnership Ltd	Registered company	The delivery body for the city's employability strategy and programme.	Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work  (Vice-Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee)  1 Member	Councillor Jack Caldwell (SLD) Councillor Jane Meagher (L) Councillor Frank Ross (SNP)	Place	
57.	Capital City Theatres Trust Directors	Registered company	A registered charity which is responsible for the operation and management of the Festival and King's Theatres.	2 Members	Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan (SNP) Councillor Val Walker ((L)	Place	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
58.	CEC Holdings Limited	Registered company	Holding company with a portfolio of operational companies, namely, EDI Group, EICC Ltd, New Edinburgh Ltd, Waterfront Edinburgh Limited, Shawfair Land Limited and PARC Ltd with the original purpose of ensuring tax efficiency across the operational company's portfolio and enable appropriate monitoring and control.	3 Members	Councillor Alan Beal (SLD) Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron (L) 1 Vacancy	Corporate Services	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
59.	EDI Ltd (including EDI Central Ltd, EDI Market Street Ltd, EDI Fountainbridge Ltd, PARC Craigmillar Ltd, PARC Craigmillar Developments LTD, Shawfair Land Ltd, Waterfront Edinburgh Ltd, Waterfront Edinburgh Management Ltd)	Registered company	Private company, owned by the Council and run as an arms-length operation. Main Council owned vehicle for property development and undertakes regeneration projects. It is redeveloping Craigmillar through PARC Limited	<b>7 Directors (1 Exec, 6 Non-Exec)</b>  Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee  (Vice-Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee)  1 Member  3 External through recruitment	Councillor Jane Meagher (L) Councillor Whyte (C) 1 Vacancy	Place	



	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2017/22</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
60.	Edinburgh International Conference Centre Limited	Registered company	Owned by the Council and operates as an independent commercial venture which provides venues for conferences, conventions and exhibitions and acts as agent for development of Exchange district on behalf of the Council.	5 Members	Lord Provost (SLD) Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron (L) Councillor Alys Mumford (G) Councillor Frank Ross (SNP) Councillor Iain Whyte (C)	Corporate Services	
Page 137	Edinburgh Leisure	Registered company	A not-for-profit company to run the Council's sport and leisure services.	5 Members	Councillor Christopher Cowdy (C) Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie (SLD) Councillor Denis Dixon (SNP) Councillor Alex Staniforth (G) Councillor Val Walker (L)	Place	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
62.	Edinburgh Leisure Two	Registered company	A trading company of Edinburgh Leisure.	5 Members	Councillor Christopher Cowdy (C) Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie (SLD) Councillor Denis Dixon (SNP) Councillor Alex Staniforth (G) Councillor Val Walker (L)	Place	
Page 138	Energy for Edinburgh – Board	Registered company	The Council's arms-length energy services company.	3 Members	Councillor Cammy Day (L) Councillor Adam McVey (SNP) Councillor Hal Osler (SLD)	Corporate Services	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
64.	LLP Corporate Body (Housing Management) (Council Reps)  Edinburgh Living LLP		To own and manage housing for market and mid-market rent	5 Members  (Convener and Vice Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee  Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee  1 member  Executive Director of Place)	Executive Director of Place Councillor Kate Campbell (SNP) Councillor Phil Daggart (C) Councillor Susan Rae (G) Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Place	
65.	LPFE Ltd	Registered company	A trading company of the Lothian Pension Fund.	1 Member	Councillor Mandy Watt (L)	Corporate Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2017/22</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
66.	Marketing Edinburgh - Director	Registered company	A public/private body set up to lead and facilitate the promotion of Edinburgh.	3 Members	Councillor Claire Miller (G) Councillor Mandy Watt (L) Vacancy	Place	
67.	Transport for Edinburgh Ltd Board	Registered company	Manages the city's public transport operations to ensure integrated transport across Edinburgh.	4 Members	Councillor Scott Arthur (L) Councillor Jule Bandel (G) Councillor Alan Beal (SLD) Councillor Lesley Macinnes (SNP)	Place	

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**2017-2022**

**Category 2 – Local Organisations**

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2017/22</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
68. Page 141	Community One Stop Shop Management Committee (observer)		The COSS is an independent, free and confidential advice and information service based in the Broomhouse area.	1 Member (as observer)	Councillor Cathy Fullerton	Corporate Services	
69.	Corstorphine Community Centre	Registered Charity	An independent and inclusive community hub providing a range of opportunities including playgroup, keep fit, sports and other activities for all age groups	1 Member	Councillor Alan Beal (SLD)	Education and Children's Services	

	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>No of Members</b>	<b>Council Appointments for 2017/22</b>	<b>Lead Directorate(s)</b>	<b>Comment</b>
70.	Gorgie Memorial Hall Management Committee	Incorporated association	Oversees the running of the Gorgie "Mem" Community Centre, leased from the Council.	All local Ward Members	Councillor Cathy Fullerton (SNP) Councillor Denis Dixon (SNP) Councillor Dan Heap (G) Councillor Ross McKenzie (L)	Corporate Services	
71.	Hutchison Vale Community Sports Club	Registered company	Local community sports club	1 Member	Councillor Cathy Fullerton (L)	Place	
72.	John Watt's Trust	Trust	Grants to people over 55 who have the name Watt and who live in the parish of South Leith or have done so for at least ten years prior to application. People in need who have lived or are living in the City of Edinburgh or Midlothian can apply.	1 Member	Councillor Katrina Faccenda (L)	Education and Children's Services	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
73.	Leith Industrial School Trust	Trust	Gives grants to organisers of groups providing play or holiday activities for the benefit of children living in Leith.	2 Members	Councillor Chas Booth (G) Councillor Katrina Faccenda( L)	Education and Children's Services	
74.	Pilton Central Association/ West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre - observer	Registered Charity	A community managed organisation that aims to maximise community influence, address poverty and bring economic and community benefits to the North Edinburgh area. West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre provides a varied programme of educational and recreational activities to meet the needs of the community.	1 Member	Councillor Stuart Dobbie (SNP)	Education and Children's Services	
75	William Brown Nimmo Charitable Trust	Trust	Provides grants to older women on a low income who were born and live in Leith or Edinburgh.	Lord Provost (ex officio) 1 Member	Lord Provost (ex officio) (SLD) Councillor Katrina Faccenda (L)	Education and Children's Services	

## **Nominations to Outside Bodies**

### **Notes:**

Nominations on behalf of the SNP were submitted by Councillor Fullerton.

Nominations on behalf of the Labour Group were moved by Councillor Day.

Nominations on behalf of the SLD Group were moved by Councillor Young.

Nominations on behalf of the Green Group were moved by Councillor Burgess

Nominations on behalf of the Conservative Group were submitted by Councillor Mowat.

### **Voting**

#### **1) Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative (3 places)**

<b>Councillor Parker</b>	-	39 votes
<b>Councillor Graham</b>	-	34 votes
<b>Councillor Dijkstra-Downie</b>	-	34 votes
Councillor Key	-	19 votes

#### **2) Edinburgh International Festival Council – Board of Trustees (3 places)**

<b>Councillor Day</b>	-	36 votes
<b>Councillor Mowat</b>	-	32 votes
<b>Councillor Osler</b>	-	32 votes
Councillor Heap	-	31 votes
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	-	29 votes



**3) Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival – Board of Directors (3 places)**

<b>Councillor Fullerton</b>	-	60 votes
<b>Councillor Griffiths</b>	-	34 votes
<b>Councillor Flannery</b>	-	32 votes
Councillor Mumford	-	32 votes

(Their being an equal number of votes between Councillors Flannery and Mumford, the decision was taken on the toss of a coin)

**4) Edinburgh World Heritage Trust (2 places)**

<b>Councillor Graham</b>	-	35 votes
<b>Councillor Davidson</b>	-	32 votes
Councillor Mattos Coelho	-	27 votes

**5) Capital City Theatres Trust (2 places)**

<b>Councillor Walker</b>	-	34 votes
<b>Councillor McNeese-Mechan</b>	-	29 votes
Councillor Osler	-	27 votes
Councillor Mitchell	-	18 votes

**6) Energy for Edinburgh (3 places)**

<b>Councillor McVey</b>	-	41 votes
<b>Councillor Day</b>	-	34 votes
<b>Councillor Osler</b>	-	32 votes
Councillor Parker	-	30 votes

## Appendix 3

(As referred to in Act of Council No 34 of 30 June 2022)

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

Further to the answer given by the then Leader of the Council to question 10.4 at the March 2022 meeting of the Council;

- Question** (1) Did the statutory process for the Redetermination Order required to deliver the proposed changes to the Davidsons Mains roundabout commence by the end of March 2022 as suggested?
- Answer** (1) No, I have asked officers to complete this as quickly as possible
- Question** (2) Was the street lighting design completed by the end of March 2022 as suggested?
- Answer** (2) The lighting design was completed in June 2022.
- Question** (3) Was the Stage 2 Road Safety Audit on the proposals started by end of May 2022 as suggested?
- Answer** (3) This scheme has been included in the programme of Road Safety Audits planned for June/July 2022.
- Supplementary Question** Given the answers provided, can the Convener clarify when the changes to the roundabout are now expected to be implemented?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

The critical outstanding task affecting the timescale for delivery of the improvements is the promotion of the required Redetermination Order. All other tasks that still require to be undertaken, prior to procuring a contractor, can be completed within the timescale needed for the statutory process for this Order. Should no objections be received when the proposed Order is advertised publicly, construction should begin within the next 12 – 14 months. However, any objections that are received will require to be referred to Scottish Ministers for determination.

**QUESTION NO 2**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Further to the answer given by the then Convener of Transport and Environment to question 13.1 at the October 2021 meeting of the Council, how many of the 57 streets listed have had speed reduction measures implemented as planned by the end of March 2022?

**Answer**

Seven. It is anticipated that a minimum of 25 more streets will have measures in place by the end of September.

I share your concern about this delay, it is one of many across the Transport and Environment remit. I hope that from August TEC will be able to provide transparent and open scrutiny of project delivery to help ensure schemes have adequate resources to be delivered on time and on budget.

**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Younie for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

- Question** (1) What is the current rationale for the bollards and extended pavements on Barnton Avenue?
- Answer** (1) These were implemented through Spaces for People to provide more space for pedestrians on the route to The Royal High School.
- Question** (2) What traffic order is in place for the extended pavements on Barnton Avenue?
- Answer** (2) A Traffic Order is not required for these temporary footway widenings.
- Question** (3) What risk assessment was carried out prior to the installation of these bollards with respect to the safety of cyclists using the NCR1 cycle route?
- Answer** (3) A risk assessment was undertaken for all of the temporary pedestrian walkways implemented at schools under the Spaces for People programme. This risk assessment did not identify any specific risks to cyclists at this location. Please contact me to see a copy of the risk assessment.
- Question** (4) When is a decision to be taken on whether to retain or remove these bollards?
- Answer** (4) A decision on whether to retain, modify or remove the existing measures will be agreed through the school travel plan, which is anticipated will be considered in August 2022.
- Supplementary Question** 'In answer to question 1, the Convener provided the original rationale for the bollards. Can the Convener clarify whether this rationale still stands given the requirement for social distancing outside has ended?'

**Supplementary  
Answer**

As noted in answer 4 the decision to retain modify or remove the existing measures will be considered by the school travel plan, not as a public health response.

**QUESTION NO 4**

**By Councillor Flannery for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

To ask the Convener of Transport and Environment, what target is the administration setting for city wide recycling rates for the end of this council term?

**Answer**

We plan to update the Council Business Plan later in the year and this will be addressed as part of that. Rather than selecting arbitrary targets which are unachievable, I am working with Officers to understand what is possible (1) within existing budgets, (2) with additional investment and if the cuts planned by the Scottish Government are passed on pro-rata to this service area.

**QUESTION NO 5**

**By Councillor Dilkstra-Downie for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Transport and Environment  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

The October 2021 meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee considered a report 'Active Travel Measures – Traveling Safely Update'.

Paragraph 4.13 of the report said that "it is expected that the review [of School travel plans] will be completed, and draft plans developed by early 2022".

**Question** (1) Is the review of school travel plans now complete?

**Answer** (1) In the context of the report, paragraph 4.13 referred only to the school travel plan reviews for those 35 schools that had temporary measures put in place as part of the Spaces for People programme. The reviews for all of these schools are currently in the final draft stage, with formal sign off by the schools expected to take place at the beginning of the new term in August. However, as the plans are largely complete, officers will be progressing some of the measures identified within them for early delivery over the summer break.

**Question** (2) Which if any school travel plans reviews have yet to be completed?

**Answer** (2) As above, the reviews for all 35 schools are currently in the final draft stage, with formal sign off expected in August.

**Question** (3) Which schools now have revised draft travel plans in place?

**Answer** (3) The 35 schools are:

Bonaly Primary School  
Boroughmuir High School  
Brunstane Primary School  
Bruntsfield Primary School



Buckstone Primary School  
 Carrick Knowe Primary School  
 Castleview Primary School  
 Corstorphine Primary School  
 Craigentenny Primary School  
 Craigour Park Primary School  
 Dalry Primary School  
 Davidson's Mains  
 Ferryhill Primary School  
 Gracemount Primary School  
 Granton Primary School  
 Gylemuir Primary School  
 Hermitage Park Primary School  
 Holy Cross RC Primary School  
 James Gillespie's Primary School  
 Juniper Green Primary School  
 Leith Walk Primary School  
 Longstone Primary School  
 Lorne Primary School  
 Murrayburn Primary School  
 Parson Green Primary School  
 Pirniehall / St David's RC Primary Schools  
 Preston Street Primary School  
 Prestonfield Primary School  
 Royal High School  
 Rudolph Steiner School  
 Sciennes Primary School  
 St Catherine's RC Primary School  
 St Francis RC / Niddrie Mill Primary Schools  
 St George's School  
 St John Vianney RC Primary School

**Supplementary Question**

Can the Convener clarify if ward councillors will be given copies of school travel plans for schools in their wards (or with catchment areas in their wards) once they receive final sign off?

**Supplementary Answer**

Once the plans are signed off, they will be made publicly available to view on the [Streets Ahead Edinburgh](#) website. Links to download the plans will be shared with ward councillors.

**QUESTION NO 6**

**By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) How many individual pieces of feedback have been received regarding the communal bin review (“Bin Hubs”) since their installation in March 2022, broken down by ward?

**Answer** (1) The table below summarises the number of enquiries received from March 2022 in relation to the bin hubs installed as part of Phase 1 of the Communal Bin Review (CBR).

<b>Ward</b>	<b>No. of hubs installed</b>	<b>Enquiries Received</b>
Leith Walk	165	38
Leith	94	36
Craigtinny/ Duddingston	100	48
Inverleith	1	3

**Question** (2) Will the convener meet with myself and other councillors representing tenemented areas such as Leith Walk ward to discuss residents' concerns with the new Bin Hubs, particularly regarding noise from glass recycling being installed directly outside residents' windows?

**Answer** (2) I would be very happy to work with Ward Councillors (within existing budgets) to seek a solution to any problems that exist.

**Question** (3) What assessment (including consultation with outside organisations) has been made of the accessibility of new roadside Bin Hubs situated for residents, including those with mobility issues and whether improvements are required?

**Answer** (3) The Communal Bin Review team carried out an Integrated Impact Assessment which can be found [on the City of Edinburgh Council website](#). The Access Panel and the Royal National Institute of Blind People were engaged as part of the preparation of the Integrated Impact Assessment.

**Question** (4) What additional enforcement is available to-combat the increased fly-tipping around bin hubs in Leith Walk ward?

**Answer** (4) The Street Enforcement Team will continue to patrol the area and enforcement action will be taken where there is sufficient evidence to identify those responsible for failing to dispose of their waste correctly.

Waste collection crews proactively report fly-tipping which is then removed by street cleansing crews. Information on how residents can dispose of bulky items is on the bins and within communication materials which were circulated to residents.

In general terms, the level of fly-tipping in Edinburgh is unacceptable, and I am committed to reversing the sharp rise we have seen over the past five years. It impacts on the wellbeing of residents, and Edinburgh's international reputation.

I see the CBR being part of the solution, but I am also eager to investigate other opportunities.

## QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

On the Council website under EV Charging it states the following - We have been awarded £2.2m of funding from Transport Scotland through the [Switched on Towns and Cities Challenge Fund](#) to put in more electric vehicle charging points across the city.

We are putting in another 81 charging points with 141 electric vehicle charging bays across the city which should be ready to use by **summer 2022**.

- Question** (1) Of the 141 electric vehicle charging bays:  
How many are currently operational (broken down by site)
- Answer** (1) 21 of these chargers are now operational at Ingliston Park and Ride:
- 6 rapid 50kW chargers serving 6 charging bays
  - 15 standard 7kW chargers serving 30 charging bays
- Question** (2) Of the ones NOT operational:
- a) Why are they not operational (broken down by site)
- b) When will they be operational (broken down by site)
- Answer** (2) The table below provides details of each site and the current status of installation. The timetable set out assumes that appropriate grid connections can be established in July 2022.
- The Council is working with third-party operators and contractors to install these chargers. This includes working with the Distribution Network Operators (DNOs) to provide a connection to the power grid. Progress is often dependent on their work programmes and supply chains.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Charger Install</b>	<b>Grid Connection</b>	<b>Testing and Commissioning</b>
Ingliston Park and Ride	Complete	Complete	Complete
King's Road	Complete	Complete	04/07/2022
Fettes Avenue	Complete	Complete	04/07/2022
Montgomery Street	Complete	Complete	11/07/2022
Comely Bank	Complete	Early July	Late July
Thirlestane Road	Complete	Early July	Late July
East London Street	Complete	Early July	Late July
Sheriff Brae	Complete	Early July	Late July
Heriot Row	Complete	Early July	Late July
Maxwell Street	Complete	Early July	Late July
Stewart Terrace	Complete	Early July	Late July
Hermiston Park and Ride	Complete	Complete	04/07/2022 *

\* Due to sickness absence, this may be delayed.

**QUESTION NO 8**

**By Councillor Osler for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

On the 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021, Council unanimously agreed that the then Convener of Transport and Environment would write to both of the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy and the Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero, Energy and Transport in order to seek sufficient increased funding to make critical improvements which will be necessary to protect communities from future flooding. On the 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 the Convener of Transport and Environment agreed that any response received would be made public.

**Question** (1) For each communication, has a response received?

**Answer** (1) A single response was received on behalf of the Scottish Government

**Question** (2) When?

**Answer** (2) The response is dated 21 December 2021.

**Question** (3) By Whom?

**Answer** (3) The response was provided by Màiri McAllan, Minister for Environment and Land Reform.

**Question** (4) Can the response be circulated?

**Answer** (4) The response was circulated to (then) members of the Transport and Environment Committee on 1 February 2022. I will arrange for it to now be shared with all Councillors for information.

**QUESTION NO 9**

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

Please provide the following information, as up to date as possible, regarding any outstanding placing requests for catchment schools (primary and secondary).

**Question** (1) A list of schools where they have been unable to accommodate all catchment children (and numbers affected)

**Question** (2) Of those totals at (1) how many children having siblings at the school already?

**Answer** (1) Note catchment deadline of 24 December 2021 to be & guaranteed a place in the catchment school.

- (2)
- Broughton Primary (2) no siblings in attendance
  - Fox Covert ND Primary (2) both have siblings in attendance
  - Gilmerton Primary (3) no siblings in attendance
  - Kirkliston Primary (1) – there may be a sibling from August 2022
  - Towerbank Primary (1) sibling to be confirmed
  - Boroughmuir High (16) no siblings in attendance
  - James Gillespie’s High (7) no siblings in attendance
  - Leith Academy (2)
  - Liberton High (1)
  - Portobello High (2)
  - St Augustine’s High (5) catchment; non baptised RC; late requests

**Question** (3) How many of the total children at (1) are considered more vulnerable (for example but not limited to additional support needs, looked after children, refugee status, adoption). Please provide totals for the city (not per school) but under the different vulnerability categories.

**Answer** (3) This information is still being analysed and will be provided within the next 10 business days however, at the current time approximately 40% of children and young people across Edinburgh are assessed as having additional support needs (ASN).

In January 2022, two Senior Education Officers and a Senior Transactions Officer, reviewed all the placing requests for non-catchment schools that were received up to **24 December 2021**.

The reasons presented by parents/guardians were considered carefully and where necessary, further information was requested.

The children considered to have exceptional reasons were then presented to the Committee on Pupil Student Support, along with supporting information.

Once agreement was reached, the children were then placed as priority on the requested school waiting list.

Requests received after 24 December are late and are therefore not considered for exceptionality for the requested non-catchment school.

This is in accordance with the policy agreed by committee

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/school-places/start-secondary-school/1>



Currently, the groupings considered for exceptionality and priority on any waiting list are:

Grouping 1: Care Experienced

Grouping 2: Child on Child Protection Register

Grouping 3: Child adopted

Grouping 4: Parent died

Grouping 5: Complex physical, medical needs

Grouping 6: Parent occupation

Grouping 7: Situation involving police

Grouping 8: Complex family circumstances

Parents/guardians have the right of appeal once they have received a letter that indicates the authority is not able to allocate a place. This applies to any requests received irrespective of the fact that they may not have been considered for exceptionality and priority.

The Placing in Schools Committee can consider reasons presented by the parent/guardian. This committee has the power to allocate places irrespective of the fact the intake limit of any school has been reached.

- Question**            **(4)** For children included in (3), please provide the following:
- a)        When will all outstanding appeals be completed?
  - b)        For those allocated a space, what plans are in place to aid transition considering they have missed the standard settling in days already undertaken.
  - c)        For those unsuccessful in securing a space, what other options will be available for appeal or how will they be supported in attending a neighbouring school?

**Answer**

- (4) a) The outstanding appeals for P1 and S1 places will be scheduled to be heard before the start of term in August.
- b) For children who have missed 'normal' transition, no additional settling in would be required unless it was determined a specific need, in which case this would be coordinated by the Support for Learning staff; for children with additional support needs who miss part of their enhanced transition – arrangements would be reviewed and coordinated by the Pupil Support Leader and Support for Learning Coordinators. The Headteacher, or DHT acts as a single point of contact (Named Person) and remits decisions around support at transitions to staff as stated above. Any parent/carer who feels that support is required should contact their current Headteacher.
- c) The arrangements to support pupils in transition are the same regardless of whether the school is catchment or not. The current Headteacher or Head of Centre is the Named Person/single point of contact, who coordinates support. Most children transition with no enhanced support. Enhanced support is provided for children with additional support needs. The nature of the ASN will determine the enhanced transition support and can often start up to two years before transition takes place.

**QUESTION NO 10**

**By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** How much Scottish Government funding was provided to the Council in 2021/22 as a result of the SNP's manifesto pledge to spend £60 million to refurbish all play parks?

**Answer** The Council received £414,000 for this purpose.

**Question** (2) How much of this 2021/22 funding has been spent?

**Answer** (2) The Council spent £323,474 in 2021/22. The funding which wasn't spent in 2021/22 has been carried forward into 2022/23

**Question** (3) Which play parks were upgraded as a result of the 2021/22 funding?

**Answer** (3) Upgrades were made to:

- Fauldburn Park;
- Harrison Park (East and West);
- Meadows;
- Inverleith Park;
- Inch Park;
- Spylaw Park;
- Sevenacre Park;
- Campbell Park;
- Echline Park; and
- Sighthill Park.

**Question** (4) How much play parks funding has been allocated from the Scottish Government for 2022/23?

**Answer** (4) The Council will receive £406,000 in 2022/23.

**Question** (5) Which play parks will be upgraded as a result of the 2022/23 funding?

**Answer** (5) Works have been completed on two parks already this year: Loganlea Avenue; and Glenvarloch Crescent.

In addition, tendering has been completed for: Dundas Park, Morningside Public Park and Clovenstone Gardens.

Work has started at Figgate Park and works are planned at Montgomery Street Park and Saltire Street.

Replacement toddler units will be progressed at Victoria Park, Dumbryden Grove, Hailesland Garden and Morvenside.

If funding allows, Dean Park Place, Westfield Court and Southhouse Square will also be considered for upgrade.

**QUESTION NO 11**

**By Councillor Parker for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) How many new trees have been planted in Edinburgh per year during each of the last five years, and how many trees are planned to be planted per year during 2022, 2023, 2024?

**Answer** (1) The Council's records show the number of trees planted in Edinburgh each year for the last five years as:

2017/18 - 11,800

2018/19 - 19,865

2019/20 - 10,411

2020/21 - 267

2021/22 - 24,332 (net)

Each year from 2022/23 until 2031 the Council plans to plant around 25,000 new trees each year as part of Edinburgh Million Tree City project.

**Question** (2) When new trees are planted, what is the process to select materials under trees if not natural mulching, and what factors are considered in this process?

**Answer** (2) Typically, but not exhaustively, trees in grass or soft landscaping areas may be left with bare bases or mulched. In hard standing, trees will be planted in prepared tree pits and may be left bare, covered with a tree grille, or resin. The factors considered in this process include existing surfaces, reinstatement, future maintenance requirements, and budget.

**Question** (3) Please share the council's current tree watering plan, split between trees of different maturities.

**Answer** (3) This plan is currently being developed and will be shared with Culture and Committee when available.

- Question** (4) On a weekly basis, how much water does a newly planted tree require, and how long does it take to provide water to all newly planted trees across the city (including water filling time, transportation time and watering time)?
- Answer** (4) A newly planted tree requires between 0-20 litres, depending on uptake of overtime by the arborist squads. Filling time approximately 1hr per 1000ltrs. Transportation time depends on location of trees, traffic and road works so is variable. Time per tree depends on how many trees are at each location but approximately 5 mins per tree to administer 20ltrs once tree has been reached.
- Question** (5) Please indicate the council's current FTE for tree watering, are there any unfilled vacancies, and how does the council ensure flexibility of resource to respond to extreme weather events such as hot weather and drought?
- Answer** (5) Due to the variability in demand, there are no dedicated resources for this work currently. While some watering can be carried out during normal working hours, overtime is also used where resources are available. This is especially important at critical times e.g, especially dry periods.
- Maintenance is also important, and officers are looking at how best to resource this as part of Edinburgh Million Tree City project.
- Question** (6) What is the current policy and process to work with volunteers and local groups who water trees?
- Answer** (6) There is no policy or process to use volunteers; however, it is something that is being looked at as part of Edinburgh Million Tree City and Thriving Greenspaces projects. Labels are attached to new trees to encourage local people to water the trees but there is no way to calculate their effectiveness. We encourage all residents and businesses to look after young trees nearby.

**QUESTION NO 12**

**By Councillor Mowat for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) Why has there been a six-month delay in publishing the ETROs for the conversion of Spaces for People to Travelling Safety?

**Answer** (1) The preparation of the necessary plans and documents for the various Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) has taken much longer than originally expected. The proposed orders are complex and require changes to the existing permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). As a result, unfortunately, it has taken longer than planned to prepare and check the large ETRO packages.

I share your concern about this delay, it is one of many across the Transport and Environment remit. I hope that from August TEC will be able to provide transparent and open scrutiny of project delivery to help ensure schemes have adequate resources to be delivered on time and on budget.

**Question** (2) Who has prepared the drawings and consultation for the ETROs and why is there no information advertising these further changes on the front page of the Council's website or in the Consultation Hub?

**Answer** (2) Project Centre Limited prepared the plans and documents. Proposed changes to TROs are not advertised on the Consultation Hub, these have been advertised on the Council's Traffic Orders webpage, following a stakeholder notification.

**Question** (3) A number of Spaces for People schemes were officially graded as having a negative impact on people with mobility issues. Has the extra time been used to improve designs to reduce the negative impact and, if so, please can examples be provided?

- Answer** (3) The majority of schemes are a straight transition from the existing measures to ETRO trial. Some changes have been made on schemes to improve parking access and to increase the provision of Blue badge parking spaces. However, the measures installed in the Town Centres were officially graded as having a negative impact on people with mobility issues. These have now been removed apart from a few minor measures at specific locations.
- Question** (4) The six-month delay has provided even more time for data collection on usage of cycle lanes, which is desirable when preparing for and carrying out an experiment. Please can detail of the additional data collected during this time period be provided?
- Answer** (4) There have been some further traffic surveys carried out for certain schemes to provide additional data on the usage. This information will be used, alongside information gathered as part of the monitoring and evaluation process for schemes for which Experimental Traffic Orders are made. This can be shared on request.
- Question** (5) In December 2021, stakeholders were invited to feedback on the proposed ETROs. Can detail of how this feedback has shaped each proposed ETRO be provided?
- Answer** (5) I understand that details of the recommendations and revisions from the stakeholder feedback will be incorporated into a forthcoming report to the Transport and Environment Committee.
- Question** (6) Good experiments answer specific and clearly posed questions. By the start of the proposed ETROs for Lanark Road and Longstone, the schemes will have been installed for 18 months.
- a) What specific questions will be answered by the proposed ETRO that cannot already be answered on the basis of existing evidence?
  - b) What KPIs and targets will be used to measure whether the experiments are successful?



- Answer**                   **(6)** It was agreed by TEC and 2021 that:
- a) The proposed trial will allow officers to monitor and evaluate each scheme over the formal consultation period when future mobility patterns are better known.
  - b) The proposed monitoring and evaluation plan will be included in a future report to the Transport and Environment Committee.

**Question**                   **(7)** In the Scottish Government Covid 19 guidance on temporary traffic regulation orders and notices, on p3 it states: "*Traffic authorities may make temporary traffic regulation orders covering their roads for a number of reasons for up to 18 months.*" A number of Spaces for People schemes have now been in place for over 18 months, and mask wearing restrictions on public transport have been removed. What is the legal basis under which these schemes are in place currently?

Source:

<https://www.transport.gov.scot/media/47432/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-temporary-traffic-regulation-orders-and-notices.pdf>

**Answer**                   **(7)** Under normal circumstances (ie. without an extension from the Scottish Ministers) an individual TTRO can last up to 18 months. However, if the danger still exists, it is reasonable to make a new order. It is the professional judgment of Officers that the risk remains.

**QUESTION NO 13**

**By Councillor Mitchell for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

Please could the Convener confirm:

**Question** (1) The amount of money currently held by the Council from overpayments of Council Tax by residents?

**Answer** (1) For 2021/22 the value of Council Tax 'credits' that remain unclaimed is £2,188,863. This figure is 0.8% of the total payments made in 2021/22 and work is ongoing to reduce this amount.

**Question** (2) The current process of refunding?

**Answer** (2) Following the identification of a credit balance the Council issues a credit note which advises citizens how to progress a refund. If a customer pays by direct debit the team should process the refund without the need for a credit note to be issued. Similarly direct debit payers who leave Edinburgh and complete the Council's online change of address form will have their refund process partially automated. Work is underway to fully automate the refund process for direct debit payers, which is the most common payment method.

A regular review of high value credits is undertaken and further contact is made with these customers. Initial analysis shows that over 60% of Council Tax credits for 2021/22 are less than £100.

**QUESTION NO 14**

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) In relation to the Electric vehicle charging point map available through the link on the council website, can we be assured that any 'out of service' charging stations are updated to this list on a timely basis?

**Answer** (1) ChargePlace Scotland is appointed by Transport Scotland as the network operator for all chargers owned by Local Authorities across Scotland. The ChargePlace website and map are currently maintained by SWARCO who have automated communications in place with each charging unit so they can update their systems in real time. I hope this is an acceptable alternative to Officers providing a bespoke map showing these details.

**Question** (2) What is the future rollout of charging point locations broken down by ward and the dates of when these will become operational?

**Answer** (2) The table below provides an overview of the current timetable to install chargers and includes the charger location and ward.

<b>Location</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Charger Install</b>	<b>Grid Connection</b>	<b>Testing and Commissioning</b>
Ingliston Park and Ride	Almond	Complete	Complete	Complete
King's Road	Portobello / Craigmillar	Complete	Complete	04/07/2022
Fettes Avenue	Inverleith	Complete	Complete	04/07/2022
Montgomery Street	Leith Walk	Complete	Complete	11/07/2022
Comely Bank	Inverleith	Complete	Early July	Late July
Thirlestane Road	Morningside	Complete	Early July	Late July
East London Street	City Centre	Complete	Early July	Late July

Sheriff Brae	Leith	Complete	Early July	Late July
Heriot Row	City Centre	Complete	Early July	Late July
Maxwell Street	Morningside	Complete	Early July	Late July
Stewart Terrace	Sighthill / Gorgie	Complete	Early July	Late July
Hermiston Park and Ride	Pentland Hills	Complete	Complete	27/06/2022

**QUESTION NO 15**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by  
the Convener of the Licensing Board  
at a meeting of the Council on 30  
June 2022**

**Question**

What steps will the Convener take to ensure that the proceedings of Board meetings remain open and transparent, and what steps will she consider to improve openness and transparency?

**Answer**

At the time of submitting this answer (Monday 27<sup>th</sup>) I was appointed as the Convener of the Edinburgh Licensing Board only this morning. As a new member of the Board, it's difficult to comment on how to 'improve' transparency without a baseline. The need for openness and transparency in terms of the discharge of the Board's statutory functions is a matter for the full Licensing Board, not only the Convener, and as a member of the Board, Councillor Booth's suggestions for meetings will be welcome.

My preference is to hold meetings in person in the City Chambers (as long as not contrary to any changing health advice) and whenever possible to conduct deliberations in public (rather than withdrawing to another room). That is of course subject to any confidentiality or application-specific requirements advised by the Clerk.

Board meetings have until now, not been webcast, which I understand is due to the nature of the personal information which may be discussed regarding applicants, and also to protect objectors from being 'broadcast' which, for some members of the public, may be a deterrent to participating. Again, this is a matter for the Board to discuss but I am open to reviewing this approach and to align where appropriate, with the other quasi-judicial committees of the Council.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Can the Convener please clarify whether she will seek views from the Licensing Forum on the issue of transparency and accountability of board meetings?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Yes, it is my intention to raise this with the Forum when it is re-established. It ceased during the last term and one of my first actions following appointment as Convener, was to ask that Officials start the process of recruiting to the Forum. I welcome their views on not only the licensing policy and operations, but how the Board and the Forum can work effectively together.

**QUESTION NO 16**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by  
the Vice-Convener of the Licensing  
Board at a meeting of the Council on  
30 June 2022**

**Question**

Does the Vice-Convener believe that the Board should review its policy on Hours of Trading as part of the forthcoming review of the Board's statement of policy?

**Answer**

The new Board has 18 months within which to agree the terms of its new Statement of Licensing Policy. It will be for the Board as a collective to decide the manner in which the consultation is carried out and with whom it consults (though this will include a number of mandatory statutory consultees). Before the consultation process begins, the Board has to decide what it will be consulting upon. It would not be appropriate to go into the specifics of aspects of the policy and what precisely will be consulted upon, before the Board has begun that formal process.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Can the Vice-Convener please clarify whether he will seek views from the Licensing Forum on the issue of whether Hours of Trading should be considered as part of the consultation on the board's statement of policy?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

The Board will require to consult with the Licensing Forum as part of the preparation of its policy statement. The decision on what is to be consulted upon will be for the Board to make and the Forum's views will be welcomed, as a statutory consultee in the policymaking process.

**QUESTION NO 17**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by  
the Convener of the Planning  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Does the Convener have confidence that the Planning service has sufficient resources in place to deal with the expected increase in applications for short-term lets?

**Answer**

The Planning service has been experiencing a rise of applications including short-term let applications. The Planning service has recently recruited six Planning Assistants and one Planning Officer in addition to implementing service improvements to ensure the application process is efficient and the service can meet its demand.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Can the Convener please clarify what action he is taking to speed up approval of City Plan 2030, which will allow the council to more effectively deal with applications for short-term lets?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

The Planning Service is working hard to ensure City Plan 2030 is brought back to Planning Committee as soon as practicable. However, given City Plan 2030 will have to go through a period of examination by Scottish Ministers, I am engaging with Officers to explore whether there are any other mechanisms available to Committee to strengthen our position on short-term lets in the meantime.



**QUESTION NO 18**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Development Management Sub-Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Please can the Convener clarify whether she intends to change the start time for future committee meetings, and if so what consultation will be carried out with members before such a change is made?

**Answer**

The times of committees will be considered as part of the political management arrangements due to be considered by Council in September 2022 and consultation will take place with all political groups.

**Supplementary Question**

Can the Convener please clarify whether any changes to the start time for committee meetings will ensure that they remain family-friendly and take into account childcare or other caring responsibilities?

**Supplementary Answer**

Yes.

**QUESTION NO 19**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Please can the council leader set out the reasons behind reducing the size of the Licensing Board from 10 to 9, while also appointing a vice-convener?

**Answer**

The Council agreed the appointments of members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards, including the Licensing Board at the Council meeting on 26 May 2022 (adjourned from 19 May 2022).

**Supplementary Question**

Please can I invite the council leader to answer the question: what were the reasons behind his changes to the licensing board?

**Supplementary Answer**

Please see answer to the question above

**QUESTION NO 20**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Will the council respond to the current consultation on the draft National Gaelic Language Plan, and if so, will the draft consultation response be considered by the Gaelic Implementation Group prior to submission?

**Answer**

Yes, a Council response is being prepared and will be submitted to the national consultation.

No, the Gaelic Implementation Group (GIG) will not be able to consider the response prior to submission. The GIG was a formal working group appointed by the Education, Children and Families Committee in 2021/22. This group ceased at the end of the previous Council term. Future working groups will be considered as part of the review of political management arrangements and will require to be appointed by the appropriate committee.

The consultation response will be submitted by the deadline and submitted to P&S for noting.

**Supplementary Question**

The council leader's answer implies he wants to abolish the Gaelic Implementation Group. Can the council leader clarify whether that is his intention, and if so what would replace it to develop the council's own Gaelic plan and ensure its effective delivery?

**Supplementary Answer**

Councillor Booth should read the response to the question - *Future working groups will be considered as part of the review of political management arrangements and will require to be appointed by the appropriate committee.*

**QUESTION NO 21**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Will the Convener please confirm there will be no delay to the roll-out of the Leith Low Traffic Neighbourhood as expected in September 2022?

**Answer**

I share your concern about risk of delay this project faces, it is one of many across the Transport and Environment remit. I hope that from August TEC will be able to provide transparent and open scrutiny of project delivery to help ensure schemes have adequate resources to be delivered on time and on budget.

Officers assure me they are working towards delivery starting in November at the earliest, with a note of caution that the generally challenging market conditions and reduced capacity for tenderers to deliver to Council programme requirements could lead to delays. An update will be provided in the Business Bulletin for Transport and Environment Committee in August 2022.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Can the Convenor please clarify that he will work with ward councillors to drive forward progress on the low traffic neighbourhood, to ensure there is no delay in delivering safer streets in Leith?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Yes, I would be happy to ensure ward councillors receive regular updates going forward.

**QUESTION NO 22**

**By Councillor Mowat for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

- Question** (1) On p14 of the City of Edinburgh Council and Sustrans Walking and Cycling Index 2021, it says  
*"...neighbourhoods of at least 40 dwellings per hectare...are or can become 20-minute neighbourhoods. Lower density neighbourhoods have too few people to make much local business or public transport viable."*
- a) Does the convener agree with this definition?
  - b) Is this the definition used in the City Plan 2030?

- Answer** (1) a) 20-minute neighbourhoods are about connectivity, mix of uses and placemaking as well as about density. The higher density a neighbourhood is, the greater the likelihood is that it will have the widest range of services, businesses and connectivity to make it a 20 Minute Neighbourhood.

I hope to share more details on our proposed approach soon, but in the interim the Walking and Cycling Index 2021 (WACI) identified that: *72% of Edinburgh households are in neighbourhoods of at least 40 dwellings per hectare. These are or can become 20-minute neighbourhoods.* This reinforces that much of Edinburgh's built environment is ready to support the 20 Minute Neighbourhood approach.

- b) The glossary for Proposed City Plan 2030 defines 20-minute neighbourhoods as places where people can access services which meet daily needs within a 10-minute walk/ wheel of their house, equivalent to a 20-minute round trip.

- Question** (2) If lower density neighbourhoods have too few people to make much local business or public transport viable, it is discriminatory to force restrictions to motor vehicles outside people's homes in lower density neighbourhoods?

**Answer** (2) The Council’s approach to proposing restrictions, such as parking controls, are not based on housing density.

The Strategic Review of Parking has considered parking pressures across the entire Edinburgh area. This review has formed a citywide strategy for addressing parking pressures, often in partnership with local residents, taking a proactive approach on policy and strategy grounds. The aim is very much to work with communities to help make their neighbourhood safer, healthier and greener.

**Question** (3) In the Walking and Cycling Index, respondents were asked: *“Q20 To what extent do you support or oppose the creation of 20-minute neighbourhoods? These are neighbourhoods where it is easy for people to meet most of their everyday needs in a short, convenient and pleasant 20 minute return walk. For example having local shops, schools, green space and public transport options within a 10 minute walk (or 20 minute round trip) of your home.”*

78% of respondents supported this.

Before answering this question, were respondents given a clear definition that a 20 minute neighbourhood requires at least 40 dwellings per hectare?

**Answer** (3) This is a matter for Sustrans, but we’ll share these comments with Sustrans for consideration in preparing future surveys.

**Question** (4) In the foreword to the report on p2, it says *“Living locally has benefits for our citizens’ wellbeing....the multiple benefits of a local living approach are why ensuring residents live in and can access 20-minute neighbourhoods is such an important threat that must run through the city’s response to the climate crisis.”*

What evidence is there that residents experience greater wellbeing when living in neighbourhoods of high density housing with a minimum of 40 dwellings per hectare, as opposed to neighbourhoods with lower density housing?

**Answer** (4) This is a matter for Sustrans but we’ll share these comments with them for consideration in preparing future surveys

**QUESTION NO 23**

**By Councillor Munro for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

The Walking and Cycling Index, carried out by City of Edinburgh Council and Sustrans was published on 17 May 22, 12 days after the election.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/13474/walking-wheeling-and-cycling-boost-to-environment-and-economy>

Previously known as Bike Life, this is the fourth edition of this research, which has been carried out every two years since 2015.

- Question** (1) a) How much did City of Edinburgh Council spend on the 2022 research and any associated launch?  
b) Were any costs covered by other organisations?
- Answer** (1) a) There was no direct cost to the Council associated with the research and launch. However, Council officers have spent approximately two weeks working in partnership with Sustrans on the survey and launch since the last report was published in 2019.  
b) This is a matter for Sustrans, but we'll share these comments with them for consideration in preparing future surveys.
- Question** (2) On p4 of the report it says: "*Participation in walking, cycling and wheeling on a regular basis has stayed about the same since 2019.*"
- This data shows that the Spaces for People cycle lanes installed during the pandemic did not lead to more people cycling than before the pandemic.
- a) Can the convener explain why this multi-million-pound investment failed to increase the participation in cycling in Edinburgh?  
b) Given this, and the well documented negative impacts

on businesses and individuals including disabled people, what changes to the strategy of the previous administration will the convener seek to make?

- Answer** (2) a) Whilst journeys to work by bike declined during the pandemic, overall participation by Edinburgh citizens remained consistent (according to WACI) and there was an increase in non-work journeys made by bike in 2021 compared to 2019. Furthermore, there was a large increase in cycling participation by people from socio-economic group DE (people who are semi, unskilled or manual labourers, or unemployed), from 7% cycling at least once a week in 2019 to nearly a quarter of these citizens in 2021 (23%).
- b) There can be no doubt that SfP created a number of problems as well as delivering benefits. The current administration is absolutely committed to learning from this, and following best practice when investing in active travel infrastructure. There is also much to learn from cities like Paris, Manchester and London about how to work with communities to deliver transformative change.

- Question** (3) On p16 of the report it says that Edinburgh has two miles of cycle tracks physically separated from traffic and pedestrians, up from 1 mile in 2019.
- a) In a footnote, it says this does not include the 22 miles of 'pop-up' cycle lane installed in 2020/21 in response to the pandemic.
- b) Why were these 'pop-up' Spaces for People lanes not included?

- Answer** (3) This is a matter for Sustrans, but we'll share these comments with them for consideration in preparing future surveys.

- Question** (4) On page 4 of the report, two statistics are highlighted next to each other: "66% of residents walk at least five days a week" and "26% of residents cycle at least once a week."

It is not best practice to layout non-comparable data in a way that might lead the reader to directly compare them,



especially when directly comparable data is available?

**Answer** (4) This is a matter for Sustrans, but we'll share these comments with them.

**Question** (5) Why did it not say "97% of residents walk at least once a week (up from 92% in 2019)" beside "26% of residents cycle at least once a week (up from 24% in 2019)"

and/or

- a) "66% of residents walk at least five days a week (up from 65% in 2019)" beside "8% of residents cycle at least five days a week (down from 9% in 2019)"?
- b) This misleading comparison "*66% of residents make trips by walking at least five days a week and 26% of residents cycle at least once a week*" has already been included on the Consultation Hub, in the introduction for the consultation for "Walk Wheel Cycle Burdiehouse".
- c) If these statistics continue to be presented this way in official documents, could this lead to the public not spotting the disproportionate spend on cycling infrastructure over walking, even though walking is more accessible to all groups and top of the transport hierarchy?
- d) Will this now be corrected in the Walking and Cycling Index 2022 to prevent a cascade of misrepresentation in official documents, using the Index as a source?

**Answer** (5) This is a matter for Sustrans, but we'll share these comments with them for consideration in preparing future surveys.

**Question** (6) City of Edinburgh Council needs to understand more about the barriers to people cycling and feeling safe.

In the 2019 Bike Life report it covered reasons why some residents do not cycle or why they cycle less often

1. Reason	2. %age of those who do not cycle or cycle less often (they could choose multiple reasons)
3. Concerned about safety	4. 51%
5. Poor weather	6. 31%
7. Not confident cycling	8. 26%
9. Lack of storage facilities at home or work	10. 25%
11. Too hilly here	12. 19%
13. Living too far from my destination	14. 15%
15. Children, passengers or too much to carry	16. 14%
17. Cost of a suitable cycle	18. 13%
19. Not for people like me	20. 9%

- a) In another question, 95% of the residents who believed cycling safety needed to be improved, said that the way to improve cycle safety in Edinburgh was better road quality and fewer potholes.
- b) This data contributes to understanding about the lack of increase in cycling. Why was data on all this included in the 2019 report but not in 2021?

**Answer** (6) This is a matter for Sustrans, but we'll share these comments with them for consideration in preparing future reports.

**Question** (7) The Walking and Cycling Index 2022 shows some dramatic declines when compared with the 2019 Bike Life report.

Responses to questions	2019	2021	Drop in percentage points
%age of residents that would be helped to cycle more by better facilities - more cycle tracks along roads that are physically separated from traffic.	82%	64%	-18
% of residents support building more cycle lanes physically separated from traffic and pedestrians, even when this would mean less room for other road traffic	74%	57%	-17

%age who want more traffic-free cycle routes away from roads, eg through parks, or along waterways	84%	73%	-11
%age of residents wanting more signposted local cycle routes along quieter streets	75%	67%	-8
% of people who agree increasing spaces for people socialising or walking and cycling on their local high street would improve the area	75%	58%	-17
% of people agreeing closing streets outside local schools to cars during school drop-off and pick up times would improve their local area	57%	47%	-10
% of people want to see more spent on cycling	62%	52%	-10

- a) Is there any commentary in the Index acknowledging the declines?
- b) Is there any commentary in the Index explaining the declines?
- c) This Index is used to inform and justify transport and active travel policy. Are there any policy changes informed by these declines?
- d) While there are some declines in the aggregated report across the UK, the declines in Edinburgh appear to be bigger. Is there any explanation for this?

**Answer**

- (7)** a) and b) There is minimal commentary in the document on any of the changes observed between 2019 and 2021.
- c) and d) It is considered likely that the declines reflect the controversy around the Spaces for People programme in Edinburgh. Nevertheless, there are still significant levels of support on all the issues covered by the questions in the table above. Furthermore, there is evidence from across the UK and Europe of the positive impact of these types of measures on levels of walking and cycling.



## QUESTION NO 24

**By Councillor Whyte for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

### Question

Each of the Spaces for People Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTRO) uses as its reasoning a general facilitation of improved safety with the following statement:

“The restrictions within this Order, to facilitate improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists during the current Covid-19 pandemic, supporting social distancing so that people can safely walk, wheel or cycle, will be subject to ongoing review and should it be determined that the restrictions are no longer required, then at that time the temporary restrictions shall be revoked by notice, under a separate Order.”

For each of the orders please explain:

- a) which parts of this general statement apply for that specific TTRO?
- b) what social distancing is being facilitated by that TTRO given current social distancing restrictions being imposed on the public?
- c) how it is currently facilitating improved safety directly in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic?

### Answer

- a) In general cycle lanes support wheeling and cycling, and pedestrian areas support walking and wheeling.

The current TTROs can generally be split into waiting restrictions (to manage parking adjacent cycle segregation) or vehicle prohibitions (to create pedestrian areas, modal filters or temporary one-way roads).

- b) Council Officers note that the advice from the Scottish Government and our own Public Health team confirm we are still in a pandemic and suggests individuals should continue to maintain distancing between non-family contacts.
- c) It is the professional judgment of Officers that the

creation of increased pedestrian space provides more space on busy streets. Changes to road space allocation may encourage individuals to make alternative mobility choices, can allow more space for people and slow infection transmission.

**QUESTION NO 25**

**By Councillor Davidson for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

To ask the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee when he expects to provide an update on the planned roll out of Phase 2 of the Council's Strategic Review of Parking?

**Answer**

A report was presented to the Transport and Environment Committee on [Thursday 26 August 2021](#) in relation to Phase 2 of the Council's Strategic Review of Parking (SROP). An extract of the motion which was approved by Committee is copied below:

- 4) To request officers undertake further engagement with resident's groups and other local stakeholders, such as community Councils, on the final designs for Phase 2.
- 5) To request an additional report in Autumn 2022 at the latest (including feedback on the implementation on phase 1) to allow Committee to review the designs for the TRO process for Phase 2 schemes following the engagement set out in 4) above and prior to a traffic order being issued. These designs should be consistent with the implementation of the pavement parking ban.

The results of the Phase 1 Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation will be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in August 2022. A detailed update on Phase 2 will follow post-Phase 1 implementation. A general update on all phases of the SROP will be provided to Transport and Environment Committee by the end of the year.

**QUESTION NO 26**

**By Councillor Campbell for answer  
by the Convener of the Housing,  
Homelessness and Fair Work  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

The Edinburgh Labour Party manifesto had a commitment to build at least 25k Council homes over the next ten years. Can the Convener set out the expected timeframes for delivery for these homes, on an annual basis, ahead of the detailed plans which will be in the SHIP report due in November?

**Answer**

Affordable housing is developed in partnership with Registered Social Landlords and developers, with delivery of social rented housing dependent upon Scottish Government grant funding.

Officers are working with Registered Social Landlords and other partners develop a comprehensive analysis of funding and sites that could be brought forward for affordable housing development over the next five years. This forms the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) which is approved annually by Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee prior to submission to Scottish Government.

The 2023/24 – 2027/28 SHIP report that is due to be considered by Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in November will include estimated timeframes for development of Council and Edinburgh Living homes.



**QUESTION NO 27**

**By Councillor Work for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) When did the Convener meet with representatives of Edinburgh Airport & Lothian Buses to discuss the bus lane on A8?

**Answer** (1) The detailed discussions with Edinburgh Airport and Lothian Buses about the A8 bus lane have been led by Council Officers. They have been in regular contact with representatives of both organisations and have kept me updated. I have discussed the situation with Edinburgh Airport, and made it clear to Lothian Buses that their views on the operation bus lane were crucial to the decision making process.

Council officers will continue to work with key stakeholders as part of West Edinburgh Transport Improvements Programme (WETIP) to accelerate a permanent package of sustainable transport measures (active travel and public transport) along the A8/A89 corridor between Maybury and Broxburn as identified by the [WETA Refresh](#) of 2016. I have discussed these significant investments in public transport with Edinburgh Airport, and have been reassured by their commitment to support improvements to active and public transport connections.

**Question** (2) When did the Convener meet with representatives from other bus operators who use the A8 corridor?

**Answer** (2) Again, the discussions with bus operators have been progressed by Council officers as part of the WETIP and Bus Partnership Rapid Deployment Fund.

Council officers have been in regular contact with representatives of bus companies that operate services along the A8 (including Stagecoach, Citylink, First and Lothian Buses). This will continue during the next stages of WETIP and the development of the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal Bus Partnership Fund

Strategic Business Case works, which has recently been mobilised.

**Question** (3) Although the bus lane was temporary and under review, did the Convener consider the bus lane being suspended only for the duration of the Royal Highland Show and why was a decision on full removal of the bus lane not taken to the next meeting of the committee?

**Answer** (3) All options were considered, including the reinstatement of the bus lane after the Royal Highland Show. A reinstatement would have been short-term due to the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) expiring in November 2022. The decision to remove the temporary restrictions does not require the approval of the Council.

Council officers are working on accelerating the delivery of permanent bus lanes including on the A8.

**Question** (4) What conversations did the Convenor have with Ward Councillors before a decision was made?

**Answer** (4) A briefing note was circulated informing Ward Councillors of the intention to remove the temporary bus lane along this section of road and comments were sought from them. No Ward Councillor contacted me to raise concerns regarding the proposal.

**QUESTION NO 28**

**By Councillor Campbell for answer  
by the Convener of the Planning  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

Within Portobello Craigmillar there are currently two active travel routes which have been restricted due to ongoing construction work. Both of these are accessible on either side of the closure, but neither have been opened up to allow the linked route to be restored.

One is the link from Rosefield Park to the new development at Baileyfield, and the other is a route linking Corbieshot to Redman Drive.

**Question** (1) Can the Convener confirm how many active travel routes across the city are currently closed or restricted due to ongoing construction?

**Answer** (1) It is disappointing to hear these routes have been closed. I assume that as a local Councillor you have sought alternatives, but please let me know if I can assist you and your Ward colleagues with this.

Unfortunately, Council Officers inform me it is not possible to provide that data. There is not a separate designation for an active travel route on the Scottish Roadworks Register.

**Question** (2) Can the convener provide a list of closed or restricted active travel routes?

**Answer** (2) See Answer 1.

**Question** (3) Does the convener recognise the importance of maintaining access for walking, wheeling and cycling even while development is ongoing, and to opening up routes as quickly possible once construction is complete?

**Answer** (3) Absolutely.

**Question** (4) What policies could the Convener implement to ensure that there is always a plan for minimising disruption to active travel routes, and to ensure that developers and construction companies are obligated to keep lengths of closures to an absolute minimum?

**Answer**

- (4) The Council is bound by legislation that dictates we must coordinate works, including those carried out by statutory undertakers, who have a statutory right to maintain their apparatus on the road. Council Officers say it is their priority is always to minimise delay and disruption to all road users whilst recognising the sustainable transport hierarchy and supporting the City Mobility Plan.

There is widespread dissatisfaction in Edinburgh regarding the impact of roadworks. Before the end of the year the Transport and Environment Committee will consider a report on the issue. I will ask that the important points you raise are considered as part of this.

**QUESTION NO 29**

**By Councillor Campbell for answer  
by the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 30 June  
2022**

- Question** (1) What progress does the administration envisage on addressing capacity issues at Boroughmuir High School?
- Answer** (1) The current projections published on the Council's website <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/22448/secondary-school-roll-projections> show that when the current extension is complete the school will have adequate capacity until 2031 by which point the school roll is projected to be falling.

**QUESTION NO 30**

**By Councillor Macinnes for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) What is the Administration's way forward on both the temporary and permanent schemes for Braid Road and what is your policy on Braid Road re-opening?

**Answer** (1) The reopening of Braid Road, under the Travelling Safely Programme, has not occurred yet due to project delays.

I am sure you share my concerns about this delay, it is one of many across the Transport and Environment remit. I hope that from August TEC will be able to provide transparent and open scrutiny of project delivery to help ensure schemes have adequate resources to be delivered on time and on budget.

You will recall that you supported the proposal to reopen the one-way section of Braid Road to two-way traffic, introduce a modal filter and temporary pedestrian crossing. (Expected September 2022). I am committed to progressing this in an open and transparent way, and working with residents and community groups via the ETRO process.

**QUESTION NO 31**

**By Councillor Biagi for answer by the  
Convener of the Finance and  
Resources Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) What are the plans the administration have to address the issue of Capital Contract Tenders coming in above budget?

**Answer** (1) The construction sector is experiencing considerable volatility with significant inflationary challenges arising from shortages of labour and materials as well as the impact of inflation in the wider economy.

The Council's Commercial and Procurement team is closely monitoring the construction market to develop procurement strategies aimed at achieving value for money. Early supplier market engagement is being adopted on large projects and collaborative discussions with the construction sector and other public sector agencies, including the Scottish Government, provide ongoing and up to date insights to support strategies on an individual basis.

In the event that tenders are higher than budget, project managers work closely with contractors to agree value engineering measures in order to reduce costs while still delivering Council objectives.

It is recognised that value engineering measures alone are unlikely to be sufficient to meet inflationary pressures. The Sustainable Capital Budget Strategy 2022-2032 therefore includes an allowance of £74.4m to mitigate the impact of inflation. This strategy will be reviewed as part of the ongoing budget process with a further report to this committee in the autumn.

**QUESTION NO 32**

**By Councillor Nicolson for answer by the Convener of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

- (1) The Care homes at Ferrylee, Fords Road, Clovenstone and The Jewel remain open and still admitting additional residents as they can meet their needs. The current arrangements follow decisions in the last Council term. However, the consultation process on the future of these homes are still ongoing whilst new residents remain uncertain about their longer term future. What assurances can the Convener give on the future of these homes for the residents and their families?

**Answer**

- (1) As the new Chair of the IJB Councillor Nicolson will be aware that Councillor Pogson has not been involved in the decision making of the EIJB previously and he can let Councillor Nicolson know that the IJB has not met since the election. However in response he can update on the current position regarding the wider bed based strategy and the work ahead to consider the best configuration of care for older people in the city in the future. Members may be aware that the EIJB agreed an initial phase of a bed based strategy. In doing this they considered the care home capacity across all provision. The 8 Council run care homes are currently only registered to provide care and cannot admit people to nursing care provision. At the same time, we have high levels of unmet demand and people waiting for nursing care home beds that are not available in the city. Alongside that the four older care homes are past their design life span and because of their physical limitations the service is unable to develop a nursing care model in these homes for people who have more complex physical care needs. In recognising the complexity in this the EIJB agreed the need to engage with people on the future of services for older people and that engagement will get underway now that the Local Government Election has taken place and the new IJB is formed and can make decisions on the format, scope and timescale for that engagement.



- Question** (2) What meeting has the Convener had with Unions and other stakeholders on the future of these homes to ensure the EIJB takes the best decision for residents?
- Answer** (2) As recently appointed Chair of the EIJB I have not yet attended a meeting with the Unions on this matter. However the previous Chair of the EIJB – Councillor Ricky Henderson - had met with union colleagues on a number of occasions. Union colleague have also regularly presented deputations at EIJB meetings on the bed based work and been engaged with Senior Officers. The EIJB in its discussions before May recognised the importance of Union input to the consultation and engagement process, as well as others, and I anticipate the new IJB will, in agreeing the scope of this, also recognise this. Unions are of course represented on the EIJB so will be a vital part of the decision-making around this.
- Question** (3) Can the Convener outline when a decision will be reached on the future of these homes and provide a final timeline?
- Answer** (3) I cannot – the EIJB has not met and no decisions on this have been made as yet.

**QUESTION NO 33**

**By Councillor Gardiner for answer by  
the Convener of Development  
Management Sub-Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 30 June  
2022**

**Question** (1) How will the Convener be involved in work on the City Plan 2030?

**Answer** (1) As a member of the Planning Committee, I alongside fellow Planning Committee members will feed into the work on City Plan 2030. The Planning service will continue to lead on the mechanisms for engagement with all members of the Committee.

**Background**

Reports on City Plan will be brought forward to Planning Committee as necessary. The DM Sub-Committee convener is a member of Planning Committee and will make decisions as part of that committee.

**QUESTION NO 34**

**By Councillor Gardiner for answer by  
the Convener of Development  
Management Sub-Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 30 June  
2022**

**Question** (1) Does the Development Management Sub-Committee Convener agree that the Planning Policy development benefits from a Planning Convener and Development Management Sub-Committee Convener that work together?

**Answer** (1) The development of planning policy benefits from all members of the Planning Committee working together.

**Question** (2) What measures will the Development Management Sub-Committee Convener be undertaking to enable co-operation and planning policy development with the Planning Convener?

**Answer** (2) As a member of the Planning Committee, I will work proactively with all members to enable co-operation and planning policy development.

Background:

Members of DM Sub Committee and Planning Committee are currently the same, so will have knowledge of the work of each committee and be able to apply it to their decision making in both committees.

The service will provide information that relates to DM Sub Committee to Planning Committee via reports and business bulletin – for example on planning time performance and on appeal decisions. This will help assist with planning policy development.

**QUESTION NO 35**

**By Councillor Mattos Coelho for  
answer by the Convener of Finance  
and Resources Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 30 June  
2022**

- Question** (1) At the budget in 2022/23 the Council agreed to allocate £700k (£100 for each child receiving free school meals). How many payments have now been made?
- Answer** (1) 8393 payments have been made with a total spend of £839,300. (NB Additional funding was reallocated from the original funding identified for financial support).
- Question** (2) How many children are within SIMD 1-4 but not currently receiving free school meal entitlement?
- Answer** (2) Further analysis is required to identify children in SIMD 1-4 who are not receiving free school meals. Currently the school information system holds the SIMD of each child's address but not whether the child is entitled to free school meals. This is because the qualifying criteria for free school meals is not directly linked to SIMD status.
- Significant progress has been made to increase free school meal take-up through activities such as single financial assessment and automation of awards and work is ongoing to support further targeted campaigns.
- Question** (3) At the budget in 2022/23 the Council agreed to allocate £150 per household qualifying for the Council tax reduction scheme, how many payments have now been made?
- Answer** (3) 31,875 payments of £150 have been made totalling £4,781,250.

**QUESTION NO 36**

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer  
by the Convener of Housing,  
Homelessness and Fair Work  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

To ask the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee Convener what work is currently being undertaken to support women in finding alternative employment following the implementation of nil cap on existing Sexual Entertainment Venues in the City Centre Ward?

**Answer**

All the Council's employability services operate an open-door approach and will support anyone in need.

Venues can continue to operate until at least 1 April 2023 and officers will discuss how best to ensure that services are ready to offer support at the appropriate time. This will include offering support to those who may eventually be impacted.

**QUESTION NO 37**

**By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Development Management Sub-  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Having ignored the community on the first matter of policy considered on the Planning Committee, what is the Convener's understanding of how representations from residents are taken account of through the application process?

**Answer**

Applications for planning permission (which are considered by the quasi-judicial Development-Management Sub-Committee) are subject to a public representation period whereby members of the public can comment on proposals.

Officer reports give a summary of the comments and assess their materiality. The Sub-Committee must take account of representations when making decisions.

The Planning Committee considers reports on planning policy, guidance and designations which normally involve a period of public consultation. Responses are collated and analysed by Planning officers and summarised within the report to Planning Committee.

The Planning Committee takes account of the findings from consultations when making decisions

**QUESTION NO 38**

**By Councillor Work for answer by the  
Convener of the Licensing Board at a  
meeting of the Council on 30 June  
2022**

**Question**

What meetings has the convener had with her vice convener and officers on the formation of the new Licensing Board policy statement?

**Answer**

Since becoming Convener this morning (at the time of submitting this answer), I have had no meetings with the new Vice-Convener or Council Officers on the policy statement. Prior to taking up the post of Convener, I had no meetings with Council Officers (or Councillor Rust) to discuss the policy.

I have had a couple of informal induction-focused meetings with officers where the only mention of the licensing policy statement at those sessions was as part of a list of responsibilities of the Board. Specific training has been provided on the Board's current policy statement by the Depute Clerks to all new Board members and discussion regarding review of that policy is a matter for the whole Board.

**QUESTION NO 39**

**By Councillor Campbell for answer  
by the Convener of the Culture and  
Communities Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 30 June  
2022**

The council's public toilet strategy includes the promotion of the community toilet scheme and the use of council owned and council run buildings being made available for any member of the public to access.

During the pandemic, understandably, there were restrictions in relation to certain public buildings. The toilets in the two Edinburgh Leisure buildings on Portobello Promenade were closed to ordinary members of the public due to covid restrictions.

However, they have not reopened since restrictions were lifted, and now it has been revealed that Edinburgh Leisure has left the council's community toilet scheme.

- Question** (1) With increasing numbers of visitors to the Prom, and increasing demand for public toilets as a result, does the convener think it is acceptable for these buildings, which are owned and run by an arms-length organisation of the council, to remain closed to the general public?
- Answer** (1) No, I don't think this is acceptable and would like this position changed.
- Question** (2) What discussions has the convener had about Edinburgh Leisure's withdrawal from the scheme?
- Answer** (2) Edinburgh Leisure confirmed that they no longer wished to be part of the Community Toilet Scheme in March 2021. This was due to challenges which were not COVID-19 related. Officers have recently been in contact with Edinburgh Leisure on the question of access to their facilities at Portobello, however they have said that they are prioritising access to their toilets to customers and those with 'can't wait' cards to enable them to control access and to maintain their cleaning standards.
- Question** (3) Will the convener write to the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure to ask that they reconsider this decision?
- Answer** (3) Yes.





**QUESTION NO 40**

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer  
by the Convener of the Regulatory  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**           **(1)** As Convener responsible for policy on Short Term Lets, does the Convener support the policy of a citywide control area?

**Answer**           **(1)** Yes.

**Question**           **(2)** How many meetings has the Convener had with the Association of Self Caterers in the last 2 years?

**Answer**           **(2)** One.

**QUESTION NO 41**

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer  
by the Convener of the Licensing  
Sub- Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question** (1) As Convener responsible for processing applications of Short Term Lets, does the Convener support the policy of a citywide control area?

**Answer** (1) The Council has submitted a proposed citywide short term let control area to Scottish Ministers prior to the local government elections. The short term let control area falls under Planning legislation. I support this measure. The Licensing system will apply city wide and a condition of licence will be that STLs have the required planning permission.

**Question** (2) Under the new policies and rules, how will the Convener approach cases where enforcement is a feature of the decision at the Licensing Sub-Committee?

**Answer** (2) Each case requires to be approached on its merits, based on the information presented. The Sub-committee will apply the relevant Council policy within the context of the statutory framework.

**Question** (3) How many meetings has the Convener had with the Association of Self Caterers in the last 2 years?

**Answer** (3) None.

**QUESTION NO 42**

**By Councillor Macinnes for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

The agreed City Mobility Plan has a number of key required actions in the drive towards a sustainable transport network for Edinburgh and our net zero carbon goals. One of the key actions regarding the further effective development of our tram facilities for mass transit is noted below.

*‘Policy Measure MOVEMENT 1 Mass Rapid Transit Expand the tram/mass rapid transport network to the north and south of the city as well as to Newhaven and explore the potential to develop or extend mass rapid transit routes into Fife, West, Mid and East Lothian.*

*The Edinburgh Strategic Sustainable Transport Study Phase 2 (ESSTS2) concludes that mass transit will contribute significantly to supporting wider policy outcomes including sustainable economic growth, reducing carbon, promoting equity and social inclusion and supporting healthier lifestyles. The ESSTS2 focusses on a potential tram extension from the north (Granton) to south east (BioQuarter and beyond), consisting of three route options. ‘*

The development of a full business case and the legislative framework to allow this North-South tram line development will be complex, thorough and likely to take much of this administrative term to complete.

Will the Transport Convener commit to bringing this process in front of the Transport & Environment Committee at the earliest possible date to ensure that no time is wasted in taking the Council to an appropriate decision-making point?

**Answer**

Before the end of 2022 the administration will present plans for the biggest expansion in public transport our capital has seen this century. We will listen to residents on this issue, and work with them to transform and decarbonise the transportation system in our capital. This will also be an

opportunity to invest in active transport, so we will learn any lessons from the Trams to Newhaven active travel scheme which has been the subject of international media attention.

This investment in public transport is of national importance, so we hope to work in partnership with the Scottish Government to both develop the full business case, and fund the project. It is not our intention to deliver this scheme via PFI (as has been suggested for the Glasgow Metro), but to respect Edinburgh's culture of retaining public transport in public ownership.

**QUESTION NO 43**

**By Councillor Rae for answer by the  
Convener of the Licensing Sub-  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Please can the Convener outline what steps she will take to ensure the meeting times for Licensing Sub-Committee are family-friendly for those councillors with caring or childcare commitments?

**Answer**

This matter has already been raised at a training session and I have ensured the first meeting of the Committee will begin in the morning so that business should be completed by a reasonable hour.

Committee timetabling needs to take into the availability of Council staff and rooms and is not entirely at the discretion of the Convener. I have asked that Committees are timetable to start in the morning rather than the afternoon so that there is less likelihood of them running on into the evening. I would welcome and encourage any Committee member with particular requirements to come and discuss these with me so that I can work with Committee Services to try and accommodate these. I start from the presumption that trying to complete business within standard working hours is preferable for Council staff, attendees and Councillors remembering that Licensing Sub Committee is a Committee that has members of the public attending as applicants at each meeting.

**QUESTION NO 44**

**By Councillor Rae for answer by the  
Convener of the Regulatory-  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 30 June 2022**

**Question**

Please can the Convener outline whether he considers that changes will be required to the scheme of delegation to cope with the expected increase in licence applications when the STL licensing regime is introduced later in the year, and if so, what changes he expects?

**Answer**

An update to the Regulatory Committee on [31 March 2022](#) highlighted this issue. The results of the statutory consultation will be presented to Committee in September. Any decision on whether to amend the Scheme of Delegation to address concerns about the volume of objections and exemption requests which may require to be considered by Committee would be discussed by the Regulatory Committee and it would be a decision for Full Council if required. It is also listed on the amended Committee work plan.

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# Leader's Report

## Cllr Cammy Day



August 2022

### Fighting for fairer pay

Everybody deserves to be paid fairly for the work that they do, not least when we're facing the worst cost of living crisis in decades. This includes our colleagues across the Council – and the city – and the members of our waste and cleansing teams, who began 12 days of industrial action yesterday.

Of course, nobody wants a strike, particularly at our busiest time of the year, but I fully respect the right of our colleagues to take this action and have their voices heard.

Together with my fellow council leaders, I'll continue to press the Scottish Government to find a solution and bring this to an end as quickly and fairly as possible. Edinburgh remains the lowest funded council in Scotland and it's time for the Scottish Government to properly fund our Capital city and our services.

There *will* be disruption and I fully appreciate the impact this action will have on our city. We're asking residents to be patient and work with us to help manage the inevitable impacts by planning ahead and following our advice.

Please check the [dedicated pages on our website](#) and keep an eye on our social media channels. We've already published guidance on how to deal with your waste safely and responsibly to help us manage the impact of the strike action in the days and weeks ahead.

We're developing a detailed recovery plan and will be posting regular updates on suspended services and on when collections will restart following the strike as and when they become available.

We've also reached out to our tenants and housing associations, businesses, festivals and other partners asking them to share our messaging and provide whatever support they can during this busy and important time for our Capital city.

### Ukraine still very much in our minds

Next Wednesday, 24 August, is Ukrainian Independence Day. It also marks six months since Vladimir Putin began his barbaric and misguided invasion of his neighbours.

Edinburgh's response in that time has been exceptional. Residents have opened the doors to their own homes; Council colleagues and volunteers continue to work day and night to help people arriving into the airport at all hours; and donations keep flooding in from people and businesses.

We've warmly welcomed over 6,000 refugees through our Welcome Hub and we now have at least 600 living with host families. The Customer Hub on the High Street has just had its busiest week yet, with an average of 200 people per day seeking our support across a whole range of services.

Almost 1,000 passengers have now boarded HMS Victoria in Leith Docks and are receiving our full support as they too settle here. On my recent visit to the ship, I was hugely impressed by the quality of the facilities and crew, a view shared by everyone I met on board. This includes many young families, and it was wonderful to see so many Ukrainian children able to start school this week.

We're all now very familiar with the bright blue and yellow of the Ukrainian flag and we must not forget the hope and solidarity these colours represent. We'll fly it proudly above the City Chambers next Wednesday – as we have done for the past six months – and will continue to do until this terrible war is over.

### Supporting our residents through the cost of living crisis

As I mentioned above, we're acutely aware of the cost of living crisis that's gripping our Capital city and the UK as a whole. Spiralling inflation, now over 10%, and rapidly rising energy bills are very real concerns, and I want to reassure residents that we're taking these extremely seriously.

An extra £1.1 million was earmarked in February's budget towards easing the cost-of-living crisis for the city's most vulnerable and £150 for 33,000 low-income households across the city. On top of this, £100 has been provided for every child from a low-income home and, subject to agreement by councillors next week, a further £100 payment will be made. An additional £450,000 has also been made available in crisis grant funding.

We're developing a communications campaign to raise awareness of the support and advice that will be available to residents in the months ahead. This will signpost them to a range of national materials and to our own [dedicated webpages](#), which feature advice on reducing bills, heating and health. Our [Advice Shop](#) service, meanwhile, continues to offer practical guidance on all manner of welfare rights.

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## Hundreds of affordable energy-efficient homes for Granton Waterfront

Work is well underway on building our first affordable net zero homes as part of [our £1.3bn regeneration of Granton Waterfront](#). Spades went in the ground in June [to deliver 75 net zero homes](#) beside the former Granton Station building, the first of the thousands of homes planned in the area over the next decade.

Earlier this month, my colleague Cllr Jane Meagher broke ground on our biggest sustainable housing development, [Western Villages](#), where we're building 444 net zero homes. I'm pleased to say 195 of them will be for our own council tenants, with a further 193 for mid-market rent. And then, just last week, proposals were approved for a 100% affordable energy-efficient site at [Silverlea](#) for 142 net zero homes, again many of these will be used for much-needed council housing.

These major milestones are all in addition to the many other new regeneration projects we're taking forward with [our new development partner, the Cruden Group](#). Our work to renew and revitalise buildings and structures with cultural and heritage significance continues with plans to turn the iconic gasholder into a publicly accessible space kicking off shortly and the refurbishment of the former Station building for use as a creative hub due to be completed later this year.

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## Top marks for our pupils

Thousands of our young people endured the nervous wait for their exam results to come through earlier this month. The past two years have been such a challenging time for our pupils and teaching staff and they've risen admirably to the challenge.

For many of our pupils this would have been the first time that they have experienced an exam environment, so to see such [improvements compared to 2019](#) (the last time formal exams were held) is testament to their strength of character and desire to succeed. Both National 5 and Higher passes were up on 2019 and we saw our highest ever pass rate on record for pupils achieving one or more Advanced Highers.

Well done to all our teachers and staff who worked so hard in preparing pupils for these exams, families for their support and, most of all, the young people themselves. We've set high standards for teaching and learning through our Edinburgh Teachers' Charter and this is clearly paying dividends.

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## Festival buzz returns in style

August is the time of year when the cultural spotlight shines on Edinburgh and, with this year marking 75 years of our summer festivals, it's great to feel that familiar buzz well and truly returning to the city. From children's shows to street performances, fine art to films, live music to plays – there's truly something for everyone to discover and enjoy.

Early indications are that ticket sales have been strong across all six festivals, which is great news as they seek to recover from the trials of the pandemic. We've also seen the return of the Summer Sessions in Princes Street Gardens with performances from Tom Jones, Michael Kiwanuka, Simply Red, Simple Minds and Travis against what is surely the best backdrop in the world.

Staying in the Gardens, the EIF will be live streaming their ['Thank You, Edinburgh'](#) concert from The Philadelphia Orchestra on the afternoon of 27 August. Please head along if you can: it's a free event and the first 100 get free snack packs to enjoy whilst watching the performance.

The festivals bring so much joy and other benefits to the city – but this doesn't happen by accident, and I want to pay tribute to the many Council colleagues and partners who ensure their smooth running each year. A great example of this is our public safety team, who work tirelessly to review, plan and advise on the safe provision of every venue and event site across the city – a mammoth task, expertly done.

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## Celebrating our sporting highlights

The Commonwealth Games in Birmingham have come to a close, bringing an impressive medal haul for Team Scotland. I want to congratulate the whole team, but especially those with Edinburgh ties. Many will have got their early taste in sport at the original Meadowbank and it was brilliant to open the doors to the public of the [new Meadowbank Sports Centre](#), which I'm sure will continue this legacy.

Another to have sharpened their running spikes there is long-standing member of Edinburgh Athletics club, Jake Wightman, who last month produced a stunning finish to win gold at the World Championships in Oregon – the first British man to win the world 1500m title since Steve Cram in 1983. An incredible achievement and one we'll recognise at our Council meeting next week.

Looking ahead, the world's best will soon be descending (or rather ascending) on the EICA: Ratho for the 13th event of the [IFSC World Cup series](#) in September. As Europe's largest indoor climbing arena, the EICA is the perfect venue and we're looking forward to welcoming this event to the city.

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## Get involved

Keep up to date with all Council news via our [news section online](#). You can watch live Council and committee meetings via our [webcast](#) service and join the debate on Twitter using #edinwebcast. If you wish to unsubscribe, please [email](#) us.

## The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 25 August 2022

### Appointments to Committees, Outside Organisations etc and Senior Councillor Allowances

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#### 1. Recommendations

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The Council is asked:

- 1.1 To appoint a Convener of the Personnel Appeals Committee;
- 1.2 To appoint a Labour Group member to the Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee in place of Councillor Mackenzie;
- 1.3 To appoint a member to the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland Region – Elected Member Oversight Group;
- 1.4 To appoint a member to SESPlan Joint Committee;
- 1.5 To appoint a Conservative Group Member to the Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership Community Safety Partnership;
- 1.6 To appoint a member to the Wilson Christie Fund;
- 1.7 To appoint a member to the Board of CEC Holdings Ltd;
- 1.8 To consider nominating one of the members of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) as Chair of the organisation;
- 1.9 To agree that Councillor Arthur be appointed Chair of Transport for Edinburgh;
- 1.10 To agree that Azets remain the auditors for Transport for Edinburgh and Edinburgh Trams and,

- 1.11 To note that the Green Group has appointed Councillors Alys Mumford and Alex Staniforth as co-conveners, and agree that Councillor Mumford should receive the Group Leader's Senior Councillor Allowance from 30 June to 9 August 2022 and Councillor Staniforth from 10 August to 19 September 2022.

**Richard Carr**

Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services

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## Appointments to Committees, Outside Organisations etc and Senior Councillor Allowances

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report details the outstanding appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards required to be made by Council.
- 2.2 Council is asked to consider nominating one of the members of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC) as Chair of the organisation.
- 2.3 Council is asked to that Councillor Arthur be appointed Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.
- 2.4 Council is asked to agree that Azets remain the auditors for Transport for Edinburgh and Edinburgh Trams.
- 2.3 Council is asked to note the Green Group's appointment of co-conveners, and agree that Councillor Mumford should receive the Group Leader's Senior Councillor Allowance from 30 June to 9 August 2022 and Councillor Staniforth from 10 August to 19 September 2022.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 On 26 May and 30 June 2022 the Council made appointments to a range of committees, boards and joint boards.
- 3.2 A number of vacancies on committees and outside organisations were outstanding following the Council's initial appointments at its 26 May and 30 June meetings.
- 3.3 Councillor Mackenzie has resigned from his position on the Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee and the Council is asked to appoint a members in his place.
- 3.4 On 26 May 2022 the Council agreed Senior Councillor Allowances for Group Leaders.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 On 26 May 2022 and 30 June 2022 the Council made appointments to a range of committees, boards and joint boards.

- 4.2 A number of vacancies on committees etc remain outstanding following the Council's initial appointments at its 26 May and 30 June 2022 meetings.
- 4.3 Councillor Mackenzie has resigned from his position on the Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee and the Council is asked to appoint a member in his place.
- 4.4 On 30 June 2022 the Council made appointments to a range of outside organisations.
- 4.5 A number of vacancies on outside organisations were outstanding following the Council's meeting on 30 June 2022 as follows:

**Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership Community Safety Partnership**

1 Conservative Group vacancy

Current membership: Councillors McNeese-Mechan (SNP), Osler (SLD), Pogson (L) and Staniforth (G).

**The Wilson Christie Fund**

1 vacancy

Current membership: 1 member required only

**The Board of CEC Holdings Ltd**

1 vacancy

Current membership: Councillors Beal (SLD) and Lezley Marion Cameron (L).

- 4.6 **EICC** - In terms of Paragraph 26 of the EICC Articles of Association, the City of Edinburgh Council is entitled to appoint one of their Directors to be Chair. The current membership is The Lord Provost and Councillors Lezley Marion Cameron, Mumford, Frank Ross and Whyte.
- 4.7 **Transport for Edinburgh** - The Board of Transport for Edinburgh met on 12 August 2022 and agreed that Cllr Arthur should be appointed as the Chair. The City of Edinburgh Council is required to give its consent to this decision for it to be implemented.
- 4.8 **Edinburgh Trams** - Edinburgh Trams agreed on 22 April 2022 and Transport for Edinburgh agreed on 24 June 2022 that Azets should be the auditor for those two organisations. These decisions require the consent of the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 4.9 The Green Group has intimated the appointment of Councillors Alys Mumford and Alex Staniforth as group co-conveners. It has indicated its intention that the Group Leader Senior Councillor allowance should be paid to Councillor Mumford from 30 June to 9 August 2022 and to Councillor Staniforth from 10 August to 19 September 2022.
- 4.10 If this is agreed at this meeting, it is proposed that the allowance is payable from 30 June 2022.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Any members appointed will be expected to contribute to the workplans of the Committee. Training will be provided to members as necessary.
- 5.2 Any appointments to Outside Organisations will be communicated to the organisations.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The payment of a Senior Councillor Allowance for one Green Group co-convenor can be funded from the existing budget.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 All Joint Committees, Joint Boards and Partnerships are aware of the appointments process

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 25 May 2022
- 8.2 Minute of the City of Edinburgh Council of 30 June 2022

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 None.

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# The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 25 August 2022

## Appointment of Religious Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee

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### 1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To confirm the appointment of Fiona Beveridge as the Church of Scotland Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 1.2 To confirm the appointment of Angela Campbell as the Roman Catholic Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 1.3 To appoint the third religious representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, terms of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.

**Richard Carr**  
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## Appointment of Religious Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report recommends that a nominated representative from the Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic Church and from a church or other denominational body with a place of worship within the City of Edinburgh are appointed to the Education, Children and Families Committee for the duration of the Council term, until 30 April 2027.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The legislation stipulates that the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church shall each nominate one representative. In selecting the third religious representative, the Council “shall have regard ... to the comparative strength within their area of all the churches and denominational bodies having duly constituted charges or other regularly appointed places of worship there.”
- 3.2 The Religious Representatives are members of the Education, Children and Families Committee when it discharges education functions only.
- 3.3 The appointment of the religious representatives will be conditional upon confirmation that they will comply with the Councillors’ Code of Conduct and on membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups Scheme.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 Nominations have been received directly from the Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church. Nominations have been sought by public notice for the third representative.
- 4.2 The following nominations were received:

#### **Church of Scotland and Roman Catholic Church**

<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Name</b>
Church of Scotland	Fiona Beveridge
Roman Catholic Church	Angela Campbell

### **Third Religious Representative**

<b>Nominated by</b>	<b>Name</b>
Edinburgh Interfaith Association	Dr May Ruhiyyih Parris
Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland	Reverend David Campbell

4.3 Further information is included in the nomination forms for each of the Third Religious Representatives at Appendices 1-2.

4.4 Other than the Church of Scotland and the Roman Catholic Church, the most recent information on the number of churches with two or more constituted charges within the City is as follows: -

	Number of Constituted charges
Scottish Episcopal Churches	26
Edinburgh and Lothians Baptist Association	11
Congregational Union of Scotland	7
United Free Church of Scotland	3
Forth Valley Methodist Circuit	2
Salvation Army	4
Edinburgh City Mission	3
Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints	3
Edinburgh Elim Churches	3
Free Church of Scotland	3
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	3
Spiritualists' National Union	2
The Sikh Community	2

Others have only one constituted charge.

4.5 The Council is asked to take this information into account in considering the appointment of the third religious representative.

## **5. Next Steps**

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5.1 The Religious Representatives will be included in the membership of the Education, Children and Families Committee.

## **6. Financial impact**

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6.1 The Religious Representatives will be able to claim travel expenses and subsistence for attendance at meetings

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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7.1 None

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 None.

## **9. Appendices**

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9.1 Appendix 1 - Nomination Form – Dr May Ruhyyih Parris

9.2 Appendix 2 - Nomination Form – Reverend David Campbell

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THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973  
The Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994  
Nomination Form for Religious Representative to serve on  
the Education Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council

May 2022 to April 2027

**Please ensure that the Nominating Body and Nominee have read the notes overleaf and that the submission of the nomination confirms compliance with them.**

**Full Name and  
Address of  
Nominee**

Dr May Ruhyyih Parris (Dr Ruhy  
Parris).....

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**Name and Address of Church  
or Denominational Body**

Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA)  
c/o Mayfield Salisbury Parish Church  
18 West Mayfield  
Edinburgh  
EH9 1TQ

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**Supporting Statement by Church or Denominational Body (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):**

Dr Ruhy Parris serves as a member of the Board of the Edinburgh Interfaith Association. She has previously served as Secretary and as Co-Convenor of the Association. She is

a member of the Edinburgh Baha'i Community, currently serving as the Secretary of its Spiritual Assembly. Dr Parris is a retired Consultant in Anaesthesia and Pain Management. Following retirement she completed a MSc in Persian Civilisation at the University of Edinburgh in 2019, and also worked as a Persian language tutor in the Department of Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies (2020). This recent experience as a student and staff member at university gave her current insight into the pressures faced within the education system.

She is of Iranian heritage, brought up bilingually, born in Manchester, and has lived in Scotland for forty years.

In her medical career she has encountered and worked with asylum seekers, refugees, and survivors of trauma.

She is the mother of three adult children, and a grandmother of three (one in primary, one in nursery, and the other in childcare).

She served as a school governor (2019 – 2022), being a member of the Court of Directors of The Edinburgh Academy. Whilst a governor, she served on the Learning & Teaching Committee.

In her professional life and faith based activities she is accustomed to working with people from diverse backgrounds, cultures, ages and faith/beliefs.

Edinburgh Interfaith Association supports her nomination as a Religious Representative to serve on the Education Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council (May 2022 to April 2027).

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Iain Stewart  
Executive Director  
Edinburgh Interfaith Association

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**Notes – see overleaf.**

## Notes

- 1) Employees of the City of Edinburgh Council cannot be appointed as a member of a Council Committee therefore the nomination of such a person cannot be accepted.
- 2) The successful representative of religious interests will be expected to sign an undertaking that they agree to be bound by the Councillors Code of Conduct.
- 3) Appointment will be subject to a satisfactory disclosure check by Disclosure Scotland under the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.
- 4) The Council has reviewed its political management arrangements after the elections in May 2017 and a third representative will be required for the Committee dealing with education matters.
- 5) The completed form must be scanned and emailed to [committee.services@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:committee.services@edinburgh.gov.uk) by **Friday, 15 July 2022**.

**All nominating bodies and nominees are deemed to have understood these notes and agree to abide by them.**

# ◆ EDINBURGH ◆

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973  
The Local Government Etc (Scotland) Act 1994  
Nomination Form for Religious Representative to serve on  
the Education Committee of the City of Edinburgh Council

May 2022 to April 2027

Please ensure that the Nominating Body and Nominee have read the notes overleaf and that the submission of the nomination confirms compliance with them.

Full Name and Address of Nominee

REV DAVID CAMPBELL

[REDACTED ADDRESS]

Name and Address of Church or Denominational Body

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

63 GILMORE PLACE

EDINBURGH

EH3 9NU

Supporting Statement by Church or Denominational Body (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

MR CAMPBELL IS THE MINISTER OF THE EDINBURGH CONGREGATION, AND HAS BEEN FOR NINE YEARS, AND A MINISTER OF THE FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS. HE HAS A WIFE AND A FAMILY OF SIX CHILDREN AND HAS CURRENT EXPERIENCE OF NURSERY, PRIMARY, SECONDARY, AND UNIVERSITY EDUCATION. CONTINUED ON A SEPARATE SHEET

Notes – see overleaf.



## Supporting statement - continued

The congregation of which he is pastor is gathered from the whole of Edinburgh City Council area and from Midlothian, and so parents and families in the congregation, from a wide variety of school and nursery settings, are directly impacted by Council decisions and as third representative Mr Campbell would be informed by real-life experience of the Education provision.

Mr Campbell was a third representative on the Education and Children's Services Committee of Western Isles Council (CNES) for 10 years between 2003 and 2013 and chaplain of local schools in Lewis, and has already joined the PVG scheme for this purpose.

He has additional interest in Christian Education and spoke at an International Christian Education Conference in Apeldoorn, The Netherlands, in 2018 and has contacts with several international Christian Education providers, including at Secondary and University level. International educational provision of interest to the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland includes a large and highly successful Secondary School in Zimbabwe and long experience in supporting primary education in that country.

Mr Campbell is presently engaged in chaplaincy work at small independent Christian schools in Edinburgh and has special interest in Bible distribution to schools in Scotland through an international Bible Society. He would be especially interested to promote Bible knowledge as an educational resource and a key tool for literacy improvement in Edinburgh schools.

Mr Campbell is fully acquainted with the relevant terms of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, and with the more recent Religious Observance guidance and resources. He was actively involved in the preparation of policies for RO and their practical implementation at Local Authority level when first introduced. He firmly believes in freedom for Christian worship and religious expression by pupils and staff within the school environment. He would promote voluntary Christian worship assemblies and acts of worship in Religious Observance within the legal framework as a Christian minister.

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## Council

Thursday 25 August 2022, 10am

### Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review Update

Executive/routine  
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#### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To note the progress made in addressing the recommendations agreed at Council in respect of both the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 1.2 To note the criticality of considering the implementation of the recommendations in the context of also delivering the commitments in the Council's People Strategy (Our Future Council 2021-2024 approved in April 2021 at the Policy and Sustainability Committee) to support enduring cultural transformation.

Andrew Kerr,

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## Update on Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report provides an update on the programme of work underway to address all the recommendations and observations agreed by Council.
- 2.2 Progress against timelines has been made across all five themes – Policy, Investigations, Learning, Systems & Processes, and the Redress Scheme.
- 2.3 As highlighted in previous papers, a critical dependency on delivery of recommendations in respect of Systems and Processes is to secure funding for the development of functionality of the HR system, finding a solution to all employee access to the Orb and increasing access to the Council's digital learning platform. A business case is being developed for consideration.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Council commissioned Susanne Tanner QC to lead an inquiry into complaints about the conduct of the late Sean Bell, a former senior manager in its Communities and Families directorate, who passed away in August 2020. The outcome of that Inquiry was reported to Council in October 2021, with a further follow up provided to Council on 25 November 2021.
- 3.2 An additional review into the Council's culture was agreed at the Policy and Sustainability Committee in October 2020. This was an independent assessment of the Council's whistleblowing and organisational culture overseen by Inquiry Chair, Susanne Tanner QC, assisted by law firm Pinsent Masons. The background to this review was set out in the report presented to full Council on 15 October 2020.
- 3.3 The Review team produced a report which identified key issues, findings and recommendations. This was considered and approved by Council in December 2021, together with additional budget to develop and deliver a substantial programme of work to implement all the recommendations.
- 3.4 The programme of work is structured around five themes:
  - 1) Policy review/development
  - 2) Investigations

- 3) Leadership, training, and development
- 4) Systems and processes
- 5) Redress Scheme and other matters.

3.5 In addition to this update report, in person sessions were offered to all elected members on 22, 27 and 29 June to update on progress made.

## 4. Main report

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4.1 Progress has been made across the five themes of work which the recommendations and observations have been aligned to.

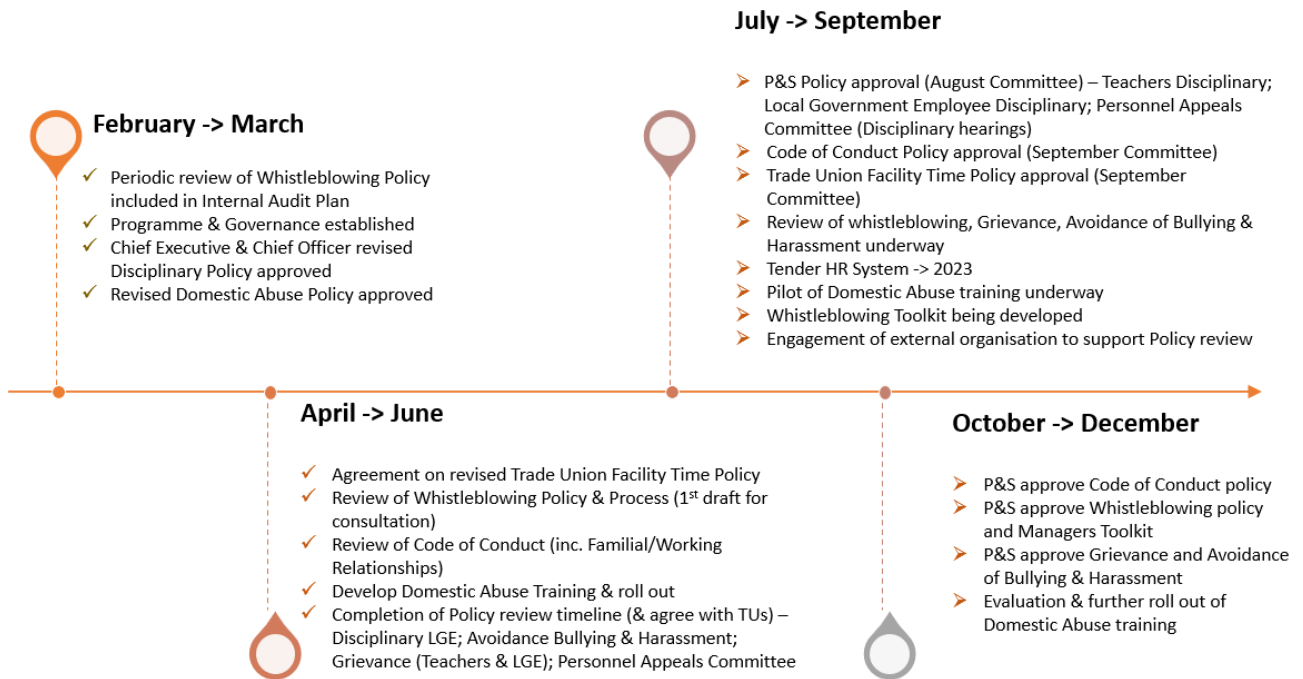
4.2 In addition to the implementation of the recommendations it is critical that the Council focus on maximising this opportunity for true cultural change and therefore recognise the breadth of work required to do this. In essence the delivery of the commitments in the Council's People Strategy (Our Future Council 2021-2024).

4.3 In addition to the progress detailed in this report , steps have been taken to design and implement a 'People Board' which will oversee the quarterly plans to ensure delivery of the Council's People Strategy 2021-2024 and the Inquiry and Review Recommendations and Observations. This approach ensures that we go further than simply implementing the recommendations and observations but facilitate and embed long-lasting positive change in our organisational culture. (See Appendix One for Governance Structure).

4.4 Below provides an update on the progress to implement the recommendations and observations approved by Council against the five themes (as per 3.4). There are number of observations/recommendations which overlap in scope and therefore below combines those that do.

### 4.5 Policy Development/Review

Progress has been made across all aspects of the Policy workstream. The immediate focus is to secure Committee approval for those policies which have been reviewed and continue to work with Trade Unions on the remaining policies. Significant focus will then be on the communication, training and embedding of policies and their underpinning processes.



## 4.6 Investigations

Significant progress has been made across delivery of recommendations with the immediate focus having been on the establishment of the new Investigations team and underpinning processes.



## 4.7 Leadership, learning & development

The organisational agenda related to Leadership, Learning and Development is primarily delivered through the commitments in our People Strategy (Our Future Council 2021-2024) and the Council's Strategic Workforce Plan (2021-2024).

Specifically, in respect the Inquiry and Review recommendations a programme of training and learning has been developed to align with policy review and implementation.



## 4.8 Systems and Processes

The majority of recommendations have not yet started and are dependent on a procurement exercise for the Council's HR & Payroll system to enable the much-needed improved core functionality. This is currently underway and will be completed by March 2023 and subject to Council approval for the required budget, which will enable a prioritised roadmap of system development/ implementation over 2023/24. This will seek to open up access to our remote workers and improve centralised record keeping (e.g. for note taking and disclosures).

However, the Council will still have a dependency on employees who are not issued with a corporate email address/device (circa 5,000) to provide a personal email address and to use a personal device to be able to access the digital learning platform and the core HR & Payroll system. Without provision in place we remain reliant on system workarounds and tactical solutions.

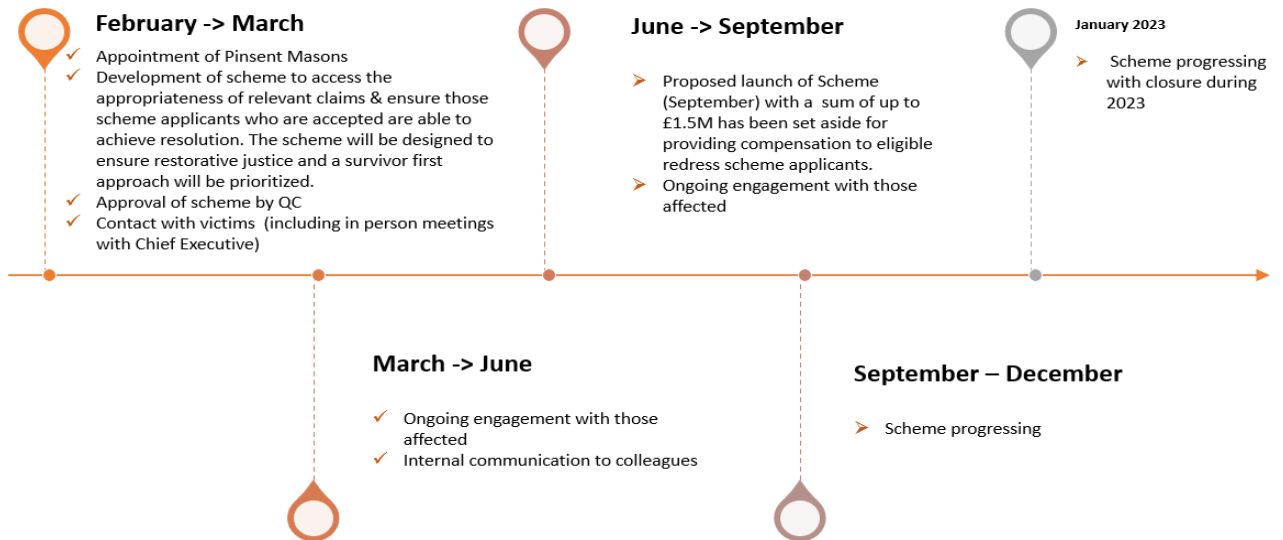
Additionally, a solution is required in respect of enabling access to employment policies and supporting guidance, wellbeing support (EAP), benefits platform etc. Currently all content is only available on the Orb, and where absolutely required (e.g. Covid-related guidance) must be replicated on the Edinburgh.gov.uk site – our Citizen site. This is duplication of content and resources. Potential solutions are being explored by CGI, the Council's Digital & Comms team and HR.





#### 4.9 Redress scheme

The development of the scheme is underway with a proposed launch date of September 2022.



### 5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Ongoing delivery of all the recommendations and observations from the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review with oversight and scrutiny provided by Corporate Leadership Team, Council and Committee (GRBV and Policy and Sustainability).



5.2 A further update to be provided to Council in December 2022.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 Implementation of the recommendations within agreed budget to deliver the recommendations as agreed at Council 2022.
- 6.2 The Business Case relating to the Council's Human Resources system is being developed and will be completed by year end 2022 for consideration/approval.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Ongoing engagement and communication with relevant stakeholders including colleagues, Elected Members and Trade Unions.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

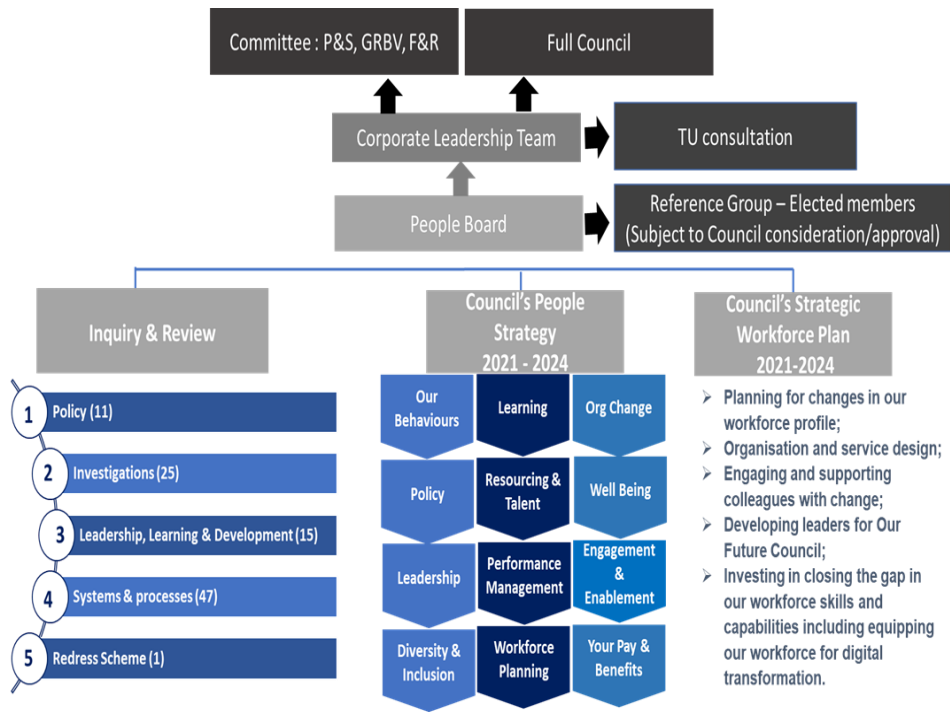
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- 8.1 Independent Inquiry Report Arising Out of Allegations Concerning the Conduct of the late Sean Bell – Report by the Chief Executive (28 October 2021) Investigation Reports
- 8.2 Update on recommendations (25 November 2021) Independent Inquiry Report Arising Out of Allegations Concerning the Conduct of the Late Sean Bell – Update on Recommendations
- 8.3 Review of Whistleblowing and organisational Culture (16<sup>th</sup> December 2021) - Independent Review into Whistleblowing and Organisational Culture
- 8.3 Independent Review into Whistleblowing Culture (10<sup>th</sup> February 2022) - Independent Review into Whistleblowing and Organisational Culture

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Governance structure in place in respect of Inquiry and Review



# The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 30 June 2022

## Elected Member Reference Group – Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review

Executive/routine  
Wards  
Council Commitments

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To note the establishment and remit of a proposed Elected Member 'Reference Group' in respect of the independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 1.2 To agree to nominate an Elected Member from each political group to become a member of the Elected Member Reference Group.

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## The Independent Inquiry & Whistleblowing Culture Review - Elected Members Reference Group

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 It is proposed that a newly established Elected Member Reference Group is established to support the implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2.2 That an Elected Member from each political group is nominated to become a member.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 To support the delivery and implementation of the recommendations agreed at Council in respect of the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review carried out by Susanne Tanner QC it is proposed that an Elected Member Reference Group is established.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 To further strengthen and support the delivery and implementation of the recommendations agreed at Council in respect of the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review it is proposed that an Elected Member Reference Group is established.
- 4.2 The Reference Group would provide the opportunity to for Elected Members and Officers to:
  - Discuss and scrutinise the detail of the project plan, deliverables and outcomes;
  - Provide feedback on progress and prioritisation of activities;
  - Engage in discussions on any challenges and provide support in finding solutions.
- 4.3 Reports to update Council or relevant Committee(s) will continue to happen.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 For each political group to nominate a representative for the Reference Group.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There is no direct financial impact.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Appropriate engagement and consultation with all relevant stakeholders will continue.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents>

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Not applicable.

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# The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday, 25 August 2022

## Review of the Member/Officer Protocol

Executive/routine  
Wards  
Council Commitments

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To agree the revised Member/Officer Protocol at appendix one to the report.

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## Review of the Member/Officer Protocol

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 Details are provided of the review of the Member/Officer Protocol undertaken in the previous Council term and Council is asked to approve the new Protocol.
- 2.2 The new Protocol simplifies the language and format of the document and reflects the changes made to the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The Member/Officer Protocol is a key document of the Council's governance framework. It guides member/officer relations and should be read in conjunction with the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the Employee Code of Conduct.
- 3.2 The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee agreed in September 2019 that a review should take place and that this should be done in consultation with members.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The Member/Officer Protocol sets out the roles and responsibilities of elected members and of officers to ensure clarity when carrying out their respective duties. Its aim is to be a practical working document that helps guide elected members and officers in their interactions with each other.
- 4.2 The Protocol builds on the provisions in the Councillors' Code of Conduct and should be read in conjunction with the Code.
- 4.3 It is usual practice for the Council's governance documentation to be reviewed once a year and this has taken place for the Member/Officer Protocol but it has not been significantly changed since 2014.

#### **Consultation process**

- 4.4 The consultation on the revised protocol has been undertaken over a lengthy period and there has been extensive engagement with both officers and elected members.



- 4.5 Feedback was sought from both officers and elected members through an officer working group and two sessions with elected members; first with members of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee in October 2019 and then at a session with nominated elected members and officers together in January 2020, which was facilitated by the Improvement Service.
- 4.6 During the engagement it was announced that the Scottish Government would be reviewing the Councillors' Code of Conduct which is integral to the Member/Officer Protocol but revisions to the Councillors' Code of Conduct were then delayed by the onset of the pandemic in 2020 which had a subsequent impact on the timeline for the Member/Officer Protocol. The Scottish Government's consultation on the proposed changes to the Code were included in any revisions to the Protocol and within the discussions with elected members and officers.
- 4.7 Work restarted in summer 2020 when the Council asked the Improvement Service (IS) for support to explore member-officer working relationships. Their recommendations were taken into a set of further sessions in early 2021 with each political group.
- 4.8 A range of common issues were identified which then formed a revised Protocol and also informed the induction training for new elected members.
- 4.9 It was agreed with group leaders that formal approval of the Protocol should wait for the changes to the Councillors' Code of Conduct and then the new Council following the local government elections.

#### **Revised Protocol**

- 4.10 Changes have been made to the revised Member/Officer Protocol to remove duplication and improve the flow of the document and includes the creation of a general principles section at the beginning of the document. The links to the Councillors' Code of Conduct have also been updated and strengthened.
- 4.11 The sections on the roles of elected members and officers have been simplified, restructured and duplication deleted to make the document easier to read and to ensure the guidance is concise and to the point.
- 4.12 The rights of access to information section was considerably re-written to reflect that the principle of "need to know" be included in the revised Member/Officer Protocol. This reflects the guidance provided by the Standards Commission and is in line with other local authorities in Scotland. It is also consistent with the legal advice received on this matter. The "need to know" principle provides wider access rights to elected members than current Freedom of Information rights. It means that elected members can access all documentation that they need to see to be able to undertake their role. This provides a significant right of access to documentation for elected members and although it does not give an automatic right to all information it does clarify and simplify the right of access for elected members.
- 4.13 Additional information has also been included in the Protocol reflecting common issues raised by elected members. For example, the Protocol clearly states that

information provided by an officer to a community council should also be provided to local ward councillors.

### **Awareness**

- 4.14 Following approval of the new Protocol, the intention is to hold sessions for elected members and officers on the new protocol and to ask questions. For the Protocol to be effective it is important that there is as much awareness of it from the officer side as the elected members, so to that end, there will be an increased focus on informing officers of the roles and responsibilities.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Once there is a new Member/Officer Protocol agreed there will be sessions organised for elected members and officers to ensure an understanding of the document.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There is no financial impact as a result of this report.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 There was significant consultation with elected members and officers on the new Protocol as outlined in the report.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 [Minute of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 17 September 2019](#)

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 Appendix One – Member/Officer Protocol.

# The City of Edinburgh Council

## Member-Officer Protocol

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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 This protocol sets out the roles and responsibilities of Elected Members and Council Officers ('Officers') to ensure clarity when carrying out their respective duties.
- 1.2 The protocol seeks to reinforce the principles outlined in the Councillors' Code of Conduct (the 'Code') which apply to Members and Officers. This protocol complements but does not replace any duties set out in the Code, and it must be read in conjunction with the Code
- 1.3 The protocol is designed to help Members and Officers to achieve positive and constructive relations

## **2 General Principles**

- 2.1 These are the general rules which apply to the way Members and Officers should work together:
  - Officers and Members must treat each other with respect and courtesy and they must recognise and appreciate their different roles and responsibilities and the boundaries between them, with neither party seeking to take unfair advantage of their position or influence.
  - Members are entitled to information and assistance that they reasonably require to enable them to carry out their roles as councillors. Officers have a corresponding duty to ensure that this is provided to them.
  - The information and assistance that Officers must reasonably provide depends on the Member's role and responsibilities and on the Council's internal policies and guidelines<sup>1</sup>.
  - Officers and Members must comply with relevant legislation, guidance, Codes of Conduct, Standing Orders and Council policies and procedures in place from time to time, and must use Council resources appropriately and prudently.

## **3 Roles and Responsibilities**

- 3.1 The relationship between Members and Officers will be enhanced by professional relations. However, mutual respect and the belief that Officers are providing objective professional advice to Members must not be compromised.
- 3.2 To project a positive image of the Council and avoid reputational damage, disputes between members and Officers should be acknowledged and resolved in private, rather than in public or through the media, including social media. Disagreements and debate may take place in an appropriate public forum, such as a committee, in line with the requirements set out in paragraph 4.2 of this document. For example, members have the right to publicly disagree with a recommendation in an officer report at a Council meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> City of Edinburgh Council Policy Register (<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory/10239/policy-register>)

- 3.3 The professional role of Officers and members can be summarised as follows: Officers **recommend** policy, Members **agree** policy, Officers **implement** policy, Members **scrutinise** the implementation.
- 3.4 Both Members and Officers should adhere to the rules and regulations set by Council to manage committee business, for example, Procedural Standing Orders and Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions.

## 4 Role of Members

### 4.1 The role of members includes:

- 4.1.1 providing strategic leadership and oversight. This involves setting strategy, planning, scrutinising and making major, complex decisions;
- 4.1.2 determining policy aims and objectives but not engaging in direct operational management (being the planning, organising and execution involved in day to day activities) of Council services as this is the role of employees;
- 4.1.3 taking decisions not delegated to Officers;
- 4.1.4 reviewing and scrutinising the Council's performance;
- 4.1.5 assisting constituents, as required, in their dealings with the Council;
- 4.1.6 representing and advocating the interests of their wards in Council decision making; and
- 4.1.7 representing the Council in partnership arrangements, civic society and on outside organisations.

### 4.2 Members have a right to comment (including critical comment) on reports or the actions taken by Officers, but they must:

- 4.3.1 avoid personal attacks on Officers
- 4.3.2 ensure that any commentary is proportionate, constructive and well founded.

### 4.3 Must observe policy and procedures<sup>2</sup> with regard to the office accommodation they occupy in the interests of security and the general health, safety and welfare of all occupants.

### 4.4 Members must not:

- 4.4.1 raise any adverse matters related to the performance, conduct or capability of employees or groups of employees in public.
- 4.4.2 put pressure on an Officer with regard to matters which have been delegated for Officer decision under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers or by

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Committee. They must be aware of the lines of accountability within service areas and must not apply pressure to an Officer to act in a manner which may be contrary to the instructions of his or her line manager.

- 4.4.3 actively seek to operate outside of the formal operating structures that exist in every area of the Council. Executive Directors and Service Directors must be the recognised first contact in their respective service areas (except for routine service requests or in agreement with the relevant Executive Director). If a response or acknowledgement to a service request is not received, this should be raised with the individual in the first instance, before escalation to an Executive Director.
- 4.4.4 seek special treatment for any individual – members must declare any close personal relationships with constituents when dealing with Officers.
- 4.4.5 be involved in individual staffing matters (or become involved in the management of Council staff) unless they are a member of a committee set up for that purpose.

## **5 Role of Officers**

- 5.1 Officers are employed by the Council and are accountable to it as a body. Officers serve the Council as a corporate body rather than any political group, combination of groups or individual member.
- 5.2 Officers have a duty to follow Council policies and to implement the decisions of the Council and its committees. Officers may advise members on matters of policy and may voice concerns and highlight risks in giving that advice.
- 5.3 The role of all Officers in discharging their duties is to:
  - 5.3.1 act in an open, honest and transparent manner and behave in a professional manner in accordance with the Employee Code of Conduct;
  - 5.3.2 implement and/or act in accordance with the policies of the Council;
  - 5.3.3 comply with all relevant legal, regulatory and professional requirements, taking reasonable steps to ensure they are not placed in a position where they are unable to comply, and challenge non-compliance by others raising such matters with the appropriate management;
  - 5.3.4 implement the decisions of Council, committees and sub-committees;
  - 5.3.5 inform members of any decision that they cannot fully implement;
  - 5.3.6 serve all members, not just those of the Administration group(s);
  - 5.3.7 deal with Member enquiries efficiently and effectively;

- 5.3.8 fulfil any obligations to report information to relevant regulatory authorities;
- 5.3.9 ensure good governance is followed and risk fully considered and recorded.
- 5.4 Officers must not allow their personal or political opinions to influence or interfere with their work. Officers should not take part, and members should not ask Officers to take part, in any activity which could be seen as influencing support for a political party or view. Officer support in these circumstances must not extend beyond providing information and advice in relation to matters of Council business. Employees should not be asked, or be expected, to be present at meetings or parts of meetings when matters concerning party business are being discussed.
- 5.5 Officers must not be involved in advising members on matters of party-political business. All employees must treat all political groups and individual councillors in a fair and even-handed manner and must maintain political neutrality at all times.
- 5.6 Officers must respect the confidentiality of any party group discussions at which they are present. They should not relay the content of any such discussion to another party group or the media. If Officers receive information which, although confidential, they have a duty to disclose elsewhere (e.g. under FOISA legislation), they must indicate to the group that this is the case.
- 5.7 Some Officers are in posts which are “politically restricted” by law. This means that individual postholders are prevented from carrying out any active political role either outside or inside the Council.
- 5.8 Members should raise with the Chief Executive any concerns about the political neutrality of an Officer.
- 5.9 Officers must not raise directly with members any personal matter relating to their jobs or relating to any potential appointment.

### Statutory Officer Roles

- 5.10 Some Officers have specific statutory powers and duties, for example, the Officers designated as Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive), Chief Social Work Officer, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 95 Officer (see Appendix 2 – Statutory Officers). Others, such as the Registrars of Births, Deaths and Marriages and the Council’s Licensing and Standards Officers or Health and Safety at Work Inspectors, work with reference to specific statutory regimes.
- 5.11 The Council has delegated powers to the Chief Executive, Executive Directors and other Officers in order that they can act and take decisions on behalf of the Council in predetermined areas. In taking those decisions, Officers must comply with the Council’s Scheme of Delegation to Officers and relevant governance documents.
- 5.12 The Chief Executive is the statutory Head of Paid Service and is responsible for

managing and securing the professional body of Officers.

- 5.13 Legislation requires that certain functions be exercised by a 'Proper Officer'. The Scheme of Delegation sets out Officers who are designated as Proper Officers in relation to particular functions.
- 5.14 The Monitoring Officer, which is also a statutory role, is responsible for ensuring that agreed procedures are followed and that all applicable statutes and regulations are complied with.

## **6 Support Services to Members and Party Groups**

- 6.1 The Council can only lawfully provide support services – secretarial, administrative, resources, printing, photocopying, transport etc – to members to assist them in discharging their role as members of the Council. These services must only be used for Council business. They must never be used in connection with party political or campaigning activity or for private purposes. Members should never prevail upon the loyalty and enthusiasm of Officers to provide inappropriate support.
- 6.2 The protocols governing the duties of Officers in Members' Services are summarised below:
  - 6.2.1 Officers in Members' Services are Council employees and must comply with the Council's agreed policies and procedures (e.g. Employee Code of Conduct).
  - 6.2.2 They cannot represent or stand in for members at events or decision-making bodies, although they can attend as non-speaking observers.
  - 6.2.3 Each group has dedicated support to direct day to day work. These Officers are appointed by the Democracy, Governance and Resilience Senior Manager who is also responsible for their induction, discipline and any grievances.
  - 6.2.4 They must respect confidentiality regarding the party, group and individual members.
  - 6.2.5 The existence of Officers in Members' Services should not detract from normal Member/Officer relationships.
  - 6.2.6 While councillors may ask employees to provide such support in a particular way, they must nevertheless remember that the employee is accountable to their line manager. Any issues about conflicting priorities, conduct or performance must be referred to the line manager.



## **7 Rights of access to information and documents**

- 7.1 Members need to access information to allow them to discharge their duties as members of the Council. This may range from general information about a Council service to specific information on behalf of a constituent.
- 7.2 Common law and statute provide members with a right to inspect Council documents and information. This is subject to some exemptions and restrictions (see below). This is based on the principle that a member has a right to inspect any Council document that is reasonable and necessary for them to perform their duties as a Council member.
- 7.3 This principle is referred to as the 'need to know' principle and is wider than the access rights set out under Scotland's freedom of information laws. It does not, however, provide Members with an automatic right to examine any documents of the Council. Access to Council documents must align with the 'need to know' principle, and members may need to demonstrate that they have a genuine 'need to know'.
- 7.4 Officers will generally try to provide any information requested by members. However, the extent and manner of access will require to be considered in detail depending upon the information requested.
- 7.5 When responding to requests from members, Officers should always endeavour to respond to requests for information promptly and should, in any event, inform the member if there is likely to be any appreciable delay in dealing with an enquiry or request.
- 7.6 Members should always assume that the information they have been provided with is confidential unless it is clearly reasonable to consider otherwise (e.g. it is already in the public domain) and take appropriate measures to protect that information and use it responsibly, in line with the Council's information governance procedures. In particular, members must only use information for the purpose for which it was provided; undertake not to share that information externally; nor use that information for personal or party-political use. This will also apply in instances where a member may be of the personal view that such information should be publicly available. If a member is in any doubt as to what they can do with any information they should seek guidance from the officer who provided it or another relevant senior officer.
- 7.7 The Chief Executive may choose to instigate any appropriate investigations into actual or alleged breaches of confidence in relation to the release of confidential information.
- 7.8 If an Officer has any concerns regarding the disclosure of information requested by members, they should discuss their concerns promptly with their executive director. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, will decide on any concerns between a member and an executive director regarding access to

information. The Council's Data Protection Officer will be consulted if any matters of dispute concern data protection matters.

- 7.9 The provision of information comes at a cost and members should ensure, where possible, that they are not used by members of the public as a conduit for access to information that is properly available through the Council's established freedom of information and data protection procedures.
- 7.10 Special care needs to be exercised if Officers are involved in providing information and advice to a party group meeting which includes persons who are not members. Such persons will not be bound by the Councillors' Code of Conduct and the provisions concerning the declaration of interests and confidentiality. Officers may not be able to provide the same level of information and advice as they would to a meeting where those in attendance are bound by the provisions of the Code.
- 7.11 Members may need to access personal data about a constituent to help answer a query on behalf that person. In such cases, the member may be asked to provide evidence that they are acting on behalf of that person.
- 7.12 For major events that have a wide-reaching impact on the city, Officers should ensure that all members are kept informed of any politically sensitive issues, as far as possible in advance, before a Council/Committee decision.
- 7.13 If an officer provides information to a community council, it is good practice to share this information with local ward councillors for awareness.

## **8 Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 exemptions and confidential information**

- 8.1 Under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, members have a statutory right to inspect any council document which contains information relating to any business which is to be transacted at a Council, committee or sub-committee meeting. This right applies irrespective of whether the member is a member of the committee or sub-committee concerned and extends to agendas, reports, background papers and minutes of meetings.
- 8.2 This right does not, however, apply to 'confidential information' and 'exempt information' considered in private at committee or sub-committee meetings. Information classified as 'exempt' does not need to be shared by the Council to third parties or members who are not directly involved in decisions relating to that 'exempt information'. The items in question are those which contain exempt information relating to members, employees, occupiers of council property, applicants for grants and other services, the care of children, contract and industrial relations negotiations, advice from counsel and criminal investigations.
- 8.3 There are also other circumstances which prohibit the disclosure of exempt information. For example, dissemination may contravene data protection legislation or compromise the Council's right to legal professional privilege.

- 8.4 In the case of information that is determined by the Chief Executive or the Council's Monitoring Officer to be legally privileged or highly sensitive or confidential, this will be shared with the Council's political group leaders, upon request. Further dissemination of such material will only be made in agreement with political group leaders, and any independent members.
- 8.5 If any further dissemination is agreed this may be subject to appropriate safeguards being put in place to preserve the confidentiality of the requested information e.g. use of a data room (see below).

## **9 Format of information and use of data rooms**

- 9.1 Officers will generally try to provide information in the format in which it has been requested. However, where information is particularly voluminous, sensitive or confidential, it may be more appropriate to make this information available to members through another method, which may include the use of a Data Room – a secure area where documents can be accessed and reviewed under supervised conditions.
- 9.2 If an executive director considers that information should be made available in this way, it will be referred to the Chief Executive who may, with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer, determine that this is appropriate. Thereafter, the Chief Executive in consultation with Group Leaders and independent members (as appropriate), determine the most appropriate venue and timescale for documents to be made available.
- 9.3 Data Rooms will always be monitored by an appropriate member of staff who will also maintain a record of attendees. Materials in the data room should not be photographed, copied, or removed but members will be able to take notes to assist their considerations.

## **10 Training for Members and Officers**

- 10.1 In order that members are suitably trained in the skills needed for the effective discharge of their duties, training/briefings will be provided for members. Some training may be a requirement before a member can take part in a specialist committee or represent the Council on the Board of Arms-Length Companies. All members are also encouraged to take the opportunity to build upon their existing skills. Members are responsible for ensuring that their knowledge and understanding of relevant matters (including, for example, what constitutes bullying and harassment), is up to date. Members should utilise resources, including the Standards Commission's guidance and advice notes, Council policies and training material.

10.2 Guidance on member/Officer relations is an integral component of the Employee Information Handbook which details the Council's key policies. This forms an important part of the induction of new staff.

## **11 Review of the Protocol**

11.1 This protocol will be reviewed annually as part of the operational governance suite of documents.

## Appendix 1

### Exempt Information

Type	Exemption	Qualification	Paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 7A
Council employees	Information relating to a particular employee, former employee or applicant to become an employee of, or a particular office holder, former office-holder or applicant to become and office-holder under, the authority.	<i>Information is not exempt by virtue of this paragraph unless it relates to a person of that description in the capacity indicated by the description.</i>	1
Occupiers of Council accommodation	Information relating to any particular occupier or former occupier of, or applicant or, accommodation provided by or at the expense of the authority.	<i>Information is not exempt by virtue of this paragraph unless it relates to a person of that description in the capacity indicated by the description.</i>	2
Applicants for/recipients of Council services	Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the authority.	<i>Information is not exempt by virtue of this paragraph unless it relates to a person of that description in the capacity indicated by the</i>	3
Applicants for/recipients of financial assistance.	Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any financial assistance provided by the authority.	<i>Information is not exempt by virtue of this paragraph unless it relates to a person of that description in the capacity indicated by the description.</i>	4

Type	Exemption	Qualification	Paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 7A
Social work/children	Information relating to the adoption, care, fostering or education of any particular child or [where any particular child is subject to a compulsory supervision order or interim compulsory supervision order (sections 83 and 86 of the Children's Hearing (Scotland) Act 2011) information relating to the order.		5
Financial/business affairs of any person	Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).	<i>Information is not exempt under this paragraph it is required to be registered under the Companies Acts, the Friendly Societies Act 1974, the Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1965 and the Buildings Societies Act 1962.</i>	6
Social Work	Information relating to anything done or to be done in respect of any particular person for the purposes of any of the matters referred to in section 27(1) of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (providing reports on and supervision of certain persons).		7

Type	Exemption	Qualification	Paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 7A
Expenditure under contract	The amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods and services.	<i>Information falling within this paragraph is exempt information if and so long as disclosure to the public of the amount there referred to would be likely to give an advantage to a person entering into, or seeking to enter into, a contract with the authority in respect of the property, goods or services, whether the advantage would arise as against the authority or as against such other persons.</i>	8
Negotiations	Any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal or property of the supply of goods and	<i>Information falling with this paragraph is exempt information if and so long as disclosure to the public of the terms would prejudice the authority in those for any other negotiations covering the property or goods or services.</i>	9
Identity of tenderer	The identity of the authority (as well as of any other person, by virtue of paragraph 6 above) as the person offering any particular tender for a contract for the supply of goods or services.		10
Labour relations	Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relation matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office-	<i>Information falling within this paragraph is exempt information if and so long as disclosure to the public of the information would prejudice the authority in those or any other consultations or negotiations in connection with a labour relations matter arising as mentioned in that paragraph.</i>	11

Type	Exemption	Qualification	Paragraph of Part 1, Schedule 7A
Legal advice/instructions	<p>Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority, or</li> <li>(b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority,</li> </ul> <p>(whether, in either case, proceedings</p>		12
Statutory notices	<p>Information which, if disclosed to the public, would reveal that the authority proposes—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(c) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or</li> <li>(d) to make an order or direction under any enactment.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Information falling within this paragraph is exempt information if and so long as disclosure to the public might afford and opportunity to a person affected by the notice, order or direction to defeat the purpose or one of the purposes for the notice, order or direction is to be give or made.</i></p>	13
Crime	<p>Any action to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime.</p>		14
Protected Informants	<p>The identity of a protected informant.</p>		15



## **Appendix 2 – Statutory Officers**

- **Head of Paid Service** – the Head of Paid Service is a statutory appointment by virtue of Section 4 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. It is usually the Chief Executive of a Council.
- **Monitoring Officer** – the Monitoring Officer is a statutory appointment by the Council by virtue of section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.
- **Chief Social Work Officer** – the requirement for every local authority to appoint a professionally qualified Chief Social Work Officer (CSWO) is contained within section 3 of the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968.
- **Proper Officer for Finance Arrangements (Section 95 Officer)** – the Proper Officer for Finance Arrangements is a statutory appointment by virtue of section 95 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 which requires local authorities to make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and appoint a Chief Finance Officer (CFO) to have responsibility for those arrangements.
- **Data Protection Officer** – under the General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679 EU) (GDPR), public bodies are required to appoint a Data Protection Officer.
- **Chief Education Officer** – under the Education (Scotland) Act 2016 local authorities are required to appoint a chief education officer to advise the authority on the carrying out of the authority's functions under the Act.
- **Chief Officer of Integration Joint Board** – the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Act 2014 requires integration joint boards to appoint a chief officer. The officer is employed by either the Council or the NHS but is formally seconded to the Board.

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# Rolling Actions Log

## The City of Edinburgh Council

May 2015 to June 2022

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
1	(a) 02-05-19	<a href="#">Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2019-2020</a>	<p>To continue for a further report to the next meeting on the legal opinion of agreeing changes to the Added Members for Education Matters on the Education, Children and Families Committee as follows –</p> <p>(a) To add an additional parent representative.</p> <p>(b) To add a senior pupil representative.</p> <p>(c) To make all Added Members for Education Matters</p>	Chief Executive		30 May 2019	<b>CLOSED</b>

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			non-voting members.				
	(b) 30-05-19	<a href="#">Added Members and Voting Rights on the Education, Children and Families Committee – Legal Opinion</a>	<p>1) To delay the determination of whether to add members and whether or not to remove voting rights of added members to the August sitting of Council, to allow time for review of similar proposals being implemented by Perth and Kinross Council.</p> <p>2) To ask officers to update the report for the Meeting Papers of the August Council to include information on the outcomes of changes to voting rights of added members on the Education and Lifelong Learning</p>	Chief Executive	Ongoing		See Rolling Action 2 below

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			Committee of Perth and Kinross Council.				
2	22.08.19	<a href="#">Added Members and Voting Rights on the Education, Children and Families Committee</a>	<p>1) To agree to continue the report and to organise a series of meetings with the Faith Community to examine their present relationship with the Council and explore how the engagement on the voting rights of the Religious Representatives could be modernised.</p> <p>2) To include consultation with young people and the parent community.</p> <p>3) To agree that the report be submitted to the meeting of the Council in November 2019.</p>	Executive Director of Education and Children's Services	Ongoing		<p><b><u>Update February 2022</u></b></p> <p>An update report is to be submitted to the Education, Children and Families Committee in March 2022.</p> <p><b><u>Update July 2020</u></b></p> <p>Work on this was suspended as a result of the COVID emergency. As conditions change the work will resume. The Executive Director is currently</p>

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							discussing the timetable for resumption with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
3	10.02.22	Independent Review into Whistleblowing and Organisational Culture – Next Steps	<p>1) To agree to a proposed six-month reporting cycle with the first update report on progress being reported to Full Council, followed by update reports to an appropriate committee to be agreed in that first report.</p> <p>2) To instruct that the report should also set out actions to implement any stand-</p>	Chief Executive	25 August 2022		<p><b><u>Recommended for Closure</u></b></p> <p>Report on the agenda for this meeting</p>

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			<p>alone recommendations that could be implemented immediately within existing resources.</p> <p>3) To instruct that the report include a draft redress scheme with clarity about the criteria for inclusion, particularly for those who had made known they considered themselves to have been abused by Sean Bell.</p>				
4	17.03.22	Endorsement of Plant-Based Treaty - Motion by Councillor Burgess	Requests a report on the implications for the council if it were to endorse the call for this treaty and integrate its principles and relevant actions, including for cities and education, into current strategies and	Corporate Services	November 2022 (Policy and Sustainability Committee)		<p><b><u>Update August 2022</u></b></p> <p>The assessment requested will need to take account of the implications of the Council's</p>

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			action plans				Business Plan which is currently being updated. A further update will be provided for the next meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee
5	17.03.22	Living Wage Accreditation and ALEOs - Motion by Councillor Kate Campbell	Agrees to bring back a report to the August Full Council to report on progress	Chief Executive/ Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services	25 August 2022		<b><u>Recommended for Closure</u></b>  Report on the agenda for this meeting
6	17.03.22	Edinburgh's Friendship with Taiwan – motion by Councillor Day	Agrees that the Chief Executive brings back a report on a potential memorandum of understanding to help foster the existing collaborations.”	Chief Executive	24 November 2022		



No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
7	30.06.22	Elected Member Reference Group - Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review	Continued from the meeting on 30 June 2022	Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services	25 August 2022		<b><u>Recommended for Closure</u></b>  Report on the agenda for this meeting
8	30.06.22	Scottish Government Resource Spending Review – motion by Councillor Lang	To agree that the Lord Provost write to invite the Cabinet Secretary of Finance and Economy to address and take questions at a meeting of the Council before the end of the year, with such an agenda item supported by an officer report on the likely implications of the spending review on Edinburgh Council's budget	Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services	Before the end of 2022		<b><u>Update – August 2022</u></b>  The Lord Provost has now written to the Cabinet Secretary with an invitation to speak at a meeting of Council – there will be a follow up update when a response has been received
9	30.06.22	Drylaw Neighbourhood Centre – motions by Councillors Day, Osler and	Agrees that due to the number of community-run centres facing closure due to financial strain, that a report is brought to Council	Executive Director of Education and Children's	22 September 2022		<b><u>Update August 2022</u></b>  Following discussions it was

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		Nicolson	in one cycle identifying those under financial strain and where additional resources can be made available to keep valuable community resources open. This report should also consider the state of management in the community-run centre sector and recommend principles for the relationship between CEC and centres on financial matters	Services			agreed to defer the report until the meeting on 22 September 2022
10	30.06.22	Provision of Sanitary Bins in Council Buildings – motion by Councillor Staniforth	Agrees to the principle of installing sanitary bins in every toilet cubicle on all council premises and agrees that a report should come to the Council meeting in August 2022 setting out how this commitment will be delivered	Executive Director of Place	22 September 2022		

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11	30.06.22	Bus for Dumbiedykes – motion by Councillor Mowat	To call for a report into the short term options for improving access for this community to their essential services recognising their calls over many years for improved regular scheduled bus access.	Place	December 2022		<b><u>Update 25 August 2022</u></b>  This will be considered at the Transport and Environment Committee in November/ December 2022
12	30.06.22	Cost of Living Support – motion by Councillor Biagi	To commission a further report to return to the Council in one cycle outlining options for future cost of living support options and further options for financial support from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-living, including expansion of free school meals to older children.	Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services	25 August 2022		<b><u>Recommended for Closure</u></b>  Report on the agenda for this meeting

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13	30.06.22	Young People's Assembly – motion by Councillor Macinnes	<p>1) Requests a report within 2 cycles on how we can quickly set an effective Young Person's Assembly in motion; what its objectives and parameters could be; how the Assembly should be structured to ensure equality in representation from all communities and a clear commitment to establishing a long term focus on young people's needs and requests through this forum.</p> <p>Further requests that the report recognises the need for the Assembly to offer meaningful</p>	Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services	September 2022		

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			<p>political involvement to avoid tokenism, and seeks input from young people to explore their views on an Assembly as a tool for improving youth political engagement</p> <p>2) To agree the report should also cover the option of consulting with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils on amending the 'scheme for community councils (CC)', to ensure that young people to have a stronger role within CC decision making, building on</p>				

No	Date	Report Title	Action	Action Owner	Expected completion date	Actual completion date	Comments
			existing initiatives				

# City of Edinburgh Council

10am, Thursday, 25 August

## Cost of Living Crisis

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### 1. Recommendations

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1.1 It is recommended that Council:

1.1.1 Note the actions taken in response to Cllr Campbell's motion of 17 March 2022.

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## Cost of Living Crisis

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 Following a motion to Council on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022, the Chief Executive and officers met with Chief Executives of Council Arms-Length External Companies (ALEO) to set out the Council's expectation that all ALEOs should be accredited within one year.
- 2.2 As at August 2022, five of the Council's seven ALEOs are now fully accredited real living wage employers. The remaining two ALEOs are in discussions with Living Wage Scotland on the requirements of the accreditation process.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 On 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021 Edinburgh was awarded 'Living Wage City' status in recognition of the launch of its Living Wage City Action Plan which aims to more than double the number of real Living Wage accredited businesses across the city over the next few years.
- 3.2 The accreditation was awarded by Living Wage Scotland who work with a council led action group of local employers to engage with and encourage businesses across the city to sign up for real living wage accreditation.
- 3.3 Since the launch of this action plan, a total of 100 additional businesses have become real living wage accredited employers in Edinburgh as at end of July 2022. These businesses employ a total of 5,430 workers, including 1,316 staff who have received wage uplifts as a direct result of the accreditation process.
- 3.4 On 17 March 2022 Council approved a motion by Cllr Campbell. With this motion, Council agreed to:
  - 1.1.1 Note that Edinburgh is now an accredited Living Wage City, and the actions are being progressed through the Edinburgh Living Wage City Action Group
  - 1.1.2 Note the positive progress Council Arms-Length External Organisations (ALEOs) are making on the fair work agenda, including becoming accredited Living Wage employers, but note that not all ALEOs are accredited Living Wage employers



- 1.1.3 Instruct the chief executive to write to the chief executives of all ALEOs, on behalf of the council as shareholder, to set out the expectations that all ALEOs should be accredited within one year of this motion being passed,
- 1.1.4 Request officers to work with the ALEOs on how this can be achieved, offering support to help them achieve accreditation and revising SLAs to include these expectations, and
- 1.1.5 Bring back a report to the August Full Council to report on progress

## **4. Main report**

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- 4.1 The Council operates seven active ALEOs. At the time of publication of the motion noted above, one ALEO (Capital City Partnership) was a fully accredited real Living Wage employer. A further ALEO (Edinburgh International Conference Centre) achieved accreditation on the first of April 2022.
- 4.2 In response to the motion, the Council Chief Executive and officers met with ALEO chief executives to set out the Council's expectation that all ALEOs should be accredited within one year.
- 4.3 Following this discussion, a further three ALEOs have completed the accreditation process with Living Wage Scotland – Capital City Theatres, Edinburgh Trams, and Transport for Edinburgh.
- 4.4 Remaining ALEOs are in active discussion with Living Wage Scotland on the accreditation process and next steps required.
- 4.5 The current living wage status of Council ALEOs is as follows:
  - 1.1.6 Capital City Partnership – real living wage (RLW) accredited employer since May 2017
  - 1.1.7 Edinburgh International Conference Centre – RLW accredited employer since April 2022
  - 1.1.8 Capital Theatres – RLW accredited employer since April 2022
  - 1.1.9 Edinburgh Trams – RLW accredited employer since June 2022
  - 1.1.10 Transport for Edinburgh – RLW accredited employer since July 2022
  - 1.1.11 Lothian Buses – not accredited but in discussion with Living Wage Scotland
  - 1.1.12 Edinburgh Leisure – not accredited but in discussion with Living Wage Scotland.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Ongoing discussions between Living Wage Scotland and remaining non accredited ALEOs will continue, with support from Council officers where required.
- 5.2 A full annual update on progress towards delivery of the Living Wage Action Plan will be considered by the Housing, Homelessness, and Fair Work Committee.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 Each ALEO will inform the Council during annual budget discussions of any costs to implementing the living wage and whether this will have any subsequent impact on funding from the Council or a dividend to the Council.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 The Edinburgh Living Wage City Action Plan is developed and implemented with key partners and stakeholders across the city.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 Motion by Councillor Kate Campbell - Living Wage Accreditation and ALEOs
- 8.2 Edinburgh Living City Action Plan

## **9. Appendices**

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none

# City of Edinburgh Council

10am, Thursday, 25 August

## Cost of Living Support – response to a motion from Councillor Biagi

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that Council:
- 1.1.1 Notes the substantial actions undertaken to date by the Council to address the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh
  - 1.1.2 Agrees, in line with recommendations from the Finance and Resources Committee on 14 July 2022, that £1,212,000 of provisional unallocated underspend from the Council's 2021/22 budget is used to clear school meal debts and make a one-off payment to families of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals,
  - 1.1.3 Notes the findings of Edinburgh Partnership discussions and agreed actions to improve workforce capacity in the welfare rights sector, and promote awareness and access to money advice support
  - 1.1.4 Agrees that the Council Leader will write to UK and Scottish Governments urging them to increase welfare payments to those in need, and intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare entitlements.

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## Cost of Living Support – response to a motion from Councillor Biagi

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This rise in the cost of living is resulting in significant difficulties for many families in Edinburgh. The drivers of these increasing pressures are international and macroeconomic, and the tools to make the most effective direct solutions are largely in the hands of national governments, but the Council and partners have made substantive actions to provide additional assistance through this year to date.
- 2.2 In February 2022 the Council budget allocated £7.535m of funds in actions towards easing the cost of living crisis for low income citizens, including one-off cash payments to at least 31,900 low income households, alongside additional funding for crisis grants, energy and food crisis support throughout this financial year
- 2.3 In July 2022 a special meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee recommended, subject to approval by Council, further financial support for low income families. This proposes the use of £1,212,000 of Council funds to clear school meal debts and make a one-off payment to families of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals.
- 2.4 Further to this, a special meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership reviewed evidence on where additional support in the city is needed, and what partnership actions would have the greatest impact. These actions include:
- 2.4.1 Additional capacity for third sector crisis grant programmes, and income maximisation advice capacity in Edinburgh
  - 2.4.2 Implementation of a new employability programme for welfare rights advisors in Edinburgh to build the skilled workforce needed by that sector
  - 2.4.3 Promotion of citizen and staff awareness of help available to households who are worrying about money or struggling to get by during this autumn and winter period, and
  - 2.4.4 The Council Leader writing to UK and Scottish Governments urging them to increase welfare payments to those in need and intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare entitlements.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 On 17 August 2022 the Office for National Statistics published new data to show that the UK rate of inflation, as measured by the consumer price index, had risen above 10% for the first time in 40 years. This increase was driven by rising prices for core household goods and services including home energy, road fuel, food, and drink.
- 3.2 This rise in the cost of living is resulting in significant difficulties for many families across the UK. [Recent research](#) estimates that almost 73% of households in Scotland could fall into fuel poverty (spending more than 10% of income on energy costs) by January 2023 if energy price cap changes come into effect as planned. At the same time, analysis from Citizen's Advice Scotland estimates that 20% of people in Scotland already run out of money before pay day every month.
- 3.3 The main drivers of these increasing pressures are international and macroeconomic, and the tools to make the most effective direct solutions are largely in the hands of national governments – through, for instance, social security systems, taxation, and market regulation.
- 3.4 Local government and partners, however, do have a role to play in addressing the cost of living crisis. In February 2022, the City of Edinburgh Council approved a £7.535m of funds in actions towards easing the cost of living crisis for low income citizens. A full report on progress towards delivery of these measures will be considered by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 30 August 2022, but in summary this package has provided:
- 3.4.1 A total of 40,109 direct cash payments to at least 31,900 low income households and over 8,100 children, at a total cost of £5.6m.
  - 3.4.2 An additional £750,000 in crisis grant funds during this financial year
  - 3.4.3 £100,000 in crisis payments for families struggling with energy costs,
  - 3.4.4 £300,000 to support projects in Edinburgh providing emergency food support, and
  - 3.4.5 £300,000 to provide family support and income maximisation services across Edinburgh, providing capacity for an additional provides capacity for 1,500 individual advice appointments per annum
- 3.5 On [30 June 2022](#) the City of Edinburgh Council approved an amended motion from Councillor Biagi on further cost of living support for Edinburgh citizens. With this motion Council agreed to:
- 3.5.1 Note the continuing cost of living crisis and the actions taken to date by the Council
  - 3.5.2 Convene an emergency meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee within two weeks to consider the feasibility and costs of approving further cost of living support measures

- 3.5.3 Call a special meeting of the key Edinburgh Partnership members in July to inform the priorities for future CEC and partner spend to assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of-living including support to, and
- 3.5.4 Commission a further report to return to Council in one cycle to outline further options for support from City of Edinburgh Council in this financial year that would assist households on low and middle incomes with the rising cost-of living.
- 3.6 On 14 July 2022 a special meeting of the [Finance and Resources Committee](#) was held to consider the actions and cost implications of the approved motion from Councillor Biagi.
- 3.7 On an amendment (provided in Appendix 1), the committee agreed that, subject to approval by Council, a total of £1,212,000 of provisionally unallocated underspend from the 2021/22 budget should be used to:
  - 3.7.1 Clear school meal related debt of £64,000
  - 3.7.2 Create a provision of £128,000 for school meal hardship in the coming school year
  - 3.7.3 Make a one-off £100 payments for the 8,832 children who are currently in receipt of free school meal entitlements in Edinburgh, and
  - 3.7.4 Use the remaining £136,800 (subject to audit) for making £100 payments to the families of children who are newly registered as eligible at the start of the August school term.

## **4. Main report**

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- 4.1 Following the motion to Council outlined above a special meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership was convened on 28 July 2022 to discuss and agree additional partnership actions to help Edinburgh citizens meet and manage the rising cost of living.
- 4.2 The partnership reviewed available evidence on the impact of the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh, with a particular emphasis on evidence gathered from money advice services across the city working to help citizens access benefits entitlements, manage debts and other household costs. This analysis showed:
  - 4.2.1 Clear increasing numbers of advice clients seeking support for rising fuel costs and food crisis
  - 4.2.2 Increasing numbers of clients seeking advice on returning to work
  - 4.2.3 Continuing high caseloads of clients seeking help with benefits, debt, and housing issues
  - 4.2.4 A relatively stable profile of clients by household characteristic, with no evidence to date of increasing demand from older clients or other specific groups, and

- 4.2.5 Relatively low awareness of how to get help with money problems – 52% of people across Scotland report that they would ‘do not know where to go to get help’.
- 4.3 Alongside these issues, the analysis showed significant workforce and capacity issues within the money advice sector in Edinburgh, with longstanding challenges around staff recruitment, retention, and workforce wellbeing.
- 4.4 In response to this evidence, the partnership consider those areas where additional support in the city is needed, and what partnership actions could have the greatest impact.
- 4.5 Within this analysis, the partnership noted the importance of direct cash support to preventing immediate crisis and welcomed the financial interventions undertaken and planned by the Council to date, including those outlined above
- 4.6 In addition to these payments, the partnership considered two further areas for additional partnership activity. These include actions to improve access to and promote awareness of income maximisation advice, and other available supports.

#### **Additional partnership actions to address the cost of living crisis**

- 4.7 **Income maximisation advice** relates to support needed to help citizens make full access to benefits entitlements, improve benefits uptake rates, manage debts, and increase income through employment. Evidence from Council and third sector operated money advice services shows a strong impact on household incomes and good return on investment for public spending. Average financial gains from some services are estimated at £1,300 per family supported, or almost £2 for every £1 of public investment.
- 4.8 To increase capacity in the sector, the partnership noted and welcomed proposals for Council’s provisional UK Shared Prosperity Fund Edinburgh Investment Plan to incorporate funding for third sector operated income maximisation and welfare rights provision in this financial year.
- 4.9 In addition, and to build on this investment, the partnership:
- 4.9.1 Agreed that as a matter of priority, partners will collaborate to implement an employability programme for welfare rights advisors in Edinburgh to build the skilled workforce needed by the sector.
- 4.9.2 Noted that a strategic review of the advice sector in Edinburgh is planned for completion in September 2022, and that implementation of that review is critical to a citywide response to the cost of living crisis.
- 4.9.3 Agreed that additional action is needed to **raise awareness of and promote access to** financial and other crisis support available to Edinburgh citizens.
- 4.9.4 Agreed that partners will collaborate on a joint programme to promote citizen and staff awareness of help available to households who are worrying about money or struggling to get by during this autumn and winter period. This will include advice on how to check benefits entitlements and encourage benefits uptake

- 4.9.5 Agreed that partners will collaborate on raising awareness among frontline staff groups on the tools and support available for clients who are struggling or worrying about money.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 On 30 August 2022 the Council's Policy and Sustainability Committee will consider a report on the progress to date in delivery of poverty and cost of living measures outlined in the Council's 2022/23 revenue budget. These included the allocation of £7.535m of additional funds in actions towards easing the effects of the cost of living crisis for low income households in Edinburgh.
- 5.2 In September 2022 the Edinburgh Partnership will consider a further report on actions agreed to address the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh, and a report on the findings of the strategic review of money and welfare advice services in the city.
- 5.3 Subject to approval by Council, during Autumn 2022 Council staff will progress with proposed plans to clear school meal debts and make a one-off payment to families of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals.
- 5.4 Further to actions agreed by the Council's Finance and Resources Committee at its special meeting of 14 July 2022, Council Leader will write to both the Scottish and UK Governments to:
- 5.4.1 urge them to increase recurring welfare payments to those in need, who are most directly affected by the cost of living crisis; and also
- 5.4.2 intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare benefits, as many people are missing out on payments to which they are entitled.
- 5.5 A full report on these actions, and all the actions included within the Council's End Poverty in Edinburgh Delivery Plan will be considered by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in November 2022.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 This report outlines a proposal for spend of £1,212,000 of provisionally unallocated underspend from the Council's 2021/22 budget. Full financial implications of this decision are outlined in the report to Finance and Resources Committee provided in Appendix 2 to this paper.
- 6.2 Outline approval of projects to be funded through Edinburgh's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan was provided by the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in August 2022.
- 6.3 Council contribution to Edinburgh Partnership actions outlined in this report will be implemented within existing agreed budgets.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 The report outlines actions the Council is undertaking in discussion with Edinburgh Partnership and stakeholders.



## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 [Motion to Council by Councillor Biagi, City of Edinburgh Council, 30 June 2022](#)

## **9. Appendices**

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Appendix 1: Amendment by the Administration to a report to the Finance and Resources Committee on Cost of Living Crisis: cost implications of motion approved by Council, 30 June

Appendix 2: [Report to Finance and Resources on Cost of Living Crisis: cost implications of motion approved by Council, 30 June](#)

## Appendix 1: Amendment by the Administration to a report to the Finance and Resources Committee on Cost of Living Crisis: cost implications of motion approved by Council, 30 June

### Item 7.1 - Cost of Living Crisis: cost implications of motion approved by Council, 30 June 2022

Replaces the recommendations in the report (provided in Appendix 2) with the following:

- 1.1 Members of the Finance and Resources Committee agree to:
  - 1.1.1 Note that the estimated cost implications of the approved motion by Cllr Biagi exceeds the amount available by circa £341,000.
  - 1.1.2 Note that the uptake of free school meals could be higher than forecast due to the current economic circumstances and to the Ukrainian families arriving in Edinburgh.
  - 1.1.3 Use the £1,212,000 set out in the report to Council on 30th June 2022 to:
    - i) clear the school meal related debt of £64,000;
    - ii) create a provision of £128,000 for school meal hardship in the coming school year;
    - iii) make the £100 payments for the 8,832 children whose families currently qualify; and
    - iv) use the remaining £136,800 (subject to audit) for making £100 payments to the families of children who are newly registered as eligible at the start of the August school term.
  - 1.1.4 Note - notwithstanding 1.1.3 (above) - that in view of wider pressures and commitments affecting 2022/23 and subsequent years of the budget framework, the Page 2 of 2 recommendation that further discretionary expenditure should not be incurred.
  - 1.1.5 Notes that the Council Leader has called a special meeting of key members of the Edinburgh Partnership to consider the above proposal and for their input to be noted in a report when Council considers the decision of the Finance and Resources Committee in relation to reserve spending.
  - 1.1.6 To request that the Council Leader writes to both the Scottish and UK Governments to:
    - a. urge them to increase recurring welfare payments to those in need, who are most directly affected by the cost of living crisis; and also
    - b. intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare benefits, as many people are missing out on payments to which they are entitled.

## QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Key for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) The last substantive meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee took place on 1 March 2022. The next substantive meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee is scheduled for 13 September 2022. Does the Convener believe that her Committee can effectively scrutinize the department with the largest slice of Council resources with meetings taking place every 6 months or so?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) The Council Report Schedule dated 10/8/22 does not list any agenda items at all for the meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 13 September. Every other Committee scheduled in that paper between August and October has a comprehensive list of agenda items. Has the Convener taken her eye of the ball, 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** (2)

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## QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Campbell for answer  
by the Convener of the Housing,  
Homelessness and Fair Work  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 25 August 2022**

### Question

The Homelessness Task Force took in the Homelessness Forum, which was a forum for engagement with third sector stakeholders to enable good communications and relationship building between the council and charities working in homelessness in Edinburgh. It also took in the Welfare Reform Working Group, which included elected members, public sector and third sector stakeholders and enabled discussion and awareness on changes to welfare reform and actions that could be taken to address poverty. The Homelessness Task Force itself was set up to deal with the enormous challenges in homelessness, dealing with temporary accommodation, rough sleeping and the time it takes for a homeless household to resolve their homelessness, and was well attended by stakeholders and the Scottish Government, addressing challenges in the city.

The last two Homelessness Task Force meetings have been cancelled with short notice. Can the convener confirm that she intends to continue to convene the Homelessness Task Force, if so, could she confirm the date of the next meeting?

### Answer

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## QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

To ask the Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee to please confirm the following, with specific regard to the Homes for Ukraine scheme:

**Question** (1) How many volunteers came forward to house refugees?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) How many have been fully vetted?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) How many passed the vetting process?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) How many have now dropped out of the scheme?

**Answer** (4)

**Question** (5) How many refugees have now been placed?

**Answer** (5)

**Question** (6) How many refugees are currently waiting?

**Answer** (6)

**Question** (7) What is the longest time anyone has waited to date for placement, and what is the average time?

**Answer** (7)

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## QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Planning  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question**           **(1)** Given the increasing popularity of electric vehicles when will the Council publish guidance to explain its planning policy so that residents can comply with it when installing domestic EV charging points?

**Answer**           **(1)**

**Question**           **(2)** Will the guidance explain the circumstances where an EV charger would be permitted development and also when planning permission might be required?

**Answer**           **(2)**

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## QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) How many reports of a drain in need of clearing did the Council receive in the last year?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) How many of these were actioned within a month?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) What is the average delay between drains being reported as needing to be cleared and them being successfully cleared?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) Against what criteria are areas currently prioritised for regular clearing, where a report has not necessarily been made?

**Answer** (4)

**Question** (5) Which areas, by ward, are planned for regular clearing in the next six months?

**Answer** (5)

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## QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) What was the total income from cruise liner docking fees at the Hawes Pier in each of the last 5 years (calendar or financial years)?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) Taking into account the operating costs of providing this service, what is the total net profit made by the Council from cruise liner docking fees at the Hawes Pier in each of these last 5 years?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) How has the money raised from these fees been used – please provide a breakdown?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) How many confirmed or provisional bookings have been made in terms of cruise liner dockings at the Hawes Pier in the next three years?

**Answer** (4)

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## QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) What legislative requirement exists on bus operators to consult with the Council before making significant changes to existing bus routes?

**Answer** (1)

(2) Did Lothian Buses consult with the Council regarding the route changes which were subsequently announced on 5 June 2022?

(2)

(3) If Lothian Buses did consult with the Council, what feedback was provided by officers?

(3)

(4) Is there any expectation on officers to seek the views of ward councillors on proposed changes to bus routes before offering formal feedback to bus operators?

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**QUESTION NO 8**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Convener of the Leader of the  
Council at a meeting of the Council  
on 25 August 2022**

Davidson's Mains Roundabout

**Question**           **(1)** Further to the answers given to question 9.1 at the June 2022 meeting of the Council, when will the statutory process for the redetermination order commence?

**Answer**           **(1)**

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## QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) How many bus stops are there within the Council area?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) Of these, how many have a bus shelter?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) What criteria is used to determine whether a bus stop without a shelter should be prioritised for a new shelter?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) What is the budget allocated for 2022/23 for new bus shelters and bus shelter replacements?

**Answer** (4)

**Question** (5) What is the expected percentage split in this budget between installing new shelters and replacing existing shelters?

**Answer** (5)

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## QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

### **Question**

What measures additional to those anticipated to be delivered as part of the Trams to Newhaven scheme will be put in place to further protect the segregated cycle way *and pedestrian amenity* on Leith Street from vehicles parking within it?

### **Answer**

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## QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) How much has been invested in upgrading Cables Wynd House in the last 5 years? How does this compare against the median investment figure of the per-capita spend for Council houses?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) How much has been spent on reactive repairs in Cables Wynd House in the last 5 years? How does this compare against the median investment figure of the per-capita spend for Council houses?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) What is the average repair time for actions identified by residents and concierge service and completed in the building, including a breakdown of lift repairs?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) What outstanding actions requiring work have been identified and when were they identified as needing to be repaired/actioned?

**Answer** (4)

**Question** (5) Can the Convener make available to ward Councillors the outstanding list of short, medium and long term identified actions for repair and investment for the building that residents have been informed exists but haven't yet been able to see?

**Answer** (5)





## QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Biagi for answer by the  
Leader of the Council at a meeting of  
the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question**           **(1)** What arrangements are in place to mitigate risk of industrial action in core service areas?

**Answer**             **(1)**

**Question**           **(2)** How much Council resource has been spent to date on retention agreements and all other agreements with external companies as part of those service plans during industrial action?

**Answer**             **(2)**

**Question**           **(3)** How much Council resource would be spent, on a per day basis, with external companies through any industrial action broken down into service areas?

**Answer**             **(3)**

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## QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1 How many trees in the city's parks and greenspaces have ) died over the summer months due to the increased hot dry weather driven by climate change?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) How has this impacted on Edinburgh's commitment to becoming a Million Tree City?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) How much additional officer time and resource has been committed if any to preventing our trees from dying from the recent weather?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) What plans are in place to mitigate the impact of weather extremes on the Edinburgh's biodiversity?

**Answer** (4)

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## QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Davidson for answer  
by the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 25 August  
2022**

### **Question**

What steps is the convener intending to take in order to tackle the attainment gap, following recent SQA results showing a significant increase in the problem?

### **Answer**

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## **QUESTION NO 15**

**By Councillor Davidson for answer  
by the Chair of the Integration Joint  
Board at a meeting of the Council on  
25 August 2022**

### **Question**

In light of recent freedom of information data showing that some individuals in the NHS Lothian region are waiting for up to eight months for access to PrEP Medication what discussions has he had within the Health and Social Care Partnership about what steps can be taken to improve access?

### **Answer**

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## QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Davidson for answer  
by the Chair of the Integration Joint  
Board at a meeting of the Council on  
25 August 2022**

**Question**           (1) How many individuals in target groups have accessed the MVA vaccine?

**Answer**            (1)

**Question**           (2) What discussions he has had with Health and Social Care Partnership Colleagues about promoting the vaccine to at risk groups?

**Answer**            (2)

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## QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Transport and Environment  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** How many bins were removed from Victoria Park in each of the last 5 years?

**Answer**

**Question** What was the reason for their removal?

**Answer**

**Question** What assessment has been made since then with regards to litter and waste issues in the park?

**Answer**

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## QUESTION NO 18

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

**Question** (1) When did you last meet the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to discuss Gaelic Medium Education, and what was the outcome of the meeting?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) When did you last meet with representatives from Comann nam Pàrant Dùn Èideann, and what was the outcome of the meeting?

**Answer** (2)

**Question** (3) What written communication have you had with the Cabinet Secretary or Comann nam Pàrant on the subject of Gaelic Medium Education since you were appointed, and will you publish this?

**Answer** (3)

**Question** (4) What are the council's plans for engagement with the Gaelic community over options for a site for a GME High School?

**Answer** (4)

**Question** (5) When will the Education, Children and Families Committee appoint members of the Gaelic Implementation Group, or its successor body?

**Answer** (5)

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## QUESTION NO 19

**By Councillor Heap for answer by the Leader of the Council Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

### Question

What plans does the Council have to

- (a) support residents to access help with energy bills and
- (b) to help the extremely large number of residents who very likely will not be able to afford to heat their homes, in particular how vulnerable residents will be supported and whether 'warm banks' in Council-owned buildings are being planned?

### Answer

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## QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor Booth for answer by  
the Leader of the Council at a  
meeting of the Council on 25 August  
2022**

### **Question**

Further to his answer to my question at full council of 30 June 2022, can the council leader clarify that his administration will appoint a group to oversee the development of the council's Gaelic plan and ensure its effective delivery? If not, why not, and if so, when will this be appointed?

### **Answer**

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## QUESTION NO 21

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

### Question

Further to his supplementary answer to my question at full council of 30 June 2022, I am aware that the decision to appoint members of the Licensing Board was made on 26 May 2022, since I was present at that meeting. My question did not ask what date the decision was made - my question asked what were the reasons behind the decision to reduce the size of the board while also creating a new position of vice-convener. He will be aware that the amendment making these changes was in his name.

So can I offer the council leader a third opportunity to answer the question: what were the reasons behind his changes to the Licensing Board?

### Answer

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## QUESTION NO 22

**By Councillor Mitchell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Please could the Convener confirm:

- Question** (1) How many reports have been lodged per year since 2017 relating to missed or late bin collections from the Inverleith Park Allotments on East Fettes Avenue?
- Answer** (1)
- Question** (2) If these bins are included within an existing collection route?
- Answer** (2)
- Question** (3) To which address are these bins attached?
- Answer** (3)
- Question** (4) What is his understanding of why these bins are not being consistently emptied?
- Answer** (4)

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**QUESTION NO 23**

**By Councillor Whyte for answer by  
the Convener of the Culture and  
Communities Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 25 August  
2022**

**Question**           **(1)** Given the restrictions of the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991, what process was followed to allow Crops in Pots Leith/Earth in Common to undertake the ongoing building project in Leith Links at the former tennis court pavilion?

Please note that the Act states:

Subject to the provisions of this Order there shall not be constructed in any of the parks specified in the first column of the following table any permanent buildings other than buildings of the description specified in the second column of that table in relation to such park:—

<i><sup>1</sup> Park</i>	<i><sup>2</sup> Description of buildings</i>
The Meadows, Bruntsfield Links, Leith Links	Bandstands, public conveniences, police boxes and buildings for housing apparatus for the supply of electricity or gas.

**Question**           **(2)** What permissions are in place for the numerous containers and sheds that are on the site?

**Answer**             **(2)**

**Question**           **(3)** Has any public access/use been secured to the building for wider public use such as the long-standing aim of having public toilets in Leith Links?

**Answer**             **(3)**

**Question**           **(4)** Does all activity on the site comply in full with the restrictions of the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991 and the requirements on Common Good Land?

**Answer**             **(4)**

**Question** (5) What contractual obligations have been placed on the organisation by way of lease or other obligation in regard to maintenance of the site, for example in relation to maintenance of the hedges that form the site boundary?

**Answer** (5)



**QUESTION NO 24**

**By Councillor Biagi for answer by the  
Convener of the Planning Committee  
at a meeting of the Council on 25  
August 2022**

**Question**

What contact have the Convener of the Planning Committee and/or officials had with the Ministry of Defence about possibly bringing forward the expected date for the disposal of Redford Barracks?

**Answer**

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## QUESTION NO 25

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Additional parking bays are currently being installed in the B2 PPA in south Morningside. The related process started with a consultation with local residents in 2011 but there have been no subsequent communications until recently. The first direct notification residents received was by letter from the Council a few weeks in advance of bays being painted on the street.

**Question** (1) Given the passage of time and the limited nature of advertising associated with a TRO, what additional generic publicity was undertaken in relation to this scheme to inform residents in advance of implementation?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) In future, would a leaflet drop into the affected area be an appropriate way to provide notice to residents in advance of the start of implementation of parking schemes?

**Answer** (2)

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## QUESTION NO 26

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Transport Scotland published a report on Public Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure in Scotland in July 2021. One of its objectives is to encourage the deployment of private capital through partnerships with the public sector, complementing and improving the existing public charging base for electric vehicles. A report to the Transport Committee on 31 March 2022 makes reference to a Scottish Futures Trust Business case with a view to securing funding for a pilot EV Charge points scheme.

**Question** (1) What progress has been made on this SFT business case, which was due to be completed by the end of April 2022?

**Answer** (1)

**Question** (2) Has funding been secured for a pilot EV charge points scheme?

**Answer** (2)

(3) What engagement has been undertaken with private sector EV charging providers with a view to establishing a partnership approach?

(3)

(4) When are proposals likely to be brought forward for consideration by councillors?

(4)

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