

Minutes

Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Thursday 11 May 2023

Present:

Councillors Walker (Convener), Aston (substituting for Councillor Glasgow), Cameron (items 1 to 6 and 11 to 14), Dalgleish (substituting for Councillor Cameron for items 7 to 10), Heap, McFarlane, McNeese-Mechan, Mitchell, Munro, Osler, Parker (substituting for Councillor Staniforth for items 7 & 8), Staniforth (with the exception of items 7 & 8) and Thornley.

1. Business Bulletin

The Culture and Communities business bulletin was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the Fringe Society would be invited to a briefing session with members.
- 2) To note that the Convener intended to visit artists at WASPS.
- 3) To agree that further details would be provided to members on what engagement had been undertaken with regard to raising awareness of the fundraising plan to support and bring together community-led heritage groups in Edinburgh.
- 4) To otherwise note the updates in the business bulletin.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Business Bulletin 11 May 2023, submitted)

2. WASPS Studio Space in Dalry – Motion by Councillor Heap

a) Submission from Councillor McKenzie, Local Ward Member

Councillor McKenzie, local Ward member spoke in support of the terms of the motion highlighting that WASPS studio at West Park Place was used by over

60 artists, was a community resource for the Gorgie Dalry area and was also utilised as a centre for arts education and training.

It was acknowledged that WASPS had indicated their preference to stay at West Park Place and Councillor McKenzie urged further engagement with WASPS as the alternative building proposed was not in the Gorgie Dalry area.

Councillor McKenzie urged members to consider the option that, should WASPS be unable to continue at West Park Place, ownership should be transferred to the artists in collaboration with the Council.

b) **Deputation - Written submission from Save our WASPS Studio**

The deputation requested the Committee's assistance to ensure that the artists' studios at West Park Place which hosted over 50 artists and creative businesses could remain. Reference was made to the poor provision of arts and cultural resources in Edinburgh and the deputation highlighted that closing the studios would further detract from this and that the closure of the studio space would pose a risk to the businesses of some of the arts workers.

The deputation expressed concern that the building would be redeveloped into student accommodation and suggested that a viable alternative would be for the building to be upgraded to become an arts hub for the local area. The deputation also drew attention to the online petition which currently had over 700 signatures.

c) **Motion by Councillor Heap – WASPS Studio Space in Dalry**

The following motion by Councillor Heap was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22(5):

"Committee:

- 1) Notes that WASPS provides studio spaces for artists and creatives and operates a studio space at West Park Place in Dalry.
- 2) Understands that WASPS wrote to ward councillors indicating it is examining the future of the space in light of what it states are high costs of maintenance.
- 3) Is given to understand that the building had previously been purchased from the City of Edinburgh Council.
- 4) Notes with regret the under provision of arts facilities in Dalry and believes the studio is an integral part of the cultural scene in this part of the city.
- 5) Requests a report be submitted in two cycles of the Culture and Communities Committee covering (1) The details of any sale of the property by the City of Edinburgh Council and (2) What can be done to

support WASPS to keep their studio provision at West Park Place or within the Gorgie/Dalry area.

- 6) Requests the Convener to contact WASPS and representatives of the tenants at West Park Place to discuss what can be done to retain the thriving artistic community at West Park Place in Dalry.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Heap.

- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Amendment

To delete paragraphs 1) to 6) of the motion and replace with the following:

- 1) To note the update regarding WASPS in the Business Bulletin.
- 2) To agree to receive a further Business Bulletin update when appropriate.

• moved by Councillor Mitchell, Seconded by Councillor Munro.

Voting

For the motion (as adjusted) – 9 votes

For the amendment – 2 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Aston, Cameron, Heap, McFarlane, McNeese-Mechan Osler, Staniforth, Thornley and Walker.

For the amendment – Councillors Mitchell and Munro.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Heap:

- 1) To note that WASPS provided studio spaces for artists and creatives and operated a studio space at West Park Place in Dalry.
- 2) To note that WASPS wrote to ward councillors indicating it was examining the future of the space in light of what it stated were high costs of maintenance.
- 3) To note that the building had previously been purchased from the City of Edinburgh Council.

- 4) To note with regret the under provision of arts facilities in Dalry and believes the studio was an integral part of the cultural scene in this part of the city.
- 5) To agree that a report be submitted in two cycles of the Culture and Communities Committee covering (1) The details of any sale of the property by the City of Edinburgh Council and (2) What can be done to support WASPS to keep their studio provision at West Park Place or within the Gorgie/Dalry area.
- 6) To request the Convener to contact WASPS and representatives of the tenants at West Park Place to discuss what could be done to retain the thriving artistic community at West Park Place in Dalry.

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Culture and Communities Committee of 7 March 2023 as a correct record.

4. Work Programme

The Committee's Work Programme was presented for review.

Decision:

To note the work programme.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Work Programme 11 May 2023, submitted)

5. Rolling Actions Log

The Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log was presented.

Decision:

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 13 - Parks and Greenspace Investment.
 - Action 14 – Business Bulletin - Tinderbox – Making Music in Libraries.
 - Actions 22 (6) and (7) – Use of Public Spaces for Events and Filming Update.

- Action 24 (3) - Amplification of Sound in Public Spaces.
 - Action 25 - Response to motion by Councillor Thornley - Parks and Greenspace Investment.
 - Action 32 (2) - Motion by Councillor Osler – Tree Protection Measures East and West Princes Street Gardens.
- 2) To agree that Action 16 – ‘Terms and Conditions for Operating Events in Parks: West Princes Street Gardens and the Ross Bandstand’ remain open as the issue was ongoing until the impacted area is reopened.
 - 3) To note the rolling actions log would be updated to reflect decisions taken at this meeting and otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Culture and Communities Committee Rolling Actions Log 11 May 2023, submitted)

6. Third Party Cultural Grants Funding 2023/24

An update was provided in relation to the third-party cultural grants fund for 2022/23. Approval was also sought for the funding recommendations for 2023/24. Reference was made to the proposed timetable to review the funding approach as outlined in the report with the outcome to be reported to Committee in October 2023.

Decision

- 1) To note the continuation of the Strategic Partnership Funding Programme for a fourth year 2023/24 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the flexible and project funding recommendations for 2023/24, as set out in Appendix 2.
- 3) To approve the retention of Strategic Partnership funds earmarked for the Centre for the Moving Image for allocation to cultural cinema exhibition-related opportunities during 2023/24.
- 4) To approve the Strategic Partnerships Funding Programme Review timetable 2023/24, with review outcomes implementation from April 2024.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 1 February 2022 (item 10); Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 14 March 2023 (item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

7. Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Registration Scheme - Update

An update was provided on the Cemetery Tour Operator Registration Scheme which became operational in 2021 and reference was made to the recommendation of

revising the fee structure for tour guides. Committee was asked to agree that discussions should be progressed with tour guide representatives' compliance with the donation scheme and how this could be improved. It was confirmed that if approved, the outcome would be reported back to Committee by the end of this calendar year.

Motion

- 1) To note the update on the Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Guide Registration Scheme.
 - 2) To agree changes to the fee structure for the Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Guide Registration Scheme, as set out in paragraphs 4.15 and 4.16 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
 - 3) To agree to carry out further engagement with tour guide representatives to explore improvements to compliance with the donation scheme. The outcome of these discussions would be reported back to Committee by the end of the year.
- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Dalgleish

Amendment

- 1) To note the update on the Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Guide Registration Scheme.
 - 2) To agree changes to the fee structure for the Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Guide Registration Scheme, as set out in paragraphs 4.15 and 4.16, of the report by the Executive Director of Place, subject to Tour Guide Fees being payable on a monthly basis.
 - 3) To agree to carry out further engagement with tour guide representatives to explore improvements to compliance with the donation scheme. The outcome of these discussions would be reported back to Committee by the end of the year.
- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22 (5) and (12), the amendment was verbally adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To note the update on the Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Guide Registration Scheme.
- 2) To agree changes to the fee structure for the Edinburgh Cemetery Tour Guide Registration Scheme, as set out in paragraphs 4.15 and 4.16, of the report by the Executive Director of Place, subject to Tour Guide Fees being payable by standing order or direct debit.

- 3) To agree to carry out further engagement with tour guide representatives to explore improvements to compliance with the donation scheme and to note the outcome of these discussions would be reported back to Committee by the end of the year.
- 4) To agree to explore options for signage at churchyards to pinpoint donation points.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 15 September 2020 (item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

Declaration of interests

Councillor Staniforth declared a financial interest in the above item as he was employed as a cemetery tour guide, left the meeting and took no part in the consideration and decision on the matter.

8. Response to Motion by Councillor Osler – Tree Protection Measures East and West Princes Street Gardens

In response to the motion by Councillor Osler in respect of tree protection measures in East and West Princes Street Gardens, an update was provided focusing primarily on the tree protection arrangements in place for Edinburgh's Christmas in 2022.

A further report on tree protection measures for future events will be presented to Committee in October 2023.

Motion

- 1) To note the update on the arrangements which were in place for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 and the challenges faced.
 - 2) To note the update provided on refreshing the Trees in the City Action Plan and Tree Protection Plan for East Princes Street Gardens and some of the considerations which were being progressed as part of this work.
 - 3) To note that the refreshed Trees in the City Action Plan would be presented to Committee following public consultation in October 2023.
- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Dalgleish

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the update on the arrangements which were in place for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 and the challenges faced.
- 2) To note the update provided on refreshing the Trees in the City Action Plan and Tree Protection Plan for East Princes Street Gardens and some of the considerations which were being progressed as part of this work.

- 3) To note that the refreshed Trees in the City Action Plan would be presented to Committee following public consultation in October 2023.
 - 4) To agree a briefing would be given to the next Festivals and Events All Party Oversight Group regarding TPO measures and Key Performance Indicators to be put in place in advance of use of either/both East and West Princes Street Gardens for the Summer Festivals.
 - 5) To agree a further report to Committee, once the Trees in the City Action Plan and the Tree Protection Plan for East Princes Street Gardens had been completed, to pull them together with existing documents regarding the protection of trees in Princes Street Gardens into a single document for Committee's consideration, to bring clarity for both Council and potential users of the Gardens.
- moved by Councillor Thornley, seconded by Councillor Osler

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the update on the arrangements which were in place for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 and the challenges faced and condemns the non-compliance of event organisers with regard to tree protection.
- 2) To note the update provided on refreshing the Trees in the City Action Plan and Tree Protection Plan for East Princes Street Gardens and some of the considerations which were being progressed as part of this work.
- 3) To note that the refreshed Trees in the City Action Plan would be presented to Committee following public consultation in October 2023.
- 4) To express regret that the tree protection plan for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 was based on a plan from the previous contract holder which was also insufficient, notes that events for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 taking place in Princes Street Gardens followed other commercial events in the gardens in October 2022 which also failed to observe adequate protections for trees, and therefore believes that the failure of the Council to identify insufficiencies within multiple versions of plans for tree protection for events in Princes Street Gardens is indicative of a systemic failure of the Council to take action to protect trees there, and recognises that this is not in line with the Council's declaration of a nature emergency, nor conducive to meeting the Council's climate targets.
- 5) To express regret that the report appears to not include a full timeline of non-compliance brought to the attention of the Council and therefore requests that a revised briefing note with full details is circulated amongst committee and appended to the Business Bulletin for the next meeting, which should also include:

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- i. a copy of minutes and action points captured from the various site meetings held throughout October, November and December 2022, and full, specific details of which breaches were / were not addressed and why.
 - ii. a copy of the holding statement from Unique Assembly in November 2022 which details their promise to bring forward a complete Tree Protection Management Plan, confirmation of the date when this holding statement was published, confirmation of when the complete Tree Protection Management Plan was received by the Council, and a copy of this plan.
 - iii. Full details of planning enforcement action, including when notification of breaches of tree protection zones were first reported and then investigated.
- 6) To welcome the move to investigate mechanisms to levy charges to support tree protection as part of events management as detailed at 4.20 of the report, whilst recognising that this approach could legitimise an attitude which commodifies nature and which is contrary to the Council's declaration of a nature emergency which recognised that nature has an inherent value.
 - 7) Believes that on-site supervision for large scale events will be key for ensuring that tree protection measures are effectively enforced, including during delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas 2023.
 - 8) Therefore, requests that officers explore options to resource on-site supervision during the installation, operation and removal from site during Edinburgh's Christmas 2023, with a proposal for what resourcing requirements would be needed for this brought to the relevant committee for decision as soon as possible.
 - 9) Also requests that the Convener writes to Unique Assembly to outline the committee's position on the importance of tree protection, inviting them to address committee and discuss how the Council's requirements for tree protection can align with their corporate social responsibilities.
 - 10) To welcome the renewed focus of officers on this issue and looks forward to reviewing the refreshed Trees in the City Action Plan in October 2023.
- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Heap

In accordance with Standing Order 22 (5) and (12), amendment 2 was verbally adjusted and Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 as adjusted were accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

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- 1) To note the update on the arrangements which were in place for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 and regrets the non-compliance of event organisers with regard to tree protection.
- 2) To note the update provided on refreshing the Trees in the City Action Plan and Tree Protection Plan for East Princes Street Gardens and some of the considerations which were being progressed as part of this work.
- 3) To note that the refreshed Trees in the City Action Plan would be presented to Committee following public consultation in October 2023.
- 4) To agree a briefing would be given to the next Festivals and Events All Party Oversight Group regarding TPO measures and Key Performance Indicators to be put in place in advance of use of either/both East and West Princes Street Gardens for the Summer Festivals.
- 5) To agree a further report to Committee, once the Trees in the City Action Plan and the Tree Protection Plan for East Princes Street Gardens had been completed, to pull them together with existing documents regarding the protection of trees in Princes Street Gardens into a single document for Committee's consideration, to bring clarity for both Council and potential users of the Gardens.
- 6) To express regret that the tree protection plan for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 was based on a plan from the previous contract holder which was also insufficient, notes that events for Edinburgh's Christmas 2022 taking place in Princes Street Gardens followed other commercial events in the gardens in October 2022 which also failed to observe adequate protections for trees, and therefore believes that the failure of the Council to identify insufficiencies within multiple versions of plans for tree protection for events in Princes Street Gardens is indicative of a systemic failure of the Council to take action to protect trees there, and recognises that this is not in line with the Council's declaration of a nature emergency, nor conducive to meeting the Council's climate targets.
- 7) To express regret that the report appears to not include a full timeline of non-compliance brought to the attention of the Council and therefore requests that a revised briefing note with full details is circulated amongst committee and appended to the Business Bulletin for the next meeting, which should also include:
 - i. a copy of minutes and action points captured from the various site meetings held throughout October, November and December 2022, and full, specific details of which breaches were / were not addressed and why.
 - ii. a copy of the holding statement from Unique Assembly in November 2022 which details their promise to bring forward a complete Tree Protection Management Plan, confirmation of the date when this holding statement was

published, confirmation of when the complete Tree Protection Management Plan was received by the Council, and a copy of this plan.

- iii. Full details of planning enforcement action, including when notification of breaches of tree protection zones were first reported and then investigated.
- 8) To welcome the move to investigate mechanisms to levy charges to support tree protection as part of events management as detailed at 4.20 of the report, whilst recognising that this approach could legitimise an attitude which commodifies nature and which was contrary to the Council's declaration of a nature emergency which recognised that nature has an inherent value.
- 9) Believes that on-site supervision for large scale events would be key for ensuring that tree protection measures were effectively enforced, including during delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas 2023.
- 10) Therefore, to request that officers explore options to resource on-site supervision during the installation, operation and removal from site during Edinburgh's Christmas 2023, with a proposal for what resourcing requirements would be needed for this brought to the relevant Committee for decision as soon as possible.
- 11) To also request that the Convener writes to Unique Assembly to outline the Committee's position on the importance of tree protection, inviting them to address Committee and discuss how the Council's requirements for tree protection could align with their corporate social responsibilities.
- 12) To welcome the renewed focus of officers on this issue and looks forward to reviewing the refreshed Trees in the City Action Plan in October 2023.

(References – Act of Council No. 26 of 9 February 2023; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted).

9. Guidance on Park Lighting

a) **Written Submission from Councillor Caldwell, Local Ward member**

The deputation referenced the decision to include Pilrig Park in the top 10 recommendation list and referenced the increase in the number of residents resulting from new build flats and improved public transport links that utilised the park as an active travel route.

The deputation asked that Committee and officers liaise with planning for future considerations and recommendations as many parks around the city had a large population density and a high number of development sites nearby.

The deputation also requested that engagement with local stakeholders be undertaken as this could highlight the unique situation for each individual park.

b) **Report by the Executive Director of Place**

A summary was provided of the development of a prioritisation framework to progress lighting schemes in parks and open spaces. In addition, an update was given on the development of technical guidance which would support the implementation of detailed lighting designs across the city's parks and open spaces.

Motion

- 1) To approve the prioritisation framework which had been developed to identify where improvements in park lighting would benefit the city's parks and open spaces (Appendix 1), including the list of schemes which had been identified as the top 10 for improvement (paragraph 4.5).
- 2) To note the park lighting strategy which would be used to determine the order in which parks would receive lighting investment using Council funds.
- 3) To note the intention to seek match funding to supplement the Council's allocation of £500,000 for park and open space lighting improvements across the city.
- 4) To agree to proceed with the allocation of this funding for lighting in the order as set out in the park prioritisation framework, noting the aim of officers to seek to attract sufficient funding to be able to implement lighting improvements in the top 10 priority parks at least (as set out at paragraph 4.5).

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Dalglish

Amendment 1

- 1) To approve the prioritisation framework which had been developed to identify where improvements in park lighting would benefit the city's parks and open spaces (Appendix 1), including the list of schemes which had been identified as the top 10 for improvement (paragraph 4.5).
- 2) To note the park lighting strategy which would be used to determine the order in which parks would receive lighting investment using Council funds.
- 3) To note the intention to seek match funding to supplement the Council's allocation of £500,000 for park and open space lighting improvements across the city.
- 4) To agree to proceed with the allocation of this funding for lighting in the order as set out in the park prioritisation framework.

- 5) To agree to progress the design and consultation for the top ten simultaneously.
 - 6) To agree to a Business Bulletin update in 6 months.
- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the prioritisation framework which had been developed to identify where improvements in park lighting would benefit the city's parks and open spaces (Appendix 1), including the list of schemes which had been identified as the top 10 for improvement (paragraph 4.5).
 - 2) To note the park lighting strategy which would be used to determine the order in which parks would receive lighting investment using Council funds.
 - 3) To note the intention to seek match funding to supplement the Council's allocation of £500,000 for park and open space lighting improvements across the city.
 - 4) To agree to proceed with the allocation of this funding for lighting in the order as set out in the park prioritisation framework, noting the aim of officers to seek to attract sufficient funding to be able to implement lighting improvements in the top 10 priority parks at least (as set out at paragraph 4.5).
 - 5) To note that many parks that fall short of the top 10 recommended, such as Baronscourt Park, would benefit from lighting or additional lighting.
 - 6) Therefore resolves that the lighting of parks should be an ongoing project beyond the top 10 listed in this report until every park that can benefit is sufficiently lit.
- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Heap

Amendment 3

- 1) To approve the prioritisation framework which had been developed to identify where improvements in park lighting would benefit the city's parks and open spaces (Appendix 1), including the list of schemes which had been identified as the top 10 for improvement (paragraph 4.5).
- 2) To note the park lighting strategy which would be used to determine the order in which parks would receive lighting investment using Council funds.

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- 3) To note the intention to seek match funding to supplement the Council's allocation of £500,000 for park and open space lighting improvements across the city.
 - 4) To agree to proceed with the allocation of this funding for lighting in the order as set out in the park prioritisation framework, noting the aim of officers to seek to attract sufficient funding to be able to implement lighting improvements in the top 10 priority parks at least (as set out at paragraph 4.5).
 - 5) To agree to receive an update report each year including, but not limited to, installation progress, and a review of the prioritisation framework and an assessment of its success.
- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Munro.

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To approve the prioritisation framework which had been developed to identify where improvements in park lighting would benefit the city's parks and open spaces (Appendix 1), including the list of schemes which had been identified as the top 10 for improvement (paragraph 4.5).
- 2) To note the park lighting strategy which would be used to determine the order in which parks would receive lighting investment using Council funds.
- 3) To note the intention to seek match funding to supplement the Council's allocation of £500,000 for park and open space lighting improvements across the city.
- 4) To agree to proceed with the allocation of this funding for lighting in the order as set out in the park prioritisation framework.
- 5) To agree to progress the design and consultation for the top ten simultaneously.
- 6) To agree to a Business Bulletin update in 6 months.
- 7) To note that many parks that fall short of the top 10 recommended, such as Baronscourt Park, would benefit from lighting or additional lighting.
- 8) Therefore resolves that the lighting of parks should be an ongoing project beyond the top 10 listed in this report until every park that can benefit is sufficiently lit.

- 9) To agree to receive an update report each year including, but not limited to, installation progress, and a review of the prioritisation framework and an assessment of its success.

(References – report by the Executive Director of Place and written submission from Councillor Caldwell, local Ward Member, submitted)

10. Response to Motion by Councillor Thornley – Parks and Greenspace Investment following 2023 Council Budget

In response to the adjusted motion by Councillor Thornley on Parks and Greenspace Investment following approval of the Council's budget for 2023/24, an overview was provided of proposals to spend an additional funding of £3 million of additional capital funding for parks and open spaces.

Motion

To approve the proposed allocations of funding, as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, to utilise the additional capital investment of £3m which was agreed as part of the Council budget for 2023/24 for parks and open spaces.

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Dalglish

Amendment

- 1) To approve the proposed allocations of funding, as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, to utilise the additional capital investment of £3m which was agreed as part of the Council budget for 2023/24 for parks and open space.
- 2) To agree that any money not required for 4.3.3 be added to the allocation for 4.3.1 to progress much needed lighting works.
- 3) To agree that Committee receive an update in the Business Bulletin on the four priorities set out in 4.3 in six months' time, rather than it being contained within established reporting.

- moved by Councillor Thornley, seconded by Councillor Osler

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To approve the proposed allocations of funding, as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, to utilise the additional capital

investment of £3m which was agreed as part of the Council budget for 2023/24 for parks and open space.

- 2) To agree that any money not required for 4.3.3 be added to the allocation for 4.3.1 to progress much needed lighting works.
- 3) To agree that Committee receive an update in the Business Bulletin on the four priorities set out in 4.3 in six months' time, rather than it being contained within established reporting.

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

11. Lawn Tennis Association Investment in Park's Tennis Courts

a) Deputation - Friends of Inverleith Park

The deputation expressed concerns that changing the booking system currently in place would be limiting and impact spontaneity of the current system. The deputation queried the research that indicated increased use of tennis courts that were bookable noting no details on the research were provided with reference being made to quotes from members of the community.

The deputation requested that the courts be refurbished and made available with a requirement that charges were kept low.

b) Deputation - Leith Links Community Council

The deputation acknowledged the proposed investment from the Lawn Tennis Association and spoke in favour of the implementation of a booking system but noted that this would have additional maintenance costs. The deputation requested more information in relation to the extent of the refurbishment required and the possibility to install seating for waiting customers.

The deputation sought clarification on work being conducted in conjunction with LTA's investment to improve the facilities of the park and to improve the appearance of the area and progress being made regarding the Council's commitment to have public toilets in premier parks.

c) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Details were provided of a funding opportunity to refurbish four tennis court sites across Edinburgh and the steps the Council was required to take to realise the investment. The tennis courts which had been identified for investment were located in the following parks – Inverleith Park, Leith Links, St Margaret's Park and Victoria Park. The tennis court at the Meadows was not included in the proposal.

Motion

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- 1) To note the funding opportunity presented by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to refurbish four tennis court sites across Edinburgh.
 - 2) To note the requirement to adopt the LTA's Clubspark booking system and the installation of gate access systems in order to allow the investment to be realised at each of the courts.
 - 3) To agree to proceed with development of a funding agreement with the LTA to secure funding of £139,641.61 for investment in four park tennis court venues in the city (Inverleith Park, Leith Links, St Margaret's Park and Victoria Park).
 - 4) To approve the introduction of online booking for public access to the courts.
 - 5) To agree that the Council would retain responsibility for maintenance and refurbishment of the courts, as required, over the next 10 years and would cover the operational costs for the gate locking systems.
- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the funding opportunity presented by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to refurbish four tennis court sites across Edinburgh.
 - 2) To note the requirement to adopt the LTA's Clubspark booking system and the installation of gate access systems in order to allow the investment to be realised at each of the courts.
 - 3) To agree to proceed with development of a funding agreement with the LTA to secure funding of £139,641.61 for investment in four park tennis court venues in the city (Inverleith Park, Leith Links, St Margaret's Park and Victoria Park).
 - 4) To approve the introduction of online booking for public access to the courts.
 - 5) To agree that the Council would retain responsibility for maintenance and refurbishment of the courts, as required, over the next 10 years and would cover the operational costs for the gate locking systems.
 - 6) To agree to a review after implementation within a calendar year to consider any possible non-intended barriers to use.
- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Amendment 2

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- 1) To note the funding opportunity presented by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to refurbish four tennis court sites across Edinburgh.
 - 2) To note the requirement to adopt the LTA's Clubspark booking system and the installation of gate access systems in order to allow the investment to be realised at each of the courts.
 - 3) To agree to proceed with development of a funding agreement with the LTA to secure funding of £139,641.61 for investment in four park tennis court venues in the city (Inverleith Park, Leith Links, St Margaret's Park and Victoria Park).
 - 4) To approve the introduction of online booking for public access to the courts.
 - 5) To agree that the Council would retain responsibility for maintenance and refurbishment of the courts, as required, over the next 10 years and would cover the operational costs for the gate locking systems.
 - 6) To request that officers arrange for, subject to a consideration of feasibility, the siting of tennis ball recycling bins at Council-run tennis courts and the collection of balls from them, including the four noted in the report, with an update on progress made via the Business Bulletin.
- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To note the funding opportunity presented by the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) to refurbish four tennis court sites across Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the requirement to adopt the LTA's Clubspark booking system and the installation of gate access systems in order to allow the investment to be realised at each of the courts.
- 3) To agree to proceed with development of a funding agreement with the LTA to secure funding of £139,641.61 for investment in four park tennis court venues in the city (Inverleith Park, Leith Links, St Margaret's Park and Victoria Park).
- 4) To approve the introduction of online booking for public access to the courts.

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- 5) To agree that the Council would retain responsibility for maintenance and refurbishment of the courts, as required, over the next 10 years and would cover the operational costs for the gate locking systems.
- 6) To agree to a review after implementation within a calendar year to consider any possible non-intended barriers to use.
- 7) To request that officers arrange for, subject to a consideration of feasibility, the siting of tennis ball recycling bins at Council-run tennis courts and the collection of balls from them, including the four noted in the report, with an update on progress made via the Business Bulletin.

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

Declaration of interests

Councillor Osler made a transparency statement as a member of Friends of Inverleith Park.

12. Edinburgh Museums and Galleries: Policy Renewals 2023-2026

Approval was sought for two updated museums and galleries policies - the Collections Development Policy and Temporary Exhibitions Policy. These policies would be valid from the date of approval until 2026.

Motion

- 1) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Collections Development Policy 2023-2026.
 - 2) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Temporary Exhibitions Policy 2023-2026.
 - 3) To note that the next update to these policies would be submitted to the appropriate Executive Committee in 2026.
- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment 1

- 1) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Collections Development Policy 2023-2026.
- 2) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Temporary Exhibitions Policy 2023-2026.
- 3) To note that the next update to these policies would be submitted to the appropriate Executive Committee in 2026.

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- 4) To welcome Point 16 in the Museums and Galleries Collections Development Policy outlining the process for repatriation and restitution of objects and human remains, and further welcomes the strict guidelines and ethics governing new acquisitions.
 - 5) To agree to publicly state Committee's support for the restitution and repatriation of looted or unethically acquired items within Edinburgh's collections.
 - 6) To further agree to a report in three cycles to the Culture and Communities Committee updating members on the work of the Decolonisation Working Group, including progress made to date in repatriating looted or unethically acquired items from Edinburgh's collections and ways in which we may seek to be proactive as well as reactive in repatriating these items and remains.
- moved by Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Collections Development Policy 2023-2026, but requests officers report within two cycles on how the Edinburgh Museums and Galleries collections could reflect the Scotland's Museum and Galleries Strategy's focus on wellbeing, the climate crisis and decolonisation, with the report to include a section on whether an audit of the collections for links to slavery, colonialism and racism could be undertaken.
 - 2) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Temporary Exhibitions Policy 2023-2026.
 - 3) To note that the next update to these policies would be submitted to the appropriate Executive Committee in 2026.
 - 4) To welcome the intention for both Policies to reflect the vision of Scotland's Museums and Galleries Strategy 2023- 2030, produced by Museums Galleries Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, and its focus on wellbeing, the climate crisis and decolonisation.
- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 22 (5) and (12), Amendment 1 and Amendment 2, as verbally adjusted were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Collections Development Policy 2023-2026, but requests officers report within three cycles on how the Edinburgh Museums and Galleries collections could reflect the Scotland's Museum and Galleries Strategy's focus on wellbeing, the climate crisis and decolonisation,

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with the report to include a section on whether an audit of the collections for links to slavery, colonialism and racism could be undertaken.

- 2) To approve the Museums and Galleries: Temporary Exhibitions Policy 2023-2026.
- 3) To note that the next update to these policies would be submitted to the appropriate Executive Committee in 2026.
- 4) To welcome Point 16 in the Museums and Galleries Collections Development Policy outlining the process for repatriation and restitution of objects and human remains, and further welcomes the strict guidelines and ethics governing new acquisitions.
- 5) To agree to publicly state Committee's support for the restitution and repatriation of looted or unethically acquired items within Edinburgh's collections.
- 6) To further agree to a report in three cycles to the Culture and Communities Committee updating members on the work of the Decolonisation Working Group, including progress made to date in repatriating looted or unethically acquired items from Edinburgh's collections and ways in which we may seek to be proactive as well as reactive in repatriating these items and remains.
- 7) To welcome the intention for both Policies to reflect the vision of Scotland's Museums and Galleries Strategy 2023- 2030, produced by Museums Galleries Scotland on behalf of the Scottish Government, and its focus on wellbeing, the climate crisis and decolonisation.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee 20 March 2018 (item); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

13. Filming in Edinburgh 2022

The annual update on filming in Edinburgh coordinated by the Council's film office, Film Edinburgh was presented.

Reference was made to the continued positive city reputation as a filming destination and the economic impact of filming in Edinburgh for 2022.

Decision:

- 1) To note the city's success in attracting and facilitating film and television production in Edinburgh in 2022.
- 2) To note the economic impact of filming in the city.

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

14. Use of Public Spaces for Events and Filming Update

An update was provided on the development of the new arrangements for the use of public spaces for events and filming with reference being made to the decisions taken as part of the progress update submitted to the meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee on the 13 December 2022.

Motion

- 1) To note the update on the development of plans to implement new arrangements for the use of public spaces for events and filming.
 - 2) To agree the change of wording proposed in December 2022 in respect of the key principles point four would be considered alongside finalising the plans for implementing the new arrangements (paragraph 4.9).
 - 3) To note that it was intended to further develop the approach to implementing the key principles, including discussing this with stakeholders, before presenting a final proposal for the new arrangements to Committee in October 2023 for approval.
- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment

- 1) To note the update on the development of plans to implement new arrangements for the use of public spaces for events and filming.
 - 2) To agree the change of wording proposed in December 2022 in respect of the key principles point four would be considered alongside finalising the plans for implementing the new arrangements (paragraph 4.9), subject to the following changes:
 - After “elected members” insert (at least the relevant Ward Members and the members of the Culture and Communities Committee) and after “in consultation with the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee” insert “having considered the feedback provided by the elected members consulted”.
 - A list of red flagged events and filming subsequently approved must be published on an annual basis and made available to the Culture and Communities Committee.
 - 3) To note that it was intended to further develop the approach to implementing the key principles, including discussing this with stakeholders, before presenting a final proposal for the new arrangements to Committee in October 2023 for approval.
- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To note the update on the development of plans to implement new arrangements for the use of public spaces for events and filming.
- 2) To agree the change of wording proposed in December 2022 in respect of the key principles point four would be considered alongside finalising the plans for implementing the new arrangements (paragraph 4.9), subject to the following changes:
 - After “elected members” insert (at least the relevant Ward Members and the members of the Culture and Communities Committee) and after “in consultation with the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee” insert “having considered the feedback provided by the elected members consulted”.
 - A list of red flagged events and filming subsequently approved must be published on an annual basis and made available to the Culture and Communities Committee.
- 3) To note that it was intended to further develop the approach to implementing the key principles, including discussing this with stakeholders, before presenting a final proposal for the new arrangements to Committee in October 2023 for approval.

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