

Motion by the Coalition

Leadership Advisory Panel

23 April 2020

Item 7.2 – Interim Political Management Arrangements 2020

Deletes point 1.1.4 then replaces with:

- 1.1.4 immediately suspend all other committee meetings until 1 September 2020 at the latest with the option of reconvening committees earlier if practicable starting with the Finance and Resources Committee if the Chief Executive in consultation with Leader and Deputy Leader agrees that capacity can allow for this.”

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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The Leadership Advisory Panel:

Agrees the recommendations in the report and

Inserts new recommendation at 1.1.7 and re-number subsections of recommendation 1.1 thereafter:

1.1.7 Recognises that the interim arrangement gives the power to the Committee to consider all business that would usually be that of Council and thus alters the composition of the Committee during this period to reflect this by:

- a) Creating an 18 Member Committee;
- b) Adding the Lord Provost as a member of the Committee to act as Convener and to bring greater input on the Civic and community aspects of the recovery from the emergency situation;
- c) Implementing proportionality of places on the Committee to reflect the make-up of Council in line with Council's agreed democratic and governance principles. For the purposes of proportionality, the Lord Provost will be counted as part of any political Group of which they are a member,
- d) Noting that this would result in a Committee with the following membership: 5 Conservative, 5 SNP, 3 Labour, 2 Green, 2 Liberal Democrat, 1 Edinburgh Party of Independent Councillors.

And insert at end of Recommendation 1.2:

And that this should include contact with the Houses of Parliament to determine what security and practical considerations they have followed to allow the House of Commons to meet using Zoom and the House of Lords using Microsoft Teams given the potential inclusion of up to 150 MPs at a time in this process and the Council comprising only 63 members.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Add to recommendation 1.1.5 'subject to the following adjustments:

Paragraphs 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 replace the initial word 'reinstate' with the word 'resume'

Paragraph 1.1.5 that the interim PSOs be in place until 31 August 2020

To retain from existing standing orders SO 9 (Order of Business), SO 14 (Questions), SO 26 Suspension of Standing Orders)

To remove SO 20.7 from the Interim PSO's Ringing of Division Bell and to ensure that all meetings, agendas and reports (unless they are ruled private) are open to the public to access and observe

Add new recommendation 1.1.9:

In relation to decisions delegated to Convenors, Vice convenors and Directors, that the relevant spokesperson of each party group be informed of upcoming decisions at least on a monthly basis and each spokesperson shall have the right to:

- a. Seek further information on any specific issue
- b. Remit any specific issue for consideration at the Policy and Sustainability Committee prior to any decision being taken and that decisions taken under delegated authority be recorded in the Committee's Rolling Actions Log

Moved by Cllr Robert Aldridge

Seconded by

Amendment by the Edinburgh Party of Independent Councillors

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Committee

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Moved by Councillor

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Coalition

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Item 7.3 – Consultation Planning Report

Adds a new sentence at the end of point 1.3

“Notes the new planning guidance, however agrees to continue the Halmyre consultation and agrees to extend the period by a further month instead of suspending.”

Adds a new 1.5

“Notes the significant fall in consultation responses during the current COVID-19 restrictions and recognises the need for as many voices to heard as possible on the future shape of winter festivals. Further notes the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group (APOG) has not yet met as meetings were cancelled due to the current restrictions. Therefore, agrees to engage with elected members through the APOG as soon as practicable to allow the consultation to proceed at the earliest opportunity. This would be brought back to the appropriate committee for approval before being published.”

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.3 – Consultation Planning Report

The Leadership Advisory Panel:

1.1 agrees that all current and planned consultation deadlines are extended by at least two months, where this hasn't already happened, and unless otherwise agreed.

1.2 agrees to pause ALL new consultation and engagement exercises that do not have statutory or COVID related requirements until further notice (as detailed in lists 3 and 4 of Appendix 1 of the report) with the single exception of the Winter Festivals Consultation.

1.3 Notes that the Winter Festivals contract will need to be in place by Autumn 2021 to allow the event organiser appropriate time to set up for Winter 2022 and that the Council's procurement process takes approximately a year meaning that the procurement process must start by Autumn 2020.

1.4 Therefore calls for a detailed report to the next meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee in May 2020 setting out the timescale and process for a consultation that can be completed in time to meaningfully influence the model and nature of future Winter Festivals and the subsequent procurement process given that this means the consultation will likely have to be completed by the end of September 2020.

1.5 Agrees that the APOG on Festivals and Events should meet remotely in advance of the Policy and Sustainability Committee in order that Party Spokespersons can discuss the matter and influence the Report.

1.6 Recognises that COVID-19 is likely to have lasting impacts on the use of the City Centre and requests that the APOG consider how to invite contributions from residents, businesses and stakeholders to inform a wider consultation on Events and use of public spaces in the City Centre and beyond with an early outline being given in the report to Policy and Sustainability Committee.

1.7 Agrees to follow recent Scottish Government guidance and emergency legislation for determining progress of Planning consultations and processes as outlined in appendix 2.

1.8 Notes the Council Infectious Diseases Outbreak Resilience Plan assigned the lowest Business Impact Assessment (BIA) (priority 5 of 5) to Traffic Regulation Orders, Locality Transport activities and Parking Projects; that even Strategic Transport Planning & Projects Development have a low BIA score (Priority 4); and that Active Travel changes are considered even less 'essential' with no BIA score given. Further notes that this means that the BIA score for the Transport activities listed in Appendix 2 is likely to be of low priority during the current Pandemic emergency.

1.9 Therefore agrees that Officers score each Consultation in line with the BIA of the related activity outlined in the Resilience Plan to achieve alignment of consultations and activities during this Pandemic and report this to the next meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee in May. This will allow consultations and work related to low BIA activity to be suspended, with the Officers involved being redeployed to more pressing tasks, until such time as Council can return to normal arrangements.

1.10 To note that a further report, including any matters not detailed above, will be provided setting out the forward plan for consultations in due course.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor

Motion by the Green Group

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Item 10.1 – Resolution to Consider in Private

Committee notes that item 11.1 'Revenue Budget 2020-21 Update' listed on the publicly available agenda for the meeting is recommended to be held in private, excluding the public from the meeting and that the related papers have not been published.

Committee believes that in these very difficult times during the Covid-19 Pandemic, it is crucial that Edinburgh Council is as transparent in its discussions and decision making as possible, and that public discussion of the financial implications is in the public interest.

Committee therefore resolves to take this item in public in as far as it relates to discussion of Council financial information, and thereafter to discuss in private, confidential information relating to other organisations.

Committee also requests that the Chief Executive publish a version of the reports excluding any private and confidential information relating to other organisations, and any other exempt information as committee agrees, under the under Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 11.1 – Revenue Budget 2020-21 Update

The Leadership Advisory Panel:

Adds to recommendations at 1.1;

1.1.7 Agrees to share this report, in its entirety, with all Elected Members to ensure transparency and scrutiny in financial decision making given that budget setting is a matter for the Council as a whole.

Moved by Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 11.1 – Revenue Budget 2020-21 Update

Insert additional recommendation:

- Thanks the Council Leader for writing to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and calls for his original ask of the Cabinet Secretary and the outcome of this dialogue be shared with members of the Leadership Advisory Panel.

Moved by: **Councillor Melanie Main**