

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 30 June 2022

Present:-

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

COUNCILLORS

Scott Arthur
Danny Aston
Jule Bandel
Alan C Beal
Marco Biagi
Chas Booth
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Jack Caldwell
Lezley Marion Cameron
Kate Campbell
Christopher Cowdy
James 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

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

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, Doggart, 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

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

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

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

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
- 75th 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
Russian Consul in Edinburgh |
| Councillor Lang | - | Scottish Government spending review -
representations |
| Councillor Burgess | - | Liberal Democrat Group – policy plans |
| Councillor Whyte | - | Council position if independence referendum goes
ahead without Section 30 consent |
| Councillor Jenkinson | - | Active travel education corridor – August Walk the
Route |
| Councillor Campbell | - | Council Administration |
| Councillor Beal | - | West/East cycle route – incentive/compensation
scheme for traders |
| Councillor Miller | - | Welcoming Ukrainian refugees – provision of
suitable and safe accommodation |
| Councillor Doggart | - | Welcoming Ukrainian refugees – discussions with
other Council leaders in South East Scotland and
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
HQ |
| Councillor Heap | - | Bike hangers |
| Councillor Rust | - | Elected member verbal abuse of employees and
upset to school pupils |

7 Appointments to Members of Committees, Boards and Joint Boards

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, Dalglish, 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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, Doggart, 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

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

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

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 Dalgleish, 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, 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.)

Decision

To approve following amendment by Councillor Dalgleish:

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

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

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

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

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

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 – 50th Anniversary - Motion by Councillor Bruce

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES		
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
OTHER COMMITTEES		
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

APPEALS		
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
RECRUITMENT		
Recruitment Committee	Convener:	Council Leader

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022/23

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND JOINT BOARDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES	
<p>Policy and Sustainability Committee (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>Culture and Communities Committee (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>Education, Children and Families Committee (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

Added Members for Education Matters	
Church of Scotland Representative Roman Catholic Representative	Third Religious Representative Parent Representative – non-voting
Finance and Resources Committee (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
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee (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
Transport and Environment Committee (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

Other Committees

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

(11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)

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:

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

Councillor Campbell
Councillor Dixon
Councillor Nicolson
Councillor Faccenda
Councillor Jenkinson
Councillor Thornley

Councillor Younie
Councillor Bandel
Councillor Miller
Councillor Mowat
Councillor Rust

Pensions Committee

(5 members –1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)

(plus 2 external members representing the employers and the members in the pension funds

Councillor Biagi
Councillor Watt
Councillor Neil Ross

Councillor Burgess
Councillor Doggart

External Members

John Anzani

Richard Lamont

Planning Committee and Development Management Sub-Committee

(11 members:- 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 2G, 2C)

Councillor Gardiner
Councillor Hyslop
Councillor McNeese-Mechan
Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron
Councillor Dalgleish (Convener of Planning Committee)
Councillor Beal

Councillor Osler (Convener of Development Management Sub)
Councillor Booth
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Jones
Councillor Mowat

<p>Planning Local Review Body All members of the Planning Committee (other than its Convener) comprising two panels of five.</p>	
<p>Panel 1 (5 members)</p>	
<p>Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron Councillor Gardiner Councillor Jones</p>	<p>Councillor O'Neill Councillor Osler</p>
<p>Panel 2 (5 members)</p>	
<p>Councillor Beal Councillor Booth Councillor Hyslop Councillor McNeese-Mechan</p>	<p>Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Mowat</p>
<p>Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee (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>Leadership Advisory Panel (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>Administration of Trust Funds</p>	
<p>Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest (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>

Reviews and Appeals	
Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals (5 members –1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Biagi Councillor Day (Convener) Councillor Beal	Councillor Staniforth Councillor Cowdy
Personnel Appeals Committee (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
Committee on Pupil Student Support (5 members and one religious representative –1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Key Councillor Meagher (Convener) Councillor Davidson	Councillor Burgess Councillor Jones
Placing in Schools Appeal Committee (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	
Recruitment Committee	
Leader of Council (Convener), Deputy Leader of the Council, 2 Executive Committee Conveners and relevant opposition spokespersons (or nominees)	

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2022/23

JOINT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS, THE LICENSING BOARD

Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee (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
Licensing Board (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)
Integration Joint Board (5 members: 1SNP, 1L, 1SLD, 1G, 1C)	
Councillor Nicolson Councillor Pogson (Chair/Vice Chair) Councillor Davidson	Councillor Miller Councillor Mitchell
Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee (1 member)	
Council Leader – Councillor Day	

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

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
1.	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	Substantive Member Councillor Mandy Watt Substitute Member 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	

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3.	Citizens Advice Edinburgh (Observer)	Five advice centres and 15 outreach points across the city. Provides free, confidential, impartial and independent 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>Health and Social Care Board – Councillor Tim Pogson (L)</p> <p>Community Wellbeing Board – Councillor Amy McNeese Mechan (SNP)</p> <p>Children and Young People Board Councillor Euan Davidson (SLD)</p> <p>Environment and Economy Committee 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)	A social enterprise that delivers services that help to regenerate local communities.	2 Members		Place	Council representation no longer required
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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	Substantive Member Councillor Kevin Lang (SLD) Substitute Member 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	

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12.	Edinburgh Festival Centre Ltd	Provides offices and ticketing services for the International Festival.	1 Member		Place	Council representation is no longer required
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	

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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>North East (Craigentinny/ Duddingston, Leith, Leith Walk and Portobello/Craigmillar wards)</p> <p>South East (City Centre, Morningside, Southside/Newington and Liberton/Gilmerton wards)</p>	One elected member for each ward in the locality and officer representation	Authority delegated to the Chief Executive to work with Ward members to agree representation		
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	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
		<p>North West (Almond, Drumbrae/Gyle, Corstorphine/Murrayfield, Forth and Inverleith wards)</p> <p>South West (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	

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18.	Edinburgh Tourism Action Group (Strategy Group)	Umbrella group for businesses making up Edinburgh's tourism sector	1 Member	Councillor	Place	Council representation no longer required
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	

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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	A network of major European cities which 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)	Substantive member Lord Provost (SLD) Substitute member 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	Council representation no longer required
25.	Imaginate - 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	

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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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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 Doggart (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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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.	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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	Council Representation no longer required

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
45.	Scottish Local Government Pension Scheme Advisory Board	<p>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.</p> <p>It will be for the Group Leaders and Convention in June to determine if this appointment is to continue</p>	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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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, bringing together organisations 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	

	Organisation	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2022/27	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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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Category 1b – Companies and Other Organisations Owned or Controlled by the Council and Council Joint Venture Companies

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
54.	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	Council representation no longer required

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	7 Directors (1 Exec, 6 Non-Exec) 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	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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	
61.	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	
63.	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	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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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	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
68.	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	

	Organisation	Form	Description	No of Members	Council Appointments for 2017/22	Lead Directorate(s)	Comment
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 Dobbin (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)

Councillor Parker	-	39 votes
Councillor Graham	-	34 votes
Councillor Dijkstra-Downie	-	34 votes
Councillor Key	-	19 votes

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

Councillor Day	-	36 votes
Councillor Mowat	-	32 votes
Councillor Osler	-	32 votes
Councillor Heap	-	31 votes
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	-	29 votes

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

Councillor Fullerton	-	60 votes
Councillor Griffiths	-	34 votes
Councillor Flannery	-	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)

Councillor Graham	-	35 votes
Councillor Davidson	-	32 votes
Councillor Mattos Coelho	-	27 votes

5) Capital City Theatres Trust (2 places)

Councillor Walker	-	34 votes
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	-	29 votes
Councillor Osler	-	27 votes
Councillor Mitchell	-	18 votes

6) Energy for Edinburgh (3 places)

Councillor McVey	-	41 votes
Councillor Day	-	34 votes
Councillor Osler	-	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
Craigentinny 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).

Ward	No. of hubs installed	Enquiries Received
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.

Location	Charger Install	Grid Connection	Testing and Commissioning
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 26th 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 28th 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.

Location	Ward	Charger Install	Grid Connection	Testing and Commissioning
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 27th) 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 Convener 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.