

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 25 August 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 Doggart
Katrina Faccenda
Pauline Flannery
Catherine Fullerton
Neil Gardiner
Fiona Glasgow
Joan Griffiths
Dan Heap
Euan Hyslop
Stephen P Jenkinson
Tim Jones
David Key
Simita Kumar

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

1 Council ALEOs and the Living Wage

a) Deputation – End Poverty Edinburgh Group

The deputation indicated that they were determined to assist the Council to achieve its commitment to end poverty within the city. They had worked hard over the past 12 months to identify the causes and impacts of poverty which was affecting an ever increasing number of Edinburgh citizens.

The deputation was concerned about the cost of living crisis which was affecting everyone but was impacting harder on some of the most vulnerable in the community. They felt that there was a serious deficit of truly affordable housing within the city which needed to be addressed

The deputation stressed that the Council needed to find a way of reaching those most in need and to raise awareness of how to access services and indicated that they were willing to assist in any way.

b) Report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services

In response to a motion by Councillor Campbell, details were provided on the outcome of discussions with the Chief Executives of Council Arms-Length External Companies (ALEO) to set out the Council's expectation that all ALEOs should be accredited within one year. As of August 2022, five of the Council's seven ALEOs were now fully accredited real living wage employers and the remaining two were in discussions with Living Wage Scotland on the requirements of the accreditation process

Decision

- 1) To note the actions taken in response to Councillor Campbell's motion of 17 March 2022.
- 2) To welcome the news that five of the council's ALEOs: Capital City Partnership, EICC, Capital Theatres, Edinburgh Trams and Transport for Edinburgh had achieved Living Wage Accreditation and that further two, Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Leisure, were in discussion with Living Wage Scotland on the steps needed to achieve accreditation in the near future.
- 3) To further welcome the fact that since the launch of the Edinburgh Living Wage City Action Plan in November 2021 100 additional companies employing 5,430 workers had become real living wage accredited employers. To also note that 1,316 Edinburgh staff in these firms had received wage increases as a direct result of the accreditation process and the commitment of their employers to making sure their workers could earn enough to live on.

- 4) To ask that the Edinburgh Living Wage Action Group continue their work to promote the benefits of the Real Living Wage and to encourage companies to seek accreditation to become living wage employers.
- 5) To thank all the organisations, businesses and council staff who were involved in making Edinburgh a Fair Work City.

(References – Act of Council No 24 of 17 March 2022; report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

2 US Supreme Court Ruling on Abortion Rights – Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

a) Deputation – Abortion Rights Scotland

The deputation indicated that they had a strong belief that abortion was part of health care and should be available to all. They stressed that it was essential reproduction health care and a basic human right which should be able to be carried out safely and legally.

b) Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

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

“Council notes the ruling by the US Supreme Court on Roe v Wade with deep regret and concern and stands in solidarity with women and girls in the USA.

Council reaffirms its 2018 commitment to support the rights of women and girls everywhere to have safe access to sexual health and abortion services without fear of prejudice, intolerance, intimidation, and abuse.

Council instructs the Council Leader to convey the views and concerns of Council in writing to the US Consul General in Edinburgh and the US Ambassador in London.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

- moved by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron seconded by Councillor Jenkinson

Amendment 1

- 1) To insert after paragraph 1 in the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron:

“Council welcomes the result of the first US referendum since the Court judgment, which saw the people of Kansas vote overwhelmingly to retain the right to abortion within their state.”

2) To add at the end of the motion:

“Council recognises its own responsibility to ensure women in Edinburgh have safe access to abortion services and therefore;

- a) notes the emergency motion from Cllr Campbell which the Council approved unanimously on 30 June 2022,
- b) welcomes the publication of the Abortion Services Safe Access Zones (Scotland) Bill by Gillian Mackay MSP and the Scottish Government’s intention to support this important new legislation,
- c) agrees to continue working on a cross party basis to provide exclusion zones which help protect women from intimidation and harassment.”

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Flannery

Amendment 2

1) To add in the second paragraph of the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron:

“and anyone who needs access to abortion” after “support the rights of women and girls”

2) To add at the end of the motion

“Furthermore notes the Council decision in June to express interest in Edinburgh being considered as a ‘test council’ to implement buffer zones, and that the Scottish Government will be holding a second abortion summit for Local Authorities to consider use of byelaw.

And therefore mandates the Council Leader or their representative at the summit to continue to lobby for Edinburgh to be selected as a ‘test council’ to protect those seeking abortion services in the city from facing abuse and harassment.”

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

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

Decision

- 1) To note the ruling by the US Supreme Court on Roe v Wade with deep regret and concern and stand in solidarity with women and girls in the USA.
- 2) To welcome the result of the first US referendum since the Court judgment, which saw the people of Kansas vote overwhelmingly to retain the right to abortion within their state.
- 3) To reaffirm the 2018 commitment to support the rights of women and girls and anyone who needed access to abortion everywhere to have safe access to sexual health and abortion services without fear of prejudice, intolerance, intimidation, and abuse.
- 4) To instruct the Council Leader to convey the views and concerns of Council in writing to the US Consul General in Edinburgh and the US Ambassador in London.
- 5) To recognise the Council's own responsibility to ensure women in Edinburgh had safe access to abortion services and therefore;
 - a) to note the emergency motion from Councillor Campbell which the Council approved unanimously on 30 June 2022,
 - b) to welcome the publication of the Abortion Services Safe Access Zones (Scotland) Bill by Gillian Mackay MSP and the Scottish Government's intention to support this important new legislation,
 - c) to agree to continue working on a cross party basis to provide exclusion zones which help protect women from intimidation and harassment
- 6) Furthermore to note the Council decision in June to express interest in Edinburgh being considered as a 'test council' to implement buffer zones, and that the Scottish Government would be holding a second abortion summit for Local Authorities to consider use of byelaw.
- 7) To therefore mandate the Council Leader or their representative at the summit to continue to lobby for Edinburgh to be selected as a 'test council' to protect those seeking abortion services in the city from facing abuse and harassment.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a member Abortion Rights UK.

Councillor Mumford made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a member of Abortion Rights Edinburgh.

Councillor Watt made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as an employee of Edinburgh Rape Crisis

3 Parking on Pavements and at Dropped Kerbs - Motion by Councillor Lang

a) Deputation – Living Streets Edinburgh Group

The deputation indicated that it was almost 3 years since responsible parking provisions had become law and there was another 18 months to go before implementation. They stressed that there was now time to plan for a small range of options regarding enforcement which could include the deployment of parking attendants in residential areas, the use of camera technology and a zero tolerance approach to parking on pavements.

The deputation indicated that fixed penalty notices had not increased for over 20 years, and that if increased the revenue might be able to cover the costs of enforcement. They asked the Council not to grant any exemptions and to agree to keep cars off the pavements.

b) Motion by Councillor Lang

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

“Council:

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

- 4) recognises the strong, long-standing, cross-party consensus within the Council to use the new powers provided by the 2019 Act and agrees the work required to implement and subsequently enforce the new parking bans must be made a priority.
- 5) therefore requests a report to the first Transport and Environment Committee following the Scottish Parliament approval of the remaining regulations, setting out a timetable and resource plan to ensure the necessary work is completed for the ban on pavement parking and at dropped kerbs to be implemented across Edinburgh from the permitted commencement date in December 2023.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang.

-moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Caldwell

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor Lang:

“Commits the Council to the aim of introducing a pavement parking and double-parking ban with only the exceptions mandated by the Scottish Government.

Notes that pavement parking and double-parking is anti-social and will continue to impact on the lives of many people until the ban is introduced and respected. In the interim Council therefore commits to using its social media channels to remind people why pavement parking and double-parking is not acceptable in Edinburgh.”

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment 2

- 1) To add additional paragraphs after paragraph 3) in the motion by Councillor Lang:
 - 4) Begin using social media to raise awareness around the dangers of pavement parking and how it particularly affects groups such as disabled people, elderly people, parents or guardians pushing buggies and others with mobility or visual impairments.
 - 5) In advance of the Scottish Government changes being available, calls on the Convener of the Transport & Environment Committee to meet with relevant charities or groups, such as Living Streets Edinburgh, Spokes, Edinburgh Access Panel, and report to the October meeting of the committee on priority areas for enforcement which are identified.

2) To renumber accordingly.

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

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Lang:

- 1) To note that almost three years had passed since the Scottish Parliament approved the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 which included new prohibitions on both pavement parking and parking at dropped kerbs.
- 2) To note the Scottish Government's confirmation that the necessary regulations to implement these new parking restrictions would be agreed by December 2022, allowing local authorities to complete the assessment of streets and install any signs and lines associated with exemptions by December 2023.
- 3) To regret the lengthy period of time which the Scottish Government was taking to commence the new restrictions but believe it important for the Council to now plan on this basis of the timetable set out.
- 4) To begin using social media to raise awareness around the dangers of pavement parking and how it particularly affected groups such as disabled people, elderly people, parents or guardians pushing buggies and others with mobility or visual impairments.
- 5) In advance of the Scottish Government changes being available, call on the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee to meet with relevant charities or groups, such as Living Streets Edinburgh, Spokes, Edinburgh Access Panel, and report to the October meeting of the committee on priority areas for enforcement which were identified.
- 6) To recognise the strong, long-standing, cross-party consensus within the Council to use the new powers provided by the 2019 Act and agree the work required to implement and subsequently enforce the new parking bans must be made a priority.
- 7) To therefore request a report to the first Transport and Environment Committee following the Scottish Parliament approval of the remaining regulations, setting out a timetable and resource plan to ensure the necessary work was completed for the ban on pavement parking and at dropped kerbs to

be implemented across Edinburgh from the permitted commencement date in December 2023.

- 8) To commit the Council to the aim of introducing a pavement parking and double-parking ban with only the exceptions mandated by the Scottish Government.

4 Shared Prosperity Fund Reporting - Motion by Councillor Kumar

a) Deputation – Saheliya

The deputation felt that there was a gap in mainstream mental health provision for ethnic minority women and a lack of understanding of what was needed. They indicated that gender, ethnicity and poverty remained a barrier to access mainstream services as many women and girls requiring the services were vulnerable and that any delay may have serious consequences.

The deputation indicated that the demand for their services had quadrupled during lock-down and that they supported women who were unable to access other appropriate services.

The deputation were alarmed by the processes and people involved in the allocation of funding and urged the Council to ensure that funding and resource allocations were based on disaggregated local data that broke down multi-faceted need.

b) Motion by Councillor Kumar

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

“Council,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A map of the city showing the locations where services will be delivered
- A table which shows how much of the spend each year will be accessed by residents in each SIMD grouping
- A table which shows how much of the spend each year will be accessed by groups by:
 - ethnicity
 - age
 - gender
 - sexual orientation
 - disability
 - Violence or trauma experienced
 - Other protected characteristics
- A carbon impact assessment of any capital projects

- An analysis of how the spend can help support a just transition

Agrees the update reports will come to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on a six-monthly basis.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Kumar.

-moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Amendment

Delete all of the motion by Councillor Kumar and insert:

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

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

Council notes that the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, at its meeting on 23 June 2022, noted Edinburgh’s conditional allocation from the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and the requirement for the submission of a three-year investment plan, 2022-2025, by 1 August 2022, to secure access to these funds. Committee agreed to seek an extension to the deadline to enable it to approve a final draft investment plan at its meeting on 4 August 2022.

Notes that due to time pressures, members of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee recognised there were issues with the process and agreed that improvements are needed for the future.

Council further notes that the UK SPF set out a range of outcomes and interventions from a detailed menu of options, issued by UK Shared Prosperity Fund on 13 April 2022.

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee agreed the process for calling for applications and for the selection of projects to go forward. The process involved a panel of Council Officers and independent members of the Edinburgh Partnership. Projects were required to be closely aligned with the council's business plan priorities of Net Zero, Poverty Prevention and Health and Well-being.

At its meeting on 4 August 2022, Committee approved a portfolio of projects for submission to the UK government. It was agreed that defined representation of under-represented groups in project delivery will be specifically reported on at regular intervals to committee members.

Council therefore agrees that the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee will define what needs to be reported in terms of under-represented groups and the need for greater diversity in funding panels both regularly for the current UK SPF allocation and as a framework going forward.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	28 votes
For the amendment	-	32 votes

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

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

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Meagher.

5 North Bridge - Motion by Councillor McVey

a) Deputation – Gold Brothers

The deputation indicated that it understood the urgent necessity to fully restore the North Bridge which was a historic landmark as well as being essential roads infrastructure, however, since the focus of engineering works on street level moved from east to west North Bridge, the impact and distress on businesses had been enormous. They stressed that there had been financial losses from the lack of business visibility and a catastrophic loss of footfall and subsequent passing trade.

The deputation felt that the height of the wooden walls structure that separated the Balfour Beatty works site from the walkway and shops had made the walkway dimly lit and very uninviting and the two storey high cabins loomed large over the walkway making it darker and unappealing for potential customers. They requested that either the large white Balfour Beatty works cabins be moved to the north end of North Bridge or to another location such as in the area below the bridge thus restoring much needed visibility and accessibility to the businesses or be redesigned and rearranged to safely facilitate the works site vehicle access and a reinstatement of temporary road crossing and that the Council consider an agreement to have zero business rates paid from the beginning of the west side works until the public walkway on the west side was fully restored and open.

b) Deputation – Scotsman Hotel

The deputation indicated that urgent changes were needed during the current works to make clear to pedestrians that they were still open for business. They stressed that the Grand Cafe could not be accessed because of the hoardings and that footfall had been dramatically reduced to a level to which it was becoming unsustainable as a business.

The deputation asked the Council to reinstate the route across the North Bridge from the east to west side and to provide adequate signage.

c) Motion by Councillor McVey

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

“Council:

- 1) Notes the essential work on North Bridge to keep this vital north-south connection.

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey

-moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

Amendment 1

In paragraph 3 of the motion by Councillor McVey replace 'one cycle' with 'two cycles'.

Replace 3.5 in the motion with:

- "3.5 Asks that the project update report details which business support measures have been used to date.
- 3.6 Notes that following the 18th of August Transport and Environment Committee, Council Officers have been negotiating the reopening of the pedestrian crossing with Balfour Beatty in order to support businesses over the Christmas period.

- 3.7 In addition to 3.4, asks that Officers meet with local businesses and Ward Councillors within two weeks to consider additional support which has potential to reduce the impact on businesses, and agree a way forward
- 3.8 Notes that North Bridge is scheduled to be open to two-way traffic in Spring 2023, and that the refurbishment completed by June 2025.
- 3.9 Notes that the project started with an initial budget of £22m, but this rose during the last administration to £62m. Notes that the project remains within the allocated budget, but there are issues which were outlined via confidential sessions of TEC (Nov 2021) and GRBV (Dec 2021) which still remain under active consideration.”

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment 2

To add additional text to the motion by Councillor McVey as follows:

- 1) Add the following to paragraph 3.4:

“And that communications are carried out more widely with affected communities for example those on bus routes affected by the North Bridge works”

- 2) Add the following to paragraph 3.5:

“And that officers are responsive to local residents and businesses when approaches are made for adjustments or support regarding the impact of works”

- 3) Add additional paragraphs:

“3.6 Requests that the report also include consideration of hostile vehicle mitigation during periods when both motorised vehicles and people walking, wheeling and cycling are able to use the bridge;

3.7 Measures to improve road safety for people walking, wheeling and cycling noting that there is one running lane for all vehicles including bikes and extremely limited space for walking and wheeling

3.8 Medium to long term consideration of the modes of travel to be provided on the bridge once works are completed and the street layout and design is under consideration.”.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Bandel

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the essential work on North Bridge to keep this vital north-south connection.
- 2) To note reports that the works would run significantly beyond schedule and required yet more funding to resolve the fundamental issues with the bridge.
- 3) To agree that Transport and Environment Committee would receive a detailed project update in one cycle setting out:
 - 3.1 revised projected budget position of the project.
 - 3.2 revised projected completion date.
 - 3.3 a detailed breakdown of the reasons behind the revisions in 3.1 and 3.2 and a detailed timeline of the Council's project management arrangements and when the Council was aware of information that the project would be further delayed and would require further capital resource.
 - 3.4 To request officers carry out additional and sustained communication with the affected north bridge businesses and local resident groups through the works and an update is included in the report and that communications be carried out more widely with affected communities for example those on bus routes affected by the North Bridge works.
 - 3.5 To further request additional work with contractors to restore a pedestrian crossing (where possible and safe to do so) to improve footfall at times of site closure -as happened in previous Christmas periods and an update is included in the report and that officers be responsive to local residents and businesses when approaches were made for adjustments or support regarding the impact of works.
 - 3.6 In addition to 3.4, asks that Officers meet with local businesses and Ward Councillors within two weeks to consider additional support which had potential to reduce the impact on businesses, and agree a way forward.

- 3.7 Requests that the report also include consideration of hostile vehicle mitigation during periods when both motorised vehicles and people walking, wheeling and cycling are able to use the bridge.
- 3.8 Measures to improve road safety for people walking, wheeling and cycling noting that there is one running lane for all vehicles including bikes and extremely limited space for walking and wheeling.
- 3.9 Medium to long term consideration of the modes of travel to be provided on the bridge once works are completed and the street layout and design is under consideration.

6 Council Staff Pay - Motion by Councillor McVey

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey

-moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Macinnes

Amendment 1

To delete from paragraph 2 in the motion by Councillor McVey onwards, and replace with:

“Council notes the failure of the SNP/Green Scottish Government in coming forward with the required funding to support a fair pay deal for our workforce.

Council notes the national bargaining processes, and that COSLA rejected the shameful offer of just 1.5% from the Deputy First Minister. COSLA's position of asking for more funding for pay awards was not supported by SNP leaders across COSLA.

Council notes the refusal of the Cabinet Secretary to meet Edinburgh's Council Leader and agrees that he will write to the Deputy First Minister to request that he agrees to a meeting. The Council Leader will put forward the capital city's case for fair funding for pay awards and increased funding to respond to a capital city's needs, after more than a decade of SNP cuts to local councils.

Agrees to work with our trade unions to lobby the Scottish Government and COSLA leadership to stand up for the City of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city.”

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 2

- 1) To replace “Agrees to instruct the Leader of Edinburgh Council to vote for a revised 5% pay offer at COSLA.” In the motion by Councillor McVey, with “Agrees to instruct the Leader of Edinburgh Council to meet with Unions in Edinburgh and liaise with COSLA leadership to do everything possible to support our workers and end the ongoing industrial action.
- 2) To further agree for a report within one cycle to Full Council, outlining the costs of the industrial action to the City, Council and staff in lost pay. This should also identify any residual funding gap for Edinburgh Council in meeting a 5% envelope pay award, to allow actions to address this (including the last two actions of this motion) and also compare these costs of industrial action.
- 3) To agree that public sector pay parity is an important principle but requires Government involvement in discussions from the beginning to ensure parity can be delivered. Therefore agrees that Edinburgh pushes for a greater degree of triparty involvement in the pay negotiations currently which can deliver parity across public sector workforce while addressing affordability of delivery.

- 4) To agree that Edinburgh should also push for multi-year pay deals with the Unions which would provide certainty of Councils' ability to deliver and certainty for the workforce, although recognises these would need an element of guarantee should the Tory cost-of-living crisis continue into next year.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Aston

Amendment 3

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

"Further notes that at least one union, GMB, has called for any pay increase to be paid as a flat rate across the board.

Notes that a flat rate ensures lower paid council staff, whom the cost of living crisis will hit hardest, will benefit the most from any pay increase.

Therefore instructs the council leader to promote to COSLA that any pay increase this year should consider a flat pay increase or have a similar mechanism to ensure staff likely to struggle the most with rising costs benefit most from any pay increase."

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 4

Council;

- Notes that the negotiations between the Scottish Government, COSLA and trade unions are currently ongoing;
- Notes with concern that the Government has suggested use of reserves to fund the ongoing revenue cost of pay, and further notes that the statement from COSLA on 19th August states that continued discussions with the Scottish Government must involve consideration of flexibilities in Local Government funding.
- And anticipates that Edinburgh Council may soon be asked to feed-in to discussions about what flexibilities we would require from Scottish Government to enable us to meet higher staffing costs.
- Therefore asks for a report to the next Finance and Resources Committee Meeting setting out Edinburgh's current ring-fenced and directed funding streams, and any pre-existing recommendations on flexibilities;
- And mandates the Council Leader to reflect the discussions and recommendations of the Committee through their role on the COSLA;

- Additionally mandates the convener of the Finance and Resources Committee to convene additional emergency meetings should this input from Edinburgh Council be required outwith the regular meeting cycle.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 5

Council:

Notes that current strike action over-pay disputes by Council cleansing workers has led to a significant increase in the build-up of rubbish on the streets.

Notes the cross-party agreement at the Council meeting of 30th June 2022 that measures to improve cleanliness around the city are needed.

Recognises that negotiations over pay are under the control of CoSLA and not directly with this Council but that the Council remains obliged to plan mitigating actions and that the build-up of rubbish is having a detrimental impact on:

- a) The city's national and international reputation while tourist numbers are at their height, and that they are seeing Edinburgh as a filthy city without necessarily appreciating the circumstances caused by industrial action.
- b) Residents' quality of life and satisfaction with the Council only months after an election when all parties campaigned to clean up the city
- c) Local business as many tourists choose clean, privately managed venues to eat and drink, over those located on filthy public streets.
- d) Public health as overflowing waste bins are an ideal breeding ground for bacteria, insects and vermin increasing risks of contracting salmonella, food poisoning, enteric fever, gastroenteritis, and other major illnesses.

Agrees to immediately put together an emergency taskforce to consider actions to mitigate these risks including:

- Signs on public and communal bins asking the public to keep their rubbish at home where possible.
- Deployment of any workable Council bins not already in use
- Use of other Council staff or contractors to empty bins assessed as being an immediate risk to public health or safety.
- Deployment of Skips as collecting points, especially where this has been offered free of charge by voluntary and business organisations in the city.

- Agreement to collect any Brown Garden waste bins used for storing household waste at the conclusion of the strike.
- Agreement to extend the currently operating Garden Waste permits by the same time period as the eventual length of the industrial action.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Cowdy

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

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the motion and amendment 5 were adjusted, and the whole of amendments 3 and 4 were accepted as addendums to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	28 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	33 votes

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

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Duggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Amendment 1 by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the ongoing cost of living crisis and the need to support Council staff with a fair pay deal.
- 2) To note the failure of the SNP/Green Scottish Government in coming forward with the required funding to support a fair pay deal for the workforce.
- 3) To note national bargaining processes, and that COSLA rejected the shameful offer of just 1.5% from the Depute First Minister. COSLA's position of asking for more funding for pay awards was not supported by SNP leaders across COSLA.

- 4) To note the refusal of the Cabinet Secretary to meet Edinburgh's Council Leader and agrees that he would write to the Deputy First Minister to request that he agree to a meeting. The Council Leader would put forward the capital city's case for fair funding for pay awards and increased funding to respond to a capital city's needs, after more than a decade of SNP cuts to local councils.
- 5) To agree to work with trade unions to lobby the Scottish Government and COSLA leadership to stand up for the City of Edinburgh, Scotland's capital city.
- 6) To further note that at least one union, GMB, had called for any pay increase to be paid as a flat rate across the board.
- 7) To note that a flat rate ensured lower paid council staff, whom the cost of living crisis would hit hardest, would benefit the most from any pay increase.
- 8) To therefore instruct the council leader to promote to COSLA that any pay increase this year should consider a flat pay increase or have a similar mechanism to ensure staff likely to struggle the most with rising costs benefitted most from any pay increase.
- 9) To note that the negotiations between the Scottish Government, COSLA and trade unions were currently ongoing.
- 10) To note with concern that the Government had suggested use of reserves to fund the ongoing revenue cost of pay, and further note that the statement from COSLA on 19th August stated that continued discussions with the Scottish Government must involve consideration of flexibilities in Local Government funding.
- 11) To anticipate that Edinburgh Council might soon be asked to feed-in to discussions about what flexibilities we would require from Scottish Government to enable us to meet higher staffing costs.
- 12) To therefore ask for a report to the next Finance and Resources Committee meeting setting out Edinburgh's current ring-fenced and directed funding streams, and any pre-existing recommendations on flexibilities.
- 13) To mandate the Council Leader to reflect the discussions and recommendations of the Committee through their role on the COSLA.
- 14) To additionally mandate the convener of the Finance and Resources Committee to convene additional emergency meetings should this input from Edinburgh Council be required outwith the regular meeting cycle.

- 15) To note that current strike action over-pay disputes by Council cleansing workers had led to a significant increase in the build-up of rubbish on the streets.
- 16) To note the cross-party agreement at the Council meeting of 30th June 2022 that measures to improve cleanliness around the city were needed.
- 17) To recognise that negotiations over pay were under the control of CoSLA and not directly with this Council but that the Council remained obliged to plan mitigating actions and that the build-up of rubbish was having a detrimental impact on:
 - a) The city's national and international reputation while tourist numbers were at their height, and that they were seeing Edinburgh as a filthy city without necessarily appreciating the circumstances caused by industrial action.
 - b) Residents' quality of life and satisfaction with the Council only months after an election when all parties campaigned to clean up the city
 - c) Local business as many tourists chose clean, privately managed venues to eat and drink, over those located on filthy public streets.
 - d) Public health as overflowing waste bins were an ideal breeding ground for bacteria, insects and vermin increasing risks of contracting salmonella, food poisoning, enteric fever, gastroenteritis, and other major illnesses.
- 18) To agree to immediately put together an emergency taskforce to consider actions to mitigate these risks including:
 - Signs on public and communal bins asking the public to keep their rubbish at home where possible.
 - Deployment of any workable Council bins not already in use.
 - Use of other Council staff where possible to empty bins assessed as being an immediate risk to public health or safety.
 - Deployment of Skips as collecting points, especially where this had been offered free of charge by voluntary and business organisations in the city.
 - Agreement to collect any Brown Garden waste bins used for storing household waste at the conclusion of the strike.

- Agreement to evaluate ways of recompensing members of the public for the length of time that the garden waste has not been collected.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Campbell, Faccenda, Jenkinson, Miller, Mumford and Rae made transparency statements in respect of the above item as members of Unite.

Councillor Watt made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a member of the Scottish Executive Council of Unite.

Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a member of the Unite and Unison.

Councillors Dalgleish, McNeese-Mechan, Nicolson, Pogson and Walker made transparency statements in respect of the above item as members of Unison

7 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Council of 30 June 2022 as a correct record.

8 Leader's Report

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

- Pay dispute
- Ukraine update
- Edinburgh Schools – exam results
- Councillors' safety

The following questions/comments were made:

Councillor McVey	- Ukraine
	- Edinburgh Schools - Exam results
	- Pay dispute – COSLA decision
Councillor Lang	- Support of members and officials - thanks
	- Invitation to Deputy First Minister to meet with Council members
Councillor Mumford	- Strike action – agency staff – breaches of agreements

Councillor Whyte	- Bin strike – “Plan B”
Councillor Watt	- Bin strike – how to resolve as quickly as possible
Councillor Macinnes	- Vote to reject the pay offer
Councillor Osler	- Lothian Buses – removal of No 42 bus service – representations by the Council
Councillor Staniforth	- IJB budgets – use of reserves for pay awards
Councillor Bruce	- Union dividends at highest levels – Scotland remaining part of the UK
Councillor Arthur	- Lothian Buses – Nigel Serafini - thanks for service and welcome to Sarah Boyd
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	- Kings Theatre – future funding shortfall
Councillor Dijkstra-Downie	- Schools welcoming pupils from Ukraine – additional resources
Councillor Parker	- Climate emissions and refugees – fighter jets low flying across the city
Councillor Mitchell	- Bin hubs roll-out – halt for consultations
Councillor Dalgleish	- 20 th Anniversary Ceilidh of Caledonian Thebans – accessible sport for LGBT community
Councillor Heap	- Play park in Stewart Terrace – fire damage – play park renewals
Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron	Edinburgh Festivals – winter festivals – community benefits

9 Appointment of Members to Committees, Outside Organisations etc and Senior Councillor Allowances

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. The Council was also asked to note the Green Group's appointment of co-conveners, and agree that Councillor Mumford should receive the Group Leader's Senior Councillor Allowance from 30 June to 9 August 2022 and Councillor Staniforth from 10 August to 19 September 2022.

Decision

- 1) To appoint Cllr Griffiths as Convener of the Personnel Appeals Committee.
- 2) To appoint Councillor McVey as a member of the Edinburgh and South East of Scotland Region – Elected Member Oversight Group.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Gardiner as Member of SESPlan Joint Committee.
- 4) To appoint Councillor Cowdy to the Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership Community Safety Partnership
- 5) To appoint Councillor Cameron as Chair of the Edinburgh International Conference Centre (EICC).
- 6) To agree that Councillor Arthur be appointed Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.
- 7) To agree that Azets remain the auditors for Transport for Edinburgh and Edinburgh Trams.
- 8) To note that the Green Group had appointed Councillors Alys Mumford and Alex Staniforth as co-conveners, and agree that Councillor Mumford should receive the Group Leader's Senior Councillor Allowance from 30 June to 9 August 2022 and Councillor Staniforth from 10 August to 19 September 2022.
- 9) To appoint Councillor Macinnes in place of Councillor Biagi on the Finance and Resources Committee.
- 10) To appoint Councillor Fullerton in place of Councillor Frank Ross on the Regulatory and Licensing Sub-Committee.
- 11) To appoint Councillor Nicolson in place of Councillor Biagi on the Pensions Committee.
- 12) To appoint Councillor McVey in place of Councillor Dixon on the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee
- 13) To appoint Councillor McFarlane in place of Councillor Macinnes on the Transport and Environment Committee.

(Reference – Act of Council No 8 of 19 May 2022 (resumed on 26 May 2022), Act of Council No 7 of 30 June 2022; report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a member of the EICC.

10 Appointment of Religious Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee

Details were provided on nominated representatives from the Church of Scotland, Roman Catholic Church and from a church or other denominational body with a place of worship within the City of Edinburgh to be appointed to the Education, Children and Families Committee for the duration of the Council term, until 30 April 2027.

Motion

- 1) To agree the of Fiona Beveridge as the Church of Scotland Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 2) To agree the appointment of Angela Campbell as the Roman Catholic Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 3) To note that a report would come to Council in October 2022 on voting rights for religious representatives.

- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Walker

Amendment

- 1) To agree the of Fiona Beveridge as the Church of Scotland Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 2) To agree the appointment of Angela Campbell as the Roman Catholic Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 3) To request an update in the Business Bulletin of the next Education, Children and Families Committee on:

- (i) Appointment a second parent member to the committee to facilitate representation from both primary and secondary school parents;
- (ii) Progress with establishing a children and young people's liaison group as agreed by committee in March 2022.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), paragraph 4 of the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision 1

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Griffiths:

- 1) To agree the of Fiona Beveridge as the Church of Scotland Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 2) To agree the appointment of Angela Campbell as the Roman Catholic Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.
- 3) To note that a report would come to Council in October 2022 on voting rights for religious representatives.
- 4) To request an update in the Business Bulletin of the next Education, Children and Families Committee on:
 - (i) Appointment a second parent member to the committee to facilitate representation from both primary and secondary school parents;
 - (ii) Progress with establishing a children and young people's liaison group as agreed by committee in March 2022.

Third Religious Representative

The Council were required to decide on the appointment of the third religious representative. The two nominations were:

- a) Dr May Ruhiyyih Parris from the Edinburgh Interfaith Association; and
- b) Reverend David Campbell from the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Dr May Ruhiyyih Parris	-	42 votes
For the Reverend David Campbell	-	3 votes
Abstentions	-	15

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Cameron, Campbell, Cowdy, Davidson, Day, Dobbin, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jones, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mowat, Mumford, O'Neill, Nicolson, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Rust, Staniforth, Walker, Whyte and Younie.

For the amendment: Councillors Beal, Doggart and Munro.

Abstentions: Aston, Dalgleish, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Faccenda, Gardiner, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Osler, Pogson, Thornley, Watt and Young.)

Decision 2

To appoint Dr May Ruhiyyih Parris from the Edinburgh Interfaith Association as the third religious representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, terms of office to run from 25 August 2022 to 30 April 2027.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Frank Ross made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a Trustee of the Edinburgh Interfaith Association.

Councillors Arthur, Griffiths, Rae and Neil Ross made transparency statements in respect of the above item as elders or members of the Church of Scotland

11 Independent Review and Whistleblowing Culture Review Update

The Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed in October 2020 that an independent assessment of the Council's whistleblowing and organisational culture should be undertaken by way of an independent review ("the Review") which was agreed by full Council on 15 October 2020.

On 16 December 2021, the Council had considered the report which had been produced by the Review team which had identified key issues, findings and recommendations and officers had been working through the implications of the recommendations from both the Inquiry and Review which when taken together formed a considerable programme of work.

An update was provided on the programme of work underway to address all the recommendations and observations agreed by Council. Progress against timelines has been made across all five themes and as previously highlighted, a critical dependency on delivery of recommendations in respect of Systems and Processes was to secure funding for the development of functionality of the HR system, finding a solution to all employee access to the Orb and increasing access to the Council's digital learning platform. A business case was being developed for consideration.

Motion

- 1) To note the progress made in addressing the recommendations agreed at Council in respect of both the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To note the criticality of considering the implementation of the recommendations in the context of also delivering the commitments in the Council's People Strategy (Our Future Council 2021-2024 approved in April 2021 at the Policy and Sustainability Committee) to support enduring cultural transformation.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment

- 1) To note the progress made in addressing the recommendations agreed at Council in respect of both the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To note the criticality of considering the implementation of the recommendations in the context of also delivering the commitments in the Council's People Strategy (Our Future Council 2021-2024 approved in April 2021 at the Policy and Sustainability Committee) to support enduring cultural transformation.
- 3) To note the significant dependency and risk of the procurement exercise set out in paragraph 4.8 and the on-going unavailability of a permanent system solution for Council employees to access email and essential Council platforms.

- 4) To note the absence of deadlines for HR to achieve full development and functionality of systems and processes during 2023.
- 5) To request a report from the Corporate Services Director to Policy and Sustainability Committee by January 2023 at the latest, with an outline roadmap of the route to full implementation.

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Whyte

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the progress made in addressing the recommendations agreed at Council in respect of both the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To note the criticality of considering the implementation of the recommendations in the context of also delivering the commitments in the Council's People Strategy (Our Future Council 2021-2024 approved in April 2021 at the Policy and Sustainability Committee) to support enduring cultural transformation.
- 3) To note the significant dependency and risk of the procurement exercise set out in paragraph 4.8 and the on-going unavailability of a permanent system solution for Council employees to access email and essential Council platforms.
- 4) To note the absence of deadlines for HR to achieve full development and functionality of systems and processes during 2023.
- 5) To request a report from the Corporate Services Director to Policy and Sustainability Committee by January 2023 at the latest, with an outline roadmap of the route to full implementation.

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

12 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.

Motion

- 1) To note the establishment and remit of a proposed Elected Member 'Reference Group' in respect of the independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To agree to nominate an Elected Member from each political group to become a member of the Elected Member Reference Group.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Griffiths as member of Elected Member Reference Group -Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) Notes the ongoing work by officers to implement the recommendations of the Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) Agrees of the need to conduct this process as openly and transparently as possible.
- 3) Further agrees therefore not to create an Elected Member Reference Group as this carries a risk of fewer issues being reported to elected members in public.
- 4) Lastly, notes that where there are exceptional issues that require to be discussed privately with Elected Members, the best place for this would be with Group Leaders to ensure these issues remain in the awareness of all Groups.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the establishment and remit of a proposed Elected Member 'Reference Group' in respect of the independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To agree to nominate an Elected Member from each political group to become a member of the Elected Member Reference Group.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Thornley as member of Elected Member Reference Group -Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.

- moved by Councillor Young, seconded by Councillor Lang

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the establishment and remit of a proposed Elected Member 'Reference Group' in respect of the independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To agree that one Elected Member from each political group shall become a member of the Elected Member Reference Group. To ensure that this group is as gender balanced as possible, all groups shall nominate a first and second choice of representatives, at least one of whom must be a woman. Membership of the group shall then be drawn from these ensuring that at least 40% of the Reference Group are women. Where a group has no female members, they may only nominate one representative.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 4

- 1) To note the establishment and remit of a proposed Elected Member 'Reference Group' in respect of the independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To agree to nominate an Elected Member from each political group to become a member of the Elected Member Reference Group.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Doggart as member of Elected Member Reference Group -Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Rust

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	32 votes
For Amendment 1	-	25 votes
For Amendment 3	-	4 votes

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

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

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Mumford, Nicolson, Parker, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work

For Amendment 3: Councillors Booth, Miller, O'Neill and Rae.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the establishment and remit of a proposed Elected Member 'Reference Group' in respect of the independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.
- 2) To agree to nominate an Elected Member from each political group to become a member of the Elected Member Reference Group.
- 3) To appoint Councillors Doggart, Griffiths and Thornley as members of Elected Member Reference Group -Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review.

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

13 Review of Member/Officer Protocol

Details were provided of the review of the Member/Officer Protocol undertaken in the previous Council term together with the proposed new Protocol which simplified the language and format of the document and reflected the changes made to the Councillors' Code of Conduct.

Decision

To agree the revised Member/Officer Protocol detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee, 17 September 2019 (item 3); report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted)

14 Rolling Actions Log – May 2015 to June 2022

Details were provided on the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Council from May 2015 to June 2022.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following Actions:

Action 3 - Independent Review into Whistleblowing and Organisational Culture – Next Steps

Action 5 - Living Wage Accreditation and ALEOs – Motion by Councillor Kate Campbell

Action 7 - Elected Member Reference Group – Independent Inquiry and Whistleblowing Culture Review

Action 12 - Cost of Living Support – Motion by Councillor Biagi

- 2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

15 Cost of Living Support - Response to a Motion by Councillor Biagi

In response to a motion by Councillor Biagi details were provided on the rise in the cost of living which was resulting in significant difficulties for many families in Edinburgh. The drivers of these increasing pressures were international and macroeconomic, and the tools to make the most effective direct solutions were largely in the hands of national governments, but the Council and partners had made substantive actions to provide additional assistance through this year to date.

A special meeting of the Edinburgh Partnership was convened on 28 July 2022 to discuss and agree additional partnership actions to help Edinburgh citizens meet and manage the rising cost of living. The partnership had reviewed available evidence on the impact of the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh, with a particular emphasis on evidence gathered from money advice services across the city working to help citizens access benefits entitlements, manage debts and other household costs.

Motion

- 1) To note the substantial actions undertaken to date by the Council to address the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree, in line with recommendations from the Finance and Resources Committee on 14 July 2022, that £1,212,000 of provisional unallocated underspend from the Council's 2021/22 budget is used to clear school meal debts and make a one-off payment to families of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals.

- 3) To note the findings of Edinburgh Partnership discussions and agreed actions to improve workforce capacity in the welfare rights sector, and promote awareness and access to money advice support.
- 4) To agree that the Council Leader will write to UK and Scottish Governments urging them to increase welfare payments to those in need, and intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare entitlements.

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment 1

Council agrees to:

Note the substantial actions undertaken to date by the Council to address the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh

- 1) Note the estimated cost implications of the approved motion from Cllr Biagi and that, in view of wider pressures and commitments affecting 2022/23 and subsequent years of the budget framework, the officer recommendation to the Finance and Resources Committee that no further discretionary expenditure be incurred at this time;
- 2) Notes the findings of Edinburgh Partnership discussions and agreed actions to improve workforce capacity in the welfare rights sector, and promote awareness and access to money advice support
- 3) Agrees that the Council Leader will write to UK and Scottish Governments urging them to increase cost of living help to those most in need, and intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare entitlements.
- 4) Redouble efforts to highlight to the Scottish Government, through COSLA, the significant and increasing inflationary impacts of the current Cost of Living Crisis upon both the Council and the communities it serves.

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Whyte

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

Amendment 2

To agree the original motion as proposed by Councillor Watt.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Macinnes

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	21 votes
For Amendment 2 (the Motion as originally submitted)		41 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Bruce, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Day, Duggart, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Pogson, Rust, Walker, Watt and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Campbell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, 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.)

Decision

To approve the motion as originally submitted by Councillor Watt as follows:

- 1) To note the substantial actions undertaken to date by the Council to address the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree, in line with recommendations from the Finance and Resources Committee on 14 July 2022, that £1,212,000 of provisional unallocated underspend from the Council's 2021/22 budget is used to clear school meal debts and make a one-off payment to families of £100 for each child in receipt of free school meals.
- 3) To note the findings of Edinburgh Partnership discussions and agreed actions to improve workforce capacity in the welfare rights sector, and promote awareness and access to money advice support.
- 4) To agree that the Council Leader will write to UK and Scottish Governments urging them to increase welfare payments to those in need, and intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare entitlements.

(References – Act of Council No 22 of 30 June 2022; report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

16 Keep Safe Spaces – Motion by Councillor Nicolson

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

“1) Council notes:

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

2) Council agrees:

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Nicolson.

- moved by Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor

Amendment 1

In section 2) of the motion by Councillor Nicolson, to replace a) with:

“To commission to the Culture and Communities Committee in two cycles (December 2022) into how best to establish as many Keep Safe places across Edinburgh as possible, in addition to those already in existence.”

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Pogson

Amendment 2

1) To add in paragraph 1) of the motion by Councillor Nicolson:

“g) that current provision is skewed heavily towards the City Centre and Leith Walk areas, and that presently the only way to view the location of all Keep Safe spaces is on a smart phone app.”

2) In section 2) of the motion, to replace a) with:

“a) to commission a report to return to Policy and Sustainability Committee in October 2022 on how best to deliver a significant expansion of Keep Safe spaces, focusing in particular on areas that are currently underserved. The report should also recommend additional ways to promote and raise awareness of the scheme.”

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

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

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Paragraph 1 of Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	40 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	21 votes

(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, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Bruce, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalglish, Day, Duggart, Faccenda, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Pogson, Rust, Walker, Watt and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Nicolson:

- 1) To note:
 - a) Recent studies show that the Covid pandemic had increased many people's social anxiety resulting in people being at risk of becoming isolated
 - b) Keep Safe was a partnership between I am Me Scotland and Police Scotland and was an award winning initiative operating across Scotland.
 - c) Keep Safe was a network of safe spaces for vulnerable or disabled people to use and to seek assistance if necessary while going about their daily lives.
 - d) Keep safe spaces were checked by Police Scotland and must always have two members of staff available.
 - e) Keep Safe provided free training for all staff around their availability.
 - f) Keep Safe aimed to promote social inclusion and decrease disability hate crime making communities safer and more inclusive for everyone.
 - g) that current provision was skewed heavily towards the City Centre and Leith Walk areas, and that presently the only way to view the location of all Keep Safe spaces was on a smart phone app
- 2) To agree:
 - a) to commission a report to return to Policy and Sustainability Committee in October 2022 on how best to deliver a significant expansion of Keep Safe spaces, focusing in particular on areas that were currently underserved. The report should also recommend additional ways to promote and raise awareness of the scheme.
 - b) In line with 20-minute neighbourhoods and the Three Conversations approach, staff will continue to support individuals to access their local communities and retain their independence for as long as possible. CEC, through our H&SCP networks and partners in the Third and Private Sectors, will cascade information about this scheme to

encourage vulnerable people to carry a Keep Safe card which holds information that provides useful information about an individual's health, how they communicate and who to contact for help and to download the Keep Safe app which alerts people to where Keep Safe spaces are located.

17 Respectful Political Debate and Councillor Safety - Motion by Councillor McVey

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

18 Warm and Welcoming Public Spaces and Cost of Energy Crisis - Motions by Councillors Jenkinson and Hyslop

The following motions by Councillors Jenkinson and Hyslop Nicolson were submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

a) By Councillor Jenkinson

“Council:

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

b) By Councillor Hyslop

Council:

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

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

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

Notes the Conservative UK government's failure to act in line with other Governments, such as France, to take decisive action to protect those on the lowest incomes from sharp energy bill increases and resultant fuel poverty.

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

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

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

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

Composite Motion

Council:

- 1) Acknowledges that the cost-of-living crisis is currently hitting thousands of Edinburgh households and that this crisis is only expected to worsen with the Bank of England currently projecting inflation could climb as high as 15% in Q4 2022.
- 2) Notes that the average price of household energy bills increased by 54% in April and are projected to rise again in October by upwards of 70% pushing thousands more of our residents into fuel poverty.
- 3) Acknowledges that the impact of rising domestic energy and food price inflation will very likely adversely affect the health and well-being of many of our citizens, with unfortunately some having to choose between heating their homes or eating this winter and the real threat to life this poses in our communities.
- 4) Recognises that local authorities have a duty of care to their citizens, to promote and protect their well-being and to do what they can to prevent any avoidable harm.

- 5) Requests the development of a deliverable plan presented to the Policy & Sustainability Committee on 1 November which will set out how the Council will work with city partners to promote access to free of charge 'Warm and Welcoming' public spaces where Edinburgh citizens can keep warm and comfortable this coming winter and where they can receive support and advice services to help alleviate food and fuel poverty."

- moved by Councillor Jenkinson, seconded by Councillor Hyslop

Decision

To approve the Composite Motion by Councillor Jenkinson

19 COVID-19 and Council Services - Motion by Councillor Lang

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

"Council:

- 1) commends officers for their hard-work, dedication and professionalism in providing so many essential services during the COVID-19 pandemic, and recognises the unprecedented challenges which the health emergency and national restrictions brought to much of the Council's core work.
- 2) notes that cases of coronavirus continue to be high and acknowledges the duty of care which the Council has to both protect its staff and to minimise the further spread of the virus.
- 3) nevertheless recognises that all COVID rules and restrictions were lifted by the Scottish Government earlier this year and that the Council also has a responsibility to deliver services in a new business-as-usual environment.
- 4) notes that some services continue to be unavailable, or are only being offered on a restricted basis, with COVID-19 being given as the reason.
- 5) agrees that a report should be submitted to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within one cycle which
 - a) lists all the services which are either not being provided or only being provided on a significantly restricted basis as a result of COVID-19,
 - b) provides the reasoning and rationale for continuing these restrictions, and
 - c) gives an indicative timetable for these outstanding services returning to normal levels of delivery.

- 6) Agrees to refer the motion to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board for consideration on whether the Board wishes similar information on health and social care services.”

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Lang.

20 Care Experienced Guaranteed Interview Scheme - Motion by Councillor Kumar

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

“Council

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Kumar.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor Kumar:

“9) Political Groups receive a briefing on the process so that political groups who wish to provide experience to Edinburgh Council’s care experienced young people have a clear understanding of the process.”

- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 2

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

“Council notes the considerable work already underway in this policy area through the Council and its partners and as previously reported to Committees and/or the Edinburgh Partnership and agrees that a briefing note be prepared by officers on these actions in advance of any future update or performance reporting through formal council governance reporting.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Bruce

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	53 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, 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 Kumar

- 1) To acknowledge that people with care experience did not have equal opportunities to access positive destinations.
- 2) To recognise that care experienced individuals required additional support to navigate the work environment due to trauma and adversity.
- 3) To note the current workplan and renew its commitment to #KeepThePromise.
- 4) To agree to explore options to record if an applicant was care experienced when applying for jobs within the Council.
- 5) To guarantee to interview all applicants who were care experienced, provided they met the essential criteria for that job.
- 6) To agree to collect data to periodically monitor and review the impact of this guarantee on outcomes for individuals.
- 7) To signpost care experienced applicants to advisors and initiatives (including Through Care and After Care, Edinburgh Guarantee, and others) if
 - a) applications did not meet essential criteria or
 - b) were not successful following an interview to help provide further support and signpost to develop CVs, apply for apprenticeships, work, training, or further education.
- 8) To encourage all political parties to offer taster days, work experience of internship to care experienced individuals.
- 9) That Political Groups receive a briefing on the process so that political groups who wished to provide experience to Edinburgh Council's care experienced young people had a clear understanding of the process.

21 Edinburgh Leisure Toilet Facilities - Motion by Councillor Campbell

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

“Council,

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

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

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

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

Notes that Edinburgh Leisure is an ALEO of the council.

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

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor Campbell:

“Council notes that, at its meeting on 16 December 2021, Council committed to Edinburgh becoming a safer, more accessible and inclusive city for Edinburgh citizens and visitors, and called for a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within three cycles.

Agrees council officers should work with all Council ALEOs to review their current policy on public access to toilets in their buildings.

Agrees the Council Leader should raise the matter with the Edinburgh Partnership with the aim to widen access to toilet facilities within buildings that are open to the public.”

- moved by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 2

To keep paragraphs one and two of the motion by Councillor Campbell.

To replace the remainder of the motion with:

“Agrees that the City should have as many toilets made accessible to the public as is possible.

Notes that the Council has seven ALEOS, of which Edinburgh Leisure is one.

Agrees that Council Officers will work with all the ALEOs to review current policy on public access to toilets with the intention of making as many toilets as possible accessible to the public, whilst ensuring that public use does not compromise the safety of service users and staff.”

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

Amendment 3

To insert in the motion by Councillor Campbell, within paragraph six between the words ‘buildings’ and ‘should’:

“before any barriers”.

- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Munro

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), Amendments 1 and 3 were accepted as amendments to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	50 votes
For Amendment 3	-	12 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Cameron, Campbell, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Day, Dixon, Dobbin, Duggart, Faccenda, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Jones, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Mumford,

Nicolson, O'Neill, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Frank Ross, Rust, Staniforth, Walker, Watt, Whyte and Work.

For Amendment 2: Lord Provost, Beal, Caldwell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie Flannery, Lang, Osler, Neil Ross, Thornley, Young and Younie.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Campbell:

- 1) To note that part of the council's public toilet strategy was making toilets in all publicly owned and operated buildings accessible to the public.
- 2) To recognise the pressures from the pandemic, and that this required necessary curtailment of access to protect service users and staff and reduce the spread of the virus.
- 3) To note that since restrictions had lifted Edinburgh Leisure had maintained a policy of only allowing customers to use toilet facilities in their buildings and preventing public access.
- 4) To agree that this was not in line with existing council policy.
- 5) To note that Edinburgh Leisure was an ALEO of the council.
- 6) To agree, as shareholder, that toilets in Edinburgh Leisure buildings before any barriers should be open to the public.
- 7) To further agree to instruct council officers to work with the chief executive of Edinburgh Leisure, to review their current policy on public access to toilets in Edinburgh Leisure buildings, to ensure the council's policy was implemented.
- 8) To note that, at its meeting on 16 December 2021, Council committed to Edinburgh becoming a safer, more accessible and inclusive city for Edinburgh citizens and visitors, and called for a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within three cycles.
- 9) To agree council officers should work with all Council ALEOs to review their current policy on public access to toilets in their buildings.
- 10) To agree the Council Leader should raise the matter with the Edinburgh Partnership with the aim to widen access to toilet facilities within buildings that were open to the public.

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Dijkstra-Downie and Dixon made transparency statements in respect of the above item as members of the Board of Edinburgh Leisure.

22 Portobello Transport Capacity - Motion by Councillor Campbell

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

“Council,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Aston

Amendment

To add to the motion by Councillor Campbell:

“Notes that there appears to be an appetite for change in Portobello and there is potential for it to be used as exemplar of how Edinburgh can deal with traffic impacts. Engagement work by the Council has highlighted the need for action to encourage walking, wheeling, cycling and use of public transport and reduce the negative impact of vehicular traffic and inconsiderate parking. A speed survey for the area is planned, and we should learn the outcome of a Sustrans funding bid in October. This will “piggy-back” on significant road maintenance plans, and will use them as an opportunity to develop a plan for how the Portobello High Street area can better cater for walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport.

Notes also that parking enforcement visits to the area have increased over the summer and all enforcement teams have been working within limited resources in coordination with Police Scotland to provide a safe environment for everyone, particularly at peak times. Notes also that the Transport Scotland Act regulations relating to the footway and double-parking ban will soon be implemented, and Portobello is also part of Phase Four of the Strategic Review of Parking.

Asks, therefore, that in delivering the report noted in the above motion that the 20 Minute Neighbourhood delivery team works closely with the Network Management and Enforcement service, the Active Travel team and the Public Transport team to develop a Movement and Public Realm strategy for Portobello as a whole. This should consider town centre investment and sustainable transport improvements alongside any potential traffic management (reduction in volume and impact) interventions for the surrounding streets - particularly those leading to the prom. Asks that the workshop, as described above but also including businesses, is used to help take this work forward.”

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Meagher

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Campbell:

- 1) To recognise that visitor numbers to Portobello significantly increased during the pandemic but had not fallen away and that especially on hot days Portobello beach was now one of the top destinations for residents and people travelling in from communities outwith Edinburgh.
- 2) To recognise the impact that this had on amenities, and core services. Further recognise that steps had been taken to increase capacity in terms of waste, cleansing and policing and thank officers and wider public services for this increase in resource.
- 3) To recognise, however, that there was still more to do and that particularly transport solutions and traffic management still needed to be improved in order to for this extra demand to be managed.
- 4) To recognise the narrow streets and high-density housing around the prom and the existing parking pressures, and that it was unsustainable and unacceptable to do nothing to address this as visitor numbers increased. To further recognise that over the extremely hot weather the challenges included driving on pavements, cars pavement parking in front of tenement doors blocking access, dangerous parking on corners and double yellow lines, and large vehicles being forced to reverse up streets due to blockages, causing risks to other road users and pedestrians.
- 5) To agree, therefore, to have a workshop with key stakeholders including ward councillors, public services including the police, council officers, residents and community representatives to look at transport solutions in particular, but also wider destination management policies.
- 6) This should include examining increasing enforcement to address immediate pressures, but also to consider long term solutions such as bus gates, one-way systems and road closures to improve traffic management, limiting access where appropriate and improving road safety around all streets in Portobello, but particularly those close to the beach and promenade.
- 7) This should further include discussion of a strategy to discourage travelling to Portobello beach by car and encourage active travel and public transport use.
- 8) To agree to a report back to Transport and Environment in two cycles on actions that could be taken forward through the twenty minute neighbourhood work already ongoing for Portobello.

- 9) To note that there appeared to be an appetite for change in Portobello and there was potential for it to be used as exemplar of how Edinburgh could deal with traffic impacts. Engagement work by the Council had highlighted the need for action to encourage walking, wheeling, cycling and use of public transport and reduce the negative impact of vehicular traffic and inconsiderate parking. A speed survey for the area was planned, and we should learn the outcome of a Sustrans funding bid in October. This would “piggy-back” on significant road maintenance plans, and would use them as an opportunity to develop a plan for how the Portobello High Street area could better cater for walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport.
- 10) To note also that parking enforcement visits to the area had increased over the summer and all enforcement teams had been working within limited resources in coordination with Police Scotland to provide a safe environment for everyone, particularly at peak times. To note also that the Transport Scotland Act regulations relating to the footway and double-parking ban would soon be implemented, and Portobello was also part of Phase Four of the Strategic Review of Parking.
- 11) To ask, therefore, that in delivering the report noted in the above motion that the 20 Minute Neighbourhood delivery team work closely with the Network Management and Enforcement service, the Active Travel team and the Public Transport team to develop a Movement and Public Realm strategy for Portobello as a whole. This should consider town centre investment and sustainable transport improvements alongside any potential traffic management (reduction in volume and impact) interventions for the surrounding streets - particularly those leading to the prom. To ask that the workshop, as described above but also including businesses, was used to help take this work forward.

23 Community Centres and Lifelong Learning Review - Motion by Councillor Campbell

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

“Council:

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

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

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

Notes that the review of lifelong learning has taken place during the political instability of the election period and over recess, limiting elected member oversight of this process. Further recognises the uncertainty this is causing for community centre management committees, with inevitable impacts and consequences for the way they deliver services to their local communities.

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

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

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment 1

1) To accept paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of the motion by Councillor Campbell.

2) To replace all after "Notes" in the motion, with:

"The review of Lifelong Learning was launched on 8 June and the formal consultation process has now concluded. It has been an open and transparent process. All community centre management committees were contacted and there will be discussions on future arrangements.

Separately, there is a discussion with management committees to ensure that community centres have a sustainable future.

Agrees that these discussions should focus on learning from community centres with a track record of strong delivery and that sharing best practice will be encouraged. Agrees that following the consultation and discussions, reports will be brought to the Culture and Communities Committee."

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 2

Notes that the consultation with staff is now complete.

Therefore deletes the paragraph in the motion by Councillor Walker:

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

And adds:

"Therefore requests a report to GRBV committee detailing:

- The impact assessments that were undertaken as part of the review
- The review and evaluation of the lifelong learning service prior to restructure, and how this shaped the decisions made
- The sign off of the decision not to brief elected members, and how the decision was reached that this was not politically sensitive
- The evaluation of how this might shape the relationships with community centre management committees and what consultation was undertaken with stakeholders prior to the consultation."

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor Frank Ross

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	28 votes
For Amendment 1	-	33 votes

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

For Amendment 1: Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Duggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

Decision

To approve Amendment 1 by Councillor Walker as follows:

- 1) To recognise the fantastic contribution that community centres could make, with many bringing in additional resources, maximising the council spend by building capacity around council resources, but rooting the work they did within local communities at a grass roots level.
- 2) To recognise too that there could be challenges for local centres where capacity within local communities needed to be developed and supported.
- 3) To recognise as part of GIRFEC a vision and blueprint of holistic whole family support had been developed which included an assets and community based approach where 'Support should be empowering, building on existing strengths within the family and wider community. Families should be able to 'reach in' not be 'referred to'. Support must be explicitly connected to locations that work for local families and the community, such as schools, health centres, village halls and sports centres.'
- 4) To note the review of Lifelong Learning was launched on 8 June and the formal consultation process had now concluded. It had been an open and transparent process. All community centre management committees were contacted and there would be discussions on future arrangements.
- 5) To note separately, there was a discussion with management committees to ensure that community centres had a sustainable future.

- 6) To agree that these discussions should focus on learning from community centres with a track record of strong delivery and that sharing best practice would be encouraged. To agree that following the consultation and discussions, reports would be brought to the Culture and Communities Committee.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Frank Ross made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a Trustee of Corstorphine Community Centre.

24 Recruitment Committee – Membership Imbalance - Motion by Councillor McVey

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

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

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

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

Amendment

To agree the recruitment committee membership should be the Council Leader, Deputy Leader, one relevant executive committee convener and group leaders.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Voting

The voting was as follows:

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

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

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

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Day.

25 Tram Extension - Motion by Councillor McVey

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

“Council:

- 1) Notes the work of the team in delivering Trams to Newhaven, keeping the project on track in the most difficult of circumstances. Notes successful delivery of this project being able to weather the circumstances of the last 3 years is due to the approach approved by Council with the right governance controls, the right team and collaborative approach, prudent business planning and straightforward communication with local residents and businesses.
- 2) Notes the importance of public confidence in the delivery of such a major infrastructure scheme and notes the June 29th 2022 “Elected Member Briefing Note - Trams to Newhaven Project” which set out a holistic response giving assurance on issues relating to recent media reports. Requests this information is set out in a full update report on the project be brought to Transport and Environment Committee in once cycle to set out the projected timeline, costs and any other relevant issues for Councillors and residents.

- 3) Further that 2 further extensions are planned within the City Mobility Strategy and agrees of the importance of progressing these to ensure Granton Waterfront and Bioquarter can deliver new communities, much-needed housing and job opportunities in the most sustainable way possible.
- 4) Therefore, agrees by January 2023, officers will bring forward next steps to Council to progress these projects, including information for Councillors on light rail's inclusion in the Scottish Government's "Strategic Transport Projects Review 2" which opens significant opportunities of national funding to support the delivery of these extensions."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Macinnes

Amendment 1

To replace paragraph 4 of the motion by Councillor McVey with:

"Notes that the administration is committed to bringing forward a plan to consult on the North-South tramline (Granton to SE Edinburgh) before the end of 2022. It is anticipated that this will be part of the Public Transport Action Plan to be considered by the December Transport and Environment Committee.

Notes that, as a key part of national transport infrastructure, this project is already part of Phase 1 of the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2), and a decision is due on Phase 2 in the autumn. Further notes that inclusion in Phase 2 is expected to unlock Scottish Government funding to help develop the business case which must be robust if the project is to progress as part of STPR2.

Agrees that encouraging modal shift from cars to public and active transport is fundamental to securing Edinburgh's economic prosperity and improving the wellbeing of residents."

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Amendment 2

- 1) To insert between paragraphs 1 and 2 of the motion by Councillor McVey and renumber accordingly:
 - "2) Notes that highly disruptive work remains ongoing at a number of locations along the route as we enter Autumn 2022, that the initial business case date for opening for operations of the second quarter of 2002 has passed, that no open or public governance is in place for the

project with councillors unable to scrutinise progress and budgets at committee and that no private APOG has been held for many months and that no programme or financial data has been provided to back up the assertion that the project “remains on time and on budget” within the extremely inflated financial and timescale envelopes to which it is working.

2) To insert at the end of the motion:

- “6) Agrees that, as a minimum, an APOG be held as soon as possible so that councillors can properly scrutinise progress of any commercially sensitive details.
- 7) Agrees that any progress with further extensions of the network should be subject to a moratorium on construction for at least five years to allow the City economy to recover and, noting that the Council has no funding available for further construction and the current extension will lead to a considerable revenue overspend to subsidise the tram line, any future extension should be entirely contingent on 100% revenue and capital support from the Scottish Government.”

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Munro

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	52 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalglish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, 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 note the work of the team in delivering Trams to Newhaven, keeping the project on track in the most difficult of circumstances. To note successful delivery of this project being able to weather the circumstances of the last 3 years was due to the approach approved by Council with the right governance controls, the right team and collaborative approach, prudent business planning and straightforward communication with local residents and businesses.
- 2) To note the importance of public confidence in the delivery of such a major infrastructure scheme and note the June 29th 2022 "Elected Member Briefing Note - Trams to Newhaven Project" which set out a holistic response giving assurance on issues relating to recent media reports. To request this information was set out in a full update report on the project be brought to Transport and Environment Committee in once cycle to set out the projected timeline, costs and any other relevant issues for Councillors and residents.
- 3) To note further that 2 further extensions were planned within the City Mobility Strategy and agree of the importance of progressing these to ensure Granton Waterfront and Bioquarter could deliver new communities, much-needed housing and job opportunities in the most sustainable way possible.
- 4) To therefore, agree by January 2023, officers would bring forward next steps to Council to progress these projects, including information for Councillors on light rail's inclusion in the Scottish Government's "Strategic Transport Projects Review 2" which opens significant opportunities of national funding to support the delivery of these extensions.
- 5) To note that, as a key part of national transport infrastructure, this project was already part of Phase 1 of the Strategic Transport Projects Review 2 (STPR2), and a decision was due on Phase 2 in the autumn. To further note that inclusion in Phase 2 was expected to unlock Scottish Government funding to help develop the business case which must be robust if the project was to progress as part of STPR2.
- 6) To agree that encouraging modal shift from cars to public and active transport was fundamental to securing Edinburgh's economic prosperity and improving the wellbeing of residents.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Arthur made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.

Councillor Beal made a transparency statement in respect of the above item as a member of Transport for Edinburgh.

26 Air Quality in Primary Schools - Motion by Councillor Caldwell

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

“Council notes;

- 1) That the November 2021 report to Policy and Sustainability Committee updated Council on the implementation of addressing indoor air quality in schools, as required by the Scottish Government.
- 2) That £775,000 was made available to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2021 from the Scottish Government to undertake such work during the Covid-19 pandemic, which included, but was not limited to, assessments, portable Co2 monitors and adjustments to windows.
- 3) That despite the de-escalation of Covid-19 restrictions and mitigations, airborne viruses and diseases still have a high chance of incubating in school classrooms, and it is within the Council’s duty of care to mitigate such occurrences where reasonable, unrestrictive and cost-effective.
- 4) While natural cross-ventilation is an effective method of reducing Co2, increased ventilation from natural sources such as open windows during Winter months has a significant impact on indoor air temperature.
- 5) The current increased availability of HEPA Air Purifiers from institutions such as the University of St. Andrew’s through Public Contracts Scotland.

Council also notes;

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

demonstrates the effectiveness of certain models of HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Arrestor) to remove both Co2 and PM2.5 pollutants from the air.

Council therefore agrees;

- 1) That relevant officers update the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles of the Air Quality in Schools work carried out and any analysis on the impact since November 2021 including an update on how the Scottish Government funding was spent.
- 2) A report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in three cycles on the feasibility of rolling out suitable HEPA Air Purifiers to all primary schools managed by the City of Edinburgh Council. This may be included in the 'Air Quality in Schools update' in point 1) if it's ready by that time.
- 3) That increased air filtration for Edinburgh's Primary Schools is not a substitute for the overall target to reduce emissions from traffic, but instead should run in parallel with actions to help Edinburgh meet our Net Zero target by 2030."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Caldwell.

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment

At "Council also notes: 6)" in the motion by Councillor Caldwell, **adds** to read:

"It is ultimately an aim of the Council to reduce pollutants, including Co2, from traffic, particularly around schools, using initiatives such as the Safer Routes to Schools Programme **and wider actions to encourage modal shift, such as expansion and delivery of Quiet Routes / Corridors, segregated cycle lanes and training to support people to feel safe and confident to walk, wheel or cycle.**"

At "Council therefore agrees: 3)" in the motion, **adds** to read:

"That increased air filtration for Edinburgh's Primary Schools is not a substitute for the overall target to reduce emissions from traffic, but instead should run in parallel with actions to help Edinburgh meet our Net Zero target by 2030 **by encouraging modal shift through the delivery of infrastructure such as the expansion of Quiet Routes / Corridors and an integrated network of segregated cycle lanes across the city, targeted training and interventions to support people to feel safe and confident to walk, wheel or cycle, and other measures as described in the City Mobility Plan.**

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Bandel

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Caldwell:

- 1) To note that the November 2021 report to Policy and Sustainability Committee updated Council on the implementation of addressing indoor air quality in schools, as required by the Scottish Government.
- 2) To note that £775,000 was made available to the City of Edinburgh Council in 2021 from the Scottish Government to undertake such work during the Covid-19 pandemic, which included, but was not limited to, assessments, portable Co2 monitors and adjustments to windows.
- 3) To note that despite the de-escalation of Covid-19 restrictions and mitigations, airborne viruses and diseases still had a high chance of incubating in school classrooms, and it was within the Council's duty of care to mitigate such occurrences where reasonable, unrestrictive and cost-effective.
- 4) To note that while natural cross-ventilation was an effective method of reducing Co2, increased ventilation from natural sources such as open windows during Winter months had a significant impact on indoor air temperature.
- 5) To note the current increased availability of HEPA Air Purifiers from institutions such as the University of St. Andrew's through Public Contracts Scotland.
- 6) To also note it was ultimately an aim of the Council to reduce pollutants, including Co2, from traffic, particularly around schools, using initiatives such as the Safer Routes to Schools Programme and wider actions to encourage modal shift, such as expansion and delivery of Quiet Routes / Corridors, segregated cycle lanes and training to support people to feel safe and confident to walk, wheel or cycle.
- 7) To also note despite this aim, the December 2021 Local Air Quality Management APR still listed one site near London Road (ID81) as exceeding the air quality objectives during 2020, a year which was marked by historically low traffic levels in Edinburgh.
- 8) To also note multiple studies including Heliyon Journal (ISSN 2405- 8440), Johns Hopkins University Department of Medicine (PMID 24329966) and the Kharagpur Department of Architecture and Regional Planning (ISSN 0013-9351) which demonstrated the effectiveness of certain models of HEPA (High

Efficiency Particulate Arrestor) to remove both Co2 and PM2.5 pollutants from the air.

- 9) To agree that relevant officers update the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles of the Air Quality in Schools work carried out and any analysis on the impact since November 2021 including an update on how the Scottish Government funding was spent.
- 10) To agree to a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in three cycles on the feasibility of rolling out suitable HEPA Air Purifiers to all primary schools managed by the City of Edinburgh Council. This might be included in the 'Air Quality in Schools update' in point 1) if it was ready by that time.
- 11) To agree that increased air filtration for Edinburgh's Primary Schools was not a substitute for the overall target to reduce emissions from traffic, but instead should run in parallel with actions to help Edinburgh meet the Council's Net Zero target by 2030 by encouraging modal shift through the delivery of infrastructure such as the expansion of Quiet Routes / Corridors and an integrated network of segregated cycle lanes across the city, targeted training and interventions to support people to feel safe and confident to walk, wheel or cycle, and other measures as described in the City Mobility Plan.

27 Rollout of Adult Disability Payment (ADP) - Motion by Councillor O'Neill

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

"Council:

- 1) Welcomes the rollout of the Adult Disability Payment (ADP) to residents of Edinburgh from 29 August 2022;
- 2) Notes that ADP will replace the UK Government's Disability Living Allowance for adults (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) which is a welcome move according to many disabled people and disabled people's organisations;
- 3) Further notes that there are multiple Council services (for example issuing National Entitlement Cards and Blue Badges) which may require proof of ADP to allow disabled people to access local services;
- 4) Acknowledges the exponential hardship disabled people face and the trauma put upon them by the Department of Work & Pensions through intrusive and degrading assessments and that this hardship has increased under successive Conservative led Governments since 2010;

- 5) Further acknowledges the more humane and compassionate process that the ADP is designed around; acknowledges Social Security Scotland's dedication to deliver with dignity, fairness and respect;
- 6) Looks forward to a more inclusive, humane and accessible process for first time applicants and those who will be transitioning from PIP and DLA and hopes that all are fully supported and receive what they are entitled to;
- 7) Agrees that relevant frontline support officers should be enabled through training to signpost and assist new applicants of ADP and those who wish to appeal decisions by Social Security Scotland;
- 8) Requests a report within 3 cycles which:
 - a) Looks at the probable uptick in people accessing welfare rights advice due to the ADP rollout;
 - b) Looks at monitoring capacity and possible additional support options to recipients/applicants and advisors;
 - c) Examines what more the Council can do to support disabled people accessing what they are entitled to."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor O'Neill.

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

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor O'Neill:

- 1) Notes the delivery and rollout of the ADP sits with Scottish Government
- 2) At point 4 of the motion adds:

"and therefore condemns the Scottish Government's long delay in rolling out the Adult Disability Payment since welfare powers were devolved."
- 3) At point 8 of the motion adds:

"To request a report back to The Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee."

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Younie

Amendment 2

To delete all of the motion by Councillor O'Neill and replace with:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the Rollout of Adult Disability Payment (ADP) is a matter for the SNP/Green Scottish Government but that the assessment criteria remain fundamentally similar to those of PIP and DLA.
- 2) Notes that during the pilot phase more than one in seven new claimants through the Scottish Government scheme had to wait more than ten weeks for payment and that this may be the “tip of the iceberg” in terms of delays given the considerably larger number of claimants expected to have to access the system once it goes live.
- 3) Agrees that the Council take all necessary steps to train appropriate frontline staff to assist future claimants of this benefit as part of the considerable work the Council is already undertaking with partners to increase benefit take up following the report of the Edinburgh Poverty Commission.”

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	38 votes
For Amendment 1	-	15 votes
For Amendment 2	-	..9 votes

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

For Amendment 1: Lord Provost, Councillors Beal, Caldwell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Flannery, Griffiths, Lang, Osler, Neil Ross, Thornley, Watt, Walker, 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 O'Neill:

- 1) To welcome the rollout of the Adult Disability Payment (ADP) to residents of Edinburgh from 29 August 2022;
- 2) To note that ADP would replace the UK Government's Disability Living Allowance for adults (DLA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) which was a welcome move according to many disabled people and disabled people's organisations;
- 3) To further note that there were multiple Council services (for example issuing National Entitlement Cards and Blue Badges) which might require proof of ADP to allow disabled people to access local services;
- 4) To acknowledge the exponential hardship disabled people faced and the trauma put upon them by the Department of Work & Pensions through intrusive and degrading assessments and that this hardship had increased under successive Conservative led Governments since 2010;
- 5) To further acknowledge the more humane and compassionate process that the ADP was designed around; acknowledge Social Security Scotland's dedication to deliver with dignity, fairness and respect;
- 6) To look forward to a more inclusive, humane and accessible process for first time applicants and those who would be transitioning from PIP and DLA and hope that all were fully supported and receive what they were entitled to;
- 7) To agree that relevant frontline support officers should be enabled through training to signpost and assist new applicants of ADP and those who wished to appeal decisions by Social Security Scotland;
- 8) To request a report back to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee within 3 cycles which:
 - a) Looked at the probable uptick in people accessing welfare rights advice due to the ADP rollout;
 - b) Looked at monitoring capacity and possible additional support options to recipients/applicants and advisors;
 - c) Examined what more the Council could do to support disabled people accessing what they were entitled to."

28 National Care Service - Motion by Councillor Davidson

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

“Council

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Davidson.

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Amendment 1

To delete the motion by Councillor Davidson from :

“Calls on the Council to begin consulting with as wide a range of stakeholders as possible via the IJB and other services in order to provide as rounded a submission to the legislative process as possible.”

And replace with:

“Notes that the Council through its participation in the IJB has already consulted with its members, including elected members, representatives of carers, of the staff and unions, of the voluntary sector and service users. Following this consultation exercise, a submission will be agreed with the leadership of the IJB and submitted to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee of the Scottish Parliament by the deadline of 2 September1).”

- moved by Councillor Pogson, seconded by Councillor Jenkinson

Amendment 2

To retain the first sentence of the motion by Councillor Davidson as a paragraph 1 and replace the remaining text with:

- 2) Council notes that although the legislation lays down a framework for reform, there is still much to be decided about what the National Care Service (NCS)

will look like and this will be determined through an intensive [co-design](#) process.

- 3) Council requests that the IJB, through its relationships with the H&SC workforce and the third and private sectors, must take every opportunity to cascade these priorities to H&SCP managers to support and signpost people to this process of codesign. The success of the NCS depends on the contribution of unpaid carers, people who get support and paid carers contributing to the design.
- 4) Council requests that the EIJB have central to their consultation response:
 - a) Recognise the importance of our social care services, both in Edinburgh and across Scotland, to ensure our social care system consistently delivers high quality services across Scotland, particularly to unpaid carers.
 - b) The aim of a NCS to improve standards, ensure enhanced pay and conditions for workers and provide better support for unpaid carers-seeking a National Wage for Care staff and enter into national pay bargaining for the sector, based on fair work principles, for the first time.
 - c) a rights-based approach to care, we will strengthen residents' rights in adult residential settings. This will include delivering 'Anne's Law' – giving nominated relatives or friends the same access rights to care homes as staff while following stringent infection control procedures, as called for by Care Home Relatives Scotland.
 - d) Social care services, just like health care services, should be provided on a truly universal basis, free at the point of use. An NCS will, therefore, abolish charges for non-residential care as well as reversing the overreliance of private sector, bringing services back into public ownership.
 - e) the NCS will set high standards and flexible commissioning priorities for delivery by newly established local care boards, which will have local decision-making powers, through the review of health boards – and other related delivery services – to remove unwarranted duplication of functions and make best use of the public purse.
 - f) Social care services, just like health care services, should be provided on a truly universal basis, free at the point of use. An NCS will, therefore, abolish charges for non-residential care.

- g) Keeping people at the centre of ambitions, and addressing current issues, will be essential to how much a NCS can achieve. The stated intention to involve people and carers through co-design offers an opportunity to place them at the centre of these reforms.
- 5) Further agrees that the Council consult as widely as possible with its stakeholders to add any further priorities for the EIJB to respond with in the consultation and any subsequent engagement with the Government with all consultation being an iterative process to continue to improve services."

- moved by Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Kumar

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	43 votes
For Amendment 2	-	19 votes

(For the Motion as adjusted: Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Bandel, Beal, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Duggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Griffiths, Heap, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Mumford, Munro, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Neil Ross, Rust, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Nicolson, Frank Ross and Work.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Davidson:

To note the publication by the Scottish Government of the National Care Service bill and the significant impact this legislation could have on carers services in Edinburgh. To further note concerns about the centralisation of care services and the loss of local decision making.

To note that the Council through its participation in the IJB had already consulted with its members, including elected members, representatives of carers, of the staff and unions, of the voluntary sector and service users. Following this consultation exercise, a submission would be agreed with the leadership of the IJB and submitted

to the Health, Social Care and Sport Committee of the Scottish Parliament by the deadline of 2 September1).”

29 Sexual Entertainment Venues - Motion by Councillor Younie

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

“Council

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

Decision

The Lord Provost ruled in terms of Standing Order 30.1 that the motion was not competent as it would change a decision made within 6 months.

30 Extreme Heat, Climate Adaptation and Resilience- Motion by Councillor Parker

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

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

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

Council accepts it has a responsibility to keep residents safe and understands that failure to take radical action to reduce climate emissions and limit the frequency and

severity of episodes of extreme heat, and failure to adequately resource plans to mitigate the effects of such weather when it occurs, is to neglect this responsibility.

Therefore, Council:

- Reaffirms its commitment to the 2030 Climate Strategy and intentions to meet all targets within the strategy as soon as possible, and
- Requests a report to Policy & Sustainability committee within 2 cycles which:
 - a) provides an update to the work of Edinburgh Adapts on climate resilience; and
 - b) outlines measures to accelerate efforts to adapt the city including detail on, but not limited to:
 - Increasing greenspace and canopy cover to keep temperatures down
 - Reviewing management and maintenance of public parks, in particular the frequency of grass cutting and tree watering
 - Measures to restrict barbequing in parks and open spaces during periods of extreme heat
 - Reviewing and changing the fabric of buildings in the city, including exploring the possibility of introducing restrictions around material choices for new builds
 - Provision of water points and public toilets
 - Provision of benches and other rest points
 - Measures to limit private vehicle use during periods of extreme heat
 - Public health messaging and interventions such as sunscreen for children and other vulnerable residents
 - Guidance around flexibility within the work and school day, and guidance for safe working temperatures for Council employees and others.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Parker.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment 1

To remove the point in the motion by Councillor Parker “‘Measures to limit private vehicle use during periods of extreme heat’

To add the following to the end of the motion

- “Identify and rank Council buildings at risk from overheating and identify possible sustainable mitigation measures.
- Calls for additional capital funding from the Scottish Government to help the Council reach its climate targets.”

- moved by Councillor Beal, seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment 2

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

Council notes the considerable work already underway in this policy area through the Council and its partners and as previously reported to Committees and/or the Edinburgh Partnership and agrees that a briefing note be prepared by officers on these actions in advance of any future update or performance reporting through formal council governance reporting

- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	35 votes
For Amendment 1	-	17 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dalglish, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth, Walker and Work.

For Amendment 1: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Caldwell, Cameron, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Flannery, Lang, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Thornley, Watt, Young and Younie.

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Parker.

31 Festival Review - Motion by Councillor Mowat

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

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

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Mowat.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor Mowat:

Notes overall the hosting of the biggest arts festival in the world has gone extremely well.

Notes this year has seen several challenges such as strikes, increased delivery costs and extensive infrastructure works but the multi-agency team made up of festival operators, emergency services and council officers has met and continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss and help each other with any operational difficulties faced.

In paragraph 2b) delete; “a separate meeting of interested Councillors and officers convened”

and insert; “re-establishing the Festivals All Party Oversight Group (Festivals APOG)”.

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 2

In paragraph 2b) of the motion by Councillor Mowat to delete;

“a separate meeting of interested Councillors and officers convened”

and insert;

“re-establishing the Festivals All Party Oversight Group (Festivals APOG)”

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Amendment 3

To insert additional text to paragraph 2 of the motion by Councillor Mowat as follows:

After “*there have been some challenges in the delivery of Festivals*” insert:

“(including but not limited to resident engagement re the impact of outdoor performances returning, lines of communication and responsibility to ensure timely resolution of complaints, management of safe and enjoyable numbers of people in public spaces, traffic management and travel advice to walk/wheel/cycle/take public transport as a preferred option).

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Bandel

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Mowat:

- 1) To congratulate the Edinburgh International Festival, Edinburgh Fringe Society, Edinburgh Book Festival, Edinburgh Art Festival, Edinburgh Jazz Festival and Edinburgh Film Festival for delivering successful and full Festivals, after 2 years of very limited programmes and in bringing the return of the activity to the City;
- 2) To note that after 2 years not holding the Festivals' events and restructuring within Council departments, there had been some challenges in the delivery of Festivals (including but not limited to resident engagement re the impact of outdoor performances returning, lines of communication and responsibility to ensure timely resolution of complaints, management of safe and enjoyable numbers of people in public spaces, traffic management and travel advice to walk/wheel/cycle/take public transport as a preferred option) and the required interdependencies with Council Departments in supporting that delivery and call for:
 - a) A report to the relevant Committee (to be determined according to what issues come out of the two meetings below) by the end of November at the latest detailing – issues raised; areas that needed improving and any inter service concerns so that we capture any weaknesses in process that had emerged and how we can work to improve these processes to ensure delivery of future festivals works for the Council, the Festivals, Residents and visitors.
 - b) The report should be informed by re-establishing the Festivals All Party Oversight Group (Festivals APOG) by the end of September to capture concerns raised with councillors and to consider what worked, what didn't and what needed to be improved.
 - c) The report should be informed by a meeting by the end of September with Festival organisers and officers to determine what worked, what didn't and what needed to be improved
- 3) To note overall the hosting of the biggest arts festival in the world had gone extremely well.
- 4) To note this year had seen several challenges such as strikes, increased delivery costs and extensive infrastructure works but the multi-agency team made up of festival operators, emergency services and council officers had met and continued to meet on a regular basis to discuss and help each other with any operational difficulties faced.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Rust declared a non-financial interest in respect of the above item as Chair of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival.

Councillors Mowat and Osler made transparency statements in respect of the above item as members of the Edinburgh International Festival.

Councillors Flannery, Fullerton and Griffiths made transparency statements in respect of the above item as members of the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival.

Councillors McNeese-Mechan and Young made transparency statements in respect of the above item as members of the Edinburgh Science Festival.

32 Local Government Finance - Motion by Councillor Mumford

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

““Council;

- Notes the decision of the last meeting of Council to lobby the Scottish Government over their settlement for local government and City of Edinburgh Council;
- Agrees to make representations to the UK Chancellor about the need for a fair settlement given the Scottish budget is likely to see a cut as a result of the UK Government’s Resource Spending Review;
- Further agrees that the Finance and Resources Convenor supported by officers makes representation to the Scottish Government to make the case for greater fiscal freedoms for the Council, in particular:
 - Notes the decision of the last meeting of Council to lobby the Scottish Government over their settlement for local government and City of Edinburgh Council
 - Agrees to make representations to the UK Chancellor about the need for a fair settlement given the Scottish budget is likely to see a cut as a result of the UK Government’s Resource Spending Review
 - Further agrees that the Finance and Resources Convener supported by officers makes representation to the Scottish Government to make the case for greater fiscal freedoms for the Council, in particular:
 - Devolution of Non-Domestic Rate Relief on empty property next year
 - Reform or replacement of council tax to allow for redistributive tax arrangements by Local Authorities

- Completion of work on Scottish Government-Local Government fiscal framework
- Reduction in ring-fencing of council budgets through a new outcomes-based agreement
- Progress on reforming capital accounting
- Welcoming and committing to make full use of new revenue-raising powers such as Transient Visitor Levy and Workplace Parking Levy as well as seeking to reduce pressures on the city;
- Requests an update report to Finance and Resource Committee in two cycles

Decision

The Lord Provost ruled in terms of Standing Order 30.1 that the motion was not competent as it would change a decision made within 6 months.

33 Cost of Living Crisis - Motion by Councillor Rae

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

“Council:

- 1) Notes the significant pressure on the cost of living, with inflation, exorbitant fuel bills, rising rents and the fastest fall in real pay on record.
- 2) Notes that the Cost of Living Crisis has been caused by a combination of external factors such as the war in Ukraine, the Covid pandemic and Brexit, and compounded by Tory incompetence and cruelty following years of their deliberate adoption of economic austerity, and that the primary responsibility for addressing the Cost of Living Crisis lies therefore with the UK Tory Government;
- 3) Therefore agrees that the council leader will write to the relevant UK Government ministers urging them to take urgent action to address the Cost of Living Crisis and its impact on those on the lowest incomes;
- 4) Nonetheless also agrees the council should explore all options within its power to address the Cost of Living Crisis, and in particular the impact on those on the lowest incomes;

- 5) Therefore agrees the council leader will convene an urgent working group to examine ways in which the council can address the Cost of Living Crisis, including, but not limited to, the following:
- a) Re-examining the recommendations of the recent Edinburgh Poverty Commission to examine whether further action is needed to implement them;
 - b) Examining additional steps the council could take to maximise income and improve benefits uptake, especially amongst those on the lowest incomes;
 - c) Examining additional steps the council can take to address rising energy costs, including consideration of extending and expanding existing energy efficiency measures, consideration of establishing an 'Energy Bank' and exploring the potential to transform Energy for Edinburgh to provide low-cost energy to residents;
 - d) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising food costs, including collaboration with community food initiatives and food banks;
 - e) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising housing costs, including action to highlight existing powers for private rented tenants to challenge excessive rent increases, consideration of a further council rent freeze and re-examining the council's policy on eviction for rent arrears;
- 6) Agrees that recommendations from the urgent working group on the Cost of Living Crisis will be reported to the relevant executive committee for decision.

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Rae.

- moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Booth

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor Rae:

"7) Agrees to invite the Scottish Government to the urgent working group."

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 2

- 1) To add to the end of point 3 of the motion by Councillor Rae;
“cancel the energy price cap rise planned for October, double the Warm Homes Discount payment, and extend WHD payments to all those on Universal Credit”.
- 2) To add a point 7 to the motion:
“7) Call on the Scottish Government to increase funding for energy efficiency measures.”

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

Amendment 3

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

“Council notes the considerable work already underway in this policy area through the Council and its partners and as previously reported to Committees and/or the Edinburgh Partnership and agrees that a briefing note be prepared by officers on these actions in advance of any future update or performance reporting through formal council governance reporting.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Whyte

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	52 votes
For Amendment 3	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, 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 3: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Rae:

- 1) To note the significant pressure on the cost of living, with inflation, exorbitant fuel bills, rising rents and the fastest fall in real pay on record.
- 2) To note that the Cost of Living Crisis had been caused by a combination of external factors such as the war in Ukraine, the Covid pandemic and Brexit, and compounded by Tory incompetence and cruelty following years of their deliberate adoption of economic austerity, and that the primary responsibility for addressing the Cost of Living Crisis lies therefore with the UK Tory Government.
- 3) To therefore agree that the council leader would write to the relevant UK Government ministers urging them to take urgent action to address the Cost of Living Crisis and its impact on those on the lowest incomes, cancel the energy price cap rise planned for October, double the Warm Homes Discount payment, and extend WHD payments to all those on Universal Credit.
- 4) To nonetheless also agree the council should explore all options within its power to address the Cost of Living Crisis, and in particular the impact on those on the lowest incomes.
- 5) To therefore agree the council leader would convene an urgent working group to examine ways in which the council could address the Cost of Living Crisis, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a) Re-examining the recommendations of the recent Edinburgh Poverty Commission to examine whether further action is needed to implement them;
 - b) Examining additional steps the council could take to maximise income and improve benefits uptake, especially amongst those on the lowest incomes;
 - c) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising energy costs, including consideration of extending and expanding existing energy efficiency measures, consideration of establishing an 'Energy Bank' and exploring the potential to transform Energy for Edinburgh to provide low-cost energy to residents;

- d) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising food costs, including collaboration with community food initiatives and food banks;
 - e) Examining additional steps the council could take to address rising housing costs, including action to highlight existing powers for private rented tenants to challenge excessive rent increases, consideration of a further council rent freeze and re-examining the council's policy on eviction for rent arrears;
- 6) To agree that recommendations from the urgent working group on the Cost of Living Crisis would be reported to the relevant executive committee for decision.
 - 7) To agree to invite the Scottish Government and a member of the UK Government (preferably the Secretary of State for Scotland) to the urgent working group.
 - 8) To call on the Scottish Government to increase funding for energy efficiency measures.

34 Jake Wightman - Motion by Councillor Day

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

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

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

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

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

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

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

35 Bernard Hunter Mobile Cranes and Metal Recycling - The First 75 Years - Motion by Councillor Cameron

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

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

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

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

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

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Cameron.

36 The Caledonian Thebans - Motion by Councillor Day

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

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

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

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

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

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Cameron

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

37 Questions

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

Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 37 of 25 August 2022)

QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Key for answer by the
Convener of the Education, Children
and Families Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Question **(1)** The last substantive meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee took place on 1 March 2022. The next substantive meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee is scheduled for 13 September 2022. Does the Convener believe that her Committee can effectively scrutinize the department with the largest slice of Council resources with meetings taking place every 6 months or so?

Answer **(1)** Education, Children and Families Committees (ECF) should meet every 8 weeks although there was a scheduled delay because of the elections, meaning there was no meeting in May 2022. The ECF Committee had an Introduction for New Members - Education, Children and Families Committee on the 21 June 2022 during which common objectives were agreed. The next committee is scheduled for 13 September 2022.

With regard to the concern about scrutiny members will be aware that all education and children's services are subject to ongoing and rigorous independent scrutiny by national bodies.

The care inspectorate and Education Scotland have visited schools and ELC through the pandemic and their findings are shared locally and celebrated as appropriate as well as being in the public domain. A report collating the good practice and lessons learned will be presented to ECF on 13th September. In addition, measures of attendance and attainment, the main KPIs for education delivery have been published nationally and show steady progress despite the significant challenges we have faced.

- Question**
- (2) The Council Report Schedule dated 10/8/22 does not list any agenda items at all for the meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 13 September. Every other Committee scheduled in that paper between August and October has a comprehensive list of agenda items. Has the Convener taken her eye of the ball, does she need a Vice-Convener to help with the volume of work, and will her Committee continue to run with no transparency and no forward planning?
- Answer**
- (2) There is not a prescribed timeline for updating the schedule. The Committee Schedule has been updated now that the final list of reports has been agreed, and the agenda for subsequent committees will be published in time for forward planning.

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Housing,
Homelessness and Fair Work
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 25 August 2022**

Question

The Homelessness Task Force took in the Homelessness Forum, which was a forum for engagement with third sector stakeholders to enable good communications and relationship building between the council and charities working in homelessness in Edinburgh. It also took in the Welfare Reform Working Group, which included elected members, public sector and third sector stakeholders and enabled discussion and awareness on changes to welfare reform and actions that could be taken to address poverty. The Homelessness Task Force itself was set up to deal with the enormous challenges in homelessness, dealing with temporary accommodation, rough sleeping and the time it takes for a homeless household to resolve their homelessness, and was well attended by stakeholders and the Scottish Government, addressing challenges in the city.

The last two Homelessness Task Force meetings have been cancelled with short notice. Can the convener confirm that she intends to continue to convene the Homelessness Task Force, if so, could she confirm the date of the next meeting?

Answer

The intention is to continue the Homelessness Task Force Meetings however the Homelessness taskforce was a formal working group appointed by the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in 2021/22. This group ceased at the end of the previous Council term, therefore the last meetings had to be cancelled. 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 following agreement of the political management arrangements by Full Council.

The schedule will be sent out following agreement by Council and Committee. As reported to committee, work on Homelessness is continuing and involves close cooperation with the third sector.

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022

To ask the Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee to please confirm the following, with specific regard to the Homes for Ukraine scheme:

Question (1) How many volunteers came forward to house refugees?

Answer (1) 1,343 properties showed an expression of interest with 707 properties submitting information for home and disclosure checks. We are still awaiting information from 49 properties.

Question (2) How many have been fully vetted?

Answer (2) 658.

Question (3) How many passed the vetting process?

Answer (3) 658.

Question (4) How many have now dropped out of the scheme?

Answer (4) Out of 1,034 properties applying for the schemes, 636 properties did not respond to multiple contact attempts from Council colleagues. It is therefore assumed that these properties are not wishing to host Ukrainian Displaced persons (UDPs).

Question (5) How many refugees have now been placed?

Answer (5) Within Edinburgh, 239 individuals have been matched to Edinburgh properties via the Super Sponsor matching process and 707 individuals are matched via the Homes for Ukraine scheme.

Question (6) How many refugees are currently waiting?

Answer (6) This is a national matching process so information solely for Edinburgh is unavailable.

Question (7) What is the longest time anyone has waited to date for placement, and what is the average time?

Answer

- (7)** This varies depending on personal circumstances, geographical location and availability of properties nationwide.

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Planning
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 25 August 2022**

Question **(1)** Given the increasing popularity of electric vehicles when will the Council publish guidance to explain its planning policy so that residents can comply with it when installing domestic EV charging points?

Answer **(1)** The Planning Service is currently reviewing the non-statutory Guidance for Householders to take into account forthcoming changes to national planning policy through National Planning Framework 4 and potential changes to permitted development rights. The guidance is expected to be published summer 2023.

Question **(2)** Will the guidance explain the circumstances where an EV charger would be permitted development and also when planning permission might be required?

Answer **(2)** Yes.

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022

Question (1) How many reports of a drain in need of clearing did the Council receive in the last year?

Answer (1) 5,104

Question (2) How many of these were actioned within a month?

Answer (2) Of these 3,668 have been actioned, the rest are awaiting action or are in the process of being resolved. Please see attached handout provided at Transport and Environment Committee on 27 January.2022 which explains in more detail the gully cleansing process.

Of the 3,668 that have been completed 1,282 were completed within 1 month.

Question (3) What is the average delay between drains being reported as needing to be cleared and them being successfully cleared?

Answer (3) The average time taken is 10.8 weeks.

This average time covers all jobs relating to gullies, ranging from simple emptying at the first visit through to complex jobs which require full excavation and replacement of drainage infrastructure.

Question (4) Against what criteria are areas currently prioritised for regular clearing, where a report has not necessarily been made?

Answer (4) There is a full 24 month programme for cyclic maintenance which is categorised into route type to capture the various different constraints on gully emptying (Traffic Management required, TTRO required, weekend access required, standard access, hand clean, etc). Routes are grouped on an area basis for efficiency and in general we operate in 3 areas simultaneously to provide wider coverage to help reactive maintenance alongside cyclic. Further to this there are a small list of sensitive gullies which are cleansed twice a year ahead of typical storm periods (early summer and winter) in known problematic areas.

Question (5) Which areas, by ward, are planned for regular clearing in the next six months?

Answer (5) I understand we do not have this information easily available by Ward as the assets are managed by route. The Officer responsible would be happy to meet/present to Cllr Thornley (and others) to provide an understanding of how they, as a service, manage the roads drainage.

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022

Question **(1)** What was the total income from cruise liner docking fees at the Hawes Pier in each of the last 5 years (calendar or financial years)?

Answer **(1)** 2017/2018 - £457k
2018/2019 - £610K
2019/2020 - £528k
2020/2021 - £99k
2021/2022 - £62k

Question **(2)** Taking into account the operating costs of providing this service, what is the total net profit made by the Council from cruise liner docking fees at the Hawes Pier in each of these last 5 years?

Answer **(2)** 2017/2018 - £346K
2018/2019 - £452K
2019/2020- £347K
2020/2021 - £5k
2021/2022 - Loss of 29K

Question **(3)** How has the money raised from these fees been used – please provide a breakdown?

Answer **(3)** All non-ringfenced income raised by charges within Place are spent across the whole range of services provided by Place.

Question **(4)** How many confirmed or provisional bookings have been made in terms of cruise liner dockings at the Hawes Pier in the next three years?

Answer

- (4)** Confirmed ships this year 2022/2023 are 18. We only have provisional numbers for 1 future year 2023-2024 of 29, it is too early for subsequent years.

QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Question

- (1) What legislative requirement exists on bus operators to consult with the Council before making significant changes to existing bus routes?

Answer

- (1) There is a requirement to consult with Local Authorities prior to submitting a bus service registration with the Traffic Commissioner. This is normally undertaken at least 28 days in advance of the service registration submission.
- (2) Did Lothian Buses consult with the Council regarding the route changes which were subsequently announced on 5 June 2022?
- (2) Yes, this was a full service re-registration that covered all Lothian Buses, Lothian Country and East Coast services.
- (3) If Lothian Buses did consult with the Council, what feedback was provided by officers?
- (3) A Confirmation of Local Authority Notification (CLAN) form was returned for each service.

An officer also met with representatives from Lothian Buses to review the service changes, discuss the reasons for the changes and the mitigation being provided. A summary of the changes is provided on the following pages. Most of the changes in this period were positive and reflected a reaction to patronage recovery from the pandemic. However, limited resource resulted in some reallocation of resource from areas of poor demand and where alternative provision could be utilised, including interchange.

- (4) Is there any expectation on officers to seek the views of ward councillors on proposed changes to bus routes before offering formal feedback to bus operators?

- (4) No, there is currently no formal process for officers to notify ward councillors. It is a commercial bus network and effectively operates independently of Council influence. However, I would be happy to liaise with public transport providers to see if Transport & Environment Committee members can receive a briefing on any future notification of planned changes.

Details of the service change:

Lothian City and Airport Buses

Services 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15, 19, 23, 24, X26, 27, 29, X29, 31, X31, 33, X33, 34, 35, 37, 38, 42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49, 200, 300, 400

Minor timetable changes

Service 3

Revised route and timetable. All journeys operate to Mayfield. The Dalkeith Campus service is replaced by an extension of East Coast Buses service 139.

Service 10

Revised route and timetable. All journeys operate to Bonaly. The Torphin service is replaced by an extension of service 16.

Service 11

Revised timetable. The Saturday daytime frequency is increased to every 12 minutes, and the Sunday daytime frequency is increased to every 15 minutes.

Service 12

Revised timetable with later evening journeys introduced.

Service 16

Revised route and timetable. Service 16 is extended from Colinton to Torphin. The Saturday daytime frequency is increased to every 12 minutes, and the Sunday daytime frequency is increased to every 15 minutes.

Service 21

Revised timetable. The Saturday daytime frequency is increased to every 15 minutes.

Service 22

Revised route and timetable. The east side of the route (Ocean Terminal – City Centre) is withdrawn, service 22 will only operate between Gyle Centre and Regent Road. The Monday-Friday frequency is reduced to every 15 minutes, but a 12 minutes service is maintained at peak times. The evening frequency is reduced to every 30 minutes.

Service 25

Revised timetable. The Sunday daytime frequency is increased to every 15 minutes.

Service 26

Revised timetable. The Monday-Friday and Saturday daytime frequency are increased to every 10 minutes (between Clerwood and Prestonpans, then every 20 minutes to either Seton Sands or Tranent). On Sunday, a 15 minutes frequency continues to operate (every 30 minutes on each leg), but additional vehicles will operate during the day to allow for a 7/8 minutes frequency between Eastfield and Frederick Street.

Service 30

Revised timetable. The Monday-Friday and Saturday daytime frequencies are increased to every 10 minutes.

Service 36

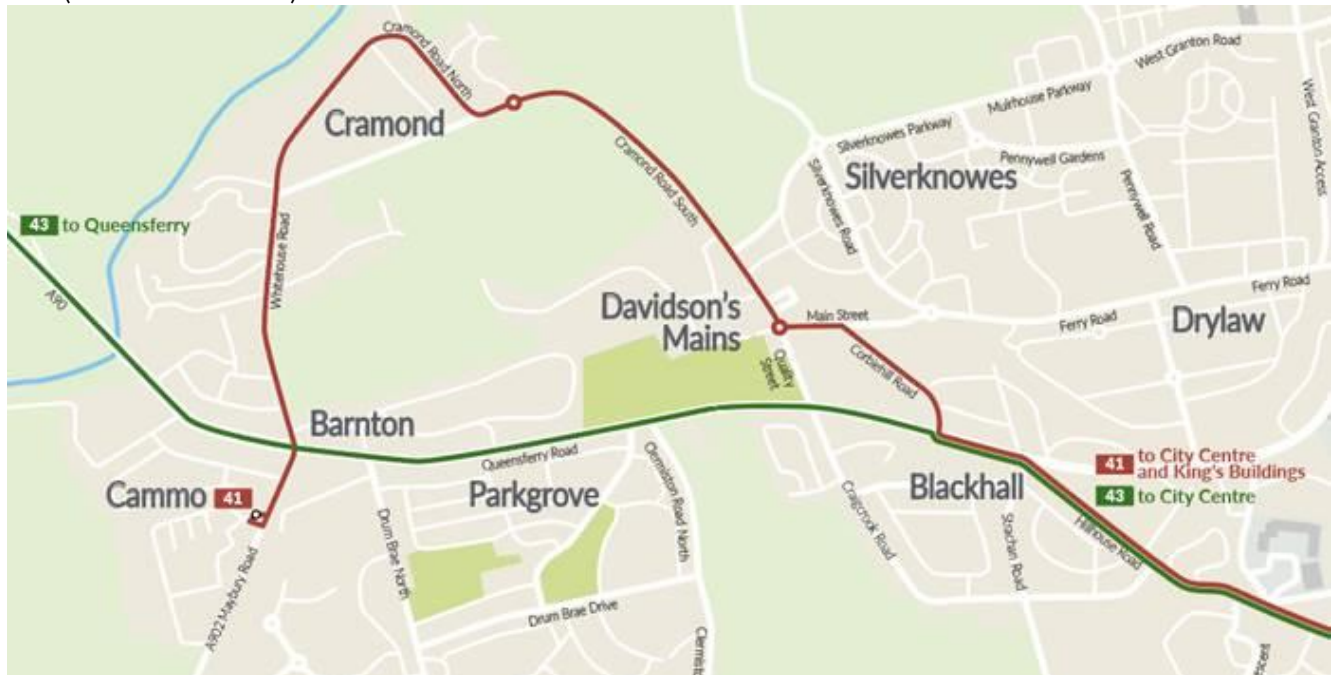
Revised timetable. The Monday-Friday peak frequency is increased, and later evening journeys are introduced.

Service X37

Revised timetable. The 07:26 journey from Penicuik is replaced by a new service 47 journey operating at the same time.

Service 41

Revised route and timetable. From Davidson's Mains service 41 operates via Cramond Road South, Barnton Gardens, Cramond Road North, Whitehouse Road, Maybury Road and terminates at the new terminus at Cammo (Meadowsweet Drive).



Map showing revised 41 route along with service 43 in the Cammo, Cramond, Parkgrove areas

Service X44

Revised timetable. Revised stopping pattern with additional stop at Portobello High School in both directions.

Lothiancountry

Services X18, X27, X28

Minor timetable changes.

Service 43

Revised timetable. The Monday-Friday frequency is increased to every 20 minutes, with additional journeys introduced at peak hours. The Saturday frequency is also increased to every 20 minutes

Service 275

Service withdrawn, partly replaced by revised service 276.

Service 276

Revised route and timetable, serving Ladywell, St. John's Hospital and Pumpherston (partly replacing service 275). The Monday-Friday and Saturday daytime frequency remains at every 30 minutes, except on section between Loganlea and Bathgate, which remains hourly. The Sunday daytime frequency is increased to every 30 minutes, with one bus per hour extending between Loganlea and Bathgate. In Bathgate the route is extended from Morrisons to Wester Inch (Simpsons Avenue), partly replacing service 275.

EastCoastbuses

A complete review of the network has been undertaken. New limited stop patterns will be introduced within the city, as shown on the map below, reducing journey times from East Lothian. Alternative services continue to exist on the Lothian network for those using buses in the city section.



Map showing EastCoastbuses services in Edinburgh

Service 104

Service renumbered X6.

Service 106

Minor timetable changes.

Service 113

Revised route and timetable. All buses terminate at Western General, the section of route between West Granton and Western General is withdrawn. A limited stopping pattern is introduced between Brunstane and Abbeyhill.

Service 124

Revised route and timetable. Service 124 will operate via Willowbrae instead of Portobello to maximise use of bus lanes. A limited stopping pattern is introduced between Brunstane and Abbeyhill.

Service X5

Service reintroduced on Monday-Friday and Saturday, operating hourly between North Berwick and Edinburgh. In the City Centre buses terminate at Frederick Street instead of Seple Street.

Service X6

New service replacing service 104, with a revised timetable. A limited stopping pattern is introduced between The Jewel and Abbeyhill.

Service X7

Minor timetable changes.

Nightbus & Nighthawk (from morning of 2 May)

Services N3, N14, N16, N22

Minor timetable changes

Service N26

Revised timetable. On Saturday and Sunday mornings the frequency is increased to every 30 minutes.

Service N28

Revised timetable. An additional journey after 3a.m. from Edinburgh City Centre is introduced on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Service N31

Revised timetable. An additional journey after 3a.m from Edinburgh City Centre is introduced on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Service N43

Revised timetable. An additional journey after 2a.m from Edinburgh City Centre is introduced on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Service N106

Revised timetable. An additional journey after 3a.m from Edinburgh City Centre is introduced on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Service N113

Revised timetable. An additional journey after 3a.m from Edinburgh City Centre is introduced on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Service N124

Revised route and timetable. An additional journey after 3a.m from Edinburgh City Centre is introduced on Saturday and Sunday mornings. Service N124 will operate via Willowbrae instead of Portobello as per daytime service 124.

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Leader of the Council at a meeting of
the Council on 25 August 2022**

Davidson's Mains Roundabout

Question **(1)** Further to the answers given to question 9.1 at the June 2022 meeting of the Council, when will the statutory process for the redetermination order commence?

Answer **(1)** The Executive Director's report needed to commence the statutory process for the necessary traffic orders has been drafted and this has been reviewed by the Traffic Orders team. The report is now being finalised for approval and it is expected to be issued to the Traffic Orders team within the next two weeks.

QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Question **(1)** How many bus stops are there within the Council area?

Answer **(1)** 2,238

Question **(2)** Of these, how many have a bus shelter?

Answer **(2)** 1,432

Question **(3)** What criteria is used to determine whether a bus stop without a shelter should be prioritised for a new shelter?

Answer **(3)** Following a request for a new shelter, the location will be inspected to determine if there is sufficient space for a shelter to be installed, any obstructions, sightline issues with junctions or driveways and if there are underlying public utilities or cellars. Consultation is also carried out with local bus operators to seek their views on patronage levels and to determine if a stop is predominately a set down or pick up location.

Question **(4)** What is the budget allocated for 2022/23 for new bus shelters and bus shelter replacements?

Answer **(4)** Exact figure is still to be determined from the Capital budget allocation to the Public Transport team but will be approximately £50-100k. There has been significant investment in new and replacement bus shelters in recent years, averaging approximately £300k per year in last 5 years.

Question **(5)** What is the expected percentage split in this budget between installing new shelters and replacing existing shelters?

Answer

- (5)** Existing shelters are generally replaced if they have been vandalised or damaged in a road traffic collision. They will also be replaced if their condition is considered to be a health and safety risk, for example if the shelter supports are rusting and there are concerns about their structural stability. There is no fixed split, a decision will be taken each year dependant on existing shelter conditions, number of new shelter requests and the available budget.

QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Question

What measures additional to those anticipated to be delivered as part of the Trams to Newhaven scheme will be put in place to further protect the segregated cycle way *and pedestrian amenity* on Leith Street from vehicles parking within it?

Answer

There are not currently plans to design further interventions in this area. While the Trams to Newhaven project is ongoing there is additional pressure on road space, which may be leading to some of the pavement parking observed.

Despite the challenges of the project, the administration does not condone pavement parking and will press for enforcement action whenever possible. There were 21 enforcement requests for Leith Street and streets in the vicinity, and 134 parking tickets issued specifically on Leith Street between 1 Jan 22 and 31 July 22.

The Tram works and Leith are discussed on a weekly basis at the Enforcement operational calls and there are currently Parking Attendants dedicated to patrolling the Tram works/Leith area.

During construction the Trams to Newhaven project is working to deter pavement parking by taking the following measures:

1. Provision of staffed logistics hubs;
2. Alerting delivery drivers to locating of logistics hubs and loading bays
3. Discussing loading requirements with local businesses.

In addition, additional powers to allow the Council to respond to pavement parking more effectively have now been legislated for, though haven't yet come into force.

Therefore, it is proposed to monitor the position after the project is complete and additional powers are in force, to determine what, if any, further steps should be taken.

QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022

Question (1) How much has been invested in upgrading Cables Wynd House in the last 5 years? How does this compare against the median investment figure of the per-capita spend for Council houses?

Answer (1) There has been capital investment of £169,606 in Cables Wynd House over the last five years. This related to the full replacement of all lifts in the block. There are 212 flats in Cables Wynd House, of which 4 are privately owned. This therefore equates to c£800 per home.

It should be noted that Cables Wynd House benefitted from major investment programmes such as kitchen and bathroom and communal heating replacement in the years 2010 – 2012. This investment should have the effect of reducing the spend on repairs in later years.

It is not possible to provide a figure that would provide a meaningful comparison for Council homes citywide as the total annual capital spend includes other costs and overheads.

The information regarding capital spend on Cables Wynd House has been obtained through manual checking of records. To obtain this for all multi storey blocks would involve significant manual officer resource and is not readily available.

Question (2) How much has been spent on reactive repairs in Cables Wynd House in the last 5 years? How does this compare against the median investment figure of the per-capita spend for Council houses?

Answer **(2)** Between 2017/18 and 2021/22, records indicate that £184,728 was spent on responsive repairs to communal areas at Cables Wynd House. The average cost of communal repairs for each home in Cables Wynd House across this 5 year period is therefore c£174 per year.

Information on the spend on repairs for individual homes in Cables Wynd House is only available for 2020/21 and 2021/22. Over these two years, records indicate that £221,398 was spent on repairs in the 208 Council homes in the block. This is the equivalent of an average of £532 in each home across this two year period per year.

It is not possible to provide a figure that would provide a meaningful comparison for Council homes citywide as the total annual spend on repairs includes other costs and overheads.

Question **(3)** What is the average repair time for actions identified by residents and concierge service and completed in the building, including a breakdown of lift repairs?

Answer **(3)** Between April and July 2022, the average repair time for communal areas, including lifts, between a repair being reported and completed was 5.4 working days.

Question **(4)** What outstanding actions requiring work have been identified and when were they identified as needing to be repaired/actioned?

Answer

- (4)** There are currently no outstanding reported repairs issues in communal areas awaiting action. Emergency repairs and health and safety issues are identified through daily inspections carried out by the local Concierge team therefore this position can change on a daily basis.

Council officers have been engaging with the recently established residents group through a recent meeting and a walkabout to listen to residents' concerns and their priorities for improvements. A number of areas of concern have been raised including décor of the common stairs, condition of the stair landing windows, vandalism and graffiti, dog fouling, etc. The next meeting with the residents group is due to take place on 30 August 2022 when feedback and further discussion on these concerns will take place.

In addition, officers have been working to progress the replacement of the CCTV hub which is situated at Cables Wynd House. Engagement is underway with private owners to enable this to proceed

Question

- (5)** Can the Convener make available to ward Councillors the outstanding list of short, medium and long term identified actions for repair and investment for the building that residents have been informed exists but haven't yet been able to see?

Answer

- (5)** There is not currently a list of short, medium and long term actions for repair and investment. A citywide Stock Condition Survey is underway and will be used to inform future investment plans for Cables Wynd House, together with the feedback from the ongoing engagement with residents.

Ward Councillors will be provided with the results of the stock condition survey once it is available and officers would be happy to meet with ward Councillors to discuss this further.

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Biagi for answer by the
Leader of the Council at a meeting of
the Council on 25 August 2022**

Question **(1)** What arrangements are in place to mitigate risk of industrial action in core service areas?

Answer **(1)** In order to mitigate the risk of industrial action, the Council undertakes negotiations with Trade Unions at a local level and, where required, jointly negotiates with Trade Unions at a national level through COSLA.

Question **(2)** How much Council resource has been spent to date on retention agreements and all other agreements with external companies as part of those service plans during industrial action?

Answer **(2)** There are no retention agreements in place with external companies to specifically undertake any work in areas where there is industrial action. The only exception would relate to agency workers provided by contracted agency suppliers that are already engaged in a service prior to the industrial action starting.

Question **(3)** How much Council resource would be spent, on a per day basis, with external companies through any industrial action broken down into service areas?

Answer **(3)** This would depend on the size and impact of the industrial action.

QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for
answer by the Convener of the
Culture and Communities Committee
at a meeting of the Council on 25
August 2022**

Question (1 How many trees in the city's parks and greenspaces have
) died over the summer months due to the increased hot dry
weather driven by climate change?

Answer **(1)** This information is not available at this time. The hot weather will have dramatically increased the number of trees that have died and when resources permit a count will be undertaken.

Question **(2)** How has this impacted on Edinburgh's commitment to becoming a Million Tree City?

Answer **(2)** Whilst the loss of any tree is regrettable, the tree planting target for the Edinburgh Million Trees City project has an allowance for tree losses to ensure we reach becoming a Million Tree City by 2030.

Question **(3)** How much additional officer time and resource has been committed if any to preventing our trees from dying from the recent weather?

Answer **(3)** Staff have been working on overtime to water trees. It is not possible to identify the specific number hours (and the associated cost) spent on this task.

Question **(4)** What plans are in place to mitigate the impact of weather extremes on the Edinburgh's biodiversity?

Answer

(4) To mitigate against weather extremes a diverse range of tree species are planted. While native species remain an important element of the programme, other suitable species are included to increase diversity and limit the effects of drought and disease.

QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 25 August
2022**

Question

What steps is the convenor intending to take in order to tackle the attainment gap, following recent SQA results showing a significant increase in the problem?

Answer

We note that SQA figures show that the gap in pass rates for Highers in 2022, between those living in the 20% least-deprived and 20% most-deprived areas of Scotland, was 15 percentage points. Although this was an increase compared to the gap of 8 percentage points in 2021, and 6.5 percentage points in 2020, the gap actually decreased compared to 2019 when it was 17 percentage points (the last time young people sat a formal SQA examination diet). Given that different assessment approaches were used in 2020 and 2021 due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is difficult to make direct comparisons with these years and 2022.

We do not yet have data for the gap in Edinburgh in 2022. This will be available to officers in late September, via the Scottish Government's *Insight* website. However, initial analysis of our available data suggests that the pattern of attainment in Edinburgh has followed the national one, ie we expect the gap for 2022 to be smaller than for 2019.

NOTE: This information is drawn from the forthcoming briefing for ECF members on the Poverty Related Attainment Gap.

Closing the Poverty Related Attainment Gap has been a requirement of all local authorities since the introduction of the Education Act (2016) and the establishment of the National Improvement Framework. The outcome is referred to as:

- Closing the attainment gap between the most and least disadvantaged children and young people (NIF Priority 3)

Quality Assurance and Managing Performance

Closing the attainment gap has been a major priority for several years, with a high level of energy and targeted work directed towards this from our central teams, senior leaders and practitioners across schools and early learning centres. Approaches and activities undertaken, have led to a steady improvement in school performance and a narrowing of the gap.

In 2017 we set out the strategy to deliver excellence and equity in education: Edinburgh Learns. This comprised a range of strategic guidance frameworks schools were asked to use to improve quality and consistency across the city. Officers also increased support and challenge of schools that were underperforming. The result was that the gap narrowed, however more work is required, particularly post-pandemic as referred to in the Councillor's question.

The Education Improvement Plan 2021-24 sets out in detail how we meet the aims of the National Improvement Framework and the council's overarching framework for Education was refreshed to become Edinburgh Learns for Life. Almost all of the high level improvements detailed in the Education Improvement Plan 21-24 relate directly or indirectly to closing the poverty related attainment gap.

The Capacity and Risk Register of School Performance is updated regularly through analysis of leadership, data such as SQA and ACEL and school inspections. Officers and senior managers provide intensive levels of support to schools with identified areas for improvement or concerns. This includes:

- Rigorous evaluation of standards & quality reports and school improvement plans
- Guidance re effective strategies to ensure the highest quality teaching and learning
- Participation in inspection follow-through activity to ensure recommendations have been implemented
- Supported self-evaluation visits, including shared classroom experiences to ensure high quality teaching and learning and rigorous self-evaluation

- Performance management of senior leaders and practitioners
- Signposting to relevant professional learning

Culture

Leadership for Equity is the externally accredited approach to change the culture within our schools, to remove the stigma of poverty and to raise aspirations for all. Topics covered include:

- Social justice, equity, poverty and associated implications for school and classroom ethos and culture
- Interpreting data to plan interventions which improve attainment and close the poverty-related attainment gap
- Teaching and learning for equity; working with parents, carers and partners.

This approach has been in its pilot year and will be delivered year on year, as a mandatory programme, to ensure all staff in schools demonstrate attitudes and practices which eradicate poverty related stigma and which enable our most disadvantaged learners to make their best progress in learning

Highly Skilled Workforce

Each year we are training our teachers in The Edinburgh Teachers' Charter. This incorporates the main elements of teaching practice which are known to deliver excellence and equity. To date more than 20% of teachers have taken part in this programme which has exceeded our target. Over the course of the next 2 years we expect that figure to rise to 60%.

Additional Funding

Additional Covid Recovery Funding was allocated (£2,692,000) to schools to secure additional staffing to address gaps in learning. Further funding (£1,238,734) has been allocated to each learning community to appoint a transition teacher to provide targeted support to learners in P5-S3 to address gaps in literacy, numeracy and to support health & wellbeing. Senior leaders have been issued with guidance to encouraging working as a “learning community” for financial, and improvement, planning which ensures both best value and better outcomes for learners. This includes the use of equity funding received as part of the Scottish Attainment Challenge 2.0. A Senior Development Officer (Equity and Closing the Gap) has been appointed to support schools in ensuring pupil equity funding is used to support our most disadvantaged learners and to model effective teaching and learning approaches which close the gap and accelerate progress in learning.

QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Chair of the Integration Joint
Board at a meeting of the Council on
25 August 2022**

Question

In light of recent freedom of information data showing that some individuals in the NHS Lothian region are waiting for up to eight months for access to PrEP Medication what discussions has he had within the Health and Social Care Partnership about what steps can be taken to improve access?

Answer

An FOI request in June 2022 identified to date in 2022 there was a range of a 90 to 260 day wait for an initial PrEP appointment with an average wait overall was 115 days (i.e. closer to the lower end of the range than the upper end). Nevertheless, having such a long wait for access to initial PrEP appointments is a matter of concern for EHSCP and Lothian Sexual & Reproductive Health Services (LSRHS). LSRHS keeps a waiting list for PrEP so they can gauge the unmet need for PrEP in their area. Following the lifting of COVID restrictions, PrEP demand has increased significantly and has continued to increase. Comparative data for Quarter 1 in the last three financial years has seen PrEP attendances grow from 709 in 2020/21, to 866 in 2021/22, to 1,217 in 2022/23. EHSCP has committed additional resources to PrEP delivery and have recently recruited new team members to increase the number of PrEP clinics available to reduce the waiting time to start PrEP. These additional clinics have been delayed because of the pressures resulting from the recent Monkeypox outbreak and the need to prioritise Monkeypox vaccination. LSRHS will provide these additional clinics over the coming weeks and months to reduce the waiting time for PrEP, so we expect to see an improvement over the coming months. There is already evidence that the current waiting time is now approximately 12 weeks / 84 days.

QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Chair of the Integration Joint
Board at a meeting of the Council on
25 August 2022**

Question (1) How many individuals in target groups have accessed the MVA vaccine?

Answer (1) NHS Lothian Public Health are leading on the promotion and delivery of the vaccine and are working with the Lothian Sexual and Reproductive Health Service, which is hosted and managed by the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership in this.

We have vaccinated 676 high-risk people with the first dose of the monkeypox vaccine as of 18/08/22.

In terms of the programme, supplies of pre-exposure vaccine for Monkeypox were made available to clinics in Scotland on 12th July. In Lothian, the first dose of pre-exposure vaccine was provided at Chalmers Clinic on 14th July. Clinics for the opportunistic vaccination of high-risk Gay, Bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) commenced on 18th July and the first outreach vaccination session to a sex-on-premises venue was held on 19th July. GBMSM at highest risk of Monkeypox are being pro-actively called for vaccination, as well as identified opportunistically via clinics. Lothian Sexual and Reproductive Health Service in conjunction with Health Protection and Public Health colleagues are working as quickly as possible to mitigate the impact of Monkeypox on GBMSM in Lothian by implementing the national targeted pre-exposure vaccination strategy.

Question (2) What discussions he has had with Health and Social Care Partnership Colleagues about promoting the vaccine to at risk groups?

Answer

- (2) NHS Lothian Public Health is leading this work and has been working with Public Health Scotland and the UK Health Security Agency on the Monkeypox response, including taking forward the pre-exposure Monkeypox vaccination programme. The Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) proposed that vaccination should be offered as soon as feasible to gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) at highest risk due to a large number of contacts, as well as those people with an occupational risk e.g. staff in sexual health clinics. The committee agreed that GBMSM at highest risk could be identified amongst those who attend sexual health services, using markers of high-risk behaviour. These risk criteria would include a recent history of multiple partners, participating in group sex or attending sex on premises venues.

The JCVI recommended that wider vaccination in low risk GBMSM individuals or the general population is **not** advised at this time. In view of the current epidemiology and vaccine supply available, this selective vaccine strategy aims to interrupt transmission in the subset of individuals at increased risk. The JCVI concluded that this would be the best way to bring the current outbreak under control.

QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 25 August 2022**

Question **(1)** How many bins were removed from Victoria Park in each of the last 5 years?

Answer **(1)** In 2019 six 80 litre bins were removed from within the park. At the same time ten 240 litre litter bins were sited at the park entrance/exit gates, including bins at the Trinity Academy entrance and the lane that runs between Craighall Avenue and Newhaven Road. The overall capacity for litter in the park (and nearby school) has been increased by approximately 2,300 litres

Question **(2)** What was the reason for their removal?

Answer **(2)** It was considered that siting of bins in public parks and greenspaces presents some particular challenges in terms of efficiency, capacity and safety. It was viewed as beneficial to encourage park users to take their waste to strategic locations, usually at entrances and exits, so that the litter bin can be serviced safely without having to drive into or around the greenspace – this reduces the likelihood of vehicles coming into contact with park users and any damage that may be caused to grass.

This is included within approved Bin Siting Policy as approved by [Transport and Environment Committee](#) (see page 27 of link).

Question **(3)** What assessment has been made since then with regards to litter and waste issues in the park?

Answer **(3)** Street Cleansing Supervisors and Park Rangers check the park to ensure standards are being maintained and arrange litter picking as required. No significant increase in litter has been noted since this change in 2019.

QUESTION NO 18

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022

Question **(1)** When did you last meet the Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills to discuss Gaelic Medium Education, and what was the outcome of the meeting?

Answer **(1)** Friday 5 August. The Cabinet Secretary was due to meet with GME parents and was going to confirm to them that no site in central Edinburgh had been identified which would be available for the development of a GME secondary school.

Question **(2)** When did you last meet with representatives from Comann nam Pàrant Dùn Èideann, and what was the outcome of the meeting?

Answer **(2)** There has been no meeting.

Question **(3)** What written communication have you had with the Cabinet Secretary or Comann nam Pàrant on the subject of Gaelic Medium Education since you were appointed, and will you publish this?

Answer **(3)** There has been no written communication.

Question **(4)** What are the council's plans for engagement with the Gaelic community over options for a site for a GME High School?

Answer **(4)** There are currently no plans for any further engagement.

Question **(5)** When will the Education, Children and Families Committee appoint members of the Gaelic Implementation Group, or its successor body?

Answer **(5)** As with all working groups, the decision on whether to retain the Gaelic Implementation Group will be a decision for the relevant committee. However, future working groups will first be considered as part of the review of political management arrangements to be considered by Council in autumn 2022.

QUESTION NO 19

**By Councillor Heap for answer by the
Leader of the Council at a meeting of
the Council on 25 August 2022**

Question

What plans does the Council have to

- (a) support residents to access help with energy bills and
- (b) to help the extremely large number of residents who very likely will not be able to afford to heat their homes, in particular how vulnerable residents will be supported and whether 'warm banks' in Council-owned buildings are being planned?

Answer

Item 7.5 on the Council agenda provides a full report on additional measures planned by the Council and partners to address the cost of living crisis in Edinburgh driven by rising energy prices.

Within this package of support, the Council 2022/23 budget included an allocation of £100,000 to fund crisis payments for families struggling with energy costs. This funding is being used to support the reduction in fuel poverty across the City of Edinburgh local authority area using Home Energy Scotland's Energy Care Service.

Energy Carers support their clients who are struggling to meet their energy costs and are who are in fuel debt. In most cases the awards made will not exceed £1,000 per household, however the Energy Carer can assess if a higher amount is necessary on a case by case basis. Only households within in the City of Edinburgh area will qualify for this award.

Other actions already in place or proposed in the report to Council include:

- Direct cash payments to low income families
- Additional Council funding for crisis (including energy crisis) grant payments through the Scottish Welfare Fund

- Funding to provide emergency food support projects
- Additional funding and support to build capacity for the income maximisation and money advice sector in Edinburgh
- Additional actions to promote awareness of and access to money advice and crisis support during this winter, and
- Asking the Council leader to write to UK and Scottish Governments urging them to increase welfare payments to those in need, and intensify efforts to increase the uptake of welfare entitlements.

Potential for other actions, including partnership approaches to providing access to warm spaces, are under review and being considered by officers.

QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 25 August
2022**

Question

Further to his answer to my question at full council of 30 June 2022, can the council leader clarify that his administration will appoint a group to oversee the development of the council's Gaelic plan and ensure its effective delivery? If not, why not, and if so, when will this be appointed?

Answer

As with all working groups, the decision on whether to retain the Gaelic Implementation Group will be a decision for the relevant committee. However, future working groups will first be considered as part of the review of political management arrangements to be considered by Council in autumn 2022.

**Supplementary
Question**

What steps is the council taking to engage the Gaelic community in oversight of the delivery of its Gaelic plan, in the absence of the Gaelic Implementation Group or its successor?

**Supplementary
Answer**

In the interim, where specific policy issues require, roundtable discussions and engagement with stakeholders will take place.

I have also committed to meet with Bòrd na Gàidhlig to discuss Gaelic development in Edinburgh

QUESTION NO 21

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 25 August
2022**

Question

Further to his supplementary answer to my question at full council of 30 June 2022, I am aware that the decision to appoint members of the Licensing Board was made on 26 May 2022, since I was present at that meeting. My question did not ask what date the decision was made - my question asked what were the reasons behind the decision to reduce the size of the board while also creating a new position of vice-convener. He will be aware that the amendment making these changes was in his name.

So can I offer the council leader a third opportunity to answer the question: what were the reasons behind his changes to the Licensing Board?

Answer

Proposals for the appointments of members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards, including the Licensing Board, and Senior Councillor Responsibility Allowances were presented to the Council meeting on 26 May 2022 (adjourned from 19 May 2022) and were agreed.

**Supplementary
Question**

Since the council leader has, for the third time, failed to answer the question, perhaps I can make it easier for him to answer by making the question multiple choice.

Please could the council leader choose from one of the following options. Did the council leader propose an amendment at full council on 26 May 2022, to cut the size of the Licensing Board while simultaneously creating a new position of Vice-Convenor and appointing a Conservative councillor to that role for the following reasons:

- a) In exchange for Tory votes for his Labour minority administration;
- b) To create a Labour / Lib Dem / Tory majority on the Licensing Board;
- c) To increase the influence of pro-business voices on the board;
- d) To reduce Green influence on Licensing Board decisions, since the reduction in the size of the board resulted in one fewer Green councillors on the board;
- e) All of the above.

**Supplementary
Answer**

As noted above, the Council agreed the composition and size of the Licensing Board at its meeting on 26 May 2022 (adjourned from 19 May).

QUESTION NO 22

**By Councillor Mitchell for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Please could the Convener confirm:

Question **(1)** How many reports have been lodged per year since 2017 relating to missed or late bin collections from the Inverleith Park Allotments on East Fettes Avenue?

Answer **(1)** There have been a number of missed collection reports for these bins in recent months which have been made directly to officers via email. It has not been possible to quantify the total number across officer email inboxes at this time.

There are no records of missed collections having been raised through the Council contact centre, website, social media or waste service email accounts however

Question **(2)** If these bins are included within an existing collection route?

Answer **(2)** Yes.

Question **(3)** To which address are these bins attached?

Answer **(3)** East Fettes Avenue (Recreation Department Allotments Inverleith)

Question **(4)** What is his understanding of why these bins are not being consistently emptied?

Answer **(4)** My understanding is that the bins are not being presented at the designated collection point.

QUESTION NO 23

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 25 August 2022

Question (1) Given the restrictions of the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991, what process was followed to allow Crops in Pots Leith/Earth in Common to undertake the ongoing building project in Leith Links at the former tennis court pavilion?

Please note that the Act states:

Subject to the provisions of this Order there shall not be constructed in any of the parks specified in the first column of the following table any permanent buildings other than buildings of the description specified in the second column of that table in relation to such park:—

¹ <i>Park</i>	² <i>Description of buildings</i>
The Meadows, Bruntsfield Links, Leith Links	Bandstands, public conveniences, police boxes and buildings for housing apparatus for the supply of electricity or gas.

Answer (1) The matter was considered in full at the Finance and Resources Committee on [20 May 2021](#). As the report was on the B Agenda no link can be provided

Question (2) What permissions are in place for the numerous containers and sheds that are on the site?

Answer (2) The containers and sheds are linked to the construction works and are therefore temporary. They are located in the area leased to the tenant.

Question (3) Has any public access/use been secured to the building for wider public use such as the long-standing aim of having public toilets in Leith Links?

Answer (3) See answer 1 above.

Question **(4)** Does all activity on the site comply in full with the restrictions of the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act 1991 and the requirements on Common Good Land?

Answer **(4)** See answer 1 above.

Question **(5)** What contractual obligations have been placed on the organisation by way of lease or other obligation in regard to maintenance of the site, for example in relation to maintenance of the hedges that form the site boundary?

Answer **(5)** See answer 1 above.

QUESTION NO 24

**By Councillor Biagi for answer by the
Convener of the Planning Committee
at a meeting of the Council on 25
August 2022**

Question

What contact have the Convener of the Planning Committee and/or officials had with the Ministry of Defence about possibly bringing forward the expected date for the disposal of Redford Barracks?

Answer

Officers have recently been in touch with UK Government around the current programme for disposal and whether any acceleration is possible. The matter has also been raised with the Scottish Government. Discussions will take place in the near future and any outcome can be reported back to Members through the appropriate channels.

QUESTION NO 25

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Additional parking bays are currently being installed in the B2 PPA in south Morningside. The related process started with a consultation with local residents in 2011 but there have been no subsequent communications until recently. The first direct notification residents received was by letter from the Council a few weeks in advance of bays being painted on the street.

Question **(1)** Given the passage of time and the limited nature of advertising associated with a TRO, what additional generic publicity was undertaken in relation to this scheme to inform residents in advance of implementation?

Answer **(1)** The B2 Priority Parking Area (PPA) was first installed in 2012. Minor changes were subsequently made to this PPA in response to concerns raised by residents, with the full statutory TRO process being followed, including a public consultation, on each occasion.

The process of expanding the B2 PPA, to which the current changes relate, started in 2016 with a full consultation carried out in December 2017. At that time information was distributed to almost 2,000 households in the area and almost 500 responses were received to the consultation.

In June 2019 the Transport and Environment Committee decided to proceed to expand B2 in line with the indications of support from residents and in early 2020 the associated Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) was advertised. This included statutory consultations with Ward Councillors, Community Council groups and other key stakeholders, as well as a further public consultation.

Since the TRO was advertised, unfortunately there have been some delays in progressing these proposals due to the impact of Covid-19 on services and aspirations to align these changes with wider traffic management proposals for Braidburn Terrace.

- Question** (2) In future, would a leaflet drop into the affected area be an appropriate way to provide notice to residents in advance of the start of implementation of parking schemes?
- Answer** (2) A letter drop was undertaken prior to works starting, with all households in the affected area being issued with details of the proposals and a link to the Council's website where further information has been made available - [B2 priority parking area – The City of Edinburgh Council](#).

QUESTION NO 26

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 25 August 2022**

Transport Scotland published a report on Public Electric Vehicle (EV) infrastructure in Scotland in July 2021. One of its objectives is to encourage the deployment of private capital through partnerships with the public sector, complementing and improving the existing public charging base for electric vehicles. A report to the Transport Committee on 31 March 2022 makes reference to a Scottish Futures Trust Business case with a view to securing funding for a pilot EV Charge points scheme.

Question **(1)** What progress has been made on this SFT business case, which was due to be completed by the end of April 2022?

Answer **(1)** An Outline Business Case was submitted to Transport Scotland on 30 June 2022. This followed agreement with them on a revised submission date.

Question **(2)** Has funding been secured for a pilot EV charge points scheme?

Answer **(2)** Funding has not yet been secured yet for a pilot EV charge points scheme. The level of funding allocated will not be confirmed until the business case has been considered

Question **(3)** What engagement has been undertaken with private sector EV charging providers with a view to establishing a partnership approach?

Answer **(3)** Council officers regularly engage with suppliers on an informal basis. And, as part of the preparation of the Outline Business Case, a formal Prior Information Notice to suppliers was published at the end of 2021. This sought to better understand EV operating models and opportunities for the city and the supplier responses were used to inform the Outline Business Case.

In order to gather intelligence and finalise the full Business Case, it is proposed to host a Supplier Day to further engage with EV Charging Providers. This will incorporate individual sessions to explore the potential for commercial partnerships and related delivery models.

Question **(4)** When are proposals likely to be brought forward for consideration by councillors?

Answer **(4)** Subject to a positive response to supplier engagement, it is hoped that a finalised Business Case will be presented to Elected Members for approval by the end of the 2022/23 financial year.