

# Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 2 March 2023

## Response to motion by Councillor Lang - Parking on Pavements and at Dropped Kerbs

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### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that Transport and Environment Committee notes the contents of this report.

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# Report

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 In response to the motion approved by the Council on [25 August 2022](#) on Parking on Pavements and at Dropped Kerbs, this report provides an update on the Council's ongoing work in preparation for the enforcement of footway, dropped kerb and double parking in accordance with the provisions of the Transport (Scotland) Act 2019.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 On 25 August 2022, the Council approved a motion on Parking on Pavements and at Dropped Kerbs. The approved motion called for 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.

### 4. Main report

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#### Regulations

- 4.1 While much of the legislation is now in place to enable enforcement of contraventions of pavement parking and parking at dropped kerbs, Transport Scotland have not yet published the associated regulations that will govern elements of the enforcement approach when this legislation comes into effect (for example, the appeal processes associated with contraventions).
- 4.2 As it is not yet known when these final regulations will be published, it is very difficult to determine a go-live date or set out a timetable for the implementation of the regulations.
- 4.3 However, officers do not anticipate any significant changes to enforcement or back-office resource levels.

## **Preparation for Implementation**

- 4.4 The Council is well-prepared for the introduction of the new parking prohibitions and the start of enforcement, having already assessed all roads within the city.
- 4.5 Officers are currently considering the final results of that assessment, any possible impacts that may arise from the introduction of the new legislation and any mitigation measures that may be required.
- 4.6 It is intended to bring a report to a future Transport and Environment Committee summarising the findings of the road assessment surveys. This report may, if necessary, seek approval for how the new legislation may be applied in areas where there have been long-standing footway parking practices and where exemptions to allow footway parking may be considered.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 Work to assess the outcomes of the street surveys will continue and further updates will be reported to Committee.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Transport Scotland have held national consultations on this legislation and have indicated that they will be running a national communications campaign to raise awareness of these changes when they are introduced.
- 7.2 The Council will also be running its own localised communications campaign to supplement any national campaigns being run by Transport Scotland.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 None.

## **9. Appendices**

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