

Motion by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 6.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2023/2024

Council:

1 Reappoints:

Councillor Cammy Day as Council Leader

Councillor Mandy Watt as Depute Council Leader

2 Reappoints:

Councillor Cammy Day as Convener of the Policy and Sustainability Committee

Councillor Val Walker as Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee

Councillor Joan Griffiths as Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

Councillor Jane Meagher as Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Councillor Mandy Watt as Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

Councillor Scott Arthur as Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

Councillor James Dalglish as Convener of the Planning Committee

Councillor Mandy Watt as Convener of the Pensions Committee

Councillor Tim Pogson as Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

3 Replace:

Councillor Jane Meagher with Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron on the

Culture and Communities Committee

Councillor Margaret Graham with Councillor Katrina Faccenda on the Transport and Environment Committee

Councillor Val Walker with Councillor Margaret Graham on the Education, Children and Families Committee

Councillor Mandy Watt with Councillor Tim Pogson on the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Councillor James Dagleish with Councillor Val Walker on the Regulatory Committee

Councillor Val Walker with Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron on Edinburgh Leisure

Councillor Joan Griffiths with Councillor Cammy Day on the Edinburgh International Jazz and Blues Festival

4 Appoints:

Councillor Margaret Graham to the Regulatory Committee

Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron to the Equalities Working Group

Councillor Margaret Graham to the Short Term Lets Working Group

Councillor Scott Arthur to the Combined Transport, Local Access and Active Travel Forum

5 Remove Councillor Joan Griffiths from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

6 Reappoints all remaining Administration members to existing Committee places as agreed for 2022/2023

7 Note the membership of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board and Licensing Board as agreed for 2022/2023

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

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Replaces 1.1 with “Agrees to replace one Labour member with a Liberal Democrat member as set out in section 4.17 to reflect the Council’s political proportionality.”

Replaces points 1.2 a and b with:

“(a) Agrees to remove the current Council Leader and Deputy Leader due to systemic failures of leadership and broken promises. Therefor agrees to hold these positions vacant until June Council to allow an Administration to be formed which can better deliver residents’ needs and aspirations and prioritise tackling climate change and fighting poverty.

(b) Agrees to remove all Convenors and Vice-Convenors to be appointed at June Council with individual committees electing a chair at the start of each meeting for any committees taking place before June Council.

At (c) and (d), agrees to retain the current SNP members as outlined in appendix 2 and 3 respectively.

Replaces point (e) with:

“The Council notes the damning report on performance of Integrated Joint Board and the role the current Convenor has played in allowing this situation to develop. Agrees therefore to immediately remove the current Convener from the position of IJB Convener or Vice Convener and request that the soon-to-be-appointed Convener of the IJB from the NHS chairs any meetings until a competent replacement from the Council is appointed in June.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin

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Council

1) Appoints

Councillor Fiona Bennett as the additional Liberal Democrat member on Policy & Sustainability Committee

2) Reappoints

Councillor Neil Ross as Convener of the Regulatory Committee

Councillor Hal Osler as Convener of the Development Management Sub-Committee

3) Notes

Councillor Louise Young as Convener of the Licensing Board

4) Reappoints all remaining Liberal Democrat members to existing committee places as agreed for 2022/23

5) Replaces

Councillor Hal Osler with Councillor Alan Beal on “Energy for Edinburgh”

6) Replaces

Councillor Kevin Lang with Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie as the Liberal Democrat member of the South-East of Scotland Regional Transport Partnership.

Moved by: Councillor Louise Young

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

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Makes the following changes:

Recommendations

add the following at the end of point 1.3:

", subject to the following change: to increase the size of the Licensing Board from 9 members to 10 members, with a political composition of 3 SNP, 2 Scottish Liberal Democrats, 2 Labour, 2 Green, 1 Conservative, effective immediately."

Leadership Advisory Panel

Change "Green Group Leader – Councillors Mumford/Stanimforth"

To "Green Group Co-convenor – Councillors Mumford/Parker"

Recruitment Committee

Change "group leaders"

To "group leaders/co-convenors"

Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee

Change Cllr Stanimforth to Cllr Parker

Moved by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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The Conservative Group Makes the following nominations:
To specify appointments to the following positions for 2023/24:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Policy and Sustainability Committee

Councillor Doggart

Councillor Whyte

Culture and Communities Committee

Councillor Mitchell

Councillor Munro

Education, Children and Families Committee

Councillor Cowdy

Councillor Jones

Finance and Resources Committee

Councillor Doggart

Councillor Bruce

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Councillor Bruce

Councillor Whyte

Transport and Environment Committee

Councillor Cowdy

Councillor Munro

Other Committees

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

Councillor Mowat

Councillor Rust

Pensions Committee

Councillor Doggart

Planning Committee and Development Management Sub-Committee

Councillor Jones

Councillor Mowat

Planning Local Review Body

Panel 1

Councillor Jones

Panel 2

Councillor Mowat

Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee

Councillor Mowat (Convener of Licensing Sub)

Leadership Advisory Panel

Conservative Group Leader – Councillor Whyte

Administration of Trust Funds**Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest**

Councillor Mitchell

Reviews and Appeals**Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals**

Councillor Cowdy

Personnel Appeals Committee

Councillor Mowat

Committee on Pupil Student Support

Councillor Jones

Members of the Integration Joint Board and Joint Committees

Councillor Max Mitchell;

Chief Official Personnel Assessment Committee

Councillor Jones

Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee

Councillor Whyte

1.3 To note the membership of the Lothian Valuation Joint Board and Licensing Board.

Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee

(9 members – 3SNP, 2L, 2SLD, 1G, 1C)

Councillor Mitchell

Licensing Board

(9 members: 3 SNP, 2 L, 2 SLD, 1G, 1 Conservative)

Councillor Rust (Vice-Convener)

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Jason Rust

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.1 – Scheme of Delegation 2023

Committee agrees to the following changes:

On the Scheme of Delegation:

- At 1.6 under *Principles of delegation* replaces ‘Leader of the Council (or the Depute Leader if the Leader is absent)’ with ‘Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute’
- At 2.1 replace the last sentence to read: “Appropriate elected members will include the relevant convener, the council leader, all members of the relevant committee and all relevant local ward councillors. In the event of division of opinion in those consulted, the decision will not be taken until arrangements for additional committee or Council meetings are put in place and the decision has been democratically taken by elected members.”
- At 3.14 (b) under *Major Projects* replaces ‘Convener of the Finance and Resources committee’ with ‘Convener of the Finance and Resources committee and group leaders of all other parties or their designated substitute’
- Adds to 4.2 (b) “in consultation with all Group Leaders.”
- At 12.2 under *DELEGATION TO SERVICE DIRECTOR: HUMAN RESOURCES AND MONITORING OFFICER* replaces ‘the Leader of the Council’ with ‘group leaders of all parties or their designated substitute’

APPENDIX 1, GENERAL DELEGATION TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

- At 14 (b) under *Staff* replaces ‘the appropriate convener’ with ‘Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute’
- At 19 under *Use of land and buildings* replaces ‘the appropriate convener’ with ‘Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute’

APPENDIX 3 DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND CHILDREN’S SERVICES

- At 47 (b) under *Social Work* replaces ‘the convener or vice convener’ with ‘Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute’
- At 47 (e) under *Social Work* replaces ‘the convener or vice convener’ with ‘Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute’

APPENDIX 4 (says 3 in report!) DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

- At 22 under *Finance* replaces 'the convener or vice convener' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'
- At 28 under *Customer and Digital Services* replaces 'the convener or vice convener' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'

APPENDIX 5 (says 4 in the report!) DELEGATION TO THE CHIEF OFFICER - EDINBURGH HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

- At 16 (e) under *All service users* replaces 'the relevant convener or vice convener' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'

APPENDIX 6 DELEGATION TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

- At 203 (II) under *Licensing* replaces 'the convener of the Licensing Sub-Committee' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'
- At 204 under *Licensing* replaces 'the convener of the Licensing Sub-Committee' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'
- At 213 under *Licensing* replaces 'the convener of the Licensing Sub-Committee' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'
- At 320 under *Parks and Greenspace* replaces 'the convener of the Culture and Communities Committee' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'
- At 420 under *Culture* replaces 'the convener of the Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest' with 'Group leaders of all political parties or their designated substitute'

APPENDIX 6 DELEGATION TO THE CHIEF PLANNING OFFICER

Agrees to retain section 6 of the Chief Planning Officer delegations as currently and reject all proposed changes.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.1 – Scheme of Delegation 2023

Council:

1. Recognises the ongoing concerns around governance of Health and Social Care in Edinburgh and therefore defers the decision on Appendix 4 of the Scheme to the next Full Council meeting, and instructs officers to engage further with members of the IJB and group leaders/co-conveners on this appendix specifically;
2. Accepts the rest of the Scheme of Delegation with the following amendments
 - 2.1 Throughout the document where the term “Group Leader” appears, change to “Group Leader or Co-Convener”
 - 2.2 Throughout the document where the term “his/her” appears, change to “their”
 - 2.3 At 1.6 change “Leader of the Council” to “Leader of the Council along with leaders/co-conveners (or substitutions accordingly) of each group represented in the council.
 - 2.4 At 2.1 change the last sentence to read “Appropriate elected members will include the relevant convener or vice-convener, leader/co-convener of all groups, and where appropriate group spokespeople and/or ward councillors
 - 2.5 At 3.15 c) add “and any other relevant committee” after Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee
 - 2.6 At 10.1 change ‘cultural strategy’ to ‘delivery of cultural strategy’, revert ‘transport strategy’ to ‘transport planning’

2.7 Throughout appendices, change references to Council Leader to “Leader of the Council along with leaders/co-conveners (or substitutions accordingly) of each group represented in the council”

2.8 In PLACE (Appendix 6) reject the change of six to twenty objections, therefore keeping the threshold at the lower number.

Additionally

3. Council requests that best practice guidance is produced and circulated in order to ensure a consistent approach in keeping elected members apprised of decisions taken and authorised under delegated authority. This guidance should particularly pertain to 2.3 (responsibility to inform), 2.4 (Reports), and have due regard for the need to keep Elected Members informed and updated about relevant decision in a timeous and fair way.
4. Council requests a briefing note is circulated to members on the process for how BID ballots are handled in relation to officer, ward member and convener responsibilities.

Moved by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 7.2 – Council Reporting

Adds:

1.3 Welcomes the instruction on the new template for the Main Report to be no longer than two pages and recognises that concisely written reports benefit the democratic process by focusing on the decision that is being made and the information needed to make that decision.

1.4 Agrees that directors will keep a record of the number and percentage of reports that each service area produces where the main body of the report goes over 2 pages, this will be reported on an annual basis to GRBV and training will be provided for officers writing reports who regularly exceed this limit and directors who regularly sign off such reports.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.2 – Council Reporting

Council

Replace 1.2 with:

1.2 To agree to adopt the revised report template and associated revised guidance, with the exception of the proposed removal of the Background section proposed in paragraph 4.2, and for these changes to take effect from 29 July 2023.

Add 1.3: For officers to consider how the guidance for the Background section can be refined to ensure this section is not unnecessarily lengthy.

Moved by: Councillor Alan Beal

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 7.2 – Council Reporting

Adds:

- 1.3 Welcomes the new Report Template and Report Writing Guidance, and thanks officers for their work on this
- 1.4 Notes that the Report Writing Guidance includes a section on “House Style” which specifies some formatting methods which can improve accessibility, but that there is no general guidance about this within the document
- 1.5 Believes it is important that reports are written and formatted in a way to meet accessibility standards, not only for councillors and officers, but also for members of the public who have a democratic right to access committee reports
- 1.6 Notes that, despite some work in this area, many of the Council’s communication practices are inaccessible in many ways, for example the use of PDFs to share information on the website or lack of BSL interpreters at Committee / Full Council meetings
- 1.6 Therefore agrees that further updates are made to the Report Template and Report Writing Guidance to ensure they meet accessibility standards, and that a new section on accessibility is included in the guidance to support officers with this, taking learning from the various accessible style and formatting guides which are available, such as through Disability Information Scotland
- 1.7 Further requests that, as part of the ongoing programme of work to review systemic discrimination within Council business practices and improve diversity, a report will come to Policy & Sustainability committee in 2 cycles outlining a high-level workplan about how the Council could audit and improve accessibility within its communications both internally and externally

Moved by: Councillor Ben Parker
Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.4 – Stonewall Diversity Champions Programme

Council:

Notes that Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed:

“To recognise that a small amount of additional resources were needed to cover the membership fee and any associated implementation costs.”

Therefore, replaces 1.2 with:

1.2 To approve the associated recurring costs of £2,500 fees and the same amount for additional implementation costs, to be met on a one-off basis from the Council’s unallocated reserves in 2023/24 with staff time being resourced internally. Continuing or increased funding could be identified on a sustainable basis as part of the 2024/25 budget process

Moved by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Seconded by: Councillor Joan Griffiths

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 7.4 – Stonewall Diversity Champions Programme

Delete the recommendations and replace with:

- 1.1 Council notes that Policy and Sustainability Committee decision in principal on 21 March 2023 “to agree to sign up to the Stonewall Diversity Champions Programme and participate in the UK Workplace Equality Index immediately” would incur an unbudgeted cost of £61,040 this financial year with similar recurring costs in future years.
- 1.2 Council further notes that this comes at a time when the Health and Social Care budget has a projected overspend of £35m (equivalent to £100k a day), the Council has been required to make approximately £80m of budget cuts this financial year and a further cut of over £30m is projected to be required in 2024/25.
- 1.3 Council considers that spending additional and duplicative taxpayer funds in this way is financially unsustainable and unjustifiable and therefore agrees to continue with our current membership of Employers Network for Equality and Inclusion and benchmarking tool until the end of our current four-year Diversity and Inclusion Strategy and Plan with a view to reviewing the organisations with whom the Council partners and accesses benchmarking post 2024.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 7.5 – Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services in Niddrie and Craigmillar

Council

Adds

- 1.2 Council believes that the delivery of addiction services is best located in community settings where barriers to service users can be minimised.
- 1.3 Requests a business bulletin update to Policy and Sustainability within one cycle as to the rationale behind a centralised Opiate Replacement Therapy service as opposed to more locality-based models.

Moved by: Councillor Euan Davidson

Seconded by: Councillor Lewis Younie

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

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Item 7.5 – Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services in Niddrie and Craigmillar

Council:

1. Welcomes the ongoing work to re-establish a local base for services;
2. Recognises that challenges still exist, particularly for those in the highest level of crisis;
3. Requests a briefing for ward councillors and relevant group spokespeople to explore this issue in more depth.

Moved by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.1 – By Councillor Mumford – Standing up for Migrants and Refugees

Adds:

Welcomes the [joint letter](#) from Councillors across the UK - coordinated by the Migrant Champions Network – and instructs the Council Leader to sign it on behalf of Edinburgh Council;

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.1 – By Councillor Mumford – Standing Up for Migrants and Refugees

Council agrees the motion subject to the following changes:

Delete paragraph 4.

Insert the word “legal” before “migrants” in paragraph 5.

Insert the words “the briefing note to include a full breakdown of costs and details of the available budget” at the end of paragraph 6.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Doggart

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.2 – By Councillor Miller – Care Inspection Reports

Adds another sentence at point 4:

Requests that unpaid carers/parents and service users are involved in the development of all improvement plans.

5 Notes that staff inconsistencies due to changes in and reductions to services and a reduced workforce caused by Covid and Brexit have contributed to the issues raised, particularly in adult protection.

6 Believes that services were greatly reduced during Covid and this resulted in a shrinking of opportunities within and out with the partnership and that until services are re-established, the issues in the partnership will persist.

7 Commends and expresses gratitude to the workforce for managing to offer core services despite great hardship and change in unique circumstances.

8 Commends and expresses gratitude to individuals and unpaid carers entitled to services and expresses regret that many had to and still endure hardship due to pressures within partnership.

Moved by: Councillor Vicky Nicolson

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.2 – By Councillor Miller – Care Inspection Reports

In point two, between the words “include” and “protection”, inserts “strategic leadership and management oversight,”

In point four, removes “thanks officers for beginning” and replaces with “that officers have started”

Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor Phil Daggart

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.3 – By Councillor Day – Tourism Tax

Delete second paragraph and replace with:

Recognises that the Manchester Visitor Levy is implemented through an Accommodation Business Improvement District Model.

In the final paragraph delete “Tourism Groups” and replace with:

“Tourist, Hospitality and all relevant groups”

Moved by: Councillor Katrina Faccenda

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.3 – By Councillor Day – Tourism Tax

Deletes paragraph 4 and replaces with:

4. Notes the strength of Edinburgh's campaign for tourist levy powers has relied on the consistency and professional approach of Edinburgh's plan.
5. Further notes the consistent high levels of support from Edinburgh residents for this policy but also notes the confusing and contradictory comments made by administration members due to poor leadership, meaning there is more uncertainty over the shape of Edinburgh's plans.
6. Therefore requests a report in 2 cycles to Full Council to confirm the Council's prospectus, which will then be used in further approaches to the Scottish Government.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Amendment by Councillor McKenzie

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.3 – By Councillor Day – Tourism Tax

Deletes 2, 3 and 4

Adds:

2. Recognises that Manchester's tourist tax will be levied by 73 accommodation providers who have formed an Accommodation Business Improvement District (BID) and does not require devolution of power to Manchester City Council or the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
3. Recognises that while Edinburgh could explore a similar approach within the provisions of the Planning etc. (Scotland) Act 2006, that this would result in the proceeds of the tax being used to implement a BID business plan.
4. Believes that such an approach would not be in line with the Council's agreed position in relation to a Transient Visitor Levy, which was reaffirmed in the Council Leader's letter to the Deputy First Minister of October 2022, which requests that "proposed legislation would give Council's discretion over how the revenue is spent".
5. Notes that in the 2022-2023 Programme for Government, the Scottish Government committed to introduce legislation to give local authorities the power to apply a Local Visitor Levy.
6. Requests that the Council Leader awaits the outcome of the next Transient Visitor Update to Policy and Sustainability Committee before entering into any further communication with Scottish Government ministers on this subject.

Moved by: Councillor Ross McKenzie

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.4 – By Councillor Caldwell – Sewage in Edinburgh’s Waterways

Replaces the “Requests” section with:

1. Notes that the Drainage Partnership was established to develop a strategic approach to drainage and the management of surface water flood risk, not foul or combined flows.
2. Notes that by strategically cutting surface water input to combined sewers CSO discharges can be reduced.
3. Notes that CSOs are very much owned and maintained by Scottish Water as sewerage infrastructure, and discharge from them is regulated by SEPA.
4. Notes that in the five years to 2021 recorded sewage spills in Scotland's rivers and seas increased by 40%, but at that time Scottish Water was only required to monitor less than 3% of these CSOs for pollution, so the true extent of the problem remains unknown.
5. Asks that the TEC Convener writes to the Scottish Government, Scottish Water and SEPA, outlining the Council’s major concern that no-one knows how much sewage is being dumped in Edinburgh’s biodiverse waterways, and request a six-monthly update on the installation of CSO monitoring should be requested along with ongoing data on spill volumes.
6. Further asks that the TEC Convener invites Scottish Water to host a workshop to discuss the issue with interested Councillors, key stakeholders (inc SEPA and CEC) and campaign groups including (but not exclusive to) The Water of Leith Conservation Trust, River Almond Action Group, Figgate Friends, Forth Rivers Trust and SOS Leith.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by: Councillor Margaret Graham

Addendum by the SNP Group

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4 May 2023

**Item 8.4 – By Councillor Caldwell – Sewage in
Edinburgh’s Waterways**

Adds at point 1 of the “request section”:

The extraordinary general meeting should also include representatives from the wild swimming community.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.4 – By Councillor Caldwell – Sewage in Edinburgh's Waterways

Adds new point 3 and then renumbers:

Requests a report detailing the impact that building new housing close to waterways will have on CSOs;

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.5 – By Councillor Lang – Consideration of Private Business

1. Welcomes that the council's presumption is now towards council owned and operated care homes and believes this will lead to better care for our residents, and representation for our workers;
2. Regrets that the Council's standing orders and deadlines mean that groups are never able to offer deputations on amendments and addendums, and welcomes the ongoing work happening on access and inclusion at the council to address this democratic deficit;
3. Therefore requests that the officer report includes consideration and recommendations around timelines for motion, amendment, and delegation request submissions, public notice of agenda items, and reporting of outcomes (or provides signposting to other work being undertaken on these issues).

Moved by: Councillor Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.6 – By Councillor Bennett – Period Product Provision

Adds:

The report should cover provision for key partners such as pantries, food banks, and third sector organisations, where access to period products is a vital part of the support provided and where access has been limited since the Council's citywide roll out.

Moved by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by: Councillor Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.6 – By Councillor Bennett – Period Product Provision

After “5. Council requests a report to Policy & Sustainability Committee within 2 cycles detailing:” insert;

- a) Which areas of the city are reporting running out of products for those in need?
- b) Which public buildings are seeing an increase in people taking free period products?
- c) Which third sector organisations and buildings are seeing an increase in people taking free period products?

Reorder accordingly.

After “The possible costs associated with extension of provision”, insert;

- e) The possible costs associated with extension or provision of specifically biodegradable or reusable products?

Reorder accordingly.

Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O’Neill

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 8.6 – By Councillor Bennett – Period Product Provision

Deletes after 5.a and b and replaces with:

- a. Which details the status of premises that provide free period products (i.e. are they open for staff, the public and whether hours of access are restricted to assess whether it is restriction of provision or access to buildings which is causing the problem);
- b. Widely publicises the link to the Hey Girls website where building managers can apply to become a community partner and access appropriate products.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

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**Item 8.7 – By Councillor McNeese-Mechan –
Ekbatan Girls**

Delete paragraph 3 and replace with:

Council agrees to support local organisations in their efforts to raise awareness.

To request that the Council Leader hosts a round table discussion to better understand the needs of those involved.

Delete paragraph 4 and replace with:

“Further agrees that the Council Leader will write to all Edinburgh MPs encouraging them to seek action by the Foreign Office through diplomatic and intelligence channels to ensure the return of the Ekbatan girls to their families and push for identification of and action against those who kidnapped them, whether by the Iranian regime or internationally.”

Moved by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor Val Walker

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.7 – By Councillor McNeese-Mechan – Ekbatan Girls

Council

In final paragraph, delete “to write” and insert:

“that the Council Leader should write”

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Beal

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.7 – By Councillor McNeese-Mechan – Ekbatan Girls

Delete the third paragraph and the word “further” at the start of the fourth paragraph.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Phil Daggart

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.8 – By Councillor Mattos Coelho – Make Public Sexual Harassment Illegal Campaign

Council

Remove the line:

“that the Lord Provost will sign the open letter and encourage all other councillors to sign.”

And replace with

“that details of the open letter are shared with all councillors when available so that they can sign it if they wish.”

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Alan Beal

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.8 – By Councillor Mattos Coelho – Make Public Sexual Harassment Illegal Campaign

Replace final paragraph with:

Further requests a report to Education, Children & Families Committee in 5 cycles detailing:

- a) How the Council can follow the recommendations of Baroness Helena Kennedy's report by the criminal justice and misogyny working group;
- b) How the Council has supported and endorsed the campaign;
- c) How Education and Children's Services will work to identify further actions through schools, to equip teachers and parents with the necessary tools to teach children from P1 to S6 that harassment is not acceptable and to tackle it across society.

Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.8 – By Councillor Mattos Coelho – Make Public Sexual Harassment Illegal Campaign

Insert additional bullet point at end:

Instructs the Chief Executive to ensure that the City of Edinburgh Council provides necessary single-sex spaces for women, such as toilets, in all public premises.

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.9 – By Councillor Mattos Coelho – Single Parents Day

After the last paragraph insert;

Further requests a report the Education, Children & Families Committee meeting closest to 21st March 2024 on;

1. How the Council supports single parents who are employed or elected to the organisation.
2. How the Council supports single parents across the city by means of;
 - a) Income maximalisation and financial support
 - b) Inclusive family activities
 - c) Nursery and childcare
 - d) Support for wellbeing and mental health
3. How the Council can engage with single parents and One Parent Families Scotland (OPFS) to improve services of the areas mentioned in 2.

Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O'Neill

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.10 – By Councillor Key – Heathervale Care Home Service

To replace point 4 with:

To note that Heathervale Young People’s Centre already has an improvement plan in place and this will be reported to the next Education, Children and Families Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Joan Griffiths

Seconded by: Councillor Val Walker

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.11 – By Councillor Kumar – EDI Training

Paragraph 2 Replace “Reflects on” with “Notes”

Deletes Paragraphs 5 and 6 to replace with

Council calls for a report to Policy & Sustainability Committee within two cycles which sets out a clear framework including timescale and costs for undertaking a review of the impact and effectiveness of Equality and Diversity training as is currently provided and to assess this against best practice.

The scoping of review parameters to include:

Information on current levels of uptake and participation in such training by elected members, senior managers and staff and how this is delivered;

Data pertaining to the monitoring and assessment of the number and types of reported complaints, incidents pertaining to issues of Equality and Diversity and how these are addressed and resolved;

Confirming what capacity currently exists in-house within Council to develop and deliver Equality and Diversity training on a standard benchmarked to best practice;

Identifying steps necessary to create sufficient permanent in-house capacity to develop and deliver Equality and Diversity training of a standard benchmarked to best practice to elected members, managers and staff;

Costs associated with undertaking the proposed review and implementing any recommendations arising to improve Council’s development, delivery, monitoring and assessment of Equality and Diversity training;

Trade union consultation and engagement at all stages of the review process.

Moved by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor James Dalglish

Addendum by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.11 – By Councillor Kumar – EDI Training

Add after point (4):

“Further notes that current training and awareness should be improved to battle the rise in sexist, homophobic, transphobic, racist, and ableist abuse that some members and colleagues are facing.”

Reorder accordingly.

After point (5) b):

“Ensures that lived experience is central to training, learning and development or redevelopment of policy”

Reorder accordingly.

In point (6) after “2 cycles” include:

“[...] detailing how the Council will review our training, learning and development practices as set out in point above, noting gaps and shortfalls, successes, financial implications and a timeline for future implementation.”

Moved by: Councillor Kayleigh O’Neill

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.11 – By Councillor Kumar – EDI Training

Deletes all and replaces with:

1. Council notes that the Council has in place an ongoing Diversity and Equality Framework 2021-25, approved and implemented during the last Council term under the then SNP/Labour led Administration. This Framework has active governance overseen by elected members through quarterly briefings to the Elected Members Equality Working Group, an annual report to Committee and a statutory two-year progress report as required under the Equalities Act with full details listed here: [Equality and diversity framework 2021 to 2025 – The City of Edinburgh Council](#).
2. Council further notes that elected members have recently been offered the opportunity to undertake Equality and Diversity Training and that Unconscious Bias training is mandatory for elected members if they are to participate in Chief Officer selection panels.
3. Council agrees that a briefing note is circulated to all elected members once the statutory two-year progress report is available outlining the ongoing work of the Framework, giving an update on adequacy and effectiveness to date, and highlighting any suggestions for implementation in the next iteration of the Framework post 2025 to maintain best practice.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.12 – By Councillor O'Neill – Edinburgh as a Feminist City

Delete paragraph 2 and replace with:

Also recognises the disparity in women's everyday lives which is exacerbated by lack of local and accessible job opportunities, lack of proximity to services including women's healthcare services, lack of efficient public transport, and lack of access to green space and a safe public realm.

Follows on from point 6, inserts a new point:

7. Note the process to 'The Getting Home Safely' street audit work undertaken to inform the George Street and First New Town Transformation Project, and this approach is viewed as good practice for similar such projects.

Moved by: Councillor James Dalgleish

Seconded by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.12 – By Councillor O’Neill – Edinburgh as a Feminist City

Council

Delete from “Council therefore requests...” to end and insert:

10. Recognises that a number of strands of work are either ongoing or being developed to promote the safety of women in public spaces.

11. Agrees to set up a short time cross party working group to consider how all these strands can be brought together into a single plan that a) takes into account the experience from Vienna and Barcelona, b) makes sure the City can provide safer spaces for women and people of marginalised genders and c) ensures gender equity is central to land use planning and the management and design of public spaces.

12. Agrees the outcome of this work should subsequently be reported to the Planning Committee.

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Fiona Bennett

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.13 – By Councillor Parker – Disposable Vapes

Delete point 5 and insert:

5. Notes that the Scottish Government Minister for Green Skills, Circular Economy and Biodiversity (Lorna Slater MSP) requested an “urgent” review in January of the environmental impacts and management of single-use vapes.
6. Notes that Veolia has launched a national in-store vape collection service.
7. Notes that the council can collect small waste electricals alongside the blue box glass service, and vapes could be recycled as part of that.
8. Notes that the Recycle Your Electricals webpage offers details of multiple places where vapes can be recycled in Edinburgh:
<https://www.recycleyourelectricals.org.uk/>
9. Requests that points 8 & 9 are promoted via the Council’s social media channels.
10. Asks that this information is provided in a concise briefing to Councillors along with a copy of the letter sent to Lorna Slater MSP demanding action.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by: Councillor Margaret Graham

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.14 – By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie – Class Bus Passes for Schools

After point 6, inserts a new point 7:

Children and young people go on outings with organised groups out with the school day. These organisations play a vital role in the holistic education of our children and young people and would also benefit from accessing this bus pass scheme.

To renumber the remaining points accordingly

Moved by: Councillor Margaret Graham

Seconded by: Councillor Scott Arthur

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.15 – By Councillor Aston – Noise App

Replace 1.1 with:

Recognises that noise nuisance caused by neighbours can, like other forms of antisocial behaviour, be a blight on the lives of Edinburgh's residents.

Replace 1.5 with:

Requests a report in three cycles to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee making an evaluation of the efficacy of apps of this type, an assessment of legal considerations such as compliance with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Scotland) Act, potential cost implications, property ownership types potentially covered, and any other relevant factors.

Moved by: Councillor Stephen Jenkinson

Seconded by: Councillor Jane Meagher

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.15 – By Councillor Aston – Noise App

Council

Adds;

1.6 Notes that not all tenants have access to the internet and smartphones due to digital exclusion and as such, the Noise App report must present the app as a potential supplementary option to existing noise reporting policies.

Moved by: Councillor Pauline Flannery

Seconded by: Councillor Jack Caldwell

Addendum by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.15 – By Councillor Aston – Noise App

Adds

1.6 Notes that noise complaints don't solely affect Council tenants and any report should detail how appropriate apps could be made available to all residents suffering noise nuisance to assist them in reporting this to Police Scotland through 101.

Moved by: Councillor Graeme Bruce

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.16 – By Councillor Heap – Europe Day – Celebrating Edinburgh’s European Identity

Add at end of paragraph 3:

“The City of Edinburgh is a founding member of the Eurocities network through which more than 200 cities are genuine partners with the EU ‘to create a better future for all’”.

Moved by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Seconded by: Councillor Val Walker

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.16 – By Councillor Heap – Europe Day – Celebrating Edinburgh's European Identity

Add a second sentence at the first bullet point:

“Recognises that The European Union also celebrates Europe Day on the 9 May, which marks the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration of 1950, considered to be the first official step in the creation of what is now the European Union.”

Amends the first two bullets under “requests that”

To replace:

“...on a date on or close to 5 May...”

With:

“for a week on or close to the 5th to the 9th of May...”

Moved by: Councillor Martha Mattos Coelho

Seconded by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.16 – By Councillor Heap – Celebrating Edinburgh’s European Identity

Council

Delete from “Therefore requests” to end and insert:

“Therefore agrees that:

1. the most immediate and tangible task open to Edinburgh Council in advancing the cause of the Council of Europe is to actively help those fleeing from Ukraine, a fellow CoE member where human rights and the rule of law are most under threat.
2. officers should continue to remain focused on this most critical of tasks, ensuring both the Scottish and UK Government provides the appropriate funding to make this happen.
3. on or close to 5 May each year, the flag of the Council of Europe is flown from the City Chambers and that the Council’s flag protocol be updated to reflect this, noting how the Ukrainian flag rightly continues to be flown in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.
4. that the Council’s social media channels should also be used to promote Europe Day each year.
5. agrees that this term’s review of the Council’s International Framework, the outcome of which is due to be reported to the Policy & Sustainability Committee, should include an analysis of the opportunities to collaborate more with other cities in CoE member states.”

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.17 – By Councillor Parker – Edward Windsor

Deletes all and replaces with

Council:

1. Welcomes His Majesty King Charles III bestowing of the title of Duke of Edinburgh on His Royal Highness Prince Edward, only the sixth recipient of the title since it was established in 1726;
2. Appreciates that the name of the city will continue to be recognised around the world, especially in connection with the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme;
3. Notes that the establishment, by the current Duke's father, of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme has created opportunities to many young people across the world regardless of background and that this valuable work has been continued by the current Duke including prior to his becoming recipient of the title;
4. Notes the extensive work carried out with and for charities in the City by the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, including his patronage of the Edinburgh International Festival, another global showcase for the city; and
5. Welcomes the Duke and Duchess to the city, and especially the City Chambers, when they perform duties in the city.

Moved by: Councillor Phil Doggart

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.18 – By Councillor Mowat – West End Parking Dispensation

Deletes all after paragraph 2, and replaces with:

Agrees city-wide to pause lifting the dispensation noted in the communication to residents until a report is brought to the Transport & Environment Committee confirming the need for the change.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Arthur

Seconded by: Councillor Margaret Graham

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.18 – By Councillor Mowat – West End Parking Dispensation

Council

Adds new first paragraph

“That the Transport & Environment Committee agreed to remove parking dispensations in 2018, as part of the Parking Action Plan, but did not follow through on this action.”

Adds after the first sub-paragraph ending ‘parking provision required.’ the following new paragraph

“Council therefore agrees there should be no rescinding of the dispensation that allows permit holders to park in other streets or zones in response to local circumstances until work has been undertaken to ensure that there is adequate parking provision for resident permit holders and a report made to the Transport & Environment Committee in two cycles containing:”

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Neil Ross

Amendment by the Green Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.18 – By Councillor Mowat – West End Parking Dispensation

Amends paragraph 2 to delete the word “significant”

Amends paragraph 4 onwards to read:

“4. Notes that residents are currently benefiting from a grace period during which they will receive an advisory ticket, and that penalty charges are not currently being applied

5. Calls for an update to Transport and Environment Committee in two cycles containing

- An assessment of current and future residential and business parking demand versus supply
- A summary of the ways in which increased and improved access to public transport and active travel in the city centre by projects such as CCWEL will contribute to modal shift
- Ways in which city centre car parking demand management will contribute to this council’s agreed target of reducing car kilometres by 30%”

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.19 – By Councillor McFarlane – Save the Filmhouse

Delete all after Council and replace with
Council:

1. Notes the unanimous decision of the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 21 March 2023 in favour of retaining cultural film and film education as the central use for the Filmhouse.
2. Further notes that the sale of 88 Lothian Road has been concluded by the Administrators, to Caledonian Heritable.
3. Welcomes the positive news that the Edinburgh International Film Festival will return to Edinburgh in August 2023, supported by the Council and Creative Scotland through the Platforms for Creative Excellence (PlaCE) programme and further welcomes the Council's exploration of the distribution of cultural cinema around the city.
4. Notes that the Scottish Government through Creative Scotland and Screen Scotland has been the major funder of the Centre for Moving Image, and that the Council has given revenue funding of £100,000 pa.
5. Notes that Council officers have been working with Screen Scotland/ Creative Scotland since October to encourage and support proposals to maintain 88 Lothian Road as a cultural cinema, and that there are possibly three relevant proposals including one from Save the Filmhouse campaign.

Council therefore

1. Urges the Scottish Government to use any means at their disposal including any necessary financial support to ensure that this valuable cultural asset is saved for the city and the nation, and agrees that the Council Leader writes to the Scottish Minister for Culture in these terms
2. Agrees that the Council Leader, the Convener of Culture and Communities together with Screen Scotland meet with Caledonian Heritable to explore all options for the future of cultural cinema and 88 Lothian Road
3. Further agrees an update report on progress within 1 cycle to the Culture and Communities Committee (deleted the original" to include a review of all financial plans "etc)

Moved by: Councillor Val Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Jane Meagher

Amendment by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.19 – By Councillor McFarlane – Save the Filmhouse

Removes all and replaces with

Council:

1. Notes the decision by the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 21st March 2023 regarding The Filmhouse.
2. Notes that the sale of 88 Lothian Road has concluded by the administrators to Caledonian Heritable with more than one proposal for its operation.
3. Thanks officers for their work over the last seven months supporting CMI staff, for the work with EIF to deliver an EIFF programme for 2023, and for the continued work to explore the showcasing of cultural cinema across the city.
4. Notes that the Scottish Government, via Creative Scotland/Screen Scotland, has been the major funder of CMI, and the Council has recently given revenue funding of £100,000 per annum.
5. Notes that Council officers have been working with Creative Scotland/Screen Scotland since October to support a proposal that retains 88 Lothian Road as a cultural cinema, and that there is more than one proposal.
6. Agrees that the Council Leader and the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee write to the Scottish Government to ask that they explore what financial support could be provided and, if required, which of their agencies could act as a rent or lease guarantor for a suitable enterprise as well as providing any necessary governance and risk oversight.
7. Also agrees that an update report shall be provided to the Culture and Communities Committee within one cycle.

Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.20 – By Councillor McKenzie – Review Rights of Appeal in Planning

Follows on from point 5:

Inserts a new point:

6. Council notes that in the most recent vote regarding “right of appeals”, the SNP MSPs in the Scottish Parliament voted against proposals brought forward by the Scottish Greens and supported by Scottish Labour to give communities the same right as developers to appeal planning decisions.

Adds to point 7 (Now point 8):

The Council leader will also request at this meeting that consideration be given to extending the current time periods for the determination of applications, specifically in circumstances where applications have been continued for a Hearing by Council committees per the recent letter issued to the Minister for Local Government and Empowerment and Planning on behalf of the Council Planning Committee.

Moved by: Councillor James Dalgleish

Seconded by: Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Addendum by the Conservative Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4th May 2023

Item 8.20 – By Councillor McKenzie – Review Rights of Appeal in Planning

Adds new point 8.

Notes that the Scottish Government has overturned 46% of planning decisions between the years 2017 and 2022. Calls on the Scottish Government to introduce a local powers and protection bill which ensures that local planning decisions are respected by Scottish Ministers

Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Tim Jones

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

**Item 8.21 – By Councillor Davidson – Crisis in NHS
Dentistry**

In the last paragraph delete the word “future” and replace with:

“Within two cycles.”

Moved by: Councillor Tim Pogson

Seconded by: Councillor Stephen Jenkinson

Amendment by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 8.21 – By Councillor Davidson – Crisis in NHS Dentistry

Replaces the second last paragraph with:

Council believes access to NHS dentistry is essential for residents of Edinburgh and notes 95% of the population are registered with an NHS dentist. Further notes the challenges above are being exacerbated by the impact BREXIT is having on NHS and dental recruitment and despite this, Scotland has 59 NHS-registered dentists per 100,000 people compared to 43/100,000 in England.

Moved by: Councillor Euan Hyslop

Seconded by: Councillor Danny Aston

Amendment by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Item 9.3 – By Councillor Gardiner – 150 Year Anniversary of the Scottish Football Association

Delete paragraph 2 and replace with:

“Requests the Lord Provost to mark this outstanding achievement in an appropriate manner.”

Moved by: Councillor Margaret Graham

Seconded by: Councillor Joan Griffiths

Emergency Motion by the Administration

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Special Needs Swimming Sessions in Braidburn School Pool

Council:

1. Thanks the staff at Braidburn School for the work they do.
2. Deeply regrets Edinburgh Leisure's decision to terminate the Special Needs Swimming Sessions in Braidburn School Pool.
3. These Saturday morning sessions were described as follows by one parent in relation to her severely disabled pre-school son and how he *"enjoyed his Saturday sessions at Braidburn hydro pool, the warm temperature, peaceful sensory surroundings (lights) and disabled bed changers made this a wonderful experience for him and the highlight of his week. This is particularly important for his development as he has been unable to access hydrotherapy due to physiotherapy and nursery staff pressures since the COVID pandemic. As these were family sessions it also allowed his two siblings to do an activity together which they all enjoyed with him which is normally so difficult due to his complex health needs."*
4. Notes that many of the activities Edinburgh Leisure provides are available in the private sector, but there is no comparable alternative to the Special Needs Swimming Sessions in Braidburn School Pool.
5. Notes that Edinburgh Leisure wrote to parents (via Councillors) on the 28th of April noting that the alternative provision at Gracemount Pool was available, but stated *"it will not suit all due to it not being a specialist hydrotherapy pool or indeed because of its location and the change of day"*.
6. Notes that parents feel *"this is huge discrimination against special needs children to change something without warning or explanation that worked so well was so enjoyed by many"*.
7. Agrees therefore that the Council Leader meets with the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure as soon as is possible to make clear that Council opposes the termination of Special Needs Swimming Sessions in Braidburn School Pool in the strongest possible terms, and to request that a timeline is

drafted for their resumption.

Moved by: Councillor Scott Arthur
Seconded by: Councillor Stephen Jenkinson

Emergency Motion by the SNP Group

City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2023

Lifelong Learning Review

Council:

Notes extreme disappointment in the outcomes of the Lifelong Learning Review.

Recognises that many ward councillors have very recently been shocked to learn that their local lifelong learning officers who had previously been leading important work in our communities have not been matched to jobs or have been moved away from the community centres which they have been supporting and notes considerable concerns from councillors about both the interim and future impact on local community service delivery.

Regrets that this apparent level of restructure has come with little to no notice to partnership organisations working with these officers as key links to CEC or by way of briefing to ward councillors.

Agrees to receive an urgent briefing setting out the new structure, and the number of roles which are currently filled including how many lifelong learning officers have been put on the redeployment list and how many vacancies there are in the new structure.

Agrees that the Culture and Communities Convener and Council Leader will work urgently to review the process and prevent adverse effects on our community centres, including instructing officers to meet with management committees urgently to discuss how to maintain services.

Agrees that a report on the Lifelong Learning Review will be reported to the next Culture and Communities Committee setting out the engagement that has been undertaken with community centre management committees, the outcomes that the review hopes to deliver and how the new structure is aligned to delivery of those outcomes and learning from this process.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by: Councillor Finlay McFarlane