

Item no 10.4

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor McKenzie for answer
by the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 22 June
2023**

Question (1) Has the Council Leader written to then Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning in line with the motion passed at Full Council on May 4th?

Answer (1) A meeting with the Minister for Local Government Empowerment and Planning had already been arranged with the Leader of the Council before the passing of the motion at Full Council on 4th of May.

Question (2) Can the Council Leader share the letter?

Answer (2) N/A

Question (3) Has the Council Leader met with the Minister since May 4th?

Answer (3) Yes. There was a meeting on 11th of May.

Question (4) a) If so, did the Council Leader raise the points agreed in the motion?
b) If not, when does the Council Leader expect to next meet with the Minister?

Answer (4) The Leader of the Council discussed a number of issues during the meeting with the Minister relating to Local Government, including both review rights of appeal in planning and the Visitor Levy (Scotland) Bill.

Supplementary Question The motion passed on May 4th agreed: "that the Council Leader would request at this meeting that the Minister respond to the complaint by committing to a review of rights of appeal, and would write to the Minister to that effect, and that Planning Committee would be updated on progress of this action and any response from the Minister".

Can the Council leader commit to fulfilling the actions agreed in the motion at the earliest opportunity and to have the outcomes reported at the next Planning Committee?

**Supplementary
Answer**

The actions outlined in the motion have been fulfilled and an update will be provided in the business bulletin for the Planning Committee.

Item no 10.13

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 22 June 2023

With Trams to Newhaven successfully launching on June 7th, and much discussion about traffic re-routing, I am hoping to obtain clarity on how the Council are engaging with residents in residential streets just off of the tram route.

Question (1) In addition to the Automatic Traffic (and speed) Counter installed by the Road Safety team on Easter Road this Spring, what traffic level monitoring has taken place on the streets directly west and east of Leith Walk and Elm Row since January 2022?

Answer (1) No formal traffic level monitoring has taken place on streets directly west and east of Leith Walk and Elm Row since January 2022 by the Trams to Newhaven project. Traffic modelling was procured as part of the design development.

Question (2) What, if any, traffic monitoring is being considered before the end of 2023?

Answer (2) On-going monitoring is taking place as traffic movements become clear now that Trams to Newhaven is operational.

Question (3) Does the Convener agree that the most densely populated area in Scotland, located just outside of, but impacted by, the Trams to Newhaven project, has had a material change in traffic flow and that residents should be part of an evolving process to further develop safer, greener and cleaner streets?

Answer (3) Yes

Supplementary Question Thank you for your answer. Can I please get clarification on Answer 2: Can this monitoring include Lorne Street, Dalmeny Street, Windsor Street and Easter Road? If not, why not? If so, which department will be carrying this out?

Supplementary Answer The Council carries out traffic monitoring as part of its ongoing review of the road network. Monitoring of the suggested locations will form part of that ongoing work.