

Amendment by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 6.1 – Business Bulletin (Appendix 1)

Appendix 1 - Draft consultation response to Historic Environment Scotland's Outline Strategic Plan for Holyrood Park

- At 2.9 – adds at end “and will contribute to the City's climate targets through encouraging active travel, sustainable accessibility measures, and the corresponding outcomes around behaviour change and modal shift.”

And adds after “air/noise pollution”, “potentially displaced traffic resulting from the Low Emission Zone becoming fully live in 2024”

- At 2.12 – deletes: "Clearly, strategic routes...positive and negative."

and replaces with:

"In support of these objectives, it has been agreed that the emerging Circulation Plan and associated strategy documents under it will take into account the removal of through vehicle traffic from Holyrood Park, as agreed at the December 2022 Transport and Environment Committee meeting. It is acknowledged that this will require the Council as the transport authority to identify strategic routes within and around the city to mitigate any possible negative impact and to support the provision of active travel routes within the Park."

- At 2.14 – adds at end: “As already stated, the Council recognises that, as the local transport authority, it is responsible for managing consequences on the wider Edinburgh roads network, and, in particular in this context, on roads near the Park. The Council would welcome dialogue towards a stakeholder agreement which could help facilitate the managing of wider impacts in an effective and coordinated manner.”

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 6.1 – Business Bulletin

Committee

1. Notes the update in the business bulletin with respect to “Traffic Orders – Licensing Committee”.
2. Recognises that the application of the agreed change in committee remits could result in practical anomalies whereby the Transport & Environment Committee agrees to initiate an order process because of an agreed policy aim, but then has no role to review or pass judgment on the success of that process in delivering that policy outcome.
3. Believes that, given the number of high-profile order processes ongoing, it is not appropriate to leave the initiation of a review until June 2024.
4. Therefore asks officers review this issue within an earlier timescale, and requests that they bring forward options within three cycles that would continue to respect the role of Licensing Sub-Committee in taking quasi-judicial decisions but also allows the Transport & Environment Committee to continue to be involved and take a view on key transport changes being delivered through statutory order processes.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 7.2 – Travelling Safely Schemes

Adds:

1.1.5 Notes that the current Greenbank to Meadows Quiet Connection and Braid Road schemes are enormously valued by the school pupils and parents who use them, all through the year and in all weathers, and calls for this to be appropriately reflected in the further report to come in early 2024.

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.2 – Travelling Safely Schemes

Committee

- At end of 1.1.1, add

“and agrees that councillors for ward 1 should be fully engaged as specific designs are developed.”

- Add:

1.1.5 notes the section of the report “**Path between Silverknowes Road South and Cramond Road South**”; notes that is now 13 years since Tesco was last contacted about the creation of an improved active travel path between the rear of its store and Silverknowes; and agrees that officers should make a fresh approach to Tesco on this point, with committee updated on the outcome of this work through a future Business Bulletin.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.2 – Travelling Safely Schemes

Deletes 1.1.1 and replaces with:

1.1.1 In order to meet our goal of cutting car kilometres by 30% by 2030, to protect and maintain the sustainable transport hierarchy, discourage inconsiderate parking, and to encourage safe active travel to more people, Silverknowes Road North will remain closed to general traffic and remain open to cyclists and buses.

Moved by: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded by: Councillor Booth

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.3 – Public Toilets

Insert after 1.1.2, new point 1.2, thus:

“1.2 Transport and Environment Committee are asked to request:

1.2.1 That officers progress a proposal for a new public toilet, including Changing Places facilities, in Gorgie and communicate this to Committee members and Ward 7 Councillors within 4 months.

1.2.2 That officers include progress on provision of public toilets in Gorgie in any future update to the Committee regarding the Gorgie-Dalry 20 Minute Neighbourhood project.

Moved by: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded by: Councillor Booth

Addendum by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 7.4 – Parking Permits for Places of Worship

Adds:

Agrees the ongoing monitoring set out at paragraph 5.2 should reflect the fact that some places of worship serve large areas and their main day of worship and/or fellowship is not a Sunday, and therefore have different parking pressures to those which typically meet on a Sunday. As part of this the demand for Class 10 parking permits should be evaluated, and the Edinburgh Interfaith Association consulted on any conclusions drawn.

Moved by: Councillor Faccenda

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

Thursday 16 November

Item 7.5 – Bus Lane Penalty Charge Levels

Add at end of recommendations:

1.2 Notes the council currently has to seek approval from Scottish Ministers to increase the level of bus lane penalty charges; believes that the power to set these charges should rest solely with local authorities, and therefore agrees that the Convenor will write to the relevant Scottish Minister, and raise through the relevant channel at Cosla, requesting that these powers are devolved to Scottish local authorities;

1.3 Notes that CCTV on the buses themselves, which when facing forwards or backwards on the outside of the vehicle are very likely to pick up bus lane infractions, are not currently listed as an be an 'approved device' for enforcement purposes under the Bus Lanes (Approved Devices) (Scotland) Order 2011, and therefore agrees that the Convenor will write to the relevant Scottish Minister, and raise through the relevant channel at Cosla, requesting that CCTV on buses is added to the list of approved devices to facilitate enforcement.

Moved by: Councillor Booth

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.1 – Public Utility Company Performance and Road Work Co-ordination April 2022 to March 2023

Committee

Add

1.2 Committee requests that the “report it” section on the Council website is updated with a dedicated section on utility company works, so that residents can raise issues directly with the relevant Council team.

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.1 – Public Utility Company Performance and Road Work Co-ordination April 2022 to March 2023

Add at end of recommendations:

1.2 Notes the council's commitment to press the Scottish Government for powers to introduce a 'lane rental' scheme, as is operated by some local authorities in England in order to incentivise utilities to leave roadworks open for the shortest possible time; notes the last time the Scottish Government consulted on this was in 2014 and that no change happened at that time, and agrees that the Convenor will write to the relevant Scottish Ministers, and will raise through the relevant channels at Cosla, to reiterate the council's request that powers to implement 'lane rental' schemes should be devolved to Scottish Local Authorities.

Moved by: Councillor Booth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Item 8.2 – Granton Waterfront – Investigation of Parking Controls - Update

Committee

Deletes 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 and insert:

1.1.4 agrees that, given a majority of consultation respondents disagreed with the proposed parking strategy, it would not be appropriate to proceed at this stage with the legal process to introduce a controlled parking zone.

1.1.5 recognises that the proposed removal of parking spaces through new waiting restrictions will likely have a significant impact on established residential areas and local businesses, and that additional work is required to consider and respond to the concerns raised.

1.1.6 therefore agrees that officers should engage with ward councillors, community councils, residents' groups from within the Granton Waterfront area, and other relevant stakeholders, to understand what adjustments could be made, and what specific public transport and active travel improvements are considered necessary before controlled parking is introduced.

1.1.7 agrees that the outcome of this engagement be reported back to committee at the earliest opportunity.

1.1.8 also understands that new planning design guidance is presently being considered and requests officers have a conversation with planners about the inclusion of safe, secure and accessible cycle storage in "car light" zones, and report back to committee via a future business bulletin.

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr Alan Beal

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.2 – Granton Waterfront – Investigation of Parking Controls - Update

After 1.1.5 insert

2.1 The Committee also requests:

2.1.1 That since only 48 consultation responses were received, information on how to improve community engagement in this area is welcome in future updates to Committee.

2.1.2 When available, a briefing to Committee members on updated statistics of city-wide household composition by car or van availability.

2.1.3 Information on how we can move from ‘car-light’ to ‘car free’ approaches in order to substantially decrease car use and dependency in Granton and surrounding areas which will help the Council towards the city’s net zero goals

Moved by: Councillor O’Neill

Seconded by: Councillor Booth

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.3 – Communal Bin Review Update

Committee

At end of 1.1.5 add

with any future proposals for Area C subject to a community engagement exercise, details of which will be shared with ward councillors in advance; and

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport & Environment Committee

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Item 8.3 – Communal Bin Review Update

Replaces 1.1.2 with:

“1.1.2 Note the progress of the Communal Bin Review project and delivery of Phase 3, and agree to launch an engagement exercise, akin to Phase 4, in the New Year to understand residents’ and businesses’ feelings and experiences towards the existing, soon-to-be-installed, and reviewed hubs whilst remaining open to a further review of locations.”

Replaces 1.1.4 with:

“1.1.4 Note that some bin hub locations of Phase 3 and Phase 4 have been reviewed in line with the Review Framework agreed in May 2023 and the outcomes are outlined in Appendices 3 and 4, though accepts the concerns expressed by residents in relation to not receiving letters regarding Hub Z6-90 and therefore agrees to send letters to engage with impacted residents.”

Replaces 1.1.5 with:

“1.1.5 Approve the next stages of Phase 5 within the World Heritage Site for Phase 5a moving to communal bin hubs, and for Phase 5b to gull proof sacks with all kerbside wheeled provision retained.

Renumbers 1.1.6 as 1.1.8

Inserts as new:

“1.1.6 Agree that Phase 5c shall retain gull proof sacks in streets noted in Appendix 5 in addition to consulting with the residents and businesses of each area noted (Broughton, Dean, Learmonth, St Stephen, The Atholls, and West End) before any TRO is launched, and agree continued engagement with Ward councillors, Group spokespeople, and Community Councils during the development of proposals.

Inserts as new:

“1.1.7 Accept a further review of the Review Framework is necessary to allow reconsideration, on an exceptional case-by-case basis for permitting:

1.1.7.1 a use of the crossing the road parameter in conjunction with the walking distance parameter,

1.1.7.2 there can be exceptional circumstances for siting a hub across a road, away from homes without a footway.”

Adds as new:

“1.1.9 Note that the Waste team has confirmed “out of the 22 Bin Hub locations within the S5 zone (Shandon), only 2 match the road markings set out in the relevant TROs. The bins were installed this summer due to local pressure to deliver the project, however no bull bars were installed. The team are currently working on a new TRO to amend this, and it is likely to materialise after advertisement in early 2024.”

“1.1.10 Agree that Officers report back to Committee within one cycle setting out a short-term plan to deal with the mismatched bin hubs and road markings to include:

- 1) How to return car parking spaces lost from unnecessary Double Yellow Lines,
- 2) More detailed timescales for the new TRO process and Bin hub implementation, and
- 3) a communications campaign to keep residents informed of developments with the plan”

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.4 – Cleansing Performance Report

Committee

Deletes 1.1.2 and inserts:

1.1.2 agrees to discontinue the use of the booking system at household waste recycling centres.

1.1.3 notes paragraph 4.17 of the report and that, in a February 2020 report to committee, officers agreed to “*investigate the feasibility and costs of reopening Braehead HWRC in the 2021-2022 financial year*”; recognises that the COVID-19 pandemic understandably meant this work did not happen as planned; requests that this detailed analysis is undertaken with a report back to committee in the next Cleaning Performance Report.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 8.5 – Implementing the new Parking Prohibitions

Adds:

Thanks officers for the report, the actions within which will help create a more equal Edinburgh.

Welcomes the complete ban on pavement parking with no exemptions other than those mandated by the Scottish Government, and agrees with the implementation plan in the report.

Welcomes the ban on parking at dropped kerbs, and double parking.

Agrees that Ward Councillors should be quickly notified of any impacts on residents who hold Blue Badges.

Agrees that once 10 weeks of data are available, the following should be reported to TEC via a Business Bulletin.

- A. Weekly enforcement requests by Ward.
- B. Weekly fines issued by Ward.

Hopes that the minority of drivers who currently park on the pavement will quickly adjust to the ban, but agrees that the Business Bulletin update should also include a note on the feasibility of using all of any additional income for improvements to footpaths (e.g. installing dropped kerbs and cutting clutter).

Moved by: Councillor Arthur

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 8.5 – Implementing the new parking prohibitions

Adds:

1.2 Welcomes the provision of these new powers by the Scottish Government which have been eagerly anticipated by councillors of all parties and looks forward to our streets being safer and more accessible environments for people pushing buggies and prams or using wheelchairs, and for pedestrians more generally.

1.2.1 Notes that there is little detail regarding preparation towards use of enforcement powers which will affect every resident of this city.

1.2.2 Notes that the general outline of these new powers has been apparent since at least the passage of the Transport (Scotland) Act in 2019, and notes that it is likely that some streets will require TRO or other intervention to assist with orderly management of the changes that will be required but that these processes (which are lengthy) have not yet commenced.

1.2.3 Therefore requests a briefing note to all councillors detailing:

- Where TROs and other interventions are planned
- What the timeline for TROs and other interventions is
- Appendix D of the footway parking assessment project outcome report which details the streets categorised as 'red'

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 8.5 – Implementing the new Parking Prohibitions

Committee

Add,

1.2 Committee:

1.2.1 requests that the list of 'red' category streets, broken down by ward, be provided to elected members by way of a members' briefing.

1.2.2 requests a business bulletin update at the April 2024 committee, detailing the number of fines issued over the course of the first quarter of enforcement, broken down by street.

1.2.3 notes paragraphs 4.13 and 5.3 of the report relating to exemption orders, and agrees that officers must take into account the unanimous policy position agreed by Council on 22 August 2022 that the only exceptions should be those mandated by the Scottish Government.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

Thursday 16 November

Item 8.5 – Implementing the new Parking Prohibitions

Delete 1.1.1 and replace with

- 1.1.1 The regulations of new parking prohibitions will come into force on 11 December 2023, with enforcement commencing in Edinburgh in January 2024.

Insert after 1.1.3

2.1 Committee also:

- 2.1.1 Regrets that there will be a delay between regulations coming into force and enforcement in all streets of Edinburgh.
- 2.1.2 Notes that in order to change driver behaviour, a collaborative communications approach should come from the Council and Transport Scotland, with the Council leading on issues pertinent to Edinburgh – for example, pavement parking on tram routes or vehicles blocking crossings in the ‘Old Town’
- 2.1.3 Requests that Council communication on the new parking prohibitions should start as soon as possible, before the 11 December 2023, to make people aware of changes to discourage pavement parking, double parking and parking at dropped kerbs.
- 2.1.4 Further requests that the Council will, when carrying out next steps [5.1 – 5.3] continue to work with disabled people’s organisations, RNIB, Living Streets and other groups who are adversely affected by inconsiderate parking

Moved by: Councillor O’Neill

Seconded by: Councillor Booth

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 8.6 – Supported Bus Services

At 1.1.1, after “intention”, insert “to”.

Adds:

“1.1.3

1.1.3.1 Notes the concerns of the Ratho Bus Working Group regarding the routes detailed at 4.4 and illustrated in Appendix 1 and highlights the need for further refinement of proposals as outlined at 5.1 but acknowledges that given the circumstances of the existing bus provision to Ratho, there can be no delay in proceeding with the DPS.

1.1.3.2 While welcoming that at 5.1 it is noted that officers will continue to refine proposals, notes more generally that no information has been provided on how any of these routes proposed for tender have been devised and agrees that this will be included in the Business Bulletin update to the February Transport and Environment Committee.

1.1.3.3 Notes with concern what appears to be a proposed cut of the supported service (the current 13 route) to Lochend, without mention of an intention to carry out consultation with the local community or ward councillors, or as yet an equalities impact assessment, and without setting this out as a clear intention in the text of the report and is only possible to discern from the maps in Appendix 1.

1.1.3.4 Notes that Lochend is an area of high SIMD which is identified in the City Mobility Plan (p20) as having a ‘high concentration of people (jobs per hectare or residents per hectare) with low levels of access to public transport’ including parts with a ‘high concentration of people with low levels of access to public transport and with no access to a car’ and as such the withdrawal of an existing bus service is unacceptable.

1.1.3.5 Agrees that both versions of the 13 route will be tendered and that no decision will be taken without a vote by councillors, and further that officers will continue to work towards refining proposals as outlined in 5.1.”

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

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Item 8.6 – Supported Bus Services

Committee

Add:

1.2 Committee agrees to the proposed routes, except for the 13 (as proposed in paragraph 4.4.3) and instead agrees that the existing 13 route should form part of the tender package.

1.3 Committee agrees that officers should, as part of the budget setting process, provide political groups with the necessary financial information that would allow the Council to consider funding an additional service to/from Dumbiedykes.

1.4 Committee agrees that, once tenders are appointed and bus services are operational, officers should return to an appropriate committee in 2024 with a 'lessons learned' report, which sets out an improved process for agreeing supported bus routes in future.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 8.6 – Supported Bus Services

Replace 1.1.2 with:

“1.1.2 The proposed supported bus service network routes, except the 13 which will be adjusted to include Princes Street, North Bridge, South Bridge, and Nicolson Street instead of Lothian Road and Lauriston Place, which will then be tendered under the Dynamic Purchasing System; and”

Add new:

“1.1.4 Officers will continue to review and refine the proposed supported bus service routes in preparation for tendering under the DPS.

1.1.5 The May 2023 Transport Committee acknowledged the enormous efforts made by the Ratho Bus Work Group (RBWG) towards finding a sustainable public transport service for the village.

1.1.6 RBWG written deputation expresses how let down they feel by the process but, nonetheless, continue to support the report to commence DPS and promote an option for a Ratho direct service via the A71.

1.2 Committee therefore agrees:

1.2.1 Reviews and refinements should prioritise increased frequency of service, aiming to achieve at least a half-hourly frequency and Sunday services.

1.2.2 Phasing for tendering under the DPS should start with new routes such as a Ratho A71 service.

1.2.3 A further option be developed for tendering under DPS for a direct service between Ratho and the city centre via A71.”

Moved by: Councillor Christopher Cowdy

Seconded by: Councillor Marie-Clair Munro

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 9.2 – Motion by Councillor Heap - Westfield Street Parking

Committee

Under “Council reaffirms...”, insert at end; “but notes there were differing views on extending controlled parking to Gorgie, with committee approval given by 7 votes to 4.”

Under “Council requests...”, delete “a business bulletin for the December Committee meeting”, and insert; “that ward members are given a written briefing update in December”.

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

Thursday 16 November

Item 9.4 – Motion by Cllr Cowdy – Dog Fouling

Insert new paragraphs as follows. Retain existing paragraphs but renumber accordingly:

"4. Notes previous reports to this committee on the issue, including on 19 March 2013, 18 March 2014, 2 June 2015, 1 November 2016, 17 January 2017, and notes previous campaigns run to try to tackle the problem, including "Don't blame the dog" campaign and "Dish the Dirt" campaign run in conjunction with the Evening News in 2013;

5. Notes that councils in England have powers to set 'Public Space Protection Orders' which would enable them to issue fines to any dog walkers found without poo bags, and further notes that Scottish councils do not have this power;"

Add at the end of original point 5 (renumbered point 7):

",and also including consideration of the 10-point plan proposed in the Green Group amendment to item 7.11 at the committee meeting on 2 June 2015 on this subject."

Moved by: Councillor Booth

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 9.5 – New Style Bus Trackers

Adds at end:

Committee:

- i. Understands that the content of the briefing note requested will need to be agreed with bus operators.
- ii. Notes that the bus tracker app continues to provide unreliable information too frequently and that Lothian Buses are engaged in creating a replacement app which is intended to cope better with roadworks and changing traffic conditions to ensure that better real time information on bus arrivals is available for bus users.
- iii. Requests therefore that the briefing note includes an update from Lothian Buses on the progress towards a new bus tracker app.

Moved by: Cllr Danny Aston

Seconded by: Cllr Stuart Dobbin

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

16 November 2023

Item 9.5 – Motion by Councillor Munro – New Style Bus Trackers

After point 5 insert:

6. Information on why there is no longer notice of wheelchair space(s) available on buses and how quickly this can be rectified, and if necessary, at what cost?

Moved by: Councillor O'Neill

Seconded by: Councillor Booth