

# Transport and Environment committee

10.00am, Thursday, 11 January 2024

## Trams to Newhaven

Executive/routine  
Wards

Routine  
11 – City Centre, 12 – Leith Walk, and 13 - Leith

### 1. Recommendations

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1.1 Committee is asked to note the contents of this report.

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## Trams to Newhaven

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The report addresses the motion agreed by the Council in August 2023. The report provides information on the approach of the Trams to Newhaven project to defect management and resolution. Further, it describes work to be undertaken on diversionary routes and commits to further reporting.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 On 31 August 2023, the Council approved an [adjusted motion](#) on the Tram Project and agreed that a report should be presented to Transport and Environment Committee in three cycles detailing:
- 3.1.1 To which Committee the outstanding defects will be reported; and how completion of these and tracking who is responsible for their remedy will be monitored, and who is picking up the bill.
  - 3.1.2 Outstanding snagging and defect resolution of footways, cycleways and the public realm.
  - 3.1.3 An inspection of roads used by traffic carried because of tram diversions – what is their condition, is restoration needed; if so, who will pay for this and when the work is to be programmed. An inspection from the Road Signage and Markings teams to ensure said street layouts outwith the project's direct scope reflect the new layout, changed traffic levels and any Loading/Parking changes.
  - 3.1.4 The report schedule for the above matters to be considered by Committee.

## **4. Main report**

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- 4.1 An update on completion of outstanding defects will be reported through the existing project governance and to Transport and Environment Committee as part of project close out.
- 4.2 Completion and tracking of defects is undertaken through the established governance process. All contractual defects identified are uploaded to the Cemar system (contract management system) to be raised with the contractor. Thereafter accepted defects are tracked through to completion or acceptance.
- 4.3 Contractual defects are the responsibility of the contractors under the Infrastructure and Systems and Swept Path contracts.
- 4.4 Completion of defects is being tracked through the established contractual process.
- 4.5 All roads, including those utilised as diversion routes by the Trams to Newhaven project, are inspected in line with the Council's risk based approach to safety inspections, which includes recording of signing and lining safety defects. Currently no urgent remedial work on diversion routes has been identified as part of the safety inspections and the streets will continue to be inspected within the timescales set out in the guidance.
- 4.6 A close out report will be brought to Transport and Environment Committee when the lessons learned process has completed. The lessons learned process is currently being scheduled, though it is anticipated that the close out report will be presented to Committee will be no earlier than April 2024, taking account of committee lead in times.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 The project team will continue to manage the contract, with a report on the lessons learned and project close out expected to be presented to Committee no earlier than April 2024.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The costs associated with managing the contract and with preparation of committee papers is included within the overall project budget.

## **7. Equality and Poverty Impact**

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- 7.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out for the Trams to Newhaven project.

## **8. Climate and Nature Emergency Implications**

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- 8.1 There are no additional climate or nature emergency implications arising from this report.

## **9. Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact**

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- 9.1 There are no additional risk, policy, compliance, governance or community impacts arising as a result of this report.

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

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- 10.1 [Trams to Newhaven Final Business case](#)

## **11. Appendices**

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