

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday 28 May 2024

Present

Councillors Day (Convener), Aston, Biagi, Beal, Campbell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart (substituting for Councillor Mowat), Heap (substituting for Councillor Parker for item 7 and 9), Kumar, Lang, Macinnes (except item 22), Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Parker (except item 7 and 9), Watt and Whyte.

1. Deputations

a) British Deaf Association (BDA) Scotland – verbal and written deputation in relation to Item 7.1 – The City of Edinburgh Council British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030

The British Deaf Association (BDA) Scotland was funded by the Equality and Human Rights fund and worked with local authorities, British Sign Language (BSL) community, NHS and other public bodies. The deputation welcomed the City of Edinburgh Council British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030 report as a good start which had included consultation with local residents. The deputation highlighted that the engagement with BSL users should be continued by Council at least twice a year to build trust. The deputation requested that Council set up a BSL group or forum. The deputation also highlighted the difference between the BSL Plan and BSL strategy and asked to share more details on this.

(See item 2 below)

b) National Deaf Children’s Society – verbal deputation in relation to Item 7.1 – The City of Edinburgh Council British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030

The National Deaf Children’s Society represented voiceless deaf children and urged Councillors to take concrete actions to help those children to access education – they did not think the BSL Plan met the needs of deaf children. The deputation shared the experiences of their son, whose only communication was through BSL. For the past two years, his school has been running a BSL, but parents have been advised that this class would be stopping. The deputation urged councillors to review the BSL Plan and look into special deaf provision across the schools in Edinburgh.

The deputation argued that raising BSL provision was a statutory obligation, and it should provide more concrete details what would be delivered in the next 6 years to meet children’s full potential. The deputation highlighted an urgent need to increase the number of qualified BSL teachers and reduce the isolation of BSL users.

(See item 2 below)

(c) Mothers Climate Action Network Edinburgh verbal and written deputation in relation to Item 9.1 – Policy on Advertising and Sponsorship – Proposed Amendments

The deputation expressed concerns about advertising in Edinburgh on the sides of buses, on streets and on billboards, which sold an unsustainable lifestyle of polluting flights and fuel-hungry SUVs. These adverts normalised harming the planet and the deputation argued that it posed a threat to children's future. The deputation requested that council restrict the advertisement of environmentally destructive products which were also not affordable for people in a cost-of-living crisis. The deputation noted that this had been done in several cities across England and Europe and requested positive advertising of local events, positive behaviour and sustainable travel.

(See item 32 below)

2. The City of Edinburgh Council British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030

Details were provided of the Council's second British Sign Language Plan, which had been developed in line with the British Sign Language (Scotland) Act 2015, covering the period 2024-2030. The plan detailed the actions needed to ensure that British Sign Language (BSL) users could be fully involved in daily and public life in Edinburgh, as active, healthy citizens and able to make informed choices about every aspect of their lives. Towards this overarching vision, the plan established outcomes and high-level actions under nine themes, spanning many Council services areas. These actions would be further developed during implementation and throughout the lifespan of the plan, led by further engagement with BSL users and stakeholders. Subject to approval by committee, the plan would be published on the Council's website in both English and BSL.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the Convener would meet with the National Deaf Children's Society and the Executive Director of Education to further discuss the issues raised by the deputation.
- 2) To request a briefing note to this committee and the Education, Children and Families Committee on the background to the withdrawal of BSL classes.
- 3) To refer the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services to the Education, Children and Families Committee to scrutinise and discuss the implementation of the Plan.
- 4) To agree that the British Sign Language Plan for 2024-2030 would come to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 12 March 2024 as a correct record.

4. Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme for 28 May 2024 was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme 28 May 2024, submitted.)

5. Policy and Sustainability Committee Rolling Actions Log

Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

Decision

1) To agree to close the following actions:

- **Action 2** – City of Edinburgh Council: Employee Volunteering Policy – Motion by Councillor Bandel
- **Action 5** – City of Edinburgh Council: Council Reporting
- **Action 9** – Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2021/22
- **Action 10** – Response to motion by Councillor Nicolson – Keep Safe Spaces
- **Action 11(2)** – Response to Scottish Government Community Wealth Building Consultation
- **Action 14** – City of Edinburgh Council: Supporting Community Climate Action – Motion by Councillor Parker
- **Action 15** – Work Programme
- **Action 18** – Redeployment Update
- **Action 21** – Castlegreen and North Merchiston Care Homes – Transfer Update
- **Action 22** – International Travel and Member Guidance
- **Action 24 (1, 2 and 4)** – The City of Edinburgh Council Gaelic Language Plan 2023-28 – Revised Draft
- **Action 35** – Preparation for the implementation of Photographic Voter ID at UK Parliamentary Elections
- **Action 36** – Annual Policies Update – Strategy and Communications
- **Action 43(2)** – Corporate Property Strategy Update
- **Action 45** – Edinburgh Leisure and the Real Living Wage

- **Action 46** – Internal Audit Open and Overdue Internal Audit Actions – Performance Dashboard as at 31 October 2023
 - **Action 47 (1 and 2)** – City of Edinburgh Council: Safe Consumption Room and Community Drug Checking Facilities – Motion by Councillor McKenzie
 - **Action 50** – City of Edinburgh Council: Building Risk at Anchorfield – Motion by Councillor Nols-McVey
 - **Action 51(2)** – Business Bulletin
 - **Action 56** – Implementation of full cost charges in care homes
 - **Action 59** – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Chief Officer Update Report
 - **Action 66** – City of Edinburgh Council: Proactively Maximising Income – Motion by Councillor Caldwell
- 2) To provide an update on the following actions:
- **Action 20(2)** - Interim Chief Officer Update – Convener to check status of the letter.
 - **Action 25** - Edinburgh Community Climate Fund – to request that the Business Bulletin update in August included details of the work officers were doing with Edinburgh Community Climate Action Network on participatory budgeting.
 - **Action 29** - Council Emissions Reduction Plan – Annual Progress Report - officers to ensure that the report to Finance and Resources Committee in June would make reference to the financial strategy that was due to come to this committee in November 2024.
 - **Action 6** - Period Product Provision – Motion by Councillor Bennett – officers to confirm that this report would be submitted to committee in August 2024.
 - **Action 7** - Crisis in NHS Dentistry – Motion by Councillor Davidson – Convener to confirm that the letter had been issued
- 3) To note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log 28 May 2024, submitted.)

6. Business Bulletin

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Business Bulletin was presented.

Decision

- 1) Edinburgh LHEES and Co-ordination of Heat Networks Activities with Planned Excavation Works – to recommend that the Executive Director of Place discuss options for coordination with Scottish Government.
- 2) Facilities Management – to note that officers planned to submit a report to the next committee, if possible, on the proposed next steps for bringing the service in-house.
- 3) Delivering Small Grants and Support for Energy Efficiency Measures Through LHEES – officers to confirm ownership of actions coming out of discussions between LHEES Officers and the Edinburgh Tool Library about the “Retrofixes” programme.

- 4) Sponsorship – officers to investigate the issue of the notice on myJobScotland advising that employers did not offer sponsorship, which was not in line with the Council’s position.
- 3) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin 28 May 2024, submitted.)

7. Regenerative Futures Fund

The Regenerative Futures Fund aimed to create a £15m fund to help community organisations in Edinburgh address the root causes of poverty and inequality. The programme had successfully secured, or was in the process of securing, commitments of over £5m towards its first phase funding target from independent funding organisations. These commitments were conditional on the programme securing a financial contribution from the Council. A Council commitment of £100,000 per annum over ten years would help leverage in new investment to support the city’s end poverty targets.

Motion

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Poverty Commission’s 2020 call for the development of a new city-wide fund “to encourage innovation and system change needed to meet the city’s end poverty goals”.
- 2) To note the work undertaken during 2022-24 to develop a new Regenerative Futures Fund to provide £15m of long-term funding for Edinburgh organisations working to address the root causes of poverty.
- 3) To note that over £5m of the project’s funding target is on track to being secured through in principle commitments by independent funding organisations
- 4) To note that these commitments are conditional on the project securing funding from the Council, and the project’s request for a commitment of £100- 300,000 per annum over ten years.
- 5) To agree that Council commit to an in principle, subject to final approval by Finance and Resources and full Council, investment of at least £100,000 per annum to the project over ten years.
- 6) To agree that this ten-year commitment is subject to review of progress against agreed objectives every three years.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Poverty Commission’s 2020 call for the development of a new city-wide fund “to encourage innovation and system change needed to meet the city’s end poverty goals”
- 2) To note the work undertaken during 2022-24 to develop a new Regenerative Futures Fund to provide £15m of long-term funding for Edinburgh organisations working to address the root causes of poverty

- 3) To note that over £5m of the project's funding target is on track to being secured through in principle commitments by independent funding organisations
- 4) To note that these commitments were conditional on the project securing funding from the Council, and the project's request for a commitment of £100-300,000 per annum over ten years
- 5) To agree that Council commit to an in principle, subject to final approval by Finance and Resources and full Council, investment of at least £100,000 per annum to the project over ten years
- 6) To agree that this ten-year commitment is subject to review of progress against agreed objectives every three years.
- 7) To agree that all organisations receiving core funding will have a comprehensive plan for staff development which supports local people to achieve promotion to senior roles within each organisation.
- 8) To agree that the aspiration should be for each organisation receiving core funding to have at least one person from the local community in a senior role, and that at least 25% of all skilled staff will be local to the community the organisation serves.
- 9) To note that there is a risk that this funding displaces other funding that local organisations across the city currently receive.
- 10) To agree that the council will monitor the current funding contribution to city wide projects from each funder and will produce an annual report to Policy and Sustainability Committee to evidence that there is no displacement of other funding streams into the city and that this funding is additional to what the city already receives.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Poverty Commission's 2020 call for the development of a new city-wide fund "to encourage innovation and system change needed to meet the city's end poverty goals".
- 2) To note the work undertaken during 2022-24 to develop a new Regenerative Futures Fund to provide £15m of long-term funding for Edinburgh organisations working to address the root causes of poverty.
- 3) To note that over £5m of the project's funding target is on track to being secured through in principle commitments by independent funding organisations.
- 4) To note that these commitments are conditional on the project securing funding from the Council, and the project's request for a commitment of £100- 300,000 per annum over ten years.
- 5) To agree that Council commit to an in principle, subject to final approval by Finance and Resources and full Council, investment of at least £100,000 per annum to the project over ten years.

- 6) To agree that this ten-year commitment is subject to review of progress against agreed objectives every three years.
- 7) To acknowledge that many third sector organisations have faced reductions in funding from the Council and the IJB in recent years.
- 8) To recognise that the RFF is an innovative way of securing much-needed sustained funding for the third sector in Edinburgh and therefore involves a certain element of risk and trust.
- 9) To also recognise that the allocation of public funds requires a significant level of scrutiny and transparency.
- 10) To request that the paper for ratification of the funding decision that is brought to Finance & Resources Committee includes:
 - a. a timeline of key points where the council will have involvement in and scrutiny of the RFF project, including when Elected Members will have sight of objectives and performance indicators that are due to be developed and an additional review point at Policy & Sustainability Committee in one year
 - b. Information on the relationship – if any – between the Council’s contribution to the Regenerative Futures Fund and other routes the Council has for funding Third Sector Organisations
 - c. Consideration of how the Regenerative Futures Fund will ensure high ethical fundraising standards are achieved in deciding whether to accept philanthropic donations

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Poverty Commission’s 2020 call for the development of a new city-wide fund “to encourage innovation and system change needed to meet the city’s end poverty goals”.
- 2) To note the work undertaken during 2022-24 to develop a new Regenerative Futures Fund to provide £15m of long-term funding for Edinburgh organisations working to address the root causes of poverty.
- 3) To note that over £5m of the project’s funding target is on track to being secured through in principle commitments by independent funding organisations
- 4) To note that these commitments were conditional on the project securing funding from the Council, and the project’s request for a commitment of £100-300,000 per annum over ten years.
- 5) To note that no specific objectives have yet been described in the report or in the Draft Operational Plan and no assessment is given of any of the extensive work and spend on poverty which may be stopped or considered for downgrading to prioritise funding this work as an innovative, alternative route to better achieve the end poverty goals.

- 6) To agree that a report be presented to the August meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee setting out the specific objectives of the Fund, how these are intended to be measured, the outcomes expected at three year break points in any ten year funded commitment, the alternative sources of funding that could be identified from transitioning more traditional funded work that is potentially underachieving and how this could be delivered over the first three years. The report should also detail how £100,000 of the funding from Proactively Maximising Income addressed in another report on this agenda could be adapted to cover the initial year of work on the Regenerative Futures Fund.
- 7) To note this report should set out an assessment of the way this work fits into the overall set of actions the Council is taking to achieve the end poverty goals and recommendations for a way forward to be considered at the Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September and be subject to onward ratification by Council on 26 September as described in the report.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion and Amendment 3 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) – 9 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted) – 8 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Day, Beal, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Lang, Meagher, Watt and Whyte.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Heap, Kumar, Macinnes, Miller and Mumford.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Poverty Commission's 2020 call for the development of a new city-wide fund "to encourage innovation and system change needed to meet the city's end poverty goals".
- 2) To note the work undertaken during 2022-24 to develop a new Regenerative Futures Fund to provide £15m of long-term funding for Edinburgh organisations working to address the root causes of poverty.
- 3) To note that over £5m of the project's funding target was on track to being secured through in principle commitments by independent funding organisations

- 4) To note that these commitments were conditional on the project securing funding from the Council, and the project's request for a commitment of £100-300,000 per annum over ten years.
- 5) To agree that Council commit to an in principle, subject to final approval by Finance and Resources and full Council, investment of at least £100,000 per annum to the project over ten years.
- 6) To agree that this ten-year commitment was subject to review of progress against agreed objectives every three years.
- 7) To acknowledge that many third sector organisations had faced reductions in funding from the Council and the IJB in recent years.
- 8) To recognise that the RFF was an innovative way of securing much-needed sustained funding for the third sector in Edinburgh and therefore involved a certain element of risk and trust.
- 9) To also recognise that the allocation of public funds required a significant level of scrutiny and transparency.
- 10) To request that the paper for ratification of the funding decision that is brought to Finance & Resources Committee would include:
 - a. a timeline of key points where the council would have involvement in and scrutiny of the RFF project, including when Elected Members would have sight of objectives and performance indicators that were due to be developed and an additional review point at Policy & Sustainability Committee in one year:
 - b. Information on the relationship – if any – between the Council's contribution to the Regenerative Futures Fund and other routes the Council had for funding Third Sector Organisations.
 - c. Consideration of how the Regenerative Futures Fund would ensure high ethical fundraising standards were achieved in deciding whether to accept philanthropic donations.
- 11) To note that no specific objectives had yet been described in the report or in the Draft Operational Plan and no assessment was given of any of the extensive work and spend on poverty which might be stopped or considered for downgrading to prioritise funding this work as an innovative, alternative route to better achieve the end poverty goals.
- 12) To agree that a report would be presented to the August meeting of the Policy and Sustainability Committee setting out the specific objectives of the Fund, how these were intended to be measured, the outcomes expected at three year break points in any ten year funded commitment, the alternative sources of funding that could be identified from transitioning more traditional funded work that was potentially underachieving and how this could be delivered over the first three years.

- 13) To note this report should set out an assessment of the way this work fit into the overall set of actions the Council was taking to achieve the end poverty goals and recommendations for a way forward to be considered at the Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September and would be subject to onward ratification by Council on 26 September as described in the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

8. Food Overview: Council Programmes, Initiatives and Regulatory Functions – Response to Motion by Councillor Faccenda

In June 2023, Councillor Faccenda submitted a motion to full Council requesting an assessment of all food related initiatives across the Council to inform the Council's Good Food Nation statutory plan, along with an overview on all Council-provided catering and food procurement. Details were provided of various food-related workstreams across the Council, including an overview of: the Council's food procurement and school catering activity, action to tackle food poverty and improve access to food in Edinburgh, including locally produced food, food growing initiatives in the city led, supported or enabled by the Council, activity to encourage sustainable diets, purchasing of ethically-traded international food goods and tackle food waste, food education in schools, and some of the ways the Council worked with and supported the wider food sector in Edinburgh. Details were also provided of the high-level next steps required to develop Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan.

Motion

- 1) To note the progress to date on driving forward the food agenda in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that in future, updates on the full range of Edinburgh's food work will be through the lens and future governance structures of Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan. Developing an appropriate overarching governance structure for all the Council's work on food will be one of the first steps when work to develop the Council's Good Food nation plan commences. The schedule for future reporting to committee will be developed as part of this work.
- 3) To note that the Good Food Nation Plan for Edinburgh is required to be developed in 2025, however there is currently no resource in place to progress this workstream.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the progress to date on driving forward the food agenda in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that in future, updates on the full range of Edinburgh's food work will be through the lens and future governance structures of Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan. Developing an appropriate overarching governance structure for all the Council's work on food will be one of the first steps when work to develop the Council's Good Food nation plan commences. The schedule for future reporting to committee will be developed as part of this work.

- 3) To note that the Good Food Nation Plan for Edinburgh is required to be developed in 2025, however there is currently no resource in place to progress this workstream.
- 4) To request an update ahead of the 25/26 budget setting process on available funding and additional Council resources required to develop Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan.

- moved by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie, seconded by Councillor Lang

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the progress to date on driving forward the food agenda in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that in future, updates on the full range of Edinburgh's food work will be through the lens and future governance structures of Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan. Developing an appropriate overarching governance structure for all the Council's work on food will be one of the first steps when work to develop the Council's Good Food nation plan commences. The schedule for future reporting to committee will be developed as part of this work.
- 3) To note that the Good Food Nation Plan for Edinburgh is required to be developed in 2025, however there is currently no resource in place to progress this workstream.
- 4) To note from the report that "Food is intrinsically linked to the Council's priorities in the Business Plan" and therefore expresses concern that without additional resource, no further work will be completed in this area, despite its strategic importance towards the agreed priorities of the Council of ending poverty and tackling the climate and nature emergencies.
- 5) To ask the Executive Director of Corporate Services to explore whether, either through secondment or the Council's redeployment pool, additional temporary resource can be secured within the Council to continue work on this workstream, in advance of resources being made available to Local Authorities as part of the Scottish Government's "Good Food Nation Bill".

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the content of the report.
- 2) To note that the imposition of a requirement for a "Good Food Nation Plan" by the Scottish Government without adequate funding to progress this work is yet another example of an imposition of an unfunded or underfunded duty placed on local authorities in Scotland at a time when local government is generally underfunded for core services, significant structural change is required to continue to deliver core services within existing budgets and Edinburgh is the lowest funded Council in Scotland per head of population.

- 3) To agree to take no further action on this work and to indicate to the Scottish Government that, without additional funding, this cannot be a prioritised when core services such as social care are working under structural deficits.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 accepted as an addendum to the motion. Amendments 2 and 3 were adjusted and accepted as addendums to the motion.

At this point in the meeting, the following Amendment 4 was proposed:

Amendment 4

- 1) To note the progress to date on driving forward the food agenda in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that in future, updates on the full range of Edinburgh's food work will be through the lens and future governance structures of Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan. Developing an appropriate overarching governance structure for all the Council's work on food will be one of the first steps when work to develop the Council's Good Food nation plan commences. The schedule for future reporting to committee will be developed as part of this work.
- 3) To note that the Good Food Nation Plan for Edinburgh is required to be developed in 2025, however there is currently no resource in place to progress this workstream.
- 4) To request an update ahead of the 25/26 budget setting process on available funding and additional Council resources required to develop Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan.
- 5) To note from the report that "Food is intrinsically linked to the Council's priorities in the Business Plan" and therefore expresses concern that without additional resource, no further work will be completed in this area, despite its strategic importance towards the agreed priorities of the Council of ending poverty and tackling the climate and nature emergencies.
- 6) To ask the Executive Director of Corporate Services to explore whether, either through secondment or the Council's redeployment pool, additional temporary resource can be secured within the Council to continue work on this workstream, in advance of resources being made available to Local Authorities as part of the Scottish Government's "Good Food Nation Bill".

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	–	10 votes
For Amendment 3	–	2 votes
For Amendment 4	–	5 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Day, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Lang, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Parker, and Watt.

For Amendment 3: Councillors Doggart and Whyte.

For Amendment 4: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Kumar and Macinnes.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the progress to date on driving forward the food agenda in Edinburgh.
- 2) To agree that in future, updates on the full range of Edinburgh's food work would be through the lens and future governance structures of Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan. Developing an appropriate overarching governance structure for all the Council's work on food would be one of the first steps when work to develop the Council's Good Food nation plan commenced. The schedule for future reporting to committee would be developed as part of this work.
- 3) To note that the Good Food Nation Plan for Edinburgh was required to be developed in 2025, however there was currently no resource in place to progress this workstream.
- 4) To request an update ahead of the 25/26 budget setting process on available funding and additional Council resources required to develop Edinburgh's Good Food Nation plan.
- 5) To note from the report that "Food is intrinsically linked to the Council's priorities in the Business Plan" and therefore to express concern that without additional resource, no further work would be completed in this area, despite its strategic importance towards the agreed priorities of the Council of ending poverty and tackling the climate and nature emergencies.
- 6) To ask the Executive Director of Corporate Services to explore how, either through secondment or the Council's redeployment pool, additional temporary resource can be secured within the Council to continue work on this workstream, in advance of resources being made available to Local Authorities as part of the Scottish Government's "Good Food Nation Bill".
- 7) To note that the imposition of a requirement for a "Good Food Nation Plan" by the Scottish Government without adequate funding to progress this work was yet another example of an imposition of an unfunded or underfunded duty placed on local authorities in Scotland at a time when local government was generally underfunded for core services, significant structural change was required to continue to deliver core services within existing budgets and Edinburgh was the lowest funded Council in Scotland per head of population.

(References – Act of Council No. 17 of 1 June 2023; report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

9. Proactively Maximising Income – Response to a motion

A proposal for the investment of £500,000 allocated in the 2024/25 Council budget was presented for additional support to reduce child poverty. In line with the Council's End Poverty in Edinburgh framework, the following investment was proposed:

- a) £150,000 in additional commissioned money and debt advice services across the city, including those embedded in community settings.
- b) £200,000 to support the work of the Council's poverty prevention transformation programme, including investment in data analytics tools to improve targeted outreach to improve benefits uptake, and information toolkits to help frontline workers find the support their clients need.
- c) £150,000 to provide immediate support to households in financial need through additional capacity for the Council's welfare and benefits team.

Motion

- 1) To approve the funding proposals and request a plan within three cycles detailing the operational, structural and partnership transformation required to maximise the take up of benefit entitlements in Edinburgh, aligned to medium term financial plan and the Edinburgh poverty commission interim review.
- 2) To note the recent publication of estimated unclaimed benefits across the UK, and request further insight on the scale and source of unclaimed benefits entitlements in Edinburgh.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the work already being delivered by the Council and partners to help families in Edinburgh maximise incomes and prevent or reduce the impact of poverty.
- 2) To recognise that more can be done to reduce direct financial need by increasing immediate support. Therefore, agrees to amend proposals by reducing 2.2.2 to £150,000 and increasing 2.2.3 to £200,000.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Macnnes

Amendment 2

- 1) To note that the Council has previously estimated that, in 2019, non-take-up of social security entitlements was around £70m but that this data is likely to be out-of-date.
- 2) To note with regret that further estimates have not been possible to make due to the nonavailability of the correct data from the DWP, which has discontinued publication of a range of necessary data.
- 3) To note that Policy in Practice has been able to produce new, UK-wide estimates which show that £23bn is unclaimed across the UK.

- 4) To note the importance to the Council's income maximisation work of having estimates of non-take-up in the city.
- 5) To note that Councillor Caldwell's motion requests an update on when the Annual Social Security Uptake Report process established by Councillor Heap will begin, but that is not explicitly included in the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 6) To note the work already being delivered by the Council and partners to help families in Edinburgh maximise incomes and prevent or escape from poverty.
- 7) To agree the proposed package of additional investments identified in this report.
- 8) Agrees for officers to contact Policy in Practice and any other organisations offering a similar service to enquire about generating new estimates for Edinburgh, and the costs of this, with a view to commissioning such work if a reasonable price and credible plan is offered.
- 9) Agrees not to discharge Councillor Caldwell's nor Councillor Heap's motions until further clarity is received on the Annual Social Security Uptake Report.

- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Mumford

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 2 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the motion and Amendment 2 were accepted as addendums to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) – 12 votes

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted) – 5 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Beal, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Heap, Lang, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Watt and Whyte.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Kumar and Macinnes.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To approve the funding proposals and request a plan within three cycles detailing the operational, structural and partnership transformation required to maximise the take up of benefit entitlements in Edinburgh, aligned to medium term financial plan and the Edinburgh poverty commission interim review.
- 2) To note the recent publication of estimated unclaimed benefits across the UK, and request further insight on the scale and source of unclaimed benefits entitlements in Edinburgh.

- 3) To note that the Council had previously estimated that, in 2019, non-take-up of social security entitlements was around £70m but that this data was likely to be out-of-date.
- 4) To note with regret that further estimates had not been possible to make due to the nonavailability of the correct data from the DWP, which had discontinued publication of a range of necessary data.
- 5) To note that Policy in Practice had been able to produce new, UK-wide estimates which showed that £23bn was unclaimed across the UK.
- 6) To note the importance to the Council's income maximisation work of having estimates of non-take-up in the city.
- 7) To note that Councillor Caldwell's motion requested an update on when the Annual Social Security Uptake Report process established by Councillor Heap would begin, but that was not explicitly included in the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 8) To agree for officers to contact Policy in Practice and any other organisations offering a similar service to enquire about generating new estimates for Edinburgh, and the costs of this, with a view to commissioning such work if a reasonable price and credible plan was offered.
- 9) To agree not to discharge Councillor Caldwell's nor Councillor Heap's motions until further clarity was received on the Annual Social Security Uptake Report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

10. Accessibility of Council Information

An update was provided on the work undertaken and planned to improve the Council's accessibility to information and services, in particular within its Customer Services area, the website and at committees.

Motion

To note the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To acknowledge that despite progress, accessibility of information remains a critical issue for people with learning disabilities and their carers.
- 3) To agree to increase the availability of information in Easy Read format using supporting images, prioritising key forms and policies with the highest use.
- 4) To agree to engage with organisations such as FAiR (The Family Advice and Information Resource), People First (Scotland), and Disability Equality Scotland to enhance accessibility efforts.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To welcome the work ongoing to make Council communications more accessible but recognises that there are plenty of examples of actions the Council could take to improve this further which are not covered in the report, for example developing Easy Read versions of communications or exploring options to achieve Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) AA or AAA standard, amongst others.
- 3) To note that there is not currently any monitoring or evaluation processes in place around this work, and that the “aspirations” listed in the report sections 4.23.6 onwards contain no SMART targets.
- 4) To agree that an Action Plan and Action Tracker is developed to outline the specific improvements being made to improve the accessibility of Council information, with this Action Plan presented to Committee in 2 cycles.
- 5) To agree that this Action Plan will be developed in consultation with Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) and will be incorporated into the Council’s Equality and Diversity Framework when this is developed in 2025.
- 6) To refer the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee to consider the annual accessibility audits referenced at 4.23.9 of the report.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion. Amendment 2 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to Addendum 2.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) – 9 votes

For Amendment 2 (as adjusted) – 7 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Beal, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Lang, Meagher, Watt and Whyte.

For Amendment 2 (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Kumar, Miller, Mumford and Parker.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

- 2) To acknowledge that despite progress, accessibility of information remained a critical issue for people with learning disabilities and their carers.
- 3) To agree to increase the availability of information in Easy Read format using supporting images, prioritising key forms and policies with the highest use.
- 4) To agree to engage with organisations such as FAiR (The Family Advice and Information Resource), People First (Scotland), and Disability Equality Scotland to enhance accessibility efforts.
- 5) To welcome the work ongoing to make Council communications more accessible but recognise that there were plenty of examples of actions the Council could take to improve this further which were not covered in the report, for example developing Easy Read versions of communications or exploring options to achieve Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) AA or AAA standard, amongst others.
- 6) To note that there was not currently any monitoring or evaluation processes in place around this work, and that the “aspirations” listed in the report (sections 4.23.6 onwards) contained no SMART targets.
- 7) To agree that an Action Plan would be developed in consultation with Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) and would be incorporated into the Council’s Equality and Diversity Framework when this was developed in 2025.
- 8) To refer the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee to consider the annual accessibility audits referenced at 4.23.9 of the report.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

11. Carbon Impact of International Travel

Details were provided of emissions associated with flights and trains booked by the Council for the financial year 2022/23.

Motion

- 1) To note the emissions associated with flights and trains booked by the Council, as well as current measures to limit flights.
- 2) To note that overall emissions from rail and air travel in 2022/23 are 75% lower than pre-pandemic (2019/20) levels but have more than doubled compared to the previous year (2021/22).

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment

- 1) To note the emissions associated with flights and trains booked by the Council, as well as current measures to limit flights.
- 2) To note that overall emissions from rail and air travel in 2022/23 are 75% lower than pre-pandemic (2019/20) levels but have more than doubled compared to the previous year (2021/22).

- 3) To express concern about the Council's organisational culture and attitude to becoming a net zero city by 2030 given 60 domestic flights were booked in 2022-2023 with 25 trips taken to Birmingham or London by plane.
- 4) To request a short report to GRBV outlining how and why the Council's business travel guidance was not followed for the 60 domestic flights booked in 2022-2023 with recommendations of how this will be avoided for future years.
- 5) To agree that, given business travel represents just 1% of the Council's carbon footprint and the burdensome nature of Council reporting, reporting of the Carbon Impact of International Travel is included in annual CERP reports, rather than as the subject of a separate Committee report.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Miller

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the Amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the emissions associated with flights and trains booked by the Council, as well as current measures to limit flights.
- 2) To note that overall emissions from rail and air travel in 2022/23 are 75% lower than pre-pandemic (2019/20) levels but have more than doubled compared to the previous year (2021/22).
- 3) To express concern about the Council's organisational culture and attitude to becoming a net zero city by 2030 given 60 domestic flights were booked in 2022-2023 with 25 trips taken to Birmingham or London by plane.
- 4) To request a short report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee outlining how and why the Council's business travel guidance was not followed for the 60 domestic flights booked in 2022-2023 with recommendations of how this will be avoided for future years.
- 5) To agree that, given business travel represented just 1% of the Council's carbon footprint and the burdensome nature of Council reporting, reporting of the Carbon Impact of International Travel is included in annual CERP reports, rather than as the subject of a separate Committee report.
- 6) To request a briefing note on comparisons between current and previous data, and whether there were concerns about comparing like for like.

(References – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

12. International Visit to Munich - 70th Twinning Anniversary

As a part of the celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of twin city arrangements between Edinburgh and Munich, the Mayor of Munich had invited the Lord Provost to represent Edinburgh as his guest at the opening ceremony of the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship. The visit would include a range of associated civic engagements

alongside discussions with Munich City Council leaders and officials to further develop cultural, education and other links between the two cities on issues of shared priority.

Motion

- 1) To note that 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of twin city arrangements between Edinburgh and Munich, and the activities underway to celebrate this milestone.
- 2) To note the invitation received from the Mayor of Munich for the Lord Provost to represent Edinburgh as a guest at the opening ceremony of the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship as a part of these celebrations.
- 3) To agree, in line with the Council's guidance on international travel for elected members, for the Lord Provost and one supporting Council officer, to accept this invitation and travel to Munich on 13th to 15th June 2024.
- 4) To note the discussions that would take place as a part of the visit with Munich City Council leaders and officials to further develop cultural, education and other links between the two cities on issues of shared priority.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment

- 1) To note that 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of twin city arrangements between Edinburgh and Munich, and the activities underway to celebrate this milestone.
- 2) To note the invitation received from the Mayor of Munich for the Lord Provost to represent Edinburgh as a guest at the opening ceremony of the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship as a part of these celebrations.
- 3) To agree, in line with the Council's guidance on international travel for elected members, for the Lord Provost and one supporting Council officer, to accept this invitation and travel by train to Munich on 13th to 15th June 2024.
- 4) To note the discussions that would take place as a part of the visit with Munich City Council leaders and officials to further develop cultural, education and other links between the two cities on issues of shared priority.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Parker

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	9 votes
For the amendment	-	7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Beal, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Lang, Meagher, Watt and Whyte.

For the amendment: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Kumar, Miller, Mumford and Parker.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

13. International Travel

Details were provided of proposed international travel for officers in the Place Directorate in 2024/25. A small number of visits had already been approved under delegated authority due to urgency and approval for the remaining travel activities was sought.

Decision

- 1) To note the international travel for officers in the Place Directorate which has been agreed under delegated authority due to urgency.
- 2) To agree the remaining international travel for officers within the Place Directorate in 2024/25.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

14. Retrofit Strategy

An update was provided on the Council's energy retrofit strategy for operational buildings. The development of this strategy was informed by the knowledge and experience gained to date through the ongoing pilot retrofit works that form part of the £61.83m retrofit programme approved by Policy and Sustainability Committee in August 2022 and also incorporated the principles of the Council's recently published Corporate Property Strategy.

Motion

- 1) To approve the retrofit strategy.
- 2) To note that the retrofit strategy outlines four areas of focus for future retrofit Projects.
- 3) To note that, if the strategy is approved, the remaining unallocated retrofit budget (currently projected at £34.33m) will be assigned to retrofit proposals based on the principles outlined in the strategy.
- 4) To agree that governance arrangements for remaining retrofit spend will follow Corporate Property Strategy Governance arrangements, as outlined in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14.
- 5) To note that outputs from retrofit strategy, including carbon reduction, will be captured in the Council's Emissions Reduction Plan.
- 6) To note that future updates to the retrofit strategy will be presented to the Sustainability and Climate and Nature Emergencies All Party Oversight Group and will be included within annual reporting on the Corporate Property Strategy.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To approve the retrofit strategy.

- 2) To note that the retrofit strategy outlines four areas of focus for future retrofit Projects.
- 3) To note that, if the strategy is approved, the remaining unallocated retrofit budget (currently projected at £34.33m) will be assigned to retrofit proposals based on the principles outlined in the strategy.
- 4) To agree the governance outlined in 4.12-4.14 with the following change:
 - Proposed changes to the retrofit strategy will be reviewed by the Policy and Sustainability committee prior to implementation, noting that Oversight Groups are not decision-making bodies.
- 5) To note that outputs from retrofit strategy, including carbon reduction, will be captured in the Council's Emissions Reduction Plan.
- 6) To note that future updates to the retrofit strategy will be presented to the Sustainability and Climate and Nature Emergencies All Party Oversight Group and will be included within annual reporting on the Corporate Property Strategy.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the retrofit strategy.
- 2) To note that the retrofit strategy outlines four areas of focus for future retrofit Projects.
- 3) To note that, if the strategy is approved, the remaining unallocated retrofit budget (currently projected at £34.33m) will be assigned to retrofit proposals based on the principles outlined in the strategy.
- 4) To agree that governance arrangements for remaining retrofit spend will follow Corporate Property Strategy Governance arrangements, as outlined in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14.
- 5) To note that outputs from retrofit strategy, including carbon reduction, will be captured in the Council's Emissions Reduction Plan.
- 6) To note that future updates to the retrofit strategy will be presented to the Sustainability and Climate and Nature Emergencies All Party Oversight Group and will be included within annual reporting on the Corporate Property Strategy.
- 7) To recognise the strategic importance of integrating retrofit practices within routine Asset Management Works whilst noting the additional short-term costs this might incur. Therefore, agrees that in advance of the budget setting process in 2025-2026, a briefing note is circulated to all Councillors, outlining what additional capital investment is required to integrate retrofit works with asset management works, and the anticipated, estimated carbon reductions which will be achieved through this additional investment in each case.
- 8) To note that "retrofit business cases are currently unlikely to offer a conventional return on investment" but recognises that the completion of retrofit works is key

to delivering against all 3 of the Council's priorities set out in the Business Plan and will play a central role in the Council's change programme which will, by definition, challenge "convention". Therefore, agrees that, as part of the development of the financial strategy to accompany the Council Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) as agreed by Committee in October 2023, an alternative framework for business case analysis is developed to help facilitate longer-term investment in retrofit works, and that this will be integrated with the development of the Council's medium term financial plan.

- 9) To agree that any future changes to the Retrofit Strategy / Corporate Property Strategy should clearly demonstrate for each project the anticipated carbon reduction achieved set against the financial costs incurred, to demonstrate to Committee that proposed changes in approach are delivering best value for money.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment 3

- 1) To approve the retrofit strategy.
- 2) To note that the retrofit strategy outlines four areas of focus for future retrofit Projects.
- 3) To note that, if the strategy is approved, the remaining unallocated retrofit budget (currently projected at £34.33m) will be assigned to retrofit proposals based on the principles outlined in the strategy.
- 4) To agree that governance arrangements for remaining retrofit spend will follow Corporate Property Strategy Governance arrangements, as outlined in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14.
- 5) To note that outputs from retrofit strategy, including carbon reduction, will be captured in the Council's Emissions Reduction Plan.
- 6) To agree that future updates to the retrofit strategy will be presented to the Policy & Sustainability Committee and will be included within annual reporting on the Corporate Property Strategy.
- 7) To note that the report indicates the scale of the challenge in adapting the Council's estate to be Net Zero carbon indicating that the funding available is £34.33m and that the cost is likely to reach billions of pounds without any payback in financial terms.
- 8) To note that this is in stark contrast to the work undertaken by the universities of Edinburgh and Leeds on which the 2030 target was based and which indicated that a 69% reduction in climate emissions could be achieved with long term payback and using current technology (albeit by 2037 at the earliest).
- 9) To agree that the Universities involved should be asked to reassess this work considering the evidence emerging from Council's internal Retrofit Strategy, reporting any changes to the Council, as it will have major implications for buildings in the wider City.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as addendum to the motion. Amendment 2 and Amendment 3 were accepted as addenda to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To approve the retrofit strategy.
- 2) To note that the retrofit strategy outlined four areas of focus for future retrofit Projects.
- 3) To note that the remaining unallocated retrofit budget (currently projected at £34.33m) would be assigned to retrofit proposals based on the principles outlined in the strategy.
- 4) To agree that governance arrangements for remaining retrofit spend would follow Corporate Property Strategy Governance arrangements, as outlined in paragraphs 4.12 to 4.14 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) To note that outputs from retrofit strategy, including carbon reduction, would be captured in the Council's Emissions Reduction Plan.
- 6) To agree that future updates to the retrofit strategy will be presented to the Policy & Sustainability Committee and will be included within annual reporting on the Corporate Property Strategy.
- 7) To agree that proposed changes to the retrofit strategy will be reviewed by the Policy and Sustainability committee prior to implementation, noting that Oversight Groups are not decision-making bodies
- 8) To recognise the strategic importance of integrating retrofit practices within routine Asset Management Works whilst noting the additional short-term costs this might incur. Therefore, to agree that in advance of the budget setting process in 2025-2026, a briefing note be circulated to all Councillors, outlining what additional capital investment was required to integrate retrofit works with asset management works, and the anticipated, estimated carbon reductions which would be achieved through this additional investment in each case.
- 9) To note that "retrofit business cases are currently unlikely to offer a conventional return on investment" but recognise that the completion of retrofit works was key to delivering against all 3 of the Council's priorities set out in the Business Plan and would play a central role in the Council's change programme which would, by definition, challenge "convention". Therefore, to agree that, as part of the development of the financial strategy to accompany the Council Emission Reduction Plan (CERP) as agreed by Committee in October 2023, an alternative framework for business case analysis be developed to help facilitate longer-term investment in retrofit works, and that this would be integrated with the development of the Council's medium term financial plan.

- 10) To agree that any future changes to the Retrofit Strategy / Corporate Property Strategy should clearly demonstrate for each project the anticipated carbon reduction achieved set against the financial costs incurred, to demonstrate to Committee that proposed changes in approach were delivering best value for money.
- 11) To note that the report indicated the scale of the challenge in adapting the Council's estate to be Net Zero carbon indicating that the funding available was £34.33m and that the cost was likely to reach billions of pounds without any payback in financial terms.
- 12) To note that this was in stark contrast to the work undertaken by the universities of Edinburgh and Leeds on which the 2030 target was based and which indicated that a 69% reduction in climate emissions could be achieved with long term payback and using current technology (albeit by 2037 at the earliest).
- 13) To agree that the Universities involved should be asked to reassess this work considering the evidence emerging from Council's internal Retrofit Strategy, reporting any changes to the Council, as it would have major implications for buildings in the wider City.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

15. City Strategic Investment Fund

An update was provided on the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF). Committee was asked to agree a revised allocation of the £2.15m Strategic Programme element of the CSIF to reflect the updated financial positions of the respective programmes.

Motion

- 1) To agree to reallocate monies from the Strategic Programmes element of the City Strategic Investment Fund as set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To refer the decision to Full Council for approval.
- 3) To ask officers to bring forward a proposal within the next 12 months, but before the budget setting process, on how funding should be allocated.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment

- 1) To welcome Officer recommendations that £97,650.84 of planned expenditure on the bio-quarter is now no longer needed.
- 2) To welcome Officer recommendations that £345,000 of planned expenditure on West Edinburgh is not currently needed.
- 3) To agree to move £442,650.84 (the sum of these figures plus the unallocated among of £2,875) into unallocated reserves, to be allocated as part of the budget-setting process.

- 4) To recognise that the Granton Waterfront Project may be facing additional costs, and request that – should these costs need to be met before the 2025/26 budget is agreed – a detailed paper outlining the additional expenditure requirements be brought to Finance & Resources Committee for a decision.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as amendment to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To welcome Officer recommendations that £97,650.84 of planned expenditure on the bio-quarter was now no longer needed.
- 2) To welcome Officer recommendations that £345,000 of planned expenditure on West Edinburgh was not currently needed.
- 4) To recognise that the Granton Waterfront Project might be facing additional costs, and request that – should these costs need to be met before the 2025/26 budget was agreed – a detailed paper outlining the additional expenditure requirements would be brought to Finance & Resources Committee for a decision.
- 5) To refer the decision to Full Council for approval.
- 6) To ask officers to bring forward a proposal within the next 12 months, but before the budget setting process, on how funding should be allocated.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

16. McCrae's Battalion Trust: Commemorative Service at Contalmaison Cairn – 1 July 2024

Details were provided of the Council's provision of a £5,000 grant to the Hearts Great War Memorial Committee towards the cost of a Cairn at Contalmaison to commemorate the 15th and 16th Battalions of the Royal Scots at the Battle of the Somme. The Council was also represented at the Unveiling Ceremony in 2004.

Decision

To approve the attendance of Bailie Jason Rust at the Commemorative Service at Contalmaison on Monday 1 July 2024.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

17. Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2021/22 – Tackling Climate Change indicators

An overview was provided of the 2021/22 benchmarking data provided by the Scottish Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF). This reflected the recovery of Sustainability indicators post Covid-19. The tackling climate change dataset had a time lag of one year due to the collection of climate related data. For 2021/22 three new

indicators had been included with data backdated for earlier years to allow trends to be shown over time.

Decision

To note the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services setting out the detailed analysis of the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) Tackling Climate Change dataset for the 2021/22 financial year.

(Reference – report by Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Parker declared a non-financial interest in this item as a fundraiser in the third sector.

18. Adults with Incapacity

Details were provided of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland (MWC)'s study, based on data provided by Local Authority Health and Social Care Partnerships (including Edinburgh), of 457 patients affected by incapacity issues who were discharged during the Covid-19 pandemic from hospitals between 1/3/2020 and 31/5/2020. The study identified that a number of those patients were discharged without all the appropriate legal safeguards or lawful authorities required under the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 (AWI) having been in place. MWC published a report in May 2020 outlining their findings and suggested a number of improvements that Health and Social Care Partnerships might consider along with a warning that the Care Inspectorate and Scottish Government would be looking for signs of implementation within 2 years. In response the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) prepared an action plan and also instructed an internal review of all transfers of patients with incapacity issues from Hospitals to Care Homes between 1/3/2020 and 4/8/2021.

Motion

- 1) To note the content of the report including:
 - a) Investment in social work services to enable them to meet the recommendations of the inspection reports and the needs of their communities.
 - b) Training programmes which are vital in providing an informed workforce.
 - c) Local auditing systems are in place which can inform practice, and gaps in service, however they are limited so current information systems need updating / replaced.
 - d) Updating policy and procedures will also require investment as they set direction, guide and influence practice and decision making.
 - e) Recruitment and retention of staff is an issue across Scotland, however without sufficient investment in human resources it will be difficult for social work to take forward the change agenda and should be considered an area of priority.

2) To note the legal considerations contained in the B Agenda.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment

1) To note the content of the report including:

- a) Investment in social work services to enable them to meet the recommendations of the inspection reports and the needs of their communities.
- b) Training programmes which are vital in providing an informed workforce.
- c) Local auditing systems are in place which can inform practice, and gaps in service, however they are limited so current information systems need updating / replaced. Committee to request an update as to the progress of the suggested improvements in the report, within 3 cycles.
- d) Updating policy and procedures will also require investment as they set direction, guide and influence practice and decision making.
- e) Recruitment and retention of staff is an issue across Scotland, however without sufficient investment in human resources it will be difficult for social work to take forward the change agenda and should be considered an area of priority.

2) To note the legal considerations contained in the B Agenda.

3) To request an update as to the progress of the suggested improvements in the report, within 3 cycles.

- moved by Councillor Beal, seconded by Councillor Lang

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13) the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

1) To note the content of the report by the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, including:

- a) Investment in social work services to enable them to meet the recommendations of the inspection reports and the needs of their communities.
- b) Training programmes which are vital in providing an informed workforce.
- c) Local auditing systems are in place which can inform practice, and gaps in service, however they are limited so current information systems need updating / replaced. Committee to request an update as to the progress of the suggested improvements in the report, within 3 cycles.
- d) Updating policy and procedures will also require investment as they set direction, guide and influence practice and decision making.

- e) Recruitment and retention of staff is an issue across Scotland, however without sufficient investment in human resources it will be difficult for social work to take forward the change agenda and should be considered an area of priority.
- 2) To note the legal considerations contained in the B Agenda.
- 3) To request an update as to the progress of the suggested improvements in the report, within 3 cycles.

(Reference – report by Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

19. Air Quality in Schools

An update was provided on air quality sensors in schools. Currently 2,033 sensors (out of the 3,063 sensors installed) were reporting data to the new PowerBI web-based portal. The LoRaWAN coverage would be increased with the installation of an additional 16 LoRaWAN gateways.

Motion

To note that the data is now in a usable position for the end users with management support from the Energy and Sustainability Team.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 1

- 1) To note that the data is now in a usable position for the end users with management support from the Energy and Sustainability Team.
- 2) To note with disappointment that nearly two years after implementation of the contract at considerable cost to the Council, no data or analysis has yet been shared.
- 3) To request an update report at the 22 October 2024 meeting with interim findings on air quality in schools, which as a minimum provides details on locations and frequencies of CO2 readings in excess of 1500 ppm.

- moved by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie, seconded by Councillor Davidson

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note that the data was now in a usable position for the end users with management support from the Energy and Sustainability Team.
- 2) To note with disappointment that nearly two years after implementation of the contract at considerable cost to the Council, no data or analysis had yet been shared.

- 3) To request an update report at the 22 October 2024 meeting with interim findings on air quality in schools, which as a minimum would provide details on locations and frequencies of CO2 readings in excess of 1500 ppm.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

20. Building Risk at Anchorfield

In response to a motion agreed by the City of Edinburgh Council on 8 February 2024, an update on what the Council was doing to address the dangerous building at 4 Anchorfield, Newhaven, EH6 4JG.

Motion

To note the update on the Building Risk at 4 Anchorfield, Newhaven, EH6 4JG.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the update on the Building Risk at 4 Anchorfield, Newhaven, EH6 4JG.
- 2) To note the report indicates that the movement of the building and the risk of collapse of the bay window structures was caused by the failure of the Corbel ironwork but that further structural engineering report(s) have been commissioned by the residents' insurers.
- 3) To believe that a full SE report is required to determine whether the failure of the ironwork in the Corbel caused the movement of the building or whether the movement of the building caused the failure of the Corbel.
- 4) To note that residents are awaiting accurate costs from the Council so that they will incur in order to decide the best course of action.
- 5) To request that, given the ongoing engagement with the residents, that this report be un-restricted and published in a subsequent update report to committee so that residents are able to review and comment as appropriate.
- 6) To agree that the update report still outstanding following the agreed motion at May 9th Full Council includes a full detailed breakdown of costs that are to be passed onto residents to allow elected members to agree cost allocations before residents are charged.

- moved by Councillor Aston, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the update on the Building Risk at 4 Anchorfield, Newhaven, EH6 4JG.
- 2) To note that in addition to the meetings described in this report further meetings between residents, officers and elected members were held on 23 April and 14 May, and that fortnightly update meetings are now in place.
- 3) To understand that residents dispute the costs, both initial and ongoing, of the temporary scaffolding commissioned by ESRS under statutory powers, which they believe are unreasonably high.

- 4) To note that para 4.5 of the report states that “any expenses reasonably incurred” can be recovered from residents.
- 5) To therefore requests at the earliest opportunity an independent assessment of what scaffolding costs could be considered reasonable.
- 6) To recognise the stress, anxiety and financial uncertainty that the building defects have caused owners of Anchorfield properties.

- moved by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie, seconded by Councillor Lang

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion, and Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted) - 9 votes

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted) - 8 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Beal, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Lang, Meagher, Watt and Whyte.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Kumar, Macinnes, Miller, Mumford and Parker.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the update on the Building Risk at 4 Anchorfield, Newhaven, EH6 4JG.
- 2) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place indicated that the movement of the building and the risk of collapse of the bay window structures were caused by the failure of the Corbel ironwork but that further structural engineering report(s) had been commissioned by the residents' insurers.
- 3) To note that residents were awaiting accurate costs from the Council that that they will incur in order to decide best course of action.
- 4) To request that, given the ongoing engagement with the residents, that this report be un-restricted and published in a subsequent update report to committee so that residents were able to review and comment as appropriate.
- 5) To agree that the update report still outstanding following the agreed motion at May 9th Full Council included a full detailed breakdown of costs that were to be passed onto residents.
- 6) To note that in addition to the meetings described in this report further meetings between residents, officers and elected members were held on 23 April and 14 May, and that fortnightly update meetings are now in place.

- 7) To understand that residents disputed the costs, both initial and ongoing, of the temporary scaffolding commissioned by ESRS under statutory powers, which they believe were unreasonably high.
- 8) To note that paragraph 4.5 of the report by the Executive Director of Place stated that “any expenses reasonably incurred” could be recovered from residents.
- 9) To request at the earliest opportunity an independent assessment of what scaffolding costs could be considered reasonable.
- 10) To recognise the stress, anxiety and financial uncertainty that the building defects had caused owners of Anchorfield properties.

(Reference – Act of Council No. 26 of 8 February 2024; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

21. Corporate Property Strategy – Utilisation of the Council Estate

An update was provided on the utilisation of the Council's operational property estate, as requested by Committee on 9 January 2024. There were several Corporate Property Strategy workstreams in progress which aimed to ensure the operational estate was utilised as efficiently as possible in the future. Many of these workstreams were in response to the changes to working practices that had emerged following the COVID-19 pandemic, which required investment and a long-term approach to be fully embedded. The aspirations for longer-term integrated service provision within communities and a net zero carbon city outlined in the Council's Business Plan, combined with the changing demographics of the population, also had implications for future operational property requirements. There would be properties which, due to age and condition, were not suitable for retrofit or some which were no longer needed for operational requirements. Other properties would require investment or replacement to meet strategic objectives and service delivery requirements. Extensive consultation and engagement with elected members, colleagues and local communities would therefore be required to help shape the necessary changes to the operational property estate so that improved service delivery could be achieved in the future from a reduced number of efficient and sustainable operational buildings.

Decision

To note the update on utilisation of the Council's operational property estate.

(Reference – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 9 January 2024 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

22. Local Government Chronicle Awards – 12 June 2024

The Trams to Newhaven project had been shortlisted for the Local Government Chronicle (LGC) Awards which would take place on 12 June 2024 in London. Approval was sought for the Council Leader and Convener of Transport and Environment to attend the award ceremony.

Motion

- 1) To note that the Trams to Newhaven project has been shortlisted for the Local Government Chronical (LGC) Awards on 12 June 2024.
- 2) To note that the Council is planning to take a table for 10, in partnership with other organisations on the project, for the awards ceremony.
- 3) To approve the attendance of the Council Leader and Transport and Environment Convener at the event.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment

- 1) To note that the Trams to Newhaven project has been shortlisted for the Local Government Chronical (LGC) Awards on 12 June 2024.
- 2) To note that the Council is planning to take a table for 10, in partnership with other organisations on the project, for the awards ceremony.
- 3) To approve the attendance of the Council Leader and Transport and Environment Convener at the event.
- 4) To congratulate the Trams to Newhaven team for being recognised and shortlisted for this award.
- 5) To recognise the efforts of Councillor Lesley Macinnes as previous Transport and Environment Convenor for leading on this important and complex project. To recognise that this project forms a significant 'spine' to the goals outlined in the City Mobility Plan which were designed to be far-reaching and beneficial to the city and its future as a sustainable transport leader. To recognise the extraordinary preparatory work which was contributed by officers and elected members to effectively shape, fund and ensure that this project could be delivered within the original budget and timeline.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Aston

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	9 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Beal, Day, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Lang, Meagher, Watt and Whyte.

For the amendment: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell and Kumar.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note that the Trams to Newhaven project had been shortlisted for the Local Government Chronical (LGC) Awards on 12 June 2024.
- 2) To note that the Council was planning to take a table for 10, in partnership with other organisations on the project, for the awards ceremony.
- 3) To approve the attendance of the Council Leader and Transport and Environment Convener at the event.
- 4) To congratulate the Trams to Newhaven team for being recognised and shortlisted for this award.
- 5) To recognise the efforts of members and staff who contributed to the delivery of the tram project.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Macinnes declared a non-financial interest in this item as she was named in the SNP amendment.

23. Women’s Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership (WSPP CIP): Annual Update Report

The annual update of the Women’s Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership (WSPP CIP) was provided. A summary was given of the activities undertaken by the WSPP CIP between 2023-2024.

Motion

- 1) To note the annual report of the Women’s Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership (WSPP CIP).
- 2) To note the report outlining the activities undertaken by the CIP in 2023-2024.
- 3) To note the response to an addendum to the WSPP CIP report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 12 March 2024 by the Liberal Democrat Group.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the annual report of the Women’s Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership (WSPP CIP).
- 2) To note the report outlining the activities undertaken by the CIP in 2023-2024.
- 3) To note the response to an addendum to the WSPP CIP report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 12 March 2024 by the Liberal Democrat Group.
- 4) To welcome the work of the Women’s Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership, and that many recommendations made from their initial report are already in process of being implemented, for example to creation and funding of a Night-Time Co-ordinator post.

- 5) To request the Partnership include all recommendations from their report in the action plan, and indicate where these are being held or progressed by other groups or committees, including planning guidance, licencing policy reviews and IIA improvements.
- 6) To request a Business Bulletin updating on the action plan for 2024-25 when it has been created.
- 7) To request a briefing note setting out any unfunded costs for the Partnership that may be requested of Council, before the end of the year, to allow Elected Members to include this in budget negotiations.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the annual report of the Women’s Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership (WSPP CIP).
- 2) To note the report outlining the activities undertaken by the CIP in 2023-2024.
- 3) To note the response to an addendum to the WSPP CIP report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 12 March 2024 by the Liberal Democrat Group.
- 4) To note with concern that the mapping Data collected and presented in the report provided at Appendix 1 confirms the existence of a hotspot for anti-social behaviour and wider community safety issues in the area around Kirkgate/Foot of Leith Walk and that the wider data may present other areas where this is the case.
- 5) To note with concern that no specific action seems to have been taken on this issue despite the obvious impact on safety for the whole community but especially women.
- 6) To agree that the Council should take the lead in approaching Police Scotland to ensure that a Problem-solving Policing approach is implemented to improve community safety in this area and any other hotspot areas identified through the report and that are backed up by wider crime and anti-social behaviour reporting data.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addenda to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	9 votes
For Amendment 1	-	7 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Beal, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Lang, Meagher, Watt and Whyte.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Kumar, Miller, Mumford, and Parker.)

Decision

- 1) To note the annual report of the Women's Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership (WSPP CIP).
- 2) To note the report outlining the activities undertaken by the CIP in 2023-2024.
- 3) To note the response to an addendum to the WSPP CIP report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee on 12 March 2024 by the Liberal Democrat Group.
- 4) To welcome the work of the Women's Safety in Public Places Community Improvement Partnership, and that many recommendations made from their initial report were already in process of being implemented, for example to creation and funding of a Night-Time Co-ordinator post.
- 5) To request the Partnership include all recommendations from their report in the action plan, and indicate where these were being held or progressed by other groups or committees, including planning guidance, licencing policy reviews and IIA improvements.
- 6) To request a Business Bulletin updating on the action plan for 2024-25 when it had been created.
- 7) To request a briefing note setting out any unfunded costs for the Partnership that might be requested of Council, before the end of the year, to allow Elected Members to include this in budget negotiations.
- 8) To note with concern that the mapping Data collected and presented in the report provided at Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director, Children, Education and Justice Services confirmed the existence of a hotspot for anti-social behaviour and wider community safety issues in the area around Kirkgate/Foot of Leith Walk and that the wider data might present other areas where this was the case.
- 9) To note with concern that no specific action seemed to have been taken on this issue despite the obvious impact on safety for the whole community but especially women.
- 10) To agree that the Council should take the lead in approaching Police Scotland to ensure that a Problem-solving Policing approach was implemented to improve community safety in this area and any other hotspot areas identified through the report and that were backed up by wider crime and anti-social behaviour reporting data.

(Reference – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 12 March 2024 (item 25); report by the Executive Director of Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted;)

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kumar made a transparency statement in relation to this item as an employee of Public Health Scotland.

24. Internal Audit Open and Overdue Internal Audit Actions – Performance Dashboard as at 29 April 2024 – referral from the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee had referred the Internal Audit Open and Overdue Internal Audit Actions – Performance Dashboard as at 29 January 2024 to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for ongoing scrutiny of the overdue Internal Audit actions relevant to its remit.

Decision

To note the report by the Head of Internal Audit.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 7 May 2024 (item 7); referral from the Governance Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

25. Internal Audit Update Report: Quarter 4 2023/24 – referral from the Governance Risk and Best Value Committee

The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee had referred relevant items in the Internal Audit Update Report: Quarter 4 2023/24, with recommendations for the Policy and Sustainability Committee.

Motion

To note the report by the Head of Internal Audit.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment

- 1) To note the report by the Head of Internal Audit.
- 2) To agree to regularly monitor delivery of recommendations 3.1 and 4.1 from the audit on Health and Social Care Partnership Financial Sustainability and Monitoring.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the report by the Head of Internal Audit.
- 2) To agree to regularly monitor delivery of the recommendations from the audit on Health and Social Care Partnership Financial Sustainability and Monitoring.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 7 May 2024 (item 8); referral from the Governance Risk and Best Value Committee, submitted.)

26. Continuing Care Policy

The new Continuing Care Policy was submitted for approval. The policy clarified how the City of Edinburgh Council would deliver on its duties as a Corporate Parent for children in our care. By delivering this policy, the Council would be fully compliant with Scottish Government legislation.

Decision

To approve the new Continuing Care Policy.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)

Declarations of Interest

Councillor Kumar made a transparency statement in relation to this item as a paid foster carer.

27. Family Leave Policy

The new Family Leave Policy was submitted for approval. This policy replaced the existing policy which was last approved at Committee on 27 July 2016.

Decision

To approve the new Family Leave Policy for all colleagues.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

28. Telematics Policy Annual Review

The Driving for The Council – Telematics Policy was approved at by Policy and Sustainability Committee on 23 May 2023. An update was provided on the actions agreed by Committee in May 2023.

Decision

To note the update regarding the telematics policy.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

29. Fire Safety Policy

The revised Fire Safety Policy was submitted for approval. The policy reconfirmed the position of the City of Edinburgh Council on regulatory compliance with Scottish fire law and guidance. The policy reflected changes in the organisational structures since the previous Policy revision in June 2021 and reflected feedback from consultation with Trade Union partners.

Decision

To approve the revised Fire Safety Policy.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

30. Legionella Management (Water Safety) Policy

The new Council Legionella Management (Water Safety) Policy was submitted for approval. This detailed a commitment to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our employees and third parties from risks associated with the inhalation and ingestion exposure to water that had the potential to contain bacteria, chemicals or other contaminants at levels harmful to health. The Policy reconfirmed the position of the Council on regulatory compliance with water safety standards and the control of water contaminants, specifically the control of Legionella in Council water systems and clarified the scope of water safety to include water carrying vehicles and /or assets that produce aerosols/droplets.

Decision

To approve the Council Legionella (Water Safety) Policy 2024.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

31. Adult Support and Protection – Policy

The new Adult Support and Protection (ASP) policy was submitted for approval.

Decision

To agree and approve an Adult Support and Protection Policy for City of Edinburgh.

(Reference – report by the Chief Social Work Officer and Service Director, Performance, Quality and Improvement and the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership, submitted.)

32. Policy on advertising and sponsorship: proposed amendments

Approval was sought for the revision of the Council Advertising and Sponsorship policy.

Motion

To agree the revised Advertising and Sponsorship Policy to be implemented and applied at the point of contracts being re-tendered.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To agree the revised Advertising and Sponsorship Policy to be implemented and applied at the point of contracts being re-tendered.
- 2) To agree additional revisions to the policy:
 - a) Prohibiting advertisement or sponsorship proposals involving companies involved in arms manufacturing.
 - b) Prohibiting advertising or sponsorship proposals involving military organisations, including branches of the Armed Forces.
- 3) To additionally request officers specifically engage with Council ALEOs requesting their voluntary compliance with the new policy now, with updates

provided in the next Business Bulletin explaining which ALEOs do / do not agree to subscribe to the policy at this stage.

- 4) To agree that as part of the Council wide ALEO governance review, consideration should be given to making adherence to the Council's Advertising and Sponsorship policy part of any agreed governance structure.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment 2

To agree to retain the existing Policy on advertising and sponsorship.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

At this point in the meeting, the following Amendment 3 was proposed:

Amendment 3

- 1) To agree the revised Advertising and Sponsorship Policy to be implemented and applied at the point of contracts being re-tendered.
- 2) To agree additional revisions to the policy:
 - a) Prohibiting advertisement or sponsorship proposals involving companies involved in arms manufacturing.
- 3) To additionally request officers specifically engage with Council ALEOs requesting their voluntary compliance with the new policy now, with updates provided in the next Business Bulletin explaining which ALEOs do / do not agree to subscribe to the policy at this stage.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13) Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	0 votes
For Amendment 2	-	2 votes
For Amendment 3	-	15 votes

(For Amendment 2: Councillors Doggart and Whyte.)

For Amendment 3: Councillors Aston, Beal, Biagi, Campbell, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Miller, Meagher, Mumford, Parker and Watt.)

Decision

To approve Amendment 3 by Councillor Lang.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

33. Forced Marriage Policy Review

The revised version of the Council's Forced Marriage Policy was submitted for approval.

Motion

- 1) To note the contents of the annual revision of the Forced Marriage Policy, which has been updated to incorporate the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It also includes additional information and intelligence on Forced Marriage provided by specialist organisations and services.
- 2) To approve the Forced Marriage Policy.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment

- 1) To note the contents of the annual revision of the Forced Marriage Policy, which has been updated to incorporate the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It also includes additional information and intelligence on Forced Marriage provided by specialist organisations and services.
- 2) To recognise that council employees may have only one opportunity to communicate with a potential victim of forced marriage. Therefore, it is essential that information be made readily available in accessible languages.
- 3) To agree for officers to collaborate with the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee (ESEC) to translate critical information, such as the process for requesting a Forced Marriage Protection Order (FMPO), into multiple languages, with a priority on South Asian languages. Additionally, to ensure that this information is distributed to charities and third sector organisations.
- 4) To approve the Forced Marriage Policy.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Campbell

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13) the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the contents of the annual revision of the Forced Marriage Policy, which had been updated to incorporate the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). It also included additional information and intelligence on Forced Marriage provided by specialist organisations and services.
- 2) To recognise that council employees may have only one opportunity to communicate with a potential victim of forced marriage. Therefore, it was essential that information be made readily available in accessible languages.

- 3) To agree for officers to collaborate with the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee (ESEC) to translate critical information, such as the process for requesting a Forced Marriage Protection Order (FMPO), into multiple languages, with a priority on South Asian languages. Additionally, to ensure that this information be distributed to charities and third sector organisations.
- 4) To approve the Forced Marriage Policy.

(References – Report by the Executive Director, Children, Education and Justice Services, submitted.)