

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 27 June 2024

Present:

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

COUNCILLORS

Scott Arthur
Danny Aston
Jule Bandel
Alan C Beal
Fiona Bennett
Chas Booth
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Jack Caldwell
Lezley Marion Cameron
Kate Campbell
Christopher Cowdy
James Dalglish
Euan R Davidson
Cammy Day
Sanne Dijkstra-Downie
Denis Dixon
Stuart Dobbin
Phil Duggart
Katrina Faccenda
Pauline Flannery
Catherine Fullerton
Fiona Glasgow
Margaret A Graham
Joan Griffiths
Dan Heap
Euan Hyslop
Stephen P Jenkinson
Tim Jones
David Key

Simita Kumar
Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Martha Mattos Coelho
Finlay McFarlane
Ross McKenzie
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Jane E Meagher
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Jo Mowat
Alys Mumford
Marie-Clair Munro
Vicky Nicolson
Adam Nols-McVey
Kayleigh O'Neill
Hal Osler
Ben Parker
Tim Pogson
Susan Rae
Neil J Ross
Jason Rust
Alex Staniforth
Edward J Thornley
Val Walker
Mandy H Watt
Iain Whyte
Norman J Work
Louise Young
Lewis J Younie

1 Deputations

a) **Cables Wynd Residents' Group (in relation to item 8.11 on the agenda – motion by Councillor Faccenda – Cables Wynd House)**

The deputation indicated that it had carried out a survey of tenants with one issue standing out above all others which was the state of their lifts. They stressed that when the lifts were broken many residents were unable to leave their homes which was more than a mere inconvenience and an unacceptable barrier to living a functional life. While they welcomed the proposed retrofit they felt that fixing the lifts was a necessity.

The deputation asked that the lifts be replaced, as functioning, reliable lifts were vital for the residents to be able to live their lives. They also needed more help and support from the Council as a landlord and Human Rights Duty Bearer to offer more action and assurance that residents would be listened to when they tried to participate in decisions that affected them. They felt that they should not be required to do hours of voluntary work in order to receive a basic functioning service such as a lift in a high rise building.

(see item 23 below)

b) **Dalmeny Primary School Parent Forum (in relation to item 8.16 on the agenda – Motion by Councillor Younie – Dalmeny Primary School)**

The deputation welcomed the motion by Councillor Younie and urged the Council to request a report outlining the options to respond to their concerns regarding the school. They felt that the rigid application of the Council's placement rules was not working for their school and indicated that some of the main problems were:

- The school was 25% under capacity
- There was a whole classroom not being used
- There were 84 children enrolled at the school but it was anticipated that this would drop in the next year
- There were only 4 classes in the whole school with the 5th class being removed without any consultation.

They stressed that viable, difficult decisions needed to be taken to run an efficient school and that an urgent review was needed to ensure the ongoing viability of the school and the re-opening the fifth classroom.

(see item 28 below)

2 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Council of 9 May 2024 as a correct record.

3 Leader's Report

The Leader presented his report to the Council. He commented on:

- Welcome Paul Lawrence as new Chief Executive
- Welcome Councillors Booth and Rae as new Green Group Co-Conveners and thanks to Councillors Mumford and Parker
- Transport Awards
- Forthcoming UK General Election
- Events at Murrayfield
- Thanks to Bridie Ashrowan
- Shakile Holden – care leaver - congratulations
- Best wishes to Noel Miller, Senior Media and Social Media Officer
- Best wishes to ~Lyndsey Robertson, Head of Cultural Partnerships and Strategy

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Kumar | - | Congratulations to Paul Lawrence |
| | - | Congratulations to Councillors Booth and Rae |
| | - | Thanks to Trams to Newhaven team and Councillor Macinnes |
| | - | Organic Jim - condolences |
| | - | Friendship Agreement with Kaohsiung, Taiwan |
| Councillor Lang | - | Congratulations to Paul Lawrence |
| | - | Congratulations to Councillors Booth and Rae |
| | - | NHS Lothian and Scottish Government – West Edinburgh access to GP services |
| Councillor Rae | - | Cycle trips on Leith Walk – cycle path |
| Councillor Whyte | - | Transport project awards – Leith Walk residents – collapsed manhole |

Councillor McKenzie	-	MTFP – Funding Gap
Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron	-	Congratulations Jay Crawford Radio Presenter and Edge Team
Councillor McFarlane	-	Tron Kirk closure – communication with users – delay in re-opening
Councillor Ross	-	Edinburgh Book Festival – severing of ties with Baillie Gifford - support from the Council
Councillor Booth	-	Congratulations to Paul Lawrence
	-	COSLA – pay settlement
Councillor Cowdy	-	Capacity review of secondary schools – concerns regarding creation of additional spaces
Councillor Meagher	-	Scot Gov £130m underspend in capital spend while reduction in affordable housing funds
Councillor Dobbin	-	Waste services disruption
Councillor Davidson	-	Influx of pupils from independent schools
Councillor Heap	-	Edinburgh Military Tattoo jet flypast
Councillor Bruce	-	Rural speed review report delay
Councillor Mattos Coelho	-	Request to fly the Palestinian Flag
Councillor Doggart	-	GP Services in Liberton/Gilmerton – scrutiny of the finances of the EIJB
Councillor Aston	-	Rule breaking event in September being investigated by the Standard’s commission
Councillor Osler	-	Concern about location of bin hubs - workshops
Councillor Fullerton	-	Banning of inclusive education
Councillor Campbell	-	Guidance to members for meetings held in the pre-election period
Councillor Nol-McVey		Council's £13.7m underspend in time of housing crisis

4 Appointment to Working Groups

A summary was provided of the benefits and constraints of working groups and the Council was asked to give careful consideration of whether each individual working group should be appointed, recognising the pressure that a large number of working groups could exert on elected member and officer time and resource.

Motion

- 1) To agree to re-establish and appoint members, including a Chair, to the following Working Groups:
 - Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary – and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh 900 Working Group” to reflect the name of the programme.
 - Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group • Equalities Working Group
 - Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group
 - Short Term Lets Working Group
 - Sustainability & Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group
 - Council Health & Safety Consultative Forum
 - Joint Consultative Group
 - Transport and Local Access Forum
 - City of Edinburgh Council Corporate Parenting Board
 - Gaelic Implementation Steering Group – and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum”
 - Homelessness Task Force
 - Future Libraries APOG
 - Edinburgh as a Feminist City Working Group
- 2) To agree to close the following Working Groups:
 - Forth Green Freeport Elected Member Sounding Board
 - West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group
 - Economic Advisory Panel

- Community Centres Strategy All Party Oversight Group
- 3) To agree the Working Group remit and membership structures, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
 - 4) To approve the revised working group framework as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.
 - 5) To agree that annual appointments to working groups would continue be submitted to Council.
 - 6) To appoint the following administration members to the below Working Groups:
 - Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary (and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh 900 Working Group” to reflect the name of the programme) – **Cllr Day and Cllr Cameron**
 - Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group – **Cllr Day (Chair), Cllr Griffiths, Cllr Meagher and Cllr Walker**
 - Equalities Working Group – **Cllr Cameron (Chair)**
 - Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group – **Cllr Walker (Chair), Cllr Day, Cllr Graham and Cllr Watt**
 - Short Term Lets Working Group – **Cllr Dalglish (Chair) and Cllr Graham**
 - Sustainability & Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group – **Cllr Day (Chair)**
 - Council Health & Safety Consultative Forum – **Cllr Watt (Chair)**
 - Joint Consultative Group – **Cllr Walker (Chair) and Cllr Griffiths**
 - Transport and Local Access Forum – **Cllr Arthur**
 - City of Edinburgh Council Corporate Parenting Board – **Cllr Griffiths (Chair)**
 - Gaelic Implementation Steering Group (and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum”) – **Cllr Day (Chair) and Cllr Arthur**
 - Homelessness Task Force – **Cllr Meagher (Chair)**
 - Future Libraries APOG – **Cllr Walker (Chair)**

- Edinburgh as a Feminist City Working Group – **Cllr Cameron**

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 1

To agree:

To replace Councillor Nols-McVey with Councillor Kumar on CoSLA.

To replace Councillor Nols-McVey with Councillor Kumar on Scotland Excel.

To replace Councillor McNeese-Mechan with Councillor Kumar on Edinburgh Partnership Board.

To appoint Councillor Aston to EDI Ltd.

To replace Councillor Nols-McVey with Councillor Kumar on the Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal - Elected Member Oversight Committee (EMOC).

To add one additional member from each political group not already represented to the Council Health & Safety Consultative Forum.

To replace Councillor Campbell with Councillor Key on the Short Term Lets Working Group.

To replace Councillor Gardiner with Councillor Mattos Coelho on the Short Term Lets Working Group.

To appoint Councillor Dobbin to the Edinburgh Waterfront APOG.

To replace Councillor Kumar with Councillor Mattos Coelho to Equalities Working Group.

To replace Councillor Nols-McVey with Councillor Kumar on the Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary Working Group

To replace Councillor Nols-McVey with Councillor Kumar on the Joint Consultative Group

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Amendment 2

- 1) To agree to re-establish and appoint members, including a Chair, to the following Working Groups:

- Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary – and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh 900 Working Group” to reflect the name of the programme.
 - Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group • Equalities Working Group
 - Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group
 - Short Term Lets Working Group
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 - Council Health & Safety Consultative Forum
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- 2) To agree to close the following Working Groups:
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 - West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group
 - Economic Advisory Panel
 - Community Centres Strategy All Party Oversight Group
- 3) To agree the Working Group remits and membership structures, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 4) To approve the revised working group framework as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.
- 5) To agree that annual appointments to working groups would continue be submitted to Council.
- 6) To appoint / re appoint the following members to these working groups:

- Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary – and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh 900 Working Group” to reflect the name of the programme – **Cllr Aldridge and Cllr Lang**
- Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group – **Cllr Dijkstra-Downie**
- Equalities Working Group – **Cllr Bennett**
- Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group – **Cllr Lang and Cllr Osler**
- Short Term Lets Working Group – **Cllr Osler and Cllr Ross**
- Sustainability & Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group – **Cllr Dijkstra-Downie**
- Joint Consultative Group – **Cllr Younie**
- Transport and Local Access Forum – **Cllr Dijkstra – Downie**
- City of Edinburgh Council Corporate Parenting Board – **Cllr Davidson**
- Gaelic Implementation Steering Group – and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum” - **Cllr Younie**
- Homelessness Task Force – **Cllr Flannery**
- Future Libraries APOG – **Cllr Thornley**
- Edinburgh as a Feminist City Working Group – **Cllr Osler**

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment 3

Council agrees to replace Councillors Mumford and Parker with Councillors Rae and Booth as Green Group Co-Conveners and authorise the Senior Councillor Allowance for Councillors Rae and Booth Rae (to be split equally between them) 27 June 2024.

Appoints:

Councillor Mumford to Planning Committee and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

Councillor Parker to Planning Committee

Councillor Staniforth to Policy and Sustainability Committee

Councillor Booth to Transport and Environment Committee, Policy and Sustainability Committee and the Leadership Advisory Panel

Councillor Bandel to Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and Policy and Sustainability Committee

Councillor O'Neill to Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

Councillor Miller to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee and Finance and Resources Committee

Councillor Heap to Education, Children and Families Committee and as Green Group Bailie

Councillor Burgess to Culture and Communities Committee

Councillor Rae to the Leadership Advisory Panel

Reappoints:

Councillor Burgess to Education, Children and Families Committee and Pensions Committee

Councillor Heap to Culture and Communities Committee

Councillor Staniforth to Finance and Resources Committee

Councillor Parker to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

Councillor Rae to Regulatory Committee

Councillor O'Neill to Transport and Environment Committee

Councillor Miller to Personnel Appeals Committee

Appoints Councillors to other Committees, Boards, Working Groups and APOGs as per the table below:

Committee, Board, APOG or Working Group		
Regulatory Committee	Cllr Rae	
Licensing Board	Cllr Booth	
Pensions	Cllr Burgess	
LRB 1	Cllr Mumford	
LRB 2	Cllr Parker	
Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest	Cllr Heap	
Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals Committee	Cllr Staniforth	
Lothian Valuation Joint Board	Cllr Staniforth	
Royal Company of Merchants Endowment Trust	Cllr Staniforth	
Joint Consultative Group	Cllr Miller	
STL working group	Cllr Parker	Cllr Rae
Edinburgh Living LLP	Cllr Parker	
Homelessness Taskforce	Cllr Parker	
LLP Corporate Body	Cllr Parker	
Lothian Homes Trust	Cllr Parker	
Planning leadership forum	Cllr Mumford	
Edinburgh as a feminist city Working Group	Cllr Mumford	
Edinburgh Award Panel	Cllr Rae	
Festival & Events APOG	Cllr Heap	
Future Libraries APOG	Cllr Heap	
SEStrans Board	Cllr O'Neill	
Edinburgh Partnership	Cllr Bandel	
Equalities Working Group	Cllr Bandel	
Climate & Sustainability APOG	Cllr Booth	
COSLA Climate and Economy Board	Cllr Booth	
Edinburgh Community Solar Co-op	Cllr Booth	
Torness Local Liaison Committee	Cllr Booth	
Committee on Pupil-Student Support	Cllr Burgess	
Chief Official Personnel Assessment Committee	Cllr Booth	
Chief Official Personnel Hearing	Cllr Rae	

To retain the existing membership of all other Working Groups not listed above.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 4

To nominate the following members to the following working Groups:

Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group -
Councillor Whyte

Equalities Working Group – Councillor Jones

Short Term Lets Working Group – Councillor Mowat and Cllr Bruce

Sustainability & Climate & Natures Emergencies All Party Oversight Group –
Councillor Whyte

Join Consultative Group – Councillor Doggart

Transport and Local Access Forum – Councillor Munro

City of Edinburgh Council Corporate Parenting Board – Councillor Cowdy

Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum – Councillor Rust

Homelessness Task Force - Councillor Bruce

Future Libraries APOG - Councillor Doggart

Edinburgh as a Feminist City Working Group - Councillor Mowat

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Rust

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the Motion and Amendments 2,3 and 4 were accepted as addendums to the Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the Motion and Amendments 2, 3 and 4 were accepted as addendums to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	34 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	27 votes

For the Motion (as adjusted)

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted):

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To agree to re-establish and appoint members, including a Chair, to the following Working Groups:
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 - Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group • Equalities Working Group
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- 2) To agree to close the following Working Groups:
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 - Economic Advisory Panel
 - Community Centres Strategy All Party Oversight Group
- 3) To agree the Working Group remits and membership structures, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 4) To approve the revised working group framework as set out at Appendix 2 to the report.
- 5) To agree that annual appointments to working groups would continue be submitted to Council.
- 6) To appoint the following members to Working Groups as listed below :
- **Royal Burgh 900th Anniversary (and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh 900 Working Group” to reflect the name of the programme) – The Lord Provost and Councillors Day, Lezley Marion Cameron. Kumar, Lang, Rae and Whyte**

- **Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group** – Councillors Day (Chair), Arthur, Dalgleish, Griffiths, Meagher, Walker, Dobbin, Dijkstra-Downie, O'Neill and Whyte
- **Equalities Working Group** – Councillors Lezley Marion Cameron (Chair), Mattos Coelho, Bennett, Bandel and Jones
- **Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group** – Councillors Walker (Chair), Day, Graham, Watt, Glasgow, McFarlane, McNeese-Mechan, Lang, Osler, Thornley, Heap, Miller, Staniforth, Mitchell and Mowat
- **Short Term Lets Working Group** – Councillors Dalgleish (Chair), Graham, Key, Mattos Coelho, Osler, Ross, Parker, Rae, Bruce and Mowat
- **Sustainability & Climate Emergency All Party Oversight Group** – Councillors Day (Chair), Macinnes, Dijkstra-Downie, Booth and Whyte
- **Council Health & Safety Consultative Forum** – Councillor Watt (Chair),
- **Joint Consultative Group** – Councillors Walker (Chair), Griffiths, Kumar, Younie, Miller, and Doggart
- **Transport and Local Access Forum** – Councillors Arthur, Aston, Dijkstra-Downie, Bandel and Munro
- **City of Edinburgh Council Corporate Parenting Board** – Councillors Griffiths (Chair), Kumar, Davidson, Burgess and Cowdy
- **Gaelic Implementation Steering Group (and to agree to rename this group to “Edinburgh Gaelic Collaborative Forum”)** – Councillors Day (Chair), Cllr Arthur, Macinnes, Younie, Booth and Rust
- **Homelessness Task Force** – Councillors Meagher (Chair), Key, Flannery, Parker and Bruce
- **Future Libraries APOG** – Councillors Walker (Chair), McNeese-Mechan, Thornley, Heap and Doggart
- **Edinburgh as a Feminist City Working Group** – Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron, Glasgow, Osler, Mumford and Mowat

- 12) To agree to replace Councillors Mumford and Parker with Councillors Rae and Booth as Green Group Co-Conveners and authorise the Senior Councillor Allowance for Councillors Rae and Booth Rae (to be split equally between them) 27 June 2024.

13) To make the following appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards:

Policy and Sustainability Committee – Councillors Bandel, Booth and Staniforth

Culture and Communities Committee – Councillors Burgess and Heap

Education, Children and Families Committee – Councillors Burgess and Heap

Finance and Resources Committee – Councillors Miller and Staniforth

Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee – Councillors Miller and Parker

Transport and Environment Committee - Councillors Booth and O'Neill

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee – Councillor Bandel and O'Neill

Pensions Committee – Councillor Burgess

Planning Committee – Councillor Mumford and Parker

Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub Committee – Councillor Rae

Leadership Advisory Panel – Councillors Booth and Rae

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest – Councillor Heap

Chief Official Personnel Assessment Committee – Councillor Booth

Chief Official Personnel Hearing Committee - Councillor Rae

Edinburgh Integration Joint Board - Councillor Mumford to the

SEStran (South East of Scotland Regional Transport Partnership) – Councillor O'Neill

Edinburgh and South East Scotland City Region Deal – Elected Member Oversight Committee - Councillor Kumar

Green Group Bailie - Councillor Heap

14) To make the following appointments to Outside Organisations:

a) To appoint Councillor Kumar in place of Councillor Nols-McVey on CoSLA.

- b) To appoint Councillor Kumar in place of Councillor Nols-McVey on Scotland Excel.
- c) To appoint Councillor Kumar in place of Councillor McNeese-Mechan on Edinburgh Partnership Board.
- d) To appoint Councillor Aston to EDI Ltd.
- e) To appoint Councillor Booth in place of Councillor Parker on COSLA's Environment and Economy Committee.
- f) To appoint Councillor Booth in place of Councillor Parker on Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative.
- g) To appoint Councillor Bandel in place of Councillor Staniforth on the Edinburgh Partnership Board.
- h) To appoint Councillor Parker in place of Councillor Rae as a Director on Lothian Homes Trust.
- i) To appoint Councillor Staniforth in place of Councillor Booth on The Royal Company of Merchants Endowment Trust.
- j) To appoint Councillor Booth in place of Councillor Burgess on Torness Local Liaison Committee.
- k) To appoint Councillor Parker in place of Councillor Rae on LLP Corporate Body (Housing Management) – Edinburgh Living LLP

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

5 Formation and Appointment to Budget Strategy Working Group

Approval was sought for the establishment of a Budget Strategy Working group to support the delivery of the Council's budget strategy and setting a balanced budget for 2025/26. The proposed membership structure and remit of the budget strategy working group was detailed.

Motion

- 1) To agree the terms of reference for the Budget Strategy Working group in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Watt as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council Budget Strategy Working Group.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 1

- 1) To agree the terms of reference for the Budget Strategy Working group in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Macinnes as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council Budget Strategy Working Group.
- 3) Reaffirms that this is not a decision making Group.
- 4) Agrees that all information made available to members of the Budget Strategy Working Group must also be made available to all Councillors.

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Hyslop

Amendment 2

- 1) To agree the terms of reference for the Budget Strategy Working group in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Younie as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council Budget Strategy Working Group.

- moved by Councillor Ross, seconded by Councillor Thornley

Amendment 3

- 1) To agree the terms of reference for the Budget Strategy Working group in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Staniforth as a member of the City of Edinburgh Council Budget Strategy Working Group.
- 3) Requests that the BWG hold specific sessions on:
 - The HRA budget
 - Fees & Charges
 - Budget IIAs (including Gender Budgeting should this be agreed as part of the Council's ongoing work with the Scottish Women's Budget Group)
 - Climate, nature and sustainability impact of proposals
- 4) Further requests that a short business bulletin update is provided to the Finance & Resources Committee after each BWG meeting setting out key themes covered, as well as for any Committees particularly relevant for the specific proposals discussed.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 4

Council does not agree to form a Budget Strategy Working Group

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Whyte

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendments 1, 2 and 3 were accepted as amendments to the Motion

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	52 votes
For Amendment 4	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 4: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To agree the terms of reference for the Budget Strategy Working group in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To appoint Councillors Watt, Macinnes, Younie, Staniforth and Doggart as members of the City of Edinburgh Council Budget Strategy Working Group.
- 3) To reaffirm that this was not a decision making Group.
- 4) To agree that all information made available to members of the Budget Strategy Working Group must also be made available to all Councillors.
- 5) To request that the Budget Strategy Working Group hold specific sessions on:
 - The HRA budget
 - Fees & Charges

- Budget IIAs (including Gender Budgeting should this be agreed as part of the Council's ongoing work with the Scottish Women's Budget Group)
 - Climate, nature and sustainability impact of proposals
- 6) To further request that a short business bulletin update be provided to the Finance and Resources Committee after each Budget Strategy Working Group meeting setting out key themes covered, as well as for any Committees particularly relevant for the specific proposals discussed.

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

6 Appointment of Non Elected Members to City of Edinburgh Council Committees

Approval was sought for agreement for the appointment of Parent Representatives to the Education, Children and Families Committee for the forthcoming period and the appointment of two non-councillor members to the Pensions Committee as required by the Local Government Pension Scheme. The appointments to the Pensions Committee were being made after nominations were sought from the member and employer bodies of Lothian Pension Fund and the Scottish Homes Pension Fund (the Funds).

Decision

- 1) To agree to the appointment of Alexander Ramage as the secondary sector parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 27 June 2024 to 30 June 2025, following which a nomination process would be undertaken to ensure continuity of representation on the Committee to the end of the current political administration term.
- 2) To agree the appointment of Louise Collingwood as the primary sector parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee, term of office to run from 27 June 2024 to the end of the current political administration term.
- 3) To note that the appointments of parent representatives were conditional upon confirmation that the appointees would comply with the Councillors' Code of Conduct and membership of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme.
- 4) To note the term of office for the secondary parent representative would end in June 2025 and towards the end of that term.

- 5) To approve the appointment of Nicola Brennan (member representative) and Richard Lamont (employer representative) as members of the Pensions Committee, both with effect from 28 June 2024, for a period of 3 and 2 years respectively.

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

7 Executive Director of Place (Interim) Appointment

In line with the Recruitment and Selection Procedure for Chief Officers, details were provided on proposals to convene a Recruitment Committee to determine the recruitment and selection arrangements for filling the post of Executive Director of Place on an interim and internal basis.

Decision

To agree to convene a Recruitment Committee to determine and enact the recruitment and selection arrangements for filling the post of Executive Director of Place on an interim basis.

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

8 Friendship Arrangement with the City of Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Decision

To note that the report by the Chief Executive had been withdrawn.

9 Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee – Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions

Approval was sought for the formal establishment of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee which had been agreed in principle by the Council at its meeting held on 9 May 2024.

Motion

- 1) To approve the Terms of Reference for the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to be implemented 28 June 2024.
- 2) To agree that the responsibility for considering Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) be removed from the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions for the Licensing Sub-Committee, effective from 28 June 2024.
- 3) To note that the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee would be categorised as quasi-judicial.

- 4) To agree that delegated authority be provided to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to make necessary consequential adjustments to the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions in order to create the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 5) To appoint Councillor Arthur as Convener of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To approve the Terms of Reference for the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to be implemented 28 June 2024.
- 2) To agree that the responsibility for considering Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) be removed from the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions for the Licensing Sub-Committee, effective from 28 June 2024.
- 3) To note that the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee would be categorised as quasi-judicial.
- 4) To agree that delegated authority be provided to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to make necessary consequential adjustments to the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions in order to create the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 5) To appoint Councillor Mowat as the Conservative Group member of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 6) To add at Appendix 1 of the report:

“Substitutes – Appropriately Trained substitutes are permitted from amongst all members of the Council.”

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

To appoint Councillor O'Neill as the Green Group member of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.

- moved by Councillor Bandel, seconded by Councillor Booth

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), the Motion was adjusted and Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as amendments to the Motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Arthur:

- 1) To approve the Terms of Reference for the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to be implemented 28 June 2024.
- 2) To agree that the responsibility for considering Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) be removed from the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions for the Licensing Sub-Committee, effective from 28 June 2024.
- 3) To note that the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee would be categorised as quasi-judicial.
- 4) To agree that delegated authority be provided to the Executive Director of Corporate Services to make necessary consequential adjustments to the Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions in order to create the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 5) To add at Appendix 1 of the report:

“Substitutes – Appropriately Trained substitutes are permitted from amongst all members of the Council.”
- 6) To appoint Councillor Arthur as Convener of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 7) To appoint Councillor Mowat as the Conservative Group member of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 8) To appoint Councillor O’Neill as the Green Group member of the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) Sub-Committee.
- 9) To agree to delegate authority to the Head of Democracy, Governance and Resilience to appoint the remaining names of members to be appointed to the Sub-Committee following consultation with political groups.

(References – Act of Council No 8 of 9 May 2024: report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted)

10 Unaudited Annual Accounts 2023/24

Details were provided on the Council’s 2023/24 unaudited annual accounts prior to their submission to the external auditor. The statements detailed the financial position and performance of the Council, together with that of the wider Council Group, for the year ending 31 March 2024 and a summary of the draft outturn position.

Motion

- 1) To note that the unaudited annual accounts for 2023/24 would be submitted to the external auditor by the statutory date.
- 2) To note that the provisional outturn position showed an overall underspend of £2.278m and that this sum had been set aside in reserves at this time given wider pressures and risks, including those within homelessness services and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, and pending the outcome of the audit process.
- 3) To approve, in light of the provisional outturn, an increase in the Council's 2023/24 contribution to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) of £4.610m to £19.090m.
- 4) To note that a more detailed revenue and capital outturn analysis would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2024.
- 5) To note the intention to submit the audited annual accounts and annual auditor's report initially to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and thereafter to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2024, for approval.

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Dalgleish

Amendment

- 1) To note that the unaudited annual accounts for 2023/24 would be submitted to the external auditor by the statutory date.
- 2) To note that the provisional outturn position showed an overall underspend of £2.278m and that this sum had been set aside in reserves at this time given wider pressures and risks, including those within homelessness services and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, and pending the outcome of the audit process.
- 3) To approve, in light of the provisional outturn, an increase in the Council's 2023/24 contribution to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) of £4.610m to £19.090m.
- 4) To note that a more detailed revenue and capital outturn analysis would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2024.
- 5) To note the intention to submit the audited annual accounts and annual auditor's report initially to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and thereafter to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2024, for approval.

- 6) Requests that the Finance and Resources Convener formally writes to relevant NHS authorities and the Scottish Health Minister asking the NHS to increase their contribution to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board by a proportionally equivalent amount.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Miller

In accordance with Standing Order 22(3), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Watt:

- 1) To note that the unaudited annual accounts for 2023/24 would be submitted to the external auditor by the statutory date.
- 2) To note that the provisional outturn position showed an overall underspend of £2.278m and that this sum had been set aside in reserves at this time given wider pressures and risks, including those within homelessness services and the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board, and pending the outcome of the audit process.
- 3) To approve, in light of the provisional outturn, an increase in the Council's 2023/24 contribution to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB) of £4.610m to £19.090m.
- 4) To note that a more detailed revenue and capital outturn analysis would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2024.
- 5) To note the intention to submit the audited annual accounts and annual auditor's report initially to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee and thereafter to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2024, for approval.
- 6) To request that the Finance and Resources Convener formally writes to relevant NHS authorities and the Scottish Health Minister asking the NHS to increase their contribution to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board by a proportionally equivalent amount.

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

11 City Strategic Investment Fund – Strategic Programmes – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

The Policy and Sustainability Committee had referred a report on the City Strategic Investment Fund (CSIF) to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

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.
- 3) 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 was agreed – a detailed paper outlining the additional expenditure requirements be brought to Finance & Resources Committee for a decision.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 29 May 2024; referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee, submitted.)

12 City Plan 2030 Report of Examination and Resolution to Adopt – referral from Planning Committee

The Planning committee had referred on City Plan 2030 Report of Examination and Resolution to Adopt to the City of Edinburgh Council for a resolution to adopt the modified City Plan 2030 as its Local Development Plan, which would then be submitted to Scottish Ministers for their consideration.

Decision

- 1) To adopt the modified City Plan 2030 as its Local Development Plan, which will then be submitted to Scottish Ministers for their consideration.
- 2) To ratify the decision of Planning Committee to endorse the modified City Plan 2030, accepting all reporter recommendations.
- 3) To adopt the modified City Plan 2030 as its Local Development Plan and agree it should be submitted to Scottish Ministers for their consideration in accordance with the requirements of section 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 as amended by the Planning etc (Scotland) Act 2006 and the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019, with the accompanying documents as listed in Appendix 3 of the Planning Committee Report and the Report of Examination.
- 4) To agree the amendments to the Housing Technical Note and covering letter to Ministers as approved by Planning Committee and their submission to Scottish Ministers.
- 5) To note that in a number of respects the reporter made recommendations which appeared to reverse decisions that planning committee had previously

agreed, which appeared to be contrary to the spirit of the Verity House agreement, and therefore agree to add the following paragraph to the covering letter (appendix 4):

“The council considers that there are no competent grounds to decline to accept any of the reporter's recommendations, though notes that the reporter has made recommendations on aspects of the plan which were expressly agreed by planning committee, so raising a question whether current planning legislation meets the spirit of the recently-agreed Verity House agreement between COSLA and the Scottish Government, and would ask the Scottish Government to consider this when drawing up any future Scottish planning legislation.”

- 6) To note that ongoing conversations around future sites for a GME school were postponed due to the City Plan examination period, which had now concluded. To therefore agree to refer the Education section(s) of the City Plan 2030 report to the next meeting of Education, Children and Families Committee to allow them to restart the process of identifying a site for a future GME High School.
- 7) To agree to take the actions above on the clear understanding that due to changes in how Local Development plans were prepared as mandated by the Planning Act 2019, that this was a transitional plan and was not a 10-year plan but only provided a plan until May 2028 when a new form plan would have to be prepared; that the Report of Examination made it clear that 6,371 housing units were unlikely to be delivered during the plan period and had instructed that those sites would need to be reassessed during the preparation of the next Local Development Plan.
- 8) To request that in the letter to Ministers that paragraph 2.78 was amended in the proposed plan to note that the Inverleith Air Quality Management Area was revoked in March 2024, therefore there were now 5 Air Quality Management Areas in the city rather than 6.

(References – Planning Committee of 19 June 2024; referral from the Planning Committee, submitted.)

Declaration of Interest

Councillor Booth declared a non- financial interest as a parent whose children attended the school included in the report and left the meeting during the Council's consideration of the above item.

13 Suspending Councillors Facing Arrest – Motion by Councillor Nols-McVey

The following motion by Councillor Nols-McVey was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22(6):

- “1) Notes the UK Parliament has voted to ban MPs from attending Parliament in cases when the MP has been arrested for specific violent or sexual offences.
- 2) Council welcomes this move and agrees that the Ethical Standards Commissioner and Standards Commissioner should follow suite, with a clear adopted policy that sitting Councillors who are arrested for the same offences as those listed by the UK Parliament will be immediately suspended as Councillors until a decision can be made on the suitability to remain in office overturning a previous approach to allow Councillors to remain working while Police and criminal processes were ongoing.
- 3) Council agrees that the Monitoring Officer will write to the Ethical Standards Commissioner to encourage such a policy change and report back to Full Council no later than 4 cycles with the Commissioners' response and providing an update on progress.
- 4) Council additionally agrees that the update report should include options and proposals to proactively remove any Edinburgh Councillor from as many duties as possible should the standards commission fail to act. Should a member be arrested for those offences mentioned above, Council should consider a mechanism to immediately remove the member from all committees, protect Council staff (including support staff following the precautionary principle) and remove any senior Councillor from any position they hold upon arrest.

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Nols-McVey.

- moved by Councillor Nols-McVey, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Amendment 1

In paragraph 3 of the motion by Councillor Nols-McVey, delete after “report back” and replace with:

“to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in 3 cycles”

- moved by Councillor Jenkinson, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 2

In paragraph 4 of the motion by Councillor Nols-McVey, after “committees, inserts ”and working groups on an interim basis pending the outcome of any formal proceedings.”.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment 3

Deletes all of the motion by Councillor Nols-McVey and replaces with:

“Council:

- 1) notes the UK Parliament has agreed that MPs arrested for specific violent or sexual offences could face a ban from attending Parliament;
- 2) understands that the Commissioner for Ethical Standards for Scotland does not have the authority to take similar action regarding Elected Members of Local Authorities;
- 3) therefore, agrees that the Council Leader will write to the Scottish Government Minister for Parliamentary Business asking that they consider bringing forward legislation to enact a similar process for Members of the Scottish Parliament and Scottish Councils, with the involvement of the Commissioner for Ethical Standards for Scotland if appropriate.

- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Bruce

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	51 votes
For Amendment 3	-	9 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.)

For amendment 3: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Nols-McVey:

- 1) Notes the UK Parliament has voted to ban MPs from attending Parliament in cases when the MP has been arrested for specific violent or sexual offences.
- 2) Council welcomes this move and agrees that the Ethical Standards Commissioner should follow suite, with a clear adopted policy that sitting Councillors who are arrested for the same offences as those listed by the UK Parliament will be immediately suspended as Councillors until a decision can be made on the suitability to remain in office overturning a previous approach to allow Councillors to remain working while Police and criminal processes were ongoing.
- 3) Council agrees that the Monitoring Officer will write to the Ethical Standards Commissioner and Standards Commissioner to encourage such a policy change and report back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in 3 cycles with the Commissioners' response and providing an update on progress.
- 4) Council additionally agrees that the update report should include options and proposals to proactively remove any Edinburgh Councillor from as many duties as possible should the standards commission fail to act. Should a member be arrested for those offences mentioned above, Council should consider a mechanism to immediately remove the member from all committees and working groups on an interim basis pending the outcome of any formal proceedings, protect Council staff (including support staff following the precautionary principle) and remove any senior Councillor from any position they hold upon arrest.

14 Safer Ageing in Edinburgh – Motion by Councillor McFarlane

The following motion by Councillor McFarlane was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

- “1) Council understands around 2.6 million people over the age of 65 are victims of abuse each year in the UK and that this figure is estimated to be under-reported.
- 2) Council further understands that attitudes and perceptions of wider society can negatively impact the above statistic with:

- in 3 people not seeing taking money from an older relative's bank account as abuse.
 - 1 in 4 people not seeing unwanted physical contact towards an older person as abuse.
 - 1 in 5 people not seeing pushing, hitting, or beating an older person as abuse.
- 3) Council notes that safer ageing is about creating environments and procedures so that older people are not put at risk of abuse or neglect or violence.
 - 4) Council agrees that older people should be empowered, where suitable, to live their lives independently and fully trusting those people around them and that as an organisation the council is well placed to raise awareness, facilitate training opportunities, and promote support services across public facing council departments to help achieve this goal.
 - 5) Council acknowledges the national charity Hourglass in their mission to end the harm, abuse and exploitation of older people and notes their provision of the only 24/7 helpline which provides free support for older men, women and their families suffering from the five forms of abuse: physical, psychological, economic, sexual or neglect.
 - 6) Noting the above council requests a report to Policy and Sustainability in three cycles setting out the possible opportunities of:
 - a) Promoting Hourglass services such as their helpline across all internal and public facing council areas and departments in addition to other key third sector partners.
 - b) Provide, facilitate or signpost training opportunities regarding safeguarding and awareness raising on the signs to look out for regarding the abuse of older people.
 - c) Invite Hourglass to present their research and policy work to appropriate committees and councillors / officer groups.
 - d) Join the OATH (Older Age Tomorrow's Hope) to commit as a Local Authority to work towards a Safer Ageing Society in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales by 2050."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor McFarlane

- moved by Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor Nicolson

Amendment 1

Deletes 6 c) in the motion by Councillor McFarlane and replaces with:

“Invite Hourglass, and other relevant key third party partners, to present their research and policy work to appropriate committees and councillors / officer groups, at a workshop on the subject of prevention of elder abuse.”

- moved by Councillor Pogson, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 2

Council

Adds to the motion by Councillor McFarlane:

“6(e) Asks that consideration of how to integrate this work into the EIJB redesign of frontdoor services to ensure that opportunities to identify safeguarding issues are maximised.”

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Beal

Amendment 3

Inserts in the motion by Councillor McFarlane:

The words "and financial and staffing implications" after "possible opportunities" in the third line of clause (6).

- moved by Councillor Rust, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McFarlane:

- 1) To understand around 2.6 million people over the age of 65 were victims of abuse each year in the UK and that this figure was estimated to be under-reported.

- 2) To further understand that attitudes and perceptions of wider society could negatively impact the above statistic with:
 - in 3 people not seeing taking money from an older relative's bank account as abuse.
 - 1 in 4 people not seeing unwanted physical contact towards an older person as abuse.
 - 1 in 5 people not seeing pushing, hitting, or beating an older person as abuse.
- 3) To note that safer ageing was about creating environments and procedures so that older people were not put at risk of abuse or neglect or violence.
- 4) To agree that older people should be empowered, where suitable, to live their lives independently and fully trusting those people around them and that as an organisation the council was well placed to raise awareness, facilitate training opportunities, and promote support services across public facing council departments to help achieve this goal.
- 5) To acknowledge the national charity Hourglass in their mission to end the harm, abuse and exploitation of older people and note their provision of the only 24/7 helpline which provided free support for older men, women and their families suffering from the five forms of abuse: physical, psychological, economic, sexual or neglect.
- 6) Noting the above to request a report to Policy and Sustainability in three cycles setting out the possible opportunities and financial and staffing implications of:
 - a) Promoting Hourglass services such as their helpline across all internal and public facing council areas and departments in addition to other key third sector partners.
 - b) Provide, facilitate or signpost training opportunities regarding safeguarding and awareness raising on the signs to look out for regarding the abuse of older people.
 - c) Invite Hourglass, and other relevant key third party partners, to present their research and policy work to appropriate committees and councillors / officer groups, at a workshop on the subject of prevention of elder abuse
 - d) Join the OATH (Older Age Tomorrow's Hope) to commit as a Local Authority to work towards a Safer Ageing Society in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales by 2050."

- e) Asks that consideration of how to integrate this work into the EIJB redesign of frontdoor services to ensure that opportunities to identify safeguarding issues are maximised.

15 Civility in Public Life – Motion by Councillor Kumar

Decision

To note that the motion by Councillor Kumar had been withdrawn.

16 UNISON's End Violence at Work Charter – Motion by Councillor Nicolson

The following motion by Councillor Nicolson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Notes that there have been 51 violent incidents at work in the city of Edinburgh, with as many as twenty incidents recorded in one single year.

Notes there have been thousands of violent incidents against council and school workers in the UK since 2015 and according to Freedom of Information data obtained by UNISON, 1 in 40 local government workers were the victims of violent incidents in a single year. Workers in our councils or schools are 75% more likely to be a victim of violence at work than other workers.

Agrees this is unacceptable and all steps must be taken to protect council workers from workplace violence.

Agrees a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee on the what steps Edinburgh Council would need to take in order to sign up to UNISON's End Violence at Work Charter (URL: <https://www.unison.org.uk/unison-health-and-safety/violence-atwork/>) which sets out standards for local government employers to put in place, including monitoring, support, safeguarding and training.”

- moved by Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Aston

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Nicolson.

17 Supporting the Sikh Community – Motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

The following motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes that recently the charity Sikh Sanjog celebrated a significant milestone in achieving a successful 35 years of supporting the city’s Sikh community, an occasion which was recognised with a reception in City Chambers hosted by the Lord Provost.

Council notes that despite this achievement, Sikh Sanjog currently find themselves in a precarious position due to lacking a secure long term home for their charitable activities.

Council further notes that despite significant awards and recognition from the city, Scottish and UK government, and extensive engagement with both council officers and elected members, the charity has thus far been unable to obtain a property from which to continue to offer their services to the community.

Council therefore requests officers to arrange a meeting with the board of Sikh Sanjog at the earliest opportunity to discuss what supports can be offered to facilitate premises, including exploring co-location with other local authority and third sector organisations, so that they can continue to offer their valuable services to the city for the next 35 years.”

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

18 State of Palestine – Motion by Councillor Kumar

The following motion by Councillor Kumar was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council agrees that the City of Edinburgh recognise the State of Palestine.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Kumar.

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Hyslop

Amendment 1

To add at the end of the motion by Councillor Kumar:

“As a contribution to a renewed peace process which results in a two-state solution, with a safe and secure Israel alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state.”

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Faccenda

Amendment 2

Council

Before “State”, inserts, “independent” in the motion by Councillor Kumar.”

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Beal

Amendment 3

To take no action on the motion by Councillor Kumar.

- 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.

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

In accordance with Standing Order 24(4), the Lord Provost ruled that a first vote be taken for or against Amendment 3 for no action.

Voting

First Vote

The voting was as follows:

For Amendment 3	-	9 votes
Against Amendment 3	-	51 votes

(For Amendment 3: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte

Against Amendment 3: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Miller,

Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.)

As the vote for no action was lost, a second vote was then taken between the Motion by Councillor Watt and Amendment 1 by Councillor Bruce.

Second Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	26 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	34 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, Parker, Rae, Staniforth and Work.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Bennett, Bruce, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Amendment 1 by Councillor Meagher:

To agree that the City of Edinburgh recognise the independent State of Palestine as a contribution to a renewed peace process which resulted in a two-state solution, with a safe and secure Israel alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state.

19 Haystax Nursery Closure - Motion by Councillor Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Regrets the sad announcement that Haystax Nursery in Craigmillar will close, noting this is the only non-council nursery provision available in the local area.

Further notes that the Niddrie and Craigmillar area constitutes one of the largest areas of multiple deprivation in Edinburgh on the SIMD scale, and that the need for affordable and flexible childcare is critical to preventing children growing up in poverty.

Thanks officers for their briefing to local elected members and for their reassurance that there would be enough spaces in councilrun provision in the area to absorb children displaced by this closure.

However, Council notes concerns raised by parents that the council's own provision is currently not flexible, alongside a lack of spaces for two-year-olds and a lack of subsidised, affordable provision.

Agrees that officers will engage with the management team at Haystax to establish what support the council could provide to enable the nursery to continue providing childcare for the next academic year, and that a report will be prepared for the next Education, Children and Families Committee detailing this work.

Further agrees that officers in the Early Years Team will engage with all affected parents to ascertain the current provision, and ensure that all children are able to be offered spaces in council run nursery provision, including two-year-olds and those currently accessing flexible and affordable spaces, should the above actions not be able to prevent the closure of the nursery.

Agrees the Early Years Team should provide a written briefing note of this work, which should be circulated to local elected members ahead of the summer recess."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell.

- moved by Councillor Aston, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment

To add a new final paragraph to the motion by Councillor Campbell:

"The Report to Committee and the briefing note to Elected Members should describe the extent of the inflexibility of current local Council provision, in comparison with that provided by Haystax and similar providers, along with the steps Officers will take to ensure that parents have continued access to the fully flexible Early Years provision that meets their needs."

- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Rust

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 Campbell:

- 1) To regret the sad announcement that Haystax Nursery in Craigmillar would close, noting this was the only non-council nursery provision available in the local area.
- 2) To further note that the Niddrie and Craigmillar area constituted one of the largest areas of multiple deprivation in Edinburgh on the SIMD scale, and that the need for affordable and flexible childcare was critical to preventing children growing up in poverty.
- 3) To thank officers for their briefing to local elected members and for their reassurance that there would be enough spaces in council run provision in the area to absorb children displaced by this closure.
- 4) However, to note concerns raised by parents that the council's own provision was currently not flexible, alongside a lack of spaces for two-year-olds and a lack of subsidised, affordable provision.
- 5) To agree that officers would engage with the management team at Haystax to establish what support the council could provide to enable the nursery to continue providing childcare for the next academic year, and that a report be prepared for the next Education, Children and Families Committee detailing this work.
- 6) To further agree that officers in the Early Years Team would engage with all affected parents to ascertain the current provision, and ensure that all children were able to be offered spaces in council run nursery provision, including two-year-olds and those currently accessing flexible and affordable spaces, should the above actions not be able to prevent the closure of the nursery.
- 7) To agree the Early Years Team should provide a written briefing note of this work, which should be circulated to local elected members ahead of the summer recess.
- 8) To agree the report to Committee and the briefing note to Elected Members should describe the extent of the inflexibility of current local Council provision, in comparison with that provided by Haystax and similar providers, along with the steps Officers would take to ensure that parents had continued access to the fully flexible Early Years provision that meets their needs.

20 Fixing Waste Collections– Motion by Councillor Dobbin

The following motion by Councillor Dobbin was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22(6):

“Council notes the huge numbers of missed bin collections over the last few weeks, with many areas suffering from multiple bins being missed over multiple weeks.

Notes that this has been a serious service failure which has resulted in overflowing bins, litter and debris accumulating along our streets and impediments to pedestrians and other pavement users creating city wide accessibility issues.

Welcomes the briefing note circulated by officers but nonetheless agrees that this is an unacceptable service standard.

Agrees to an All Councillors briefing note to be circulated before the end of September which sets out the reasons for the service failure, the lessons learned and any actions that need to be taken forward to ensure that the service does not fall short again”

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Mattos Coelho

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Dobbin.

21 Westfield Court – Motion by Councillor McKenzie

The following motion by Councillor McKenzie was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

”Council:

Notes:

- Westfield Court is a mixed tenure block of 92 flats in which the Council is a minority owner.
- The Council is the Property Factor for the entire block.
- The estimated communal heating charge paid to the Council by owners and private tenants of Westfield Court has risen substantially* in 2024/25 compared to the rate charged in 2023/24.
- A substantial charge* was issued on 05/10/23 to “balance off Common Charges” from 2022/23.

- Residents have not received any information on how the energy is procured by the Council, such as: the name of the energy supplier, the rate charged in Kilowatt hours and the standing charge.
- Commercial gas and electricity used by heat networks was capped in 2023/24 under the UK government's Energy Bills Discount Scheme (EBDS), but this price ceiling was abolished on 31 March 2024.
- The poor condition of the communal heating system means that residents experience frequent loss of heating and hot water, particularly during winter months.
- Reports of declining standards of maintenance of the building and its surrounding areas, and a decline in standards of communication with residents.
- The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Capital Programme 2021/22 states:
“A full building condition survey has been commissioned for Westfield Court; to inform the long-term asset management strategy of the block. The partial replacement of the heating system is due to complete in early 2021/22.”
- It has been reported to Finance and Resources Committee on 3 March 2022 that the condition survey has been completed and an update on proposed works was provided to ward councillors on 09/06/22. However, no further details have been reported, no heating system replacement has occurred, and there has been no reference to Westfield Court in subsequent HRA capital programmes.
- The Fees and Charges agreed in the Council's budget for 2024/25 state, both for “Communal Heating - Westfield Court - Gas fired heating and hot water” and “Communal Heating - Westfield Court - Owner occupiers' boiler maintenance”:
“Freeze charges: ongoing issues with systems providing heat and determining the appropriate charging tariff for energy use”.

Believes:

- That the Council should not automatically pass on increases in commercial energy prices to residents without due consideration of the implications.
- That the Council, acting as Property Factor, has a duty to be open, transparent and fair in dealings with residents, and must provide information in a clear and easily accessible way.

Requests, in relation to Westfield Court:

- 1) That the increase in the communal heating charge for 2024/25 and the bill issued to “balance off Common Charges” from 2022/23 should be reviewed urgently. The review should include, but not be limited to:
 - a) A clear breakdown of all service charges issued from 2021/22 until 2024/25.
 - b) Details of how the energy is procured by the Council, including, but not limited to: the name of the energy supplier, the rate charged in Kilowatt hours and the standing charge.
 - c) An explanation of why the agreed Fees and Charges are not being applied in this case.
- 2) A briefing note should be issued to ward councillors and members of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee by Friday 12 July, detailing the outcome of the review.
- 3) Details of the review should be communicated to affected residents following agreement of a text with Housing leads and ward councillors.
- 4) A full report to the next meeting of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, including, but not limited to:
 - a) Details of the review requested in (1).
 - b) Options for Committee to agree to reduce or remove the increase in the communal heating charge for 2024/25 and the bill issued to “balance off Common Charges” from 2022/23.
 - c) The outcome of the condition survey.
 - d) A response to the reported frequent loss of heating and hot water and actions being taken to address this.
 - e) A response to a reported decline in standards of maintenance of the building and its surrounding areas, and decline in standards of communication with residents, and actions being taken to address these.

- f) Details of any other communal heating systems factored by the Council which have resulted in substantial increases in energy costs and/or displays similar defects.

*further details of bills issued will be shared with members in advance of the meeting.”

- moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Parker

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McKenzie.

22 Organ and Tissue Donation Week – Motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

The following motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22(6):

“Council:

Notes that Organ and Tissue Donation Week 2024 is taking place from 23-29 September.

Understands that everyone aged 16 and over has a choice to be an organ and tissue donor, or to opt out. Registering our decision and sharing it with loved ones makes it easier for friends and family to honour it.

Council further notes:

To date, only just over half of people in Scotland have formally registered their decision re: donation of their organs and tissue;

That circa 500 people in Scotland are currently awaiting an organ transplant; and

Only 1% of people die in a way which makes organ donation possible, making every opportunity for donation precious.

Council agrees to work with NHS Lothian, Council ALEOs and other city partners to promote and support Organ and Tissue Donation Week 2024, by raising awareness of the need for organ and donor donors in Scotland and encouraging staff and citizens to make and register organ and tissue donation decisions.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

- moved by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron, seconded by Councillor Jenkinson

Amendment

To amend the last paragraph in the motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron as follows:

“Council agrees to work with NHS Lothian, Council ALEOs and other city partners to promote and support Organ and Tissue Donation Week 2024.

Council recognises that Scotland has a system of ‘deemed authorisation’ for organ and tissue donation. This is often referred to as an ‘opt out’ system. This means that if you haven’t opted out of donation when you die, the system allows for the donation of certain organs and tissue for transplantation. This only applies for anyone 16 or over.

Notes that residents can register their decision to opt-out online www.organdonation.scot/your-decision/how-register .”

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor Mattos Coelho

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Lezley Marion Camern:

- 1) To note that Organ and Tissue Donation Week 2024 was taking place from 23-29 September.
- 2) To understand that everyone aged 16 and over had a choice to be an organ and tissue donor, or to opt out. Registering our decision and sharing it with loved ones made it easier for friends and family to honour it.
- 3) To further note that to date, only just over half of people in Scotland had formally registered their decision re: donation of their organs and tissue.
- 4) To further note that circa 500 people in Scotland were currently awaiting an organ transplant.
- 5) To further note only 1% of people died in a way which made organ donation possible, making every opportunity for donation precious.
- 6) To agree to work with NHS Lothian, Council ALEOs and other city partners to promote and support Organ and Tissue Donation Week 2024.
- 7) To recognise that Scotland had a system of ‘deemed authorisation’ for organ and tissue donation. This was often referred to as an ‘opt out’ system. This meant that if you hadn’t opted out of donation when you died, the system

allowed for the donation of certain organs and tissue for transplantation. This only applied for anyone 16 or over.

- 8) To note that residents could register their decision to opt-out online www.organdonation.scot/your-decision/how-register .

23 Cables Wynd House – Motion by Councillor Faccenda

The following motion by Councillor Faccenda was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council recognises:

- 1) The ambitious project to retrofit Cables Wynd House and Linksvie House to create safe and warm houses for the future.
- 2) Notes the role of the Cables Wynd Community Forum, supported by Inspiring Leith in bringing the voice of residents into the design process, as well as conducting surveys to identify the current maintenance priorities of residents and specifically the unreliable lifts, which due to frequent breakdowns and unreliability mean some residents no longer use them and that residents prefer to prioritise complete replacement of lifts in the retrofit project.

Council resolves to:

Present an additional report to Finance and Resources Committee to identify costs to renew all lifts as part of the retrofit project.”

The Council had heard a deputation on this issue (see item 1(a) above).

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Faccenda.

- moved by Councillor Faccenda, seconded by Councillor Graham

Amendment

To adjust the final paragraph of the motion by Councillor Faccenda to read:

“Present an additional report to Finance and Resources Committee to identify costs to renew all newly constructed lifts as part of the retrofit project.”

- moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Booth

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Faccenda:

- 1) To recognise the ambitious project to retrofit Cables Wynd House and Linksvie House to create safe and warm houses for the future.
- 2) To note the role of the Cables Wynd Community Forum, supported by Inspiring Leith in bringing the voice of residents into the design process, as well as conducting surveys to identify the current maintenance priorities of residents and specifically the unreliable lifts, which due to frequent breakdowns and unreliability meant some residents no longer used them and that residents preferred to prioritise complete replacement of lifts in the retrofit project.
- 3) To agree to present an additional report to Finance and Resources Committee to identify costs to renew all newly constructed lifts as part of the retrofit project.

24 Tenanted Acquisition – Motion by Councillor Meagher

The following motion by Councillor Meagher was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- Notes the importance of the Mixed tenure improvement service and the work that is being carried out to retrofit homes
- Notes the Scheme of Assistance within the June 2018 report into the MTIS which stipulated that:
 - An owner occupier could voluntarily sell their home to the Council while allowing them to stay in their home, becoming a tenant.
 - Tenants of the Council are granted a Scottish Secure Tenancy (SST). Under the SST, the Council would then be responsible for the costs of future repairs and maintenance to the property.
- Notes the importance of the consolidation of council properties in blocks, in order to carry out retrofitting work, improving the lives of tenants, and also to increase the overall council housing stock
- Notes the centrality of limiting homeless presentations as part of the ‘Housing Emergency Action Plan’

- Notes the importance of preventative homelessness teams, including the Family and Household support team, and Private rental sector teams
 - Further notes that these teams would still be the principal point of contact for Tenants, across multiple tenures, who are at risk of homelessness.
- Notes that legislative changes risk putting pressure on homeless presentations from the Private Rental Sector
- Notes that it is not the City of Edinburgh council that is evicting private tenants
- Recognises the challenges associated with tenanted acquisitions and the motion brought to the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in May, and the upcoming report.

Therefore, Council agree, prior to approval of an amended Acquisitions and Disposal Policy, to include:

In the cases of last resort where, during council housing consolidation work, private tenants, who have been served notice to leave by private owners selling to the Local Authority, are at risk of presenting as homeless due to eviction, the council, and officers, will consider requests to stay in the property where exceptional circumstances are evidenced by the private tenant and where the tenant has no other housing options. In the event that stay is granted, tenants would transfer from their previous private tenancy to a SST in the same way that the policy covers owner occupiers.”

Owners selling to the council would still sell their property to the council as empty, and a tenant given leave to stay would end the private tenancy on the day on which the new SST begins.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Meagher.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Pogson

Amendment 1

To amend the last three paragraphs of the motion by Councillor Meagher to read:

“Therefore, Council agrees, prior to approval of an amended Acquisitions and Disposal Policy at the October HHFW committee, to include:

In the cases where, during council housing consolidation work, private tenants, who have been served notice to leave by private owners selling to the Local Authority, and are therefore at risk of presenting as homeless due to eviction, the Council, and

officers, will agree requests to stay in the property where circumstances as evidenced by the private tenant demonstrate that they have no other housing options and would otherwise present as homeless. In this event, tenants would transfer from their previous private tenancy to an SST in the same way that the policy covers owner occupiers.

Owners selling to the council would still sell their property to the council as empty, and a tenant given leave to stay would end the private tenancy on the day on which the new SST begins.”

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Key

Amendment 2

Deletes last two paragraphs of the motion by Councillor Meagher.

Replaces with:

“Council notes that Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee recently agreed that a report be presented on a request that a potential policy to be established whereby sitting tenants of private landlords can maintain continuity of tenure in these circumstances.

Council therefore requests that officers assess the proposed changes in this motion as part of that report, carrying out a full integrated impact assessment, and assessing the effects regarding equalities, human rights and relative assessments of housing need and taking account of all these implications before making any policy recommendations to Committee.”

- moved by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Jones

In accordance with Standing Order 22(13), Amendment 1 accepted as an amendment to the Motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	51 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Miller,

Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Meagher:

Council:

- 1) To note the importance of the Mixed tenure improvement service and the work that was being carried out to retrofit homes.
- 2) To note the Scheme of Assistance within the June 2018 report into the MTIS which stipulated that:
 - o An owner occupier could voluntarily sell their home to the Council while allowing them to stay in their home, becoming a tenant.
 - o Tenants of the Council are granted a Scottish Secure Tenancy (SST). Under the SST, the Council would then be responsible for the costs of future repairs and maintenance to the property.
- 3) To note the importance of the consolidation of council properties in blocks, in order to carry out retrofitting work, improving the lives of tenants, and also to increase the overall council housing stock.
- 4) To note the centrality of limiting homeless presentations as part of the 'Housing Emergency Action Plan'.
- 5) To note the importance of preventative homelessness teams, including the Family and Household support team, and Private rental sector teams
 - o To further note that these teams would still be the principal point of contact for Tenants, across multiple tenures, who were at risk of homelessness.
- 6) To note that legislative changes risked putting pressure on homeless presentations from the Private Rental Sector.
- 7) To note that it was not the City of Edinburgh Council that was evicting private tenants.
- 8) To recognise the challenges associated with tenanted acquisitions and the motion brought to the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in May, and the upcoming report.

- 9) To therefore agree, prior to approval of an amended Acquisitions and Disposal Policy at the October Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, to include:

In the cases where, during council housing consolidation work, private tenants, who had been served notice to leave by private owners selling to the Local Authority, and were therefore at risk of presenting as homeless due to eviction, the Council, and officers, agree requests to stay in the property where circumstances as evidenced by the private tenant demonstrated that they had no other housing options and would otherwise present as homeless. In this event, tenants would transfer from their previous private tenancy to an SST in the same way that the policy covered owner occupiers.

Owners selling to the council would still sell their property to the council as empty, and a tenant given leave to stay would end the private tenancy on the day on which the new SST began.

25 Community Planning and Climate Adaptation – Motion by Councillor Parker

The following motion by Councillor Parker was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Welcomes funding secured by the Edinburgh Community Climate Action Network (ECCAN) from the Scottish Government to support the formation and development of the Community Climate Hub and associated activities in the city, and thanks officers for the in-kind support offered towards ECCAN through this process.
- 2) Welcomes funding for the Climate Forum Coordinator within the Council budget for 2024-2025.
- 3) Notes the potential overlap between the activities of the Community Climate Hub and Climate Forum and therefore recognises the need for clarity around the role of the Climate Forum and Community Climate Hub, and the Council’s relationship with each.

Further:

- 4) Notes that support for net zero communities is included in the Council’s 2030 Climate Strategy.
- 5) Notes that the Council’s (draft) Climate Ready Edinburgh plan references the need for sustained and meaningful community engagement as the city is

adapted in response to the changing climate, including the need for specific support for marginalised groups who will be disproportionately impacted by the climate and nature emergencies.

Additionally:

- 6) Notes opportunities within work ongoing at the Edinburgh Partnership to review the community planning process, including consideration of how communities are engaged on issues relating to the climate and nature emergencies.
- 7) Recognises the need for any proposed reform to community planning to pay particular attention to how we can build resilience within communities in the face of the climate and nature emergencies, including what support will be in place for marginalised groups, in line with a climate justice approach.

Therefore:

- 8) Requests a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles to outline:
 - a) The relationships which exist between the Community Climate Hub, Climate Forum and the Council.
 - b) Details about how the implementation phase of the Council's adaptation strategy will engage with communities, including opportunities to build on existing conversations around community planning reform.
 - c) Ideas about what role community organisers could play in supporting and coordinating community action for climate and nature, including information about any budgetary requirements to take this work forward."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Parker.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Booth

Amendment

Delete paragraph 8) in the motion by Councillor Parker and replace with,

"Requests the upcoming report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in October, regarding Community Planning, includes details of the following:

- a) The relationships which exist between the Community Climate Hub, Climate Forum and the Council.

- b) Details about how the implementation phase of the Council's adaptation strategy will engage with communities, including opportunities to build on existing conversations around community planning reform.
- c) Ideas about what role community organisers could play in supporting and coordinating community action for climate and nature, including information about any budgetary requirements to take this work forward."

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Parker:

- 1) To welcome funding secured by the Edinburgh Community Climate Action Network (ECCAN) from the Scottish Government to support the formation and development of the Community Climate Hub and associated activities in the city, and thank officers for the in-kind support offered towards ECCAN through this process.
- 2) To welcome funding for the Climate Forum Coordinator within the Council budget for 2024-2025.
- 3) To note the potential overlap between the activities of the Community Climate Hub and Climate Forum and therefore recognise the need for clarity around the role of the Climate Forum and Community Climate Hub, and the Council's relationship with each.
- 4) To note that support for net zero communities was included in the Council's 2030 Climate Strategy.
- 5) To note that the Council's (draft) Climate Ready Edinburgh plan referenced the need for sustained and meaningful community engagement as the city was adapted in response to the changing climate, including the need for specific support for marginalised groups who would be disproportionately impacted by the climate and nature emergencies.
- 6) To note opportunities within work ongoing at the Edinburgh Partnership to review the community planning process, including consideration of how communities were engaged on issues relating to the climate and nature emergencies.
- 7) To recognise the need for any proposed reform to community planning to pay particular attention to how we could build resilience within communities in the

face of the climate and nature emergencies, including what support would be in place for marginalised groups, in line with a climate justice approach.

- 8) To request the upcoming report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in October, regarding Community Planning, include details of the following:
 - a) The relationships which existed between the Community Climate Hub, Climate Forum and the Council.
 - b) Details about how the implementation phase of the Council's adaptation strategy would engage with communities, including opportunities to build on existing conversations around community planning reform.
 - c) Ideas about what role community organisers could play in supporting and coordinating community action for climate and nature, including information about any budgetary requirements to take this work forward.

26 Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) – Motion by Councillor Davidson

The following motion by Councillor Davidson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Is disappointed that despite the new academic year starting in less than a month and a half, there is no clarity from the Scottish Government regarding the size or nature of the funding for Educational Maintenance allowance for the academic year 2024/25.
- 2) Believes this funding is an important tool in the council's aims to reduce attainment and attendance gaps in Edinburgh's schools.
- 3) Agrees that the Scottish Government's failure to provide sufficient clarity on the situation makes it extremely difficult for officers to plan for the next year.
- 4) Furthermore, it believes that the council should be able to provide eligible pupils and their families with reassurance at this point in the cycle, but the lack of information from the Scottish Government is preventing that from happening.
- 5) Therefore, calls for the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government calling for urgent clarity on the funding, eligibility criteria and delivery mechanism for the academic year 2024/25 and for a commitment to a multi-year plan so the council is not left in this situation in future years.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Davidson.

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Younie

Amendment

Deletes all of the motion by Councillor Davidson and replaces with:

- “1) Acknowledges that the UK Government was responsible for scrapping Educational Maintenance Allowance in England in 2011 while the Scottish Government mitigated this cut in Scotland and continues to do so.
- 2) Recognises the importance of EMA in the Council’s aims to reduce attainment and attendance gaps in Edinburgh’s schools.
- 3) Notes work of Scottish Government and partner bodies to enable young people to apply for EMA and that SG are working at pace to secure funding and progressing on the basis that eligibility criteria and payment rates remain unchanged.
- 4) Is aware that every eligible child in Edinburgh has received a letter from City of Edinburgh Council in June inviting them to apply for EMA from CEC’s Welfare Reform Manager stating eligible applications received by 30/08 will be backdated to the start of term.
- 5) Requests any updates on uptake of EMA to be reported as a business bulletin item to a meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee.”

- moved by Councillor Hyslop, seconded by Councillor Nicolson

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	44 votes
For the amendment	-	16 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Cowdy, Dagleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Jenkinson, Jones, McKenzie, Meagher, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Mumford, Munro, O’Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Rust, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

For the amendment: Councillors Aston, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Glasgow, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, Nicolson, Nols-McVey and Work

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Davidson:

- 1) Council was disappointed that despite the new academic year starting in less than a month and a half, there was no clarity from the Scottish Government regarding the size or nature of the funding for Educational Maintenance allowance for the academic year 2024/25.
- 2) To believe this funding was an important tool in the council's aims to reduce attainment and attendance gaps in Edinburgh's schools.
- 3) To agree that the Scottish Government's failure to provide sufficient clarity on the situation made it extremely difficult for officers to plan for the next year.
- 4) Furthermore, to believe that the council should be able to provide eligible pupils and their families with reassurance at this point in the cycle, but the lack of information from the Scottish Government was preventing that from happening.
- 5) Was aware that every eligible child in Edinburgh had received a letter from City of Edinburgh Council in June inviting them to apply for EMA from CEC's Welfare Reform Manager stating eligible applications received by 30/08 would be backdated to the start of term.
- 6) To therefore, call for the Council Leader to write to the Scottish Government calling for urgent clarity on the funding, eligibility criteria and delivery mechanism for the academic year 2024/25 and for a commitment to a multi-year plan so the council was not left in this situation in future years
- 7) To request any updates on uptake of EMA to be reported as a business bulletin item to a meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee.

27 Salvesen Community Football Club - Motion by Councillor Thornley

The following motion by Councillor Thornley was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes;

- 1) That the Council has recently completed consultation on a New Physical Activity and Sport Strategy, in which special emphasis is placed on the importance of removing barriers to sport and equality of access for all.
- 2) That Salvesen Community Football Club are currently ‘homeless’ without a club base. This necessitates using sites across the city, one of which is the Forrester High Campus.
- 3) That this results in challenges to club cohesion, consistency and timetabling.
- 4) That both the Council and SFA have identified a chronic shortage of access to suitable pitches in the local area, restricting the number of children who want to play for Salveson CFC and other local clubs.
- 5) The poor state of repair of the 2G pitch, leading to a lack of desire to play on the pitch.
- 6) The mission of Salvesen CFC to foster a sense of community in addition to a passion for football, the success they have achieved in that mission to date, and that Salvesen CFC is one of only two clubs covering Edinburgh who provide teams and games for children with neurodivergence. Council also notes:
 - 7) That conversations are ongoing between Salvesen CFC and the Council regarding the 2G pitch space at Forrester High Campus, but that these have encountered severe delays.
 - 8) That Salvesen CFC have had positive discussions with the SFA concerning funding to upgrade the pitch to 3G, but that any support is contingent upon acquisition of a long-term lease.

Council therefore agrees;

- 9) That Salvesen CFC, being a club rooted in their community, are exactly the kind of group that the Council should be supporting in their efforts to equalise access to sport and break down barriers to participation.

- 10) That officers will, working alongside Salvesen CFC, begin the process of establishing a long-term lease and work in partnership with Salvesen CFC to facilitate the 3G replacement of the pitch.
- 11) That an update on progress of this work will be provided in the Business Bulletin of next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Thornley.

- moved by Councillor Thornley, seconded by Councillor Osler

Amendment

Council agrees to:

- 1) Add new paragraphs after 8) in the motion by Councillor Thornley:
 - “9) that Edinburgh Leisure currently manage bookings of the Community Access times at Forrester High involving multiple football clubs and shared facilities;
 - 10) that a long lease to a single club would have repercussions on other users; consistent application of fees and charges across the city; access hours; and shared facilities such as changing rooms, toilets and car parking;
 - 11) that Edinburgh Leisure is already engaging with Officers over a Pitch Strategy review that could highlight some pitches suitable for adoption by clubs;
- 2) To renumber current “9)” in the motion to read “12)”
- 3) To delete current points 10) & 11) in the motion and replace with:
 - “13) that officers will report to the next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee with an update on progress of the Edinburgh Leisure Pitch Strategy review, how it might be adopted as a City Strategy, and whether any suitable pitches could be identified as a Salvesen Community Football Club “home ground”.”

- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Doggart

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	50 votes
For the amendment	-	10 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For the amendment: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, McKenzie, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Thornley:

- 1) To note that the Council had recently completed consultation on a New Physical Activity and Sport Strategy, in which special emphasis was placed on the importance of removing barriers to sport and equality of access for all.
- 2) To note that Salvesen Community Football Club were currently 'homeless' without a club base. This necessitated using sites across the city, one of which was the Forrester High Campus.
- 3) To note that this resulted in challenges to club cohesion, consistency and timetabling.
- 4) To note that both the Council and SFA had identified a chronic shortage of access to suitable pitches in the local area, restricting the number of children who wanted to play for Salveson CFC and other local clubs.
- 5) To note the poor state of repair of the 2G pitch, leading to a lack of desire to play on the pitch.
- 6) To note the mission of Salvesen CFC to foster a sense of community in addition to a passion for football, the success they had achieved in that mission to date, and that Salvesen CFC was one of only two clubs covering Edinburgh who provided teams and games for children with neurodivergence.

- 7) To note that conversations were ongoing between Salvesen CFC and the Council regarding the 2G pitch space at Forrester High Campus, but that these had encountered severe delays.
- 8) To note that Salvesen CFC had had positive discussions with the SFA concerning funding to upgrade the pitch to 3G, but that any support was contingent upon acquisition of a long-term lease.
- 9) To agree that Salvesen CFC, being a club rooted in their community, were exactly the kind of group that the Council should be supporting in their efforts to equalise access to sport and break down barriers to participation.
- 10) To agree that officers would, working alongside Salvesen CFC, begin the process of establishing a long-term lease and work in partnership with Salvesen CFC to facilitate the 3G replacement of the pitch.
- 11) To agree that an update on progress of this work would be provided in the Business Bulletin of next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee.
- 12) To agree that officers would report to the next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee with an update on progress of the Edinburgh Leisure Pitch Strategy review, how it might be adopted as a City Strategy, and whether any suitable pitches could be identified as a Salvesen Community Football Club “home ground”.

28 Dalmeny Primary School – Motion by Councillor Younie

The following motion by Councillor Younie was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes;

- 1) The financial pressure the Council is experiencing is impacting upon all service delivery, including education provision.
- 2) A ramification of these pressures is the reduction at Dalmeny Primary School of the number of class streams, despite there being a classroom empty and available for use in the building.
- 3) Dalmeny Primary School has acted in previous years, through placing out of catchment requests from nearby South Queensferry, to relieve the pressure on the overcapacity Queensferry Primary School and that these requests were accommodated without difficulty to the benefit of both schools.
- 4) That Dalmeny’s Parent Forum has noted its significant concern that there will be an extremely negative impact upon the school’s viability, due to the decreasing capacity and roll.

- 5) The specific and unique context Dalmeny Primary is in due to its rurality and provision of relief to the oversubscribed Queensferry Primary.

Council agrees to request a report to the next Education, Children and Families Committee which outlines options which would address the concerns of families impacted and ensure the ongoing viability of Dalmeny Primary School.”

The Committee had heard a deputation on this issue (see item 1(b) above).

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Younie.

- moved by Councillor Younie, seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment

Deletes from the motion by Councillor Younie:

- Points 1 and 2
- Council agrees to request a report to the next Education, Children and Families Committee which outlines options which would address the concerns of families impacted and ensure the ongoing viability of Dalmeny Primary School.”

Replaces with the following and renumbers accordingly:

“Council notes:

- 1) All class organisations are agreed in line with the Council’s policy on Pupil Admissions and legislation set out in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.
- 2) It is normal for schools operate with a class organisation below the number of available classes. Dalmeny Primary school has operated with 4 classes since session 2020/21 and will continue to operate with 4 classes this coming session.
- 3) The pupil roll at Dalmeny Primary has experienced an upwards trend over the last two of years, and is forecast to peak this year. Like most our schools, Dalmeny Primary School is forecast to have a fall in roll in the coming years.
- 4) Dalmeny Primary School will be receiving a fully funded probationer for next session which will enhance their teaching compliment and create some flexibility for the management team.
- 5) Dalmeny Primary School has acted in previous years, through placing out of catchment requests from nearby South Queensferry, to relieve the pressure

on the overcapacity Queensferry Primary School and that these requests were accommodated without difficulty to the benefit of both schools.

- 6) That Dalmeny's Parent Forum has noted its significant concern that there will be an extremely negative impact upon the school's viability, due to the decreasing capacity and roll.
- 7) The specific and unique context Dalmeny Primary is in due to its rurality and provision of relief to the oversubscribed Queensferry Primary.
- 8) The head of education will continue to support the HT and will engage further with the PC over the course of the session to report on how the additional staffing is being used."

- moved by Councillor Griffiths, seconded by Councillor Graham

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Younie.

- 1) To note the financial pressure the Council was experiencing was impacting upon all service delivery, including education provision.
- 2) To note it was normal for schools operate with a class organisation below the number of available classes. Dalmeny Primary school had operated with 4 classes since session 2020/21 and would continue to operate with 4 classes this coming session.
- 3) To note Dalmeny Primary School had acted in previous years, through placing out of catchment requests from nearby South Queensferry, to relieve the pressure on the overcapacity Queensferry Primary School and that these requests were accommodated without difficulty to the benefit of both schools.
- 4) To note that Dalmeny's Parent Forum had noted its significant concern that there would be an extremely negative impact upon the school's viability, due to the decreasing capacity and roll.
- 5) To note the specific and unique context Dalmeny Primary was in due to its rurality and provision of relief to the oversubscribed Queensferry Primary.
- 6) To note all class organisations were agreed in line with the Council's policy on Pupil Admissions and legislation set out in the Education (Scotland) Act 1980.
- 7) To note the pupil roll at Dalmeny Primary had experienced an upwards trend over the last two of years, and was forecast to peak this year. Like most our

schools, Dalmeny Primary School was forecast to have a fall in roll in the coming years.

- 8) To note Dalmeny Primary School would be receiving a fully funded probationer for next session which would enhance their teaching compliment and create some flexibility for the management team.
- 9) To note Dalmeny Primary School had acted in previous years, through placing out of catchment requests from nearby South Queensferry, to relieve the pressure on the overcapacity Queensferry Primary School and that these requests were accommodated without difficulty to the benefit of both schools.
- 10) To note that Dalmeny's Parent Forum had noted its significant concern that there would be an extremely negative impact upon the school's viability, due to the decreasing capacity and roll.
- 11) To note the specific and unique context Dalmeny Primary was in due to its rurality and provision of relief to the oversubscribed Queensferry Primary.
- 12) To note the head of education would continue to support the HT and would engage further with the PC over the course of the session to report on how the additional staffing was being used
- 13) To request a report to the next Education, Children and Families Committee which outlined options which would address the concerns of families impacted and ensured the ongoing viability of Dalmeny Primary School.

29 Edinburgh Council's Support for Peace and Justice in Palestine – Motion by Councillor Mumford

The following motion by Councillor Mumford was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that since the Council first declared its support for an immediate, bilateral ceasefire in December 2023;
 - a) The International Court of Justice has ordered Israel to refrain from any acts that could fall under the Genocide Convention and to ensure its troops commit no genocidal acts against Palestinians;
 - b) The Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court has filed for arrest warrants for senior figures in both Hamas and the Israeli Government including prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu;

- c) Eight more UN member states have recognised the State of Palestine including Spain and Ireland, bringing the total number to 144;
- 2) Further notes
- a) Public campaigns against corporations funding or supporting the ongoing military attacks on Palestine have successfully led to major cultural institutions cutting ties with these corporations, including The Edinburgh book festival, Edinburgh Pride, and music festivals across the UK;
 - b) In May, Edinburgh Council adopted an ethical advertising and sponsorship policy which precludes accepting advertising or sponsorship deals with arms manufacturers;
- 3) Finally:
- a) notes recent research by Hope Not Hate suggesting that one in five teachers are seeing a negative impact on pupil wellbeing arising from issues related to the conflict, including a significant increase in antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents;
 - b) notes that a recent visit by the Israeli Ambassador to Edinburgh was cancelled after strong objections from members of the Jewish Community in Edinburgh;

Therefore, Council:

- 4) Reaffirms its call for an immediate ceasefire and unconditional release of all hostages held in Israel and Palestine;
- 5) Recognises our responsibility under the Genocide Convention to take all possible measures to ensure the Council is not providing support for states or corporations carrying out, legitimising or benefiting from acts of genocide;
- 6) Requests that this responsibility forms a core part of the discussions around the Council's new procurement strategy, in addition to the previous decision of council that this should also include consideration of ethical procurement more generally;
- 7) Writes to the UK and Scottish Governments expressing:
 - a) Support for recognition of the State of Palestine and calling on the UK Government to recognise the State of Palestine, as our representative at the UN;

- b) Support for the cases at the ICJ and ICC and calling on the UK government to provide support for them at the UN;
 - c) Support for an arms embargo, believing that neither government – being bound by the UK’s signature to the International Arms Trade Treaty - should be providing arms to Israel or financing arms manufacturers;
 - d) Support for all practical help that can be extended to Palestinians travelling to the UK and Scotland including visa schemes and financial support
 - e) Our request that the Israeli Ambassador not be invited to Edinburgh until such time as the Jewish Community in Scotland withdraw their objections to her visits.
- 8) Writes to the Lothian Pension Fund requesting that they consider removing their investments from companies complicit in the bombardment and settlement of Occupied Palestinian Territories;
 - 9) Creates a page on the website for people arriving to Edinburgh from Palestine setting out what support they are able to access;
 - 10) Agrees that the Council’s communications channels should be used to promote donations to the dedicated funds established by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to help those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza;
 - 11) Requests that the Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review group consider investigating any links between Edinburgh and the displacement of Palestinian people as part of their work programme;
 - 12) Requests that education officers contact headteachers to ask how Edinburgh’s schools are managing discussions around the conflict and asking if any additional support or resources are required, and that an update be provided to the next meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee;
 - 13) Requests the Council host a meeting within the next three months, inviting partners from Edinburgh Partnership, elected members, faith groups and relevant third sector organisations, to discuss and recommend practical solidarity actions that Edinburgh Council can take to reinforce this call and provide support for Palestinians in Scotland and overseas, recognising the constraints of Council resources.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Mumford.

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Rae

Amendment 1

Council:

- 1) In paragraph 4) of the motion by Councillor Mumford, inserts the word “bi-lateral” in between “immediate” and “ceasefire
- 2) Deletes 7) a) of the motion and replaces with;
“Support to recognise an independent Palestinian state as a contribution to a renewed peace process which results in a two-state solution with a safe and secure Israel alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state.”
- 3) Deletes 7) b) of the motion and replaces with:
“Support for the upholding of international law and calling on the Israeli Government to comply with the rulings already issued by the ICJ and ICC.”
- 4) Deletes 7) e) of the motion.
- 5) Deletes 8) of the motion and replaces with:
”Notes the report before the Pension Committee on 26 June 2024, “Approach to Responsible Investment - Conflict Affected Areas”.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Faccenda

Amendment 2

To take no action on the motion by Councillor Mumford.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 24(4), the Lord Provost ruled that a first vote be taken for or against Amendment 2 for no action.

Voting

First Vote

The voting was as follows:

For Amendment 2	-	9 votes
Against Amendment 2	-	51 votes

(For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.

Against Amendment 2: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Bennett, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, O'Neill, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.)

As the vote for no action was lost, a second vote was then taken between the Motion by Councillor Mumford and Amendment 1 by Councillor Meagher.

Second Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	27 votes
For Amendment 1	-	33 votes

(For the Motion: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Nols-McVey, O'Neill, Parker, Rae, Staniforth and Work.

For Amendment 1: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Bennett, Bruce, Caldwell, Lezley Marion Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

Decision

To approve Amendment 1 by Councillor Meagher as follows:

- 1) To note that since the Council first declared its support for an immediate, bilateral ceasefire in December 2023:

- a) The International Court of Justice had ordered Israel to refrain from any acts that could fall under the Genocide Convention and to ensure its troops committed no genocidal acts against Palestinians;
 - b) The Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court had filed for arrest warrants for senior figures in both Hamas and the Israeli Government including prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu;
 - c) Eight more UN member states had recognised the State of Palestine including Spain and Ireland, bringing the total number to 144.
- 2) To further note
- a) Public campaigns against corporations funding or supporting the ongoing military attacks on Palestine had successfully led to major cultural institutions cutting ties with these corporations, including The Edinburgh book festival, Edinburgh Pride, and music festivals across the UK;
 - b) In May, Edinburgh Council adopted an ethical advertising and sponsorship policy which precluded accepting advertising or sponsorship deals with arms manufacturers.
- 3) Finally:
- a) to note recent research by Hope Not Hate suggesting that one in five teachers were seeing a negative impact on pupil wellbeing arising from issues related to the conflict, including a significant increase in antisemitic and Islamophobic incidents;
 - b) to note that a recent visit by the Israeli Ambassador to Edinburgh was cancelled after strong objections from members of the Jewish Community in Edinburgh.
- 4) To reaffirm the call for an immediate bi-lateral ceasefire and unconditional release of all hostages held in Israel and Palestine.
- 5) To recognise the responsibility under the Genocide Convention to take all possible measures to ensure the Council was not providing support for states or corporations carrying out, legitimising or benefiting from acts of genocide.
- 6) To request that this responsibility formed a core part of the discussions around the Council's new procurement strategy, in addition to the previous decision of council that this should also include consideration of ethical procurement more generally.
- 7) To write to the UK and Scottish Governments expressing:

- a) Support to recognise an independent Palestinian state as a contribution to a renewed peace process which resulted in a two-state solution with a safe and secure Israel alongside a viable and sovereign Palestinian state;
 - b) Support for the upholding of international law and calling on the Israeli Government to comply with the rulings already issued by the ICJ and ICC;
 - c) Support for an arms embargo, believing that neither government – being bound by the UK's signature to the International Arms Trade Treaty - should be providing arms to Israel or financing arms manufacturers;
 - d) Support for all practical help that could be extended to Palestinians travelling to the UK and Scotland including visa schemes and financial support.
- 8) To note the report before the Pension Committee on 26 June 2024, "Approach to Responsible Investment - Conflict Affected Areas.
- 9) To create a page on the website for people arriving to Edinburgh from Palestine setting out what support they were able to access.
- 10) To agree that the Council's communications channels should be used to promote donations to the dedicated funds established by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the United Nations Relief and Works Agency to help those affected by the humanitarian crisis in Gaza.
- 11) To request that the Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Review group consider investigating any links between Edinburgh and the displacement of Palestinian people as part of their work programme.
- 12) To request that education officers contact headteachers to ask how Edinburgh's schools were managing discussions around the conflict and asking if any additional support or resources were required, and that an update be provided to the next meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 13) To request the Council host a meeting within the next three months, inviting partners from Edinburgh Partnership, elected members, faith groups and relevant third sector organisations, to discuss and recommend practical solidarity actions that Edinburgh Council could take to reinforce this call and provide support for Palestinians in Scotland and overseas, recognising the constraints of Council resources.

30 Sustainable Urban Drainage and Edinburgh Street Design Guidance – Motion by Councillor Caldwell

The following motion by Councillor Caldwell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22(6):

“Council

Recognises;

- 1) The Scottish Government’s ‘Water, Wastewater and Drainage’ policy (2003) banning the construction of new drains into Combined Sewers, and that new gullies can only typically be installed as part of wider works.
- 2) The Climate Crisis and Biodiversity crisis, the former of which has led to higher ‘exceedance events’ than in previous decades and can cause both accessibility issues for walkers and wheelers, and in serious cases cause both public and private infrastructure damage.
- 3) That the Planning department produces regular iterations of the ‘Edinburgh Street Design Guidance’, the last revision of which predates National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4).

Affirms;

- 4) That alternative drainage and water capture systems on public land will be key to collecting rainwater.
- 5) Some alternative sustainable urban drainage and water capture systems, such as rain gardens, can also play a role in enhancing the biodiversity and nature of our city.
- 6) It’s essential that all five Place departments which may have a role to play (Gullies, Flood Prevention, Roads & Pavements, Greenspace, and Major Infrastructure Projects) are able to easily liaise and share appropriate resource to strengthen mitigations against more frequent exceedance events.

Requests;

- 7) A Report to Planning Committee in two cycles which outlines;
 - a) The role of gullies alongside alternative drainage/water capture systems in future revisions of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance advisory notes and examples, if possible, where on the public realm this best practice has been utilised.

- b) What ongoing steps the Planning Department and the Council as a whole are taking to liaise with SEPA, Scottish Water and the Scottish government to ensure every community in the city can be treated equitably against flooding on both private and public surfaces.
 - c) What steps the Planning Department take and could take to liaise with other Council Place departments (such as listed in Point 6) to ensure public realm infrastructure projects can also meet NPF4 Policy 22 and LDP 18 and 43 as best practice, as well as 2020 Edinburgh Design Guidance Section 3.1.
 - d) How Section 75 contributions (specifically) have traditionally been leveraged to mitigate flooding and enhance local biodiversity using drainage systems and blue-green infrastructure on public spaces.
- 8) This report is subsequently referred to Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for cross-departmental risk resilience scrutiny.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Cowdy.

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Ross

Amendment 1

Deletes “A Report to Planning Committee” at 7) in the motion by Councillor Caldwell and replaces with “An all-member briefing”.

- moved by Councillor Dalglish, seconded by Councillor Arthur

Amendment 2

1) Add at the end of point 3 of the motion by Councillor Caldwell:

“, that section 3.8 of the Edinburgh Design Guidance deals with the Water Environment and SuDS, and that a report on Edinburgh Design Guidance is scheduled for the September 2024 meeting of Planning Committee.”

2) In point 7 of the motion, delete the words “A report to Planning Committee in two cycles which outlines” and insert the words, “A written briefing for elected members, and a briefing session offered to all members, to take place prior to the September meeting of Planning Committee, to outline:”

3) Delete point 8 in the motion and replace with;

“Agrees that, as part of the report on Edinburgh Design Guidance to Planning Committee in September 2024, the issue of SuDS, and the wider issues raised in this motion, will be addressed.”

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 3

1) Deletes Point 3 in the motion by Councillor Caldwell and replaces with:

“The Transport Department produced the latest iteration of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance which has been incorporated into the Edinburgh Design Guidance and technical signoff has been undertaken by the Transport and Environment Committee.”

2) Retains paragraphs 4), 5) and 6) of the motion.

3) Inserts “Transport and Environment and” before “Planning” and adds “s” to Committee in point 7) of the motion to read:

“A Report to Transport and Environment and Planning Committees in two cycles which”:

At b) replace “Planning department” with “Place directorate” and delete “Council as a whole”

At c) Deletes “What steps to Point 6)” and replaces this with “Any necessary changes to policies and procedures”

4) Deletes point 8 of the motion.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Mitchell

Amendment 4

Council

Recognises;

- 1) The Scottish Government’s ‘Water, Wastewater and Drainage’ policy (2003) banning the construction of new drains into Combined Sewers, and that new gullies can only typically be installed as part of wider works.
- 2) The Climate Crisis and Biodiversity crisis, the former of which has led to higher ‘exceedance events’ than in previous decades and can cause both accessibility issues for walkers and wheelers, and in serious cases cause both public and private infrastructure damage.

- 3) The Transport Department produced the latest iteration of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance which has been incorporated into the Edinburgh Design Guidance and technical signoff has been undertaken by the Transport and Environment Committee; that the Planning department produces regular iterations of the 'Edinburgh Street Design Guidance', the last revision of which predates National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4); that section 3.8 of the Edinburgh Design Guidance deals with the Water Environment and SuDS, and that a report on Edinburgh Design Guidance is scheduled for the September 2024 meeting of Planning Committee.

Affirms;

- 4) That alternative drainage and water capture systems on public land will be key to collecting rainwater.
- 5) Some alternative sustainable urban drainage and water capture systems, such as rain gardens, can also play a role in enhancing the biodiversity and nature of our city.
- 6) It's essential that all five Place departments which may have a role to play (Gullies, Flood Prevention, Roads & Pavements, Greenspace, and Major Infrastructure Projects) are able to easily liaise and share appropriate resource to strengthen mitigations against more frequent exceedance events.

Requests;

- 7) An All Member Briefing to take place prior to the September meeting of Planning Committee, to outline:
 - a) The role of gullies alongside alternative drainage/water capture systems in future revisions of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance advisory notes and examples, if possible, where on the public realm this best practice has been utilised.
 - b) What ongoing steps the Planning Department and the Place Directorate are taking to liaise with SEPA, Scottish Water and the Scottish government to ensure every community in the city can be treated equitably against flooding on both private and public surfaces.
 - c) Any necessary changes to policies and procedures to ensure public realm infrastructure projects can also meet NPF4 Policy 22 and LDP 18 and 43 as best practice, as well as 2020 Edinburgh Design Guidance Section 3.1.
 - d) How Section 75 contributions (specifically) have traditionally been leveraged to mitigate flooding and enhance local biodiversity using drainage systems and blue-green infrastructure on public spaces.

- 8) Agrees that, as part of the report on Edinburgh Design Guidance to Planning Committee in September 2024, the issue of SuDS, and the wider issues raised in this motion, will be addressed.”

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Younie

At this point in the proceedings, the Motion and Amendments 1, 2 and 3 were withdrawn.

Decision

To approve Amendment 4 by Councillor Caldwell.

31 Pride Month – Motion by Councillor Heap

The following motion by Councillor Heap was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council

- 1) Welcomes the celebration of Pride in Edinburgh this month;
- 2) Understands that pride is a celebration of the diversity, history, achievements and equal status and dignity of the LGBTIQ+ community;
- 3) Celebrates the significant strides made in LGBTIQ+ equality in recent decades, but
- 4) Further understands that Pride is also a protest against the continuing, and in some cases, increasing, inequalities faced by this community;
- 5) Notes with regret the 26% and 2% yearly increases in, respectively, sexual orientation and transgender hate crimes in Scotland in 2022/23, with transgender hate crimes being the highest on record;
- 6) Notes with regret no UK city is a member of the Rainbow Cities Network
- 7) Welcomes the flying of the Progress Flag from the City Chambers for the entirety of Pride Month.
- 8) Resolves that the forthcoming updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy should redouble efforts to remove homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and other forms of anti-LGBTIQ+ discrimination in the city and promote full equality and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people in Edinburgh.”

- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Bandel

Amendment

Council adds to point 6 of the motion by Councillor Heap:

“Notes with regret that no UK city is a member of the Rainbow Cities Network, an organisation that recognises LGBTIQ+ citizen’s fundamental rights and acknowledges its responsibility to protect and defend their LGBTIQ+ citizens from discrimination; the 54 city members exchange of best practices.

Membership of the Rainbow Cities Network would incur an annual fee of €2000, and Council therefore requests the Finance and Resources Committee explore the provision of funding for the City of Edinburgh to become a member of the organisation”

- moved by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Thornley

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 Heap:

- 1) To welcome the celebration of Pride in Edinburgh this month.
- 2) To understand that pride was a celebration of the diversity, history, achievements and equal status and dignity of the LGBTIQ+ community.
- 3) To celebrate the significant strides made in LGBTIQ+ equality in recent decades, but
- 4) To further understand that Pride was also a protest against the continuing, and in some cases, increasing, inequalities faced by this community.
- 5) To note with regret the 26% and 2% yearly increases in, respectively, sexual orientation and transgender hate crimes in Scotland in 2022/23, with transgender hate crimes being the highest on record.
- 6) To note with regret no UK city was a member of the Rainbow Cities Network, an organisation that recognised LGBTIQ+ citizen’s fundamental rights and acknowledged its responsibility to protect and defend their LGBTIQ+ citizens from discrimination; the 54 city members exchange of best practices.

Membership of the Rainbow Cities Network would incur an annual fee of €2000, and to therefore request the Finance and Resources Committee explore the provision of funding for the City of Edinburgh to become a member of the organisation.

- 7) To welcome the flying of the Progress Flag from the City Chambers for the entirety of Pride Month.
- 8) To resolve that the forthcoming updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy should redouble efforts to remove homophobia, biphobia, transphobia and other forms of anti-LGBTIQ+ discrimination in the city and promote full equality and inclusion of LGBTIQ+ people in Edinburgh.

32 School Road Safety - James Gillespie's High School– Motion by Councillor Kumar

The following motion by Councillor Kumar was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council

Noted concerns from parents at James Gillespie's High School in relation to deficiencies to road safety measures around the school.

Notes that despite speed humps and a 20-mph limit, cars are often observed at high speeds, most particularly on Warrender Park Road.

Notes that placement of bins around junctions and double parking by cars at school pick up and drop off times has significantly reduced visibility for safe crossing by pupils. This includes observations of pupils crossing behind bin lorries at peak times.

Council notes further concerns from residents:

- a) there is a lack of clear signage that there is a school ahead.
- b) there is no crossing assistance at the high school end of JGHS.
- c) observes that with the closure of white House loan near JGPS cars treat White House Loan and Warrender Park Road as one road making it unclear if the junction is still functional.

Notes with sadness and regret on previous incidents relating to pupil safety and driver behaviour.

Agrees to explore further traffic calming measures around James Gillespie's High School and brings findings as part of the School Travel Plan Review at a meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee.”

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

Amendment 1

- 1) Adds before the final paragraph of the motion by Councillor Kumar:

“Notes that one of the best ways of improving road safety around schools is by reducing the number of vehicles in the area by supporting safer routes for walking, wheeling and cycling, as is the case with the Greenbank-Meadows Quiet Route which serves James Gillespie’s High School / Primary School (and other schools in the area).”

2) Also adds at the end of the motion:

“Further agrees that the School Travel Plan review report which comes to TEC also includes details about the governance arrangements around the delivery of school travel plans, noting concerns expressed by a number of school communities across the city that actions are not being progressed.”

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Burgess

Amendment 2

Adds after c) in the motion by Councillor Kumar:

“d) with the lack of crossing safety measures at the busy junction of Warrender Park Road and Lauderdale Street.

Notes with disappointment the slow progress with the School Travel Plan Review Programme across the City.”

- moved by Councillor Cowdy, seconded by Councillor Munro

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Kumar:

- 1) To note concerns from parents at James Gillespie’s High School in relation to deficiencies to road safety measures around the school.
- 2) To note that despite speed humps and a 20-mph limit, cars were often observed at high speeds, most particularly on Warrender Park Road.
- 3) To note that placement of bins around junctions and double parking by cars at school pick up and drop off times had significantly reduced visibility for safe crossing by pupils. This included observations of pupils crossing behind bin lorries at peak times.
- 3) To note further concerns from residents:
 - a) there was a lack of clear signage that there was a school ahead.

- b) there was no crossing assistance at the high school end of JGHS.
 - c) observed that with the closure of white House loan near JGPS cars treat White House Loan and Warrender Park Road as one road making it unclear if the junction was still functional.
 - d) with the lack of crossing safety measures at the busy junction of Warrender Park Road and Lauderdale Street:
- 4) To note with disappointment the slow progress with the School Travel Plan Review Programme across the City.
 - 5) To note with sadness and regret on previous incidents relating to pupil safety and driver behaviour.
 - 6) To note that one of the best ways of improving road safety around schools was by reducing the number of vehicles in the area by supporting safer routes for walking, wheeling and cycling, as was the case with the Greenbank-Meadows Quiet Route which served James Gillespie's High School / Primary School (and other schools in the area).
 - 7) To agree to explore further traffic calming measures around James Gillespie's High School and bring findings as part of the School Travel Plan Review at a meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee.
 - 8) To further agree that the School Travel Plan review report which comes to TEC also include details about the governance arrangements around the delivery of school travel plans, noting concerns expressed by a number of school communities across the city that actions were not being progressed.

33 Edinburgh Park Arena – Motion by Councillor McFarlane

The following motion by Councillor McFarlane was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council

- 1) Welcomes the plans for a new 8,500 capacity arena by AEG at Edinburgh Park that were recently unanimously approved and recognises the significant cultural, economic and employment opportunities that this will bring to the city.
- 2) Notes the site is incredibly well connected to public transport options and agrees that private vehicle traffic to and from the arena will need to be minimised to protect nearby residential amenity and comply with our strategic climate and emissions targets.

- 3) Therefore requests officers
 - a) work with Edinburgh Tram / Lothian Buses and AEG to investigate the scope for integrated event / public transport ticketing to encourage sustainable travel reporting back to Transport and Environment Committee via the Business Bulletin.
 - b) engage with local schools and charities to explore community links, cultural outreach, and potential employment opportunities.
- 4) Further requests that council officers meet engage with AEG to encourage a good working relationship from the offset and use early opportunities to encourage their support for key CEC Business Plan and Culture Strategy outcomes inclusive of Real Living Wage accreditation, use of local suppliers and widening access to culture.”

- moved by Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor Hyslop

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McFarlane.

34 Coastal Defences and Flood Management Strategy– Motion by Councillor Jones

The following motion by Councillor Jones was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes –

- 1) That the Scottish Government published the “Dynamic Coast 2 project” in 2021, to assist local authorities and other stakeholders identify where the greatest risks are from coastal erosion this decade and into the future and that significant sums of money area available to assist local authorities with this work.
- 2) At present, the City of Edinburgh Council has no clear strategy for an integrated plan for Coastal Defence and Flood Management Resilience.
- 3) Council therefore requests a report to the Planning Committee, within three cycles, setting out a strategy for Coastal Defences and Flood Management Resilience to include proposed consultations with the Scottish Government and key stakeholders and fully costed solutions for environmental projects.
- 4) Further, Council agrees the report should indicate what work has taken place to date, what monies have been received by the Scottish Government since 2020 and how have these monies been spent.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Jones.

- moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment

- 1) Deletes “the City of Edinburgh Council has no clear strategy for an integrated plan for Coastal Defence and Flood Management Resilience.” at point 2 in the motion by Councillor Jones and replaces with:

“Transport and Environment Committee will receive an update later this year regarding coastal defences and flood management strategy in the Portobello area as well as the wider Coastal Change Adaptation Plan as per Item 67 of the Rolling Actions Log, as a consequence of a motion agreed by Council on 21st March by Councillor Meagher. The Coastal Change Adaptation Plan, once complete, will also be included in the work of the next Local Development Plan, City Plan 2040.”

- 2) Deletes point 3 in the motion and replaces with:

“Council therefore requests that this update to the Transport and Environment Committee is within three cycles, this should set out any update to the draft strategy for Coastal Defences and Flood Management Resilience, to include proposed consultations with the Scottish Government and key stakeholders, and funding options for environmental projects.”

- 3) Deletes “the report” at point 4 of the motion and replaces with:

“that this update”.

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Dalglish

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Jones:

- 1) To note that the Scottish Government published the “Dynamic Coast 2 project” in 2021, to assist local authorities and other stakeholders identify where the greatest risks were from coastal erosion this decade and into the future and that significant sums of money are available to assist local authorities with this work.

- 2) To note that at present, the Transport and Environment Committee would receive an update later this year regarding coastal defences and flood management strategy in the Portobello area as well as the wider Coastal Change Adaptation Plan as per Item 67 of the Rolling Actions Log, as a consequence of a motion agreed by Council on 21st March by Councillor Meagher. The Coastal Change Adaptation Plan, once complete, would also be included in the work of the next Local Development Plan, City Plan 2040.
- 3) To therefore request that this update to the Transport and Environment Committee be within three cycles, this should set out any update to the draft strategy for Coastal Defences and Flood Management Resilience, to include proposed consultations with the Scottish Government and key stakeholders, and funding options for environmental projects.
- 4) Further, to agree that this update should indicate what work had taken place to date, what monies had been received by the Scottish Government since 2020 and how had these monies been spent.

35 The Causey Development and Active Travel – Motion by Councillor Flannery

The following motion by Councillor Flannery was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

- “1) Council regrets that –

‘The Causey project is not part of the Council’s current Active Travel Investment Programme (ATInP) 2021-26. A review of the ATInP is currently underway and this will include assessing and prioritising potential new projects from across the city for inclusion in a new ATInP 2024-29. The potential to incorporate The Causey project into the new ATInP will be considered as part of the process. The outcomes of the review will be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in autumn 2024.’
- 2) The Causey Development, Southside Newington, is ‘the creation of a public square, widening pavement, and traffic calming measures in West Causewayside.’ The Health Foundation promotes the benefits of Active Travel in ‘increasing community safety and cohesion.’ While Active Travel Paths for All promotes ‘increased physical, mental and social health’ benefits.
- 3) Further, the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee 8/23 states at 3.5 –

‘The Causey was put forward as a viable candidate and the traffic regulation order and Roads Determination order were confirmed in June ’22.’ At 4.5, and

Appendices 3 & 4, this recommendation is repeated as part of the PlaceBased Investment Programme.

Communication from The Causey Trust has been with Sustrans, the anticipated funder, and accommodated Sustrans' required, extensive outcomes. The Trust learned in late 2023 that capital works funding would now come directly from Transport Scotland Active Travel Infrastructure fund.

4) Next Steps

Officers to circulate a briefing by the next Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in August regarding the Causey's non-inclusion in current ATInP, despite recommendations from Place-Based Investment Programme agreed at this Committee.

Identify other projects potentially affected by the absorption of capital works directly into ATInP.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Flannery.

- moved by Councillor Flannery, seconded by Councillor Bennett

Amendment

Adds after 'at this committee' in point 4 in the motion by Councillor Flannery:

“Agrees that this briefing note will be circulated to members of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee, and Southside/Newington Ward Councillors.”

- moved by Councillor Aston, seconded by Councillor Kumar

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 Flannery:

- “1) To regret that The Causey project was not part of the Council's current Active Travel Investment Programme (ATInP) 2021-26. A review of the ATInP was currently underway and this would include assessing and prioritising potential new projects from across the city for inclusion in a new ATInP 2024-29. The potential to incorporate The Causey project into the new ATInP would be considered as part of the process. The outcomes of the review would be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in autumn 2024.’

2) The Causey Development, Southside Newington, was 'the creation of a public square, widening pavement, and traffic calming measures in West Causewayside.' The Health Foundation promotes the benefits of Active Travel in 'increasing community safety and cohesion.' While Active Travel Paths for All promotes 'increased physical, mental and social health' benefits.

3) Further, the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee 8/23 states at 3.5 –

The Causey was put forward as a viable candidate and the traffic regulation order and Roads Determination order were confirmed in June '22.' At 4.5, and Appendices 3 & 4, this recommendation is repeated as part of the Place-Based Investment Programme.

Communication from The Causey Trust has been with Sustrans, the anticipated funder, and accommodated Sustrans' required, extensive outcomes. The Trust learned in late 2023 that capital works funding would now come directly from Transport Scotland Active Travel Infrastructure fund.

4) To agree officers circulate a briefing by the next Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in August regarding the Causey's non-inclusion in current ATInP, despite recommendations from Place-Based Investment Programme agreed at this Committee.

Identify other projects potentially affected by the absorption of capital works directly into ATInP."

5) To agree that this briefing note would be circulated to members of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, the Transport and Environment Committee, and Southside/Newington Ward Councillors.

36 Dalai Lama – Motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

The following motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council notes that the last visit of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama to Edinburgh took place in 2004, when he was welcomed by the then Lord Provost.

Also notes that the Dalai Lama, also known as Tenzin Gyatso, is approaching his 89th birthday on 6th July.

Notes that in addition to being the spiritual leader of the Tibetan Buddhist faith, the Dalai Lama is an internationally recognised figure for his work in supporting efforts towards peace and reconciliation, and he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1989.

Council therefore asks the Lord Provost to write to the office of the Dalai Lama and extend the city's wishes for his good health on the occasion of his birthday.

Council further asks that the Lord Provost liaise with the Edinburgh Interfaith Association and the Edinburgh International Centre for Spirituality and Peace to explore the feasibility of inviting the Dalai Lama to make a return visit to the city for events centred on striving for peace in turbulent times.

Such events may include but are not limited to offering opportunities for schoolchildren to meet and ask questions of the Dalai Lama, and a public talk at the Usher Hall on the spiritual leader's visions for peace as we approach the end of the first quarter of the 21st century."

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan.

37 Firework Control Zones (Extension of deadline) – Emergency Motion by Councillor Heap

The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Council to give early consideration to this matter.

The following motion by Councillor Heap was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council notes:

- 1) The unanimous decision on 16 May 2024 of Culture and Communities Committee:
 - a) To direct officers to gather evidence for a city-wide Firework Control Zone
 - b) For requests for a City-wide zone are considered on an equal basis to all other requests
 - c) The Council's FCZ [webpage](#) and other public-facing communications make it clearer that a city-wide FCZ can be requested and explains how to do this.
- 2) With gratitude that work on Action A has commenced

- 3) With regret that work on Action C has not yet been carried out, though acknowledges workload pressure on officers and that a verbal commitment to carry this out soon has been given
- 4) That the deadline for FCZ requests of any type is 30 June 2024
- 5) That, currently, neither the FCZ webpage nor the Council's media activity made clear that a city-wide zone can be requested and that, as a result, most residents and interested organisations are unlikely to have known the opportunity.
- 6) That non-extension of the deadline will seriously interfere with implementing the decision made by democratically-elected Councillors and for residents and interested organisations to have their say.

Council therefore:

- 7) Resolves that the deadline will be extended to 31 July.”

- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Heap.

38 Out of the Blue 30th Anniversary – Motion by Councillor Dalglish

The following motion by Councillor Dalglish was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council: Notes that 2024 is the 30th Anniversary of the opening of Out of the Blue Arts and Education Trust in Edinburgh.

Recognises Out of the Blue’s core mission to create affordable and appropriate spaces, resources, projects and opportunities for the residents of Edinburgh to be creative, and to make diversity of creativity more visible.

Notes the important and positive impact Out of the Blue has had on Edinburgh and its residents, particularly in Leith and North Edinburgh.

Extends its congratulations to the staff, volunteers and users of Out of the Blue who have provided a high level of commitment and service to the community of North Edinburgh for 30 years.

Asks the Lord Provost to recognise this achievement in an appropriate manner.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Dalgleish.

39 Citadel Youth Centre – Motion by Councillor Faccenda

The following motion by Councillor Faccenda was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council congratulates Willy Barr, Manager of Citadel Youth Centre on winning the Inspirational Leader Award at the YouthLink Scotland National Youth Work Awards on 12th June 2024.

Understands that since 1980, the Citadel has been a safe and supportive place for young people in Leith organising youth clubs, trips, life lessons working with families, young mums and older people as well as offering one-to-one supports to young people who need extra help.

Notes that in a climate of funding challenges Willie Barr leads a team of committed youth workers and volunteers who make life better for many.

Commends the work of Willie Barr and asks the Lord provost to recognise this in an appropriate manner.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Faccenda.

40 Jim McFarlane, Chairman of Lothian Buses – Motion by Councillor Day

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council,

Acknowledges the almost 10 years of service of Jim McFarlane, Chairman of Lothian Buses.

Understands Jim was appointed Chair in July 2015 after a distinguished career with Scottish Enterprise and its predecessor The Scottish Development Agency where he held a number of senior positions, including Managing Director Operations, Chief Executive Edinburgh and Lothians and Chief Executive Borders.

Notes that in recognition of his contribution to Scotland’s economic development he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Edinburgh in 2010.

Gathers that Jim has shepherded Lothian Buses through the challenges of the covid pandemic and reform.

Congratulates Jim on this milestone and asks the Lord Provost to celebrate this in the most appropriate manner.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

41 MBE for LIFT’S Pauline Bowie – Motion by Councillor Day

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Congratulates Pauline Bowie, Founder and Director of Low Income Families Together (LIFT) for receiving a MBE for services to the community in Muirhouse.

Notes Pauline set up LIFT in 2017, and has worked tirelessly ever since to ensure local families in need can access vital support through advocacy, advice, skills and training. Services include support applying for benefits, finding temporary accommodation, provision of baby hampers for new parents, supplying food vouchers, and many more.

Commends the work of Pauline Bowie and asks the Lord Provost to recognise this in an appropriate manner.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

42 Celebrating 150 years of the Cockburn Association – Motion by Councillor Day

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Congratulates the Cockburn Association which in 2025 will be celebrating 150 years as a civic organisation.

Notes the Association was founded in 1875, making it one of the oldest conservation, planning and architectural advocacy organisations in the world, named after Lord Cockburn - one of Scotland's first conservationists.

Notes as part of the 150th anniversary celebrations, the Association is publishing a review of activities between 1875 and 2025, reflecting on Cockburn's legacy and considering what prospects might be in store for the city towards 2049.

Commends the work of the Cockburn Association and asks the Lord Provost to recognise this in an appropriate manner."

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

43 Currie Chieftains Winning Premiership SRU Title 2023-24 – Motion by Councillor Bruce

The following motion by Councillor Bruce was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council congratulates Currie Chieftains on becoming the SRU Premiership Champions for season 2023-24.

Council also recognises that Currie Chieftains are now the current holders of the Bill McLaren Shield.

Council also recognises that the club that was founded in 1970 does a huge amount of work in this sport at grassroots level to promote and develop the game of rugby in the local area for the benefit of the sport and the community which caters for males and females in all different age groups.

Council therefore asks the Lord Provost to mark the success of winning the SRU Premiership by holding a civic reception in honour of all the players and backroom staff of Currie Chieftains on this fantastic achievement".

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Bruce.

44 Questions

The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 1 to this minute.

Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 44 of 27 June 2024)

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Heap for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question

Can the Leader outline how decisions on how to spend the Lord Provost's budget are made?

Answer

The Council sets a budget for the Lord Provost's Office which meets pre-determined Staffing and Member costs.

Expenditure on civic hospitality is approved under a scheme of delegated authority, in accordance with the Council's Civic Hospitality Policy (last approved by Council on 22 June 2023) and Congratulatory Motions approved at Full Council.

Any discretionary spend is approved by the Budget Manager (Executive Assistant to the Lord Provost) and Head of Service as per the Council's approved scheme of delegation.

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Heap for answer by the
Convener of the Culture and
Communities Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 June
2024**

Question

Noting the recent decision of the Culture and Communities to express, on environmental and welfare grounds, regret at military jet flypasts during the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo, what routes the Council can take to reduce or end the use of these flypasts?

Answer

The Council has limited powers in relation to this area.

A public entertainment licence is required for the event, and standard conditions are attached.

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/24539/public-entertainment-licence-standard-conditions>

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 allows local authorities to act should there a statutory nuisance be determined. Categories of statutory nuisance are laid out in Section 79 and noise is noted as:

(g) noise emitted from premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance;

(ga) noise that is prejudicial to health or a nuisance and is emitted from or caused by a vehicle, machinery or equipment in a street or in Scotland, road.

However, the section then goes on to note:

(6) Subsection (1)(g) above does not apply to noise caused by aircraft other than model aircraft.

(6A) Subsection (1)(ga) above does not apply to noise made—

(a) by traffic,

(b) by any naval, military or air force of the Crown or by a visiting force (as defined in subsection (2) above), or

(c) by a political demonstration or a demonstration supporting or opposing a cause or campaign.

[Environmental Protection Act 1990 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

I would also note that the Council Leader has answered questions at Full Council Meetings, most recently on 31st August 2023, regarding this matter and has written to both the Edinburgh Royal Military Tattoo and the Royal Air Force to raise concerns.

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question (1) How many garden waste have not been automatically renewed this year despite there being the agreement of the licence payer?

Answer (1) The Garden Waste payment date for 2024/25 is 1 August 2024. No payments have been taken for this year yet.

Question (2) Why has this happened?

Answer (2) N/A

Question (3) What loss of revenue has occurred this year as a result?

Answer (3) N/A

Supplementary Question Does the Transport and Environment convener recognise that regardless of when payments for 2024-25 are taken, many permits have not arrived with residents (I have raised several myself), direct debits appear to have been cancelled and that this will have consequences for council finances as well as failing residents, and so will he commit to looking into problem properly?

Supplementary Answer While the Service recognises the permit process can and will be improved unfortunately the methodology for delivery of permits to customers is fulfilled by Royal Mail and is out with our control. We are aware of some complications in delivery of permits to flatted properties, however, we believe we have mitigated this by printing customers name and addresses directly onto the permits themselves.

We are not currently aware of any direct debit issues. Customers have the right to cancel direct debits. If the customer has registered for direct debit, they can cancel future payments any time up to three working days before the next payment is due to be taken. If the customer

cancels within 14 days of a payment being taken, they will receive a full refund. The direct debit guarantee also states *“You can cancel a direct debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required”*.

The Garden Waste register and permit delivery process is due to be reviewed in its entirety across the next 6 – 12 months. This will be done in line with delivering a better and more accessible service with more realistic timescales for delivery.

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Nicolson for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question (1) Please can a progress update be given about the Blackhall Library Options Appraisal reported on the CEC website to be completed by end May 2024?

Answer (1) The following update on the Blackhall Library options appraisal has been provided to local members, to the Friends of Blackhall Library Group and the council website has been updated.

The options which have been considered are as follows:

- Replacing all the RAAC.
- Replacement of all the RAAC and retrofit of the building to reduce energy use.
- A new library on the existing site.
- A new library on the Davidson's Mains Primary School site.

Every option will take some time to provide and therefore also recommend a temporary library facility is provided as a stand-alone facility. Following consideration of possible locations for the temporary facility it was determined that the most suitable would be the area to the front of Davidson's Mains Primary School.

A full update report will be presented to the Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September 2024.

Question (2) As yet, there has been no engagement with the Friends of Blackhall Library which is a constituted group, regarding the closure and the future of the library. Please can a guarantee be given that the Friends of Blackhall Library will be included in relevant conversations?

Answer

- (2)** The Friends of Blackhall Library Group have been kept updated on progress by the Library Development Leader via written communications and occasional meetings to date. Engagement with the Group on the options appraisal will be carried out at an appropriate time during the project.

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 June
2024**

Question (1) To ask the Convener why City of Edinburgh Council has the second highest pupil to teacher ratios in Scotland?

Answer (1) It should be noted that the Scottish Government has ceased to require adherence to a pupil:teacher ratio, and now sets out a minimum FTE commitment, which for Edinburgh relates to 3725 FTE

That said, in City of Edinburgh we have been committed to maintaining our pupil-teacher ratio to the same level as 2014-15 levels. This represents a pupil:teacher ratio at 14.9 (or below). We have continued to meet or exceed this level.

Our most recent ratio of 14.5 for the current session (2023-24) represents an increase in registered teachers (3,762 FTE) from the previous session (3,736 FTE). This is 37 FTE higher than our minimum commitment.

This is alongside what is currently a fairly stable school aged population in the city which has grown by 0.6% since session 2022-23.

Question (2) To ask what steps the council is taking to reduce the pupil teacher ratio to a figure closer to the national average.

Answer (2) As this is no longer a national directive, we strive to adhere instead to the national minimum set by SG (3725 FTE). Should we be required to further reduce the pupil/teacher ratio, we would need to employ more teachers. As stated, our numbers are already 37 FTE higher than our minimum commitment, at a cost of £2.59 million. Sourcing additional appropriately qualified staff would require both significant funding, and workforce planning.

QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 June 2024**

Question

To ask the Convener of Transport and Environment, how many fixed penalty notices have been issued for public littering, in each of the last 10 years?

Answer

2014 /15	2015 /16	2016 /17	2017 /18	2018 /19	2019 /20	2020 /21	2021 /22	2022 /23	2023 /24
630	613	114	20	15	42	2	2	1	1

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Last year, utility works in Clermiston Park left an unfilled trench running across the park. In over twelve months, this has still not been restored. Therefore, to ask the Convener:

- Question** (1) What does the Council currently expect of contractors undertaking utility works in parks in regard to restoration?
- Answer** (1) The Council expects the utility companies to fully restore the park to its original condition prior to commencement of any works
- Question** (2) What timescales does the Council currently require for restoration works?
- Answer** (2) This is variable and is dependant on the nature and extent of works required.
- Question** (3) What tools does the Council currently have to ensure restoration works are completed promptly and to an adequate standard?
- Answer** (3) Advice would be sought from Estates or Legal colleagues on a case by case basis. Utility works on Roads is managed through the New Roads and Streetworks Act however this does not extend to parks and therefore powers are significantly limited. In some cases, bonds might be applied or works might be subject to a procurement exercise and have defined terms and conditions.

QUESTION NO 8

By Councillor Parker for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

- Question** (1) At the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee meeting on 14th May 2024 under report 8.1 Cyclical Assurance on Service Performance, it was noted that:
- Since 2016-2017, there has been a 58.4% reduction in the number of major adaptations completed in Council homes (209 were completed in 16-17; 87 were completed in 23-24)
 - Since 2016-2017, there has been a 42.1% reduction in spending on major adaptations in Council homes (£933,142 (16-17) vs £540,000 (23-24))

What are the reasons for this reduction?

- Answer** (1) Adaptations is a demand led service; it is based on referrals from Occupational Therapists. There are a variety of steps in the process, which can lead to elongated timescales which could account for the fluctuations in outputs. The impact of the pandemic (with projects being paused due to social distancing and taking longer to complete due to additional health and safety measures), the reliance on existing staff resources and expertise (Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) and Housing), contractor capacity and an increase in more complex projects requiring increased number of planning and building warrant applications can all contribute.

- Question** (2) What existing processes are in place for Council tenants to request (major and minor) adaptations?

Answer (2) The approach for requesting an adaptation is the same for households across all housing tenures. For major adaptations, customers will have their adaptation request assessed by an Occupational Therapist (OT) within the H&SCP. The assessment takes account of the person's situation including personal safety, personal care and domestic tasks, family and social responsibilities, carer needs and long-term suitability of the property to meet future needs. Tenants can be made aware of the process by their Housing Officer or other people they have contact with, or by getting information online.

The process for minor adaptations is separate. Minor adaptations are dealt with through the E&SCP Community Equipment Service (part of the ATEC24 service). Minor adaptation assessments are carried out by an Occupational Therapist or Community Care Assistant. Requests can come through Social Work Direct, but customers can also request a minor adaptation using an online form. Minor adaptations include things like grab rails, bath rails, re-hanging doors or removing/replacing thresholds.

For Council tenants, the Housing Service is notified of the adaptation required and the minor adaptation is dealt with through the repairs system (with a specific code used to denote that it is an adaptation). Priority can be requested e.g. if it is to assist with a hospital discharge. Adaptations costing more than £1,000 or where more major work is required are dealt with through the major adaptations route.

Question (3) Given the data from Q1, what assurances can be given that the processes listed in Q2 are robust and sufficiently capture demand for works?

Answer (3) The Housing Service arrange for major adaptation work to be carried for Council tenants when referrals are received from OT colleagues. The data in Q1 shows the number of adaptations completed but may not be fully reflective of demand as this is only part of the process.

Question (4) When was the Council / HSCP's adaptations policy last reviewed?

Answer (4) The end-to-end adaptations process has not been fully reviewed for a number of years. However, elements of the process have been reviewed. For example, there have been some changes to the way work is procured for adaptations in Council homes; work is now being ordered in larger batches to generate cost and time efficiencies with a single contractor rather than several contractors. Monthly meetings take place between Senior OT colleagues in the H&SCP, Children’s Services and Housing and Homelessness to discuss current cases, priorities and identify any issues. These regular meetings also give an opportunity to review feedback from customers and improve wording on referral forms for example.

Question (5) Are there plans to review the Council’s adaptations policy / processes in light of the Scottish Government consultation on Part 1 of the Housing for Varying Needs (HfVN) design guide and introduction of a Scottish Accessible Homes Standard (SAHS)?

Answer (5) The consultation would not be a key driver for a review of adaptations as it relates to standards for new build homes (although in terms of design guidance some of it could be relevant for adapting homes).

As the Housing and Homelessness organisational review is entering the implementation phase, the intention is to look at a more comprehensive, data driven review, working with Health and Social Care partners and other stakeholders. The Accessible Housing Sounding Board identified this as a key area of work that would benefit from a review, with input from officers across different service areas. In the meantime, the Housing and Homelessness Service will review budget requirements for 2024/25, taking account of demand and resourcing.

Question (6) What work has the Council done to engage with disabled tenants and Disabled People’s Organisations to capture their experience of the adaptations process, and what learning (if any) has been applied from this?

Answer

- (6)** Council tenants who have their home adapted are asked to complete a customer feedback form. General feedback from customers, given to Occupational Therapists (OTs) and Housing staff involved in adaptations, is used to try to improve the service e.g. Capital Investment Team (Housing) providing regular updates to OT colleagues on timescales for installation of adaptations by contractors so this can be passed on to customers. This type of information is discussed at the monthly meetings between Housing Surveyors and OT colleagues. Triparty sign offs are sought at the end of an adaptation project which should be signed off by Capital Investment Team officers (Housing), the contractor and the Client (but not always received). Housing colleagues are also investigating software which will assist in automating and gathering information from tenants after work has been carried out, including major adaptations.

QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Osler for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 June 2024**

At the Transport and Environment Committee on the 23rd
May, Labour, SNP and Greens agreed to a Workshop

*” to investigate if a workable way to consider residential
amenity as part of the review framework can be found”*

Can the Convenor please tell me

Question

(1) Out of the following list who has been invited to attend this
workshop –

- Officers
- Members of the Committee
- Impacted Ward Councillors
- Related Stakeholder Groups
- Community Councils
- Resident Groups
- Other Members of the Public

Answer

(1) Officers

- Communal Bin Review (CBR) project team
- Neighbourhood Environmental Services
- Waste Operations

Members of the Committee

All 11 members of the Transport and Environment Committee.

Impacted Ward Councillors

Councillors from the following 12 Wards where the CBR project has installed (or is due to install) bin hubs:

- Ward 4 Forth
- Ward 5 Inverleith
- Ward 6 Corstorphine / Murrayfield
- Ward 7 Sighthill / Gorgie
- Ward 9 Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart
- Ward 10 Morningside
- Ward 11 City Centre
- Ward 12 Leith Walk
- Ward 13 Leith
- Ward 14 Craigentinny / Duddingston
- Ward 15 Southside / Newington
- Ward 17 Portobello / Craigmillar

Related stakeholder groups

- Cockburn Association
- Edinburgh Access Panel
- Edinburgh World Heritage
- Essential Edinburgh
- Historic Environment Scotland
- Federation of Small Business
- Grassmarket Residents' Association
- Living Streets Edinburgh
- And others TBC

Community Councils

- Corstorphine Community Council
- Craigtinny/Meadowbank Community Council
- Gorgie/Dalry Community Council
- Grange / Prestonfield Community Council
- Granton and District Community Council
- Hutchison / Chesser Community Council
- Leith Central Community Council
- Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council
- Leith Links Community Council

Question (2) What is the date of the Workshop?

Answer (2) Officers are working to get this date in the Council diary with an aim of notifying the relevant members of this date before summer recess commences.

Supplementary Question Note that under impacted ward councillors listed are 12 wards where CBR has (or soon will) instal bin hubs. Under the community council though only 9 community councils have been listed.

Why were 12 sets of ward councillors considered important to include but not the matching community councils that cover the same areas?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Within the 12 wards, there are 22 Community Councils who will be invited to the workshop. The initial response stops after Leith Links Community Council, and this is likely due to an error when the list was copied. Please find below a full list of the 22 Community Councils.

Community Councils (22)

- Corstorphine Community Council
- Craigentinny/Meadowbank Community Council
- Gorgie/Dalry Community Council
- Grange / Prestonfield Community Council
- Granton and District Community Council
- Hutchison / Chesser Community Council
- Leith Central Community Council
- Leith Harbour and Newhaven Community Council
- Leith Links Community Council
- Marchmont and Sciennes Community Council
- Merchiston Community Council
- Morningside Community Council
- Murrayfield Community Council
- New Town and Broughton Community Council
- Old Town Community Council

- Portobello Community Council
- Sighthill / Broomhouse and Parkhead Community Council
- Southside Community Council
- Stockbridge/Inverleith Community Council
- Tollcross Community Council
- Trinity Community Council
- West End Community Council

QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Osler for answer by
the Convener of the Culture and
Communities Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 June
2024**

Question

On the 16th May the Culture and Communities Committee agreed that there would be a public consultation on the proposed future uses of West Princes Street Gardens and the Ross Bandstand.

Can the Convener please confirm when this consultation will be launched?

Answer

We aim to prepare a consultation to be published before the end of this calendar year

QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor Mumford for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question **(1)** Is the Council currently in contract, contract discussions, or any other financial agreement with any of the following companies:

- a) Hewlett Packard
- b) Intel
- c) Siemens
- d) THK Security
- e) Leonardo
- f) ELBIT
- g) JCB
- h) Opodo
- i) Booking.com
- j) Airbnb
- k) Tripadvisor
- l) Expedia
- m) AXA insurance
- n) Barclays bank

Answer **(1)** a) Hewlett Packard – On a Scottish Gov Framework that CGI call off as an agent of the Council.

b) Intel – No

c) Siemens – Yes with Brightly Software Ltd.
(Maintenance contract previously novated to Edinburgh Trams)

d) THK Security – No

e) Leonardo – No

f) ELBIT – No

g) JCB – Scot JCB – Franchise in Scotland. On SXL framework. We use for spare parts. Very low spend circa £6k in 2023/24.

- h) Opodo – No
- i) Booking.com – No contract, last spend via Purchase Card in 22/23 Financial Year (FY)
- j) Airbnb - Purchase Card in FYs 22/23 & 23/24
- k) Tripadvisor - Purchase Card spend in FY 22/23
- l) Expedia – No
- m) AXA insurance – No
- n) Barclays bank – Yes -Provision of Merchant Services (Facilitating the acceptance of card payments - Direct award using Lot 1: Face to face and Card Not Present (CNP) card acquiring, Gateway and APM Services).

Question (2) If yes, when are the renewal dates for these contracts?

Answer (2) Barclays Bank - Call Off Direct Award CCS RM6118 Expires 30.01.26

Hewlett Packard – SG Framework is due to end 15/8/24

Siemens/Brightly Software Ltd – Council contract ends Sept.24.

JCB Scot – SXL Grounds & Plant Equipment Framework ends March 2028

- Question** **(3)** Do the following companies appear in Council procurement frameworks:
- a) Hewlett Packard
 - b) Intel
 - c) Siemens
 - d) THK Security
 - e) Leonardo
 - f) ELBIT
 - g) JCB
 - h) Opodo
 - i) Booking.com
 - j) Airbnb
 - k) Tripadvisor
 - l) Expedia
 - m) AXA insurance
 - n) Barclays bank

Answer **(3)** No

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Mumford for answer by
the Convener of the Culture and
Communities Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 June
2024**

Question (1) Were the council aware of the planned visit to Edinburgh on June 4th by the Israeli Ambassador?

Answer (1) No. The Council was not aware of the planned visit, beyond details reported in the media.

Question (2) Were the council involved in facilitating the planned visit to Edinburgh on June 4th by the Israeli Ambassador?

Answer (2) No. No Council teams were contacted by the Israeli Ambassador or any partners to help facilitate the planned visit.

Question (3) If so, what conversations were conducted with the Jewish community in advance to understand their objections to the visit?

Answer (3) Not applicable.

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Parker for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

- Question** (1) Following the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee meeting on 14th May it was agreed that officers would explore options for sending information about the MTIS works to private tenants. What information will be sent to private tenants, in what form will the information be sent and when can tenants expect to receive this?
- Answer** (1) Officers are unable to provide the information at this time, due to the large quantity of officer work required in a short space of time.
- Question** (2) At the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work meeting on 14th May it was agreed that officers would update the MTIS webpage to reflect works happening in Lochend / Restalrig. Can the Convener confirm when the MTIS webpage will be updated to reference this?
- Answer** (2) As above
- Question** (3) For the Lochend / Restalrig scheme of works, how many letters have been issued to residents so far? Additionally, of the letters sent, how many have not responded to that communication or first survey vote? Please provide a breakdown of this by the number of flats per block and associated phase of the works.
- Answer** (3) As above
- Question** (4) A response to an FOI request for information about the number of households affected by MTIS work in Lochend / Restalrig cited 1274 households of which 243 were private rentals. The dashboard contained in Appendix 3 of the 8.1 Cyclical Assurance report at the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee meeting on 14th May 2024 cited 1075 households with just 28 private rentals (cited as 5% of the total 556 privately owned flats). What is the correct figure and what is the reason for the difference in figures?

- Answer** (4) As above
- Question** (5) Two rounds of voting are being conducted in the Lochend / Restalrig area on MTIS, one on whether to undertake the initial survey for MTIS works and one on whether to proceed with the recommended works. What are the results so far for each of these rounds of voting? In each instance, please provide the number of blocks that have voted to go ahead, the number of blocks that have voted not to go ahead and associated phase of works.
- Answer** (5) As above
- Question** (6) How many Council tenants in the Lochend / Restalrig MTIS area who are living in minority owned Council blocks have so far been outvoted for either the survey or scope of works?
- Answer** (6) As above
- Question** (7) What are the plans for Council minority blocks that vote no to MTIS works?
- Answer** (7) As above
- Question** (8) Over the course of the Wester Hailes MTIS works, how many flats were acquired by the Council? Of these flats, what percentage were owner-occupier vs rental properties?
- Answer** (8) As above
- Question** (9) To date, as part of the MTIS programme in Restalrig / Lochend, how many enquiries have been made to the Council regarding acquisitions, and what percentage of these are owner-occupiers vs rental properties?
- Answer** (9) As above
- Question** (10) What was the average (mean) bill for MTIS works in Wester Hailes and what was the range of costs? Please also provide a breakdown of costs.
- Answer** (10) As above

- Question** (11) Relating to the MTIS works in Wester Hailes, what works were included as “essential” repairs, as per the Tenement Act?
- Answer** (11) As above
- Question** (12) Of the costs incurred as part of MTIS works in Wester Hailes, how much has been covered by the base level ABS funding?
- Answer** (12) As above
- Question** (13) Does the building warrant “Value of Work” include the contingency, admin fees and VAT?
- Answer** (13) As above
- Question** (14) For the surveys already completed for MTIS works in Lochend / Restalrig, what is the average (mean) quote for works, and what is the range of quotes for the works?
- Answer** (14) As above
- Question** (15) Please can the Convener confirm a full list of surveys which are undertaken as part of MTIS works (e.g. ventilation and damp tests, roof surveys etc)
- Answer** (15) As above
- Question** (16) How are surveys results from pre/post MTIS works compared and how is success of the works evaluated?
- Answer** (16) As above

QUESTION NO 14

By Councillor Mumford for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question

When was the first request made to secure an accessible toilet unit for the temporary toilets in Portobello for summer 2024?

Answer

Verbal communication with the supplier started in early April 2024, this was to look at temporary toilets at Straiton Park Place and other park sites for the 2024 season. Written exchange of communication on 22 April 2024 asked the supplier to confirm availability of units including accessible and unisex toilets.

QUESTION NO 15

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

- Question** (1) What percentage of school teachers (in both mainstream and special schools) are on fixed term contracts as opposed to permanent contracts? Can these please be broken down by;
- a) Primary Schools, by locality
- b) Secondary schools, by locality

Answer (1)

Distinct Headcount of Teaching Staff (inc Heads, Deputes & Curriculum Leaders) at 16/06/24 by Contract Type %

Level 6	Level 7	Fixed Term	Permanent	Grand Total
CFCSSA ASL Team	ASL & Special Schools	18%	84%	100%
CFCSSS Special Schools	ASL & Special Schools	10%	91%	100%
CFSLEN Nursery Schools	CFSLEY Early Years and Childcare	0%	100%	100%
	CFSLEY Early Years and Childcare	0%	100%	100%
CFSLSP Primary Schools	CFSLEY Early Years and Childcare	0%	100%	100%
CFSLEY Early Years and Childcare	CFSLSPE Primary Schools - North East Locality	21%	80%	100%
	CFSLSPN Primary Schools - North West Locality	15%	85%	100%
	CFSLSPS Primary Schools - South East Locality	16%	84%	100%
	CFSLSPW Primary Schools - South West Locality	14%	87%	100%
CFSLSS Secondary Schools	CFSLSSE Secondary Schools - North East Locality	10%	91%	100%
	CFSLSSN Secondary Schools - North West Locality	12%	88%	100%
	CFSLSSS Secondary Schools - South East Locality	9%	91%	100%
	CFSLSSW Secondary Schools - South West Locality	8%	92%	100%
Grand Total		13%	87%	100%

- Question** (2) What is the average length of a fixed term contract in the City of Edinburgh Council and why?

Answer (2)

Distinct Headcount of Teaching Staff (inc Heads, Deputes & Curriculum Leaders) on Fixed Contracts at 16/06/24 & Ave Post Duration

Level 6	Level 7	Dist Head Count	Ave of Occup Duration (Ys)
CFCSSA ASL Team	ASL & Special Schools	20	1.4
CFCSSS Special Schools	ASL & Special Schools	17	0.8
CFLSP Primary Schools	CFLSPE Primary Schools - North East Locality	95	1.2
	CFLSPN Primary Schools - North West Locality	114	0.9
	CFLSPS Primary Schools - South East Locality	68	1.1
	CFLSPW Primary Schools - South West Locality	56	1.1
CFLSS Secondary Schools	CFLSSE Secondary Schools - North East Locality	36	0.8
	CFLSSN Secondary Schools - North West Locality	85	1.0
	CFLSSS Secondary Schools - South East Locality	38	0.8
	CFLSSW Secondary Schools - South West Locality	29	0.7
Grand Total		558	1.0

Question (3) What additional monies have been received from COSLA / the Scottish Government since 1st April 2022 for the recruitment of permanent teaching posts in Edinburgh and how has this funding been used?

Answer (3) City of Edinburgh Council receives funding of £10,658,000 which the Scottish Government aligns to a requirement to maintain Teacher numbers.

This funding has been used to recruit teaching and support staff to allow the establishment of wellbeing Hubs in all secondary schools, establish Transition Teachers in every learning community, provide additional Pupil Support Assistants in primary schools and provide for Communities of Practice funding to support curriculum development and learning for sustainability in every school.

Question (4) What engagement has been undertaken with headteachers, teachers, parent forums, the Scottish Government’s Education & Justice directorates, and education-based trade unions regarding the challenges that fixed term contracts can pose to staff wellbeing and retention?

Answer (4) City of Edinburgh Council aims to maximise the highest number of permanent contracts we can. Fixed term contracts arise due to maternity/paternity Leaves, Employment breaks, Secondments and other absences. We are also required to hold back our allocated number of probationer posts annually for newly qualified teachers.

Headteachers and their Business Managers complete an annual staffing exercise to review their current staffing and identify any available vacancies for the following August. This is supported by the Education Operations Team. The number of vacancies can be dictated by the number of pupils in a year group in primary, and the subject choices of young people in the senior phase.

Liaison is undertaken via ADES to feedback to the Scottish Government. Members of the Trade Unions are on the Staffing Board. We are also liaising with the CEC Lead HR Consultant for Workforce Planning and Information, in the work he is undertaking.

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Following:

- a) the acknowledgement in the report at item 7.5 of April's Education Committee - Learning Estate Update, point 4.8 - that increases in Council's school capacity may be required if VAT is added to school fees in the independent sector.
- b) the response to Question 15 at 21st March Full Council meeting that a steering group has been set up to explore and scope short term solutions.

Can the Convener confirm:

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| Question | (1) How many times has the steering group met and when was its last meeting? |
| Answer | (1) The steering group referred to has met informally to discuss a range of mutual issues including the potential changes to VAT: 11/12/20; 22/1/21; 12/1/23; 2/2/24; 15/4/24 |
| Question | (2) Which of the Council's schools are most at risk? |
| Answer | (2) No schools have been identified as at risk at this time |
| Question | (3) What actions are planned to accommodate additional pupils? |
| Answer | (3) As circa 10k places are available across all schools, no additional actions have been planned |
| Question | (4) What communications are planned to schools and parents of pupils about the impacts and solutions before the start of the next academic year? |
| Answer | (4) No communications are planned at this time |

QUESTION NO 17

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question (1) Can the Convener please provide a breakdown of the sums spent, or expected to be spent, on temporary public toilets in each of the last five years and over the lifetime of the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy broken down by location?

Answer (1) It is not possible to provide the costs by location. The following costs are associated with the supply and installation of temporary toilets in Parks and open spaces across Edinburgh.

2024/25 – £160,258

2023/24 – £141,913

2022/23 – £141,416

2021/22 – £122,245

2020/21 – £0

Each year includes costs for Inverleith Park, Meadows, and Leith Links. Figures from 2023/24 onwards include Straiton Place Park. Additionally, in 2024/25, temporary toilets have also been provided at Hawes Pier in South Queensferry.

The costs do not include staff time from Public Conveniences or ancillary costs associated with providing toilet rolls, soap, etc.

Future costs will be determined by budget decisions.

Question (2) Can the Convener provide the current estimated capital cost of providing permanent public toilets in each of the locations above?

Answer (2) £600k in capital was set aside from the approved 2024/25 budget towards permanent toilet provision in Inverleith Park, Meadows, and Leith Links (c.£200k at each location).

Question (3) Can the Convener explain why the temporary public toilets have been provided so late this year that they have missed the start of the busy summer period in our Premier Parks and, in the case of Leith Links, major local events like the Leith Gala?

Answer (3) The priority for delivery of permanent toilets is at Inverleith Park, Meadows, and Leith Links. Initial plans suggested these permanent facilities might be in place by summer. Following the procurement process it was clear that permanent facilities would not be in place for summer 2024.

Therefore, the decision was made in April 2024 to provide temporary toilets for the summer until the permanent toilets are available. Temporary toilets will all be in place by 20 June with plans to have them operational before the school holidays.

Leith Gala provided their own toilet facilities. It is the event organiser's responsibility to provide necessary facilities for those attending.

Question (4) Can the Convener provide an update on any further partnership with local organisations at or adjacent to the locations of temporary public toilets, that are in receipt of public funds, over the future public use of toilets in their buildings during opening hours?

Answer (4) There are ongoing discussions with organisations over proposals for toilets (e.g. Edinburgh Leisure re Portobello Swim Centre). There is agreement for public toilet provision at Joppa Rocks restaurant at Portobello. We have considered whether public toilets could be incorporated in park buildings when leases expire (e.g. the bowling pavilion at Inverleith Park).

Question (5) Can the Convener confirm whether there have been any discussions with firms offering to install permanent public toilets which would be paid for by users but installed at no cost to the Council?

Answer

- (5)** There has not been any detailed discussions on this topic. The contractor appointed to deliver the permanent parks toilets has some examples of having worked with Councils on similar initiatives and some outline information has been provided.

A report is due to be considered by the Transport and Environment Committee on 14 November 2024 regarding public toilets in Town Centres.

QUESTION NO 18

By Councillor Work for answer by the Convener of the Development Management Sub-Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question

With reference to Question No 8 asked by Councillor Lang at the Council meeting on 9 May 2024 regarding planning applications in Queensferry with Section 75 agreement for Health provision, can the Convener advise when this funding will be allocated?

Answer

The funding levels as advised on 9 May 2024 have been paid by the developer. To date no funding has been drawn down by the NHS for the delivery of the Health Care Provision

QUESTION NO 19

By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Many members rely on what was formally the Members Waste, Now Members NES, mailbox for support with waste related casework and are used to receiving swift and helpful responses which officers should be commended for. Members of the public are able to report bins online. Can the convener confirm:

Question (1) Has the volume of emails into the Members Waste mailbox been monitored?

Answer (1) Yes, monthly stats are provided to Neighbourhood Environmental Services (NES) Managers who can monitor volume of enquiries and see trends via these stats.

Question (2) Has the volume of online missed bin requests been monitored?

Answer (2) Yes, weekly stats are provided to Managers and Supervisors within Neighbourhood Environmental Services (NES).

Question (3) What is the current volume of correspondence compared to the same time period last year for both Members NES and for missed bin reports?

Answer**(3) Member NES Mailbox:**

The mailbox name was changed from Members Waste to Members NES on 27/02/24

	Emails received into Members NES	
	2023	2024
01 – 31 May	455	679
01 – 13 June	168	310
Total	623	989

Missed Bin Complaints:

	Online Reported Missed Bins	
	2023	2024
01 – 31 May	2,386	6,721
01 – 13 June	656	4,491
Total	3,042	11,212

Note: The estimated number of collections relating to individual domestic waste properties for period between 01 May 2024 and 13 June 2024 is **460,000**

Question

(4) Has the convener asked for any additional resources to support staff at the front line dealing with waste complaints?

Answer

(4) Staffing this service is a delegated matter, and I would expect Council Officers to notify elected members if they had concerns about its operation

QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 June 2024**

Question

Residents across my ward have been in touch about a lack of in collections, but there have been concerns raised that some areas are being neglected more than others, and that the relative levels of wealth or poverty have impacted on choices that council have made about where additional collections are to be prioritised.

Can the convener please provide a breakdown of routes missed, the number of times routes have been missed and the SIMD level of those missed routes within Portobello Craigmillar ward?

Answer

Thank you for this question. I feel it would have been more helpful to your constituents if you had raised it with Council Officers (or myself) immediately rather using this formal and much slower approach.

A breakdown of routes/SIMD level is not available by ward. However, we can provide data on Missed and Full Bin reports for Ward 17. The data for the last 6 weeks is provided below.

Ward 17	1 – 31 May '24	1 – 16 June '24
No. of Missed Bin Service Requests	1,268	1,239

Note: The estimated number of collections for individual domestic waste bins within Ward 17 for period 01 May 2024 to 16 June 2024 was **39,000**

There has been no decision by Council Officers to prioritise any area for additional collections. Officers' efforts have been focussed on working with Collection Crews at Seafield Depot to bring all routes back up to date.

QUESTION NO 21

By Councillor Hyslop for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question

Charities and third sector organisations are an integral part of our communities and systems. Can the convener provide a detailed list of

- a) Organisations and funding that has been allocated under delegate authority
- b) Organisations and funding that has been allocated by ECF Committee
- c) List of twenty organisations that, on average, receive the highest amount of funding from the Council.

Questions can be partly answered in public and private should this be deemed necessary

Answer

City of Edinburgh Council publish the Contract Register on their public website ([here](#)). CEC Contract Standing Orders stipulate the financial thresholds for delegated authority and the requirement for Finance and Resources Committee approval ([here](#), Scheduled- Relevant Values and Associated Tendering Procedure).

City of Edinburgh Council publish the Grant Register on their public website ([here](#)). CEC Grant Standing Orders stipulate the financial threshold for delegated authority and the requirement for Committee approval ([here](#)). Filtered by Directorate, the Grant Register lists the grants awarded by Education Children and Families Committee.

The Contract Register and the Grant Register show the funding awarded by all Directorates and can be filtered by organisation and by value.

QUESTION NO 22

**By Councillor Kumar for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 June 2024**

Question

Across Leith, Leith Walk, Southside- Newington Craigentiny Duddingston, Portobello Craigmillar and Liberton Gilmerton residents have had many weeks of missed collections, waste piling up, inaccessible streets due to the number of uncollected bins left out and real concerns about increased vermin. Will the convener apologise to residents who have been so badly affected?

Answer

Thank you for this question. I feel it would have been more helpful to residents if you had raised the issues with Council Officers (or myself) immediately rather using this formal and much slower approach.

This has been an unfortunate situation; officers have been working very hard to return the service to its normal high standards.

The service does apologise for any inconvenience caused to residents during this time.

QUESTION NO 23

**By Councillor Macinnes for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 June 2024**

Question

The service failure in waste collection has had a significant impact with residents complaining of rotting bins and increased sightings of vermin. Has there been an increase in pest control call outs? Can the convener provide a breakdown of the number of pest control request every week over the last six weeks, and the same five weeks last year?

Answer

You will be pleased to hear that the number of pest control call outs has increased by just 4 for the corresponding period in 2023.

2023

Week Commencing	Number of Service Requests
8 May	21
15 May	18
22 May	13
29 May	13
5 June	17
12 June	14
Total	96

2024

Week Commencing	Number of Service Requests
6 May	11
13 May	14
20 May	20
27 May	20
3 June	17
10 June	18
Total	100

QUESTION NO 24

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer
by the Convener of the Culture and
Communities Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 27 June
2024**

Question

Charities and third sector organisations are an integral part of our communities and systems. Can the convener provide a detailed list of

- a) Organisations and funding that has been allocated under delegate authority
- b) Organisations and funding that has been allocated by Culture and Communities Committee
- c) List of twenty organisations that, on average, receive the highest amount of funding from the Council.

Questions can be partly answered in public and private should this be deemed necessary

Answer

See summary and breakdowns below:

Summary

Cultural Strategy

The service aligns all funding recommendations to the delivery of the Council's Culture Strategy.

The Cultural Strategic Partnerships funding programme and flexible funding/project development allocations were approved by Culture and Communities Committee on 29 February 2024.

The flexible and project funding budgets are agreed by Committee for purpose and amount. Detailed allocations of relevant budgets is managed via a funding application processes under delegated authority.

Guidelines for the 2024/25 Fund applications are planned to be published in July 2024.

Community Empowerment and Engagement Service

The Community Grants Fund is aimed at encouraging local people to get involved in their communities by providing funds to help start or develop local projects. Until April 2023 these funds were managed through four localities. Since April 2023 these funds are now managed by a central team in the Community Empowerment and Engagement Service.

Parks, Openspace Development and Visitor Services

Parks, Openspace Development and Visitor Services is currently working on a funding package for a project with The Conservation Volunteers. This is anticipated to be subject of a report to the Culture and Communities Committee.

Third Sector Interface and Equality and Rights Network

The Third Sector Interface and Equality and Rights Network funding programme was approved by Culture and Communities Committee on 29 February 2024.

Edinburgh 900

The (Edinburgh 900) Programme Board will report developments and decisions on funding allocations for the Programme, including the Civic and Community strands to Committee.

(a) Organisations and funding that has been allocated under delegated authority

Recipient	2024/25 Value
Cultural Grants - Flexible Fund 2024/25 (note 1)	
Diversity and Inclusion	£120,000
Community Led Cultural Projects	£100,000
Total Flexible Funds 2024/25	£220,000
Cultural Grants - Cultural Plan (note 1)	
Cultural Partnerships and Strategy	£28,684
Edinburgh Visual Artist and Craft Maker Awards (partnership programme with Creative Scotland)	£19,750
Diversity Project	£33,600
Culture Map Partnership Fund	£3,545
Creative Carbon Scotland	£15,800
Community Cultural Estate Development	£9,000
Total Cultural Plan 2024/25	£110,379
Libraries Service	
Royal Voluntary Service (provision of Library volunteers)	£19,000 (estimate)
Sport and Wellbeing Service	
Sports Fund – applications being processed	£58,000
Sports Events Fund – applications being processed	£60,000
Parks, Openspace Development and Visitor Services	
Water of Leith Conservation Trust	£24,975
Community Empowerment and Engagement	
Community Grants - allocations to organisations to be agreed through a panel process	£405,000
Edinburgh 900	
Civic Fund - allocations being progressed by Programme Board	£100,000
Community Fund - allocations being progressed by Programme Board	£100,000
Note 1 - Cultural Grants – Fund allocations were approved by Culture and Communities Committee 29 February 2024	

(b) Organisations and funding that has been allocated by Culture and Communities Committee

Recipient	2024/25 Value
Edinburgh Leisure Limited	£11,150,286
Edinburgh International Festival	£1,926,000
Capital Theatres	£585,130
Royal Lyceum Theatre Company	£328,830
Edinburgh Science	£150,000
North Edinburgh Arts	£150,000
Artlink	£100,000
Edinburgh Jazz & Blues Festival (Edinburgh Festival Carnival)	£100,000
Imagine	£100,000
WHALE Arts (Creative Community Hubs)	£100,000
Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society	£75,000
Festivals Edinburgh	£75,000
Volunteer Edinburgh	£70,907
Queens Hall	£60,000
Edinburgh Voluntary Organisation's Council	£53,500
Dance Base	£50,000
Edinburgh International Book Festival	£50,000
Scottish Chamber Orchestra	£50,000
Sprint World Orienteering Championships 2024	£50,000
Equality and Rights Network	£50,000
Edinburgh UNESCO City of Literature	£47,700
African Connections CIC (Edinburgh Multicultural Festival)	£43,000
TRACS (Scottish Storytelling Forum)	£41,000
Traverse Theatre	£40,447
Edinburgh Performing Arts Development	£30,000
Filmhouse (Edinburgh) Ltd	£25,000
Edinburgh Art Festival	£20,000
Edinburgh Printmakers	£20,000
Edinburgh Sculpture Workshop	£20,000
Stills Gallery	£20,000
Lung Ha Theatre Company	£15,593
Edinburgh International Film Festival Ltd	£15,000
Creative Edinburgh	£10,000
Scottish Poetry Library	£10,000
Edinburgh Social Enterprise Network	£10,000
Scottish Book Trust	£1,200
Total	£15,643,593

(c) List of twenty organisations that, on average, receive the highest amount of funding from the Council

The organisations listed below are the twenty organisations in receipt of the highest amount of funding approved by the Culture and Communities Committee for 2024/25.

Recipient	2024/25 Value
Edinburgh Leisure Limited	£11,150,286
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Equality and Rights Network	£50,000

QUESTION NO 25

By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question

The Edinburgh Trams are integral to transporting residents and visitors. This service has been advertised to run every 7-10 minutes. However, there is a huge discrepancy between actual running times.

On average, what is the percentage of Trams to Newhaven that run

- every 7-10 minutes
- every 10-20 minutes
- over 20 minutes

On average, what is the percentage of Trams to Airport that run

- every 7-10 minutes
- every 10-20 minutes
- over 20 minutes

Answer

Edinburgh Trams do not monitor headway as part of their performance monitoring or disaggregate data for the section of line from Picardy Place to Newhaven.

Services are run by Edinburgh Trams from Newhaven to the Airport every 7 minutes in peak times and every 10mins off peak. The Operator Control Centre (OCC) will use a variety of strategies to ensure those headways are managed to keep the service frequency as advertised. In practice this means if a tram is delayed the trams behind it will be managed accordingly to ensure they do not all bunch up together. For example, the OCC may tell them to reduce their line speed or increase their dwell times at stops.

QUESTION NO 26

**By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 27 June 2024**

Question

The service failure in waste collection has had a terrible impact on residents across the north, east and south of the city. Despite officer reassurance that things would improve services have continued to fail our residents. Can the Convener provide the times and dates of any meetings held with service directors, managers, front line staff and trade union colleagues in order to resolve any staff dispute and get services back on track for residents?

Answer

Staff meetings have been held by Senior Managers within Seafield Depot on the following dates:

21st May 2024 (all staff, Trade Unions invited).

23rd May 2024 (Food Waste collection staff).

28th May 2024 (Driver Crew Leaders).

There has been no formal dispute in the service, and therefore it was not felt that there was a need for a dedicated meeting with Trade Union colleagues, however they were invited to the meeting on the 21st of May as a courtesy.

Supervisors and managers are having ongoing conversations with individual members of the collection crews within the depot and out on the collection routes. Senior Managers have received twice daily briefings from Supervisors.

QUESTION NO 27

**By Councillor Nols-McVey for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 June 2024**

Question

Residents have complained to councillors that they have witnessed both the recycling and landfill bins being collected by the same van. Can the convener confirm if this has happened, and if so, how many times recycling bins have been emptied into general waste and ended up in landfill?

Answer

It is not normal practice to co-collect recycling and general waste together, however, in some instances recycling crews will report to supervisors that some bins have not been collected due to high levels of contamination. Supervisors will then make arrangements for a general waste vehicle to collect them at the same time as general waste bins.

Data is not held on the number of occasions because in some instances it can just be a conversation between the crew and the supervisor or noted down on a daily sheet

QUESTION NO 28

**By Councillor Work for answer by the
Convener of the Planning Committee
at a meeting of the Council on 27
June 2024**

Question

With reference to Question No 8 asked by Councillor Lang at the Council meeting on 9 May 2024 regarding planning applications in Queensferry with Section 75 agreement for Health provision, can the Convener advise when this funding will be allocated?

Answer

The funding levels as advised on 9 May 2024 have been paid by the developer. To date no funding has been drawn down by the NHS for the delivery of the Health Care Provision.

QUESTION NO 29

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 June 2024

Question

His Majesty's Inspectors found that the Council has failed in its governance and leadership. Can the convener provide:

- a) List of members in the Community Learning Development Partnership
- b) List of members in the Edinburgh Children's Partnership
- c) List of members who sit on Community Learning Development Partnership and Edinburgh Children's Partnership.

Answer

See table below

Answer

a)

Edinburgh Community and Learning and Development Partnership	
Name	
Laurene Edgar	Lothian Association of Youth Clubs (LAYC) - Chair
Kate Kelman	Capital City Partnership - Vice Chair
Linda Lees	City of Edinburgh Council - CLD Lead
Alan Stewart	City of Edinburgh Council
Andrew Field	City of Edinburgh Council
David Maguire	City of Edinburgh Council
Michele Mulvaney	City of Edinburgh Council
Vicky Petrie	City of Edinburgh Council
Heather MacPherson	City of Edinburgh Council
Paul Powrie	EHSCP
Michael Jeffrey	Edinburgh College
Tommy George	Edinburgh Leisure
Ian Brooke	Edinburgh Voluntary Organisations' Council (EVOC)
Murray Dalglish	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Flora Ogilvie	NHS Lothian, Public Health
Murray Tait	Police Scotland
Neill Whiteside	Police Scotland
Emma Matthews	Skills Development Scotland
Laura Cattell	University of Edinburgh
Paul Wilson	Volunteer Edinburgh

b)

Edinburgh Children's Partnership	
Name	Role
Allister Short	Service Director Women's and Children's NHS Lothian
Amanda Hatton	Executive Director Children Education and Justice, City of Edinburgh Council
Angela Dixon	NHS Lothian
Anna Vogt	Edinburgh College
Avril Mackay	NHS Lothian
Bridie Ashrowan	EVOG
Carolyn Wyllie	NHS Lothian
Claire Gilliespie	Whole Family Wellbeing Lead
Claire Ryanheatley	Trauma Informed Lead
Clarie Veitch	Scottish Childrens Reporter Administration
Emma Matthews	Voluntary Sector
Colin Briggs	Co chair, Director of Strategic Planning, NHSL
Emily Dempsey	Corporate Parenting Lead
Ethelinda Lashley	Voluntary Sector
Flora Ogilvie	NHS Lothian
Gillian Barclay	Single Point of Access Lead
Janinie MCGowan	Head of Service Childrens Services
Jon Buglass	Edinburgh College
Kathy Henwood	Service Director Children and Justice Services
Karen Pedder	Head of Service Childrens Services
Keith Dyer	Quality and compliance Manager
Kenny Toshack	Commissioning manager
Laura Brown	Lead officer Child Protection committee

Laura Zanotti	Joint Commissioning Lead
Laurene Edgar	Youth Work Lead
Lisa Canale	NHS Lothian
Lorna French	Service Director Education and Chief Education Officer
Lynne Binnie	GIRFEC Lead
Lynn Paterson	Early Years
Mark Merrell	EVOC
Mercedes Perez Botella	Early Years Co-lead
Michelle LeBlanc	NHS Lothian
Murray Dalglish	Fire Service
Murray Tait	Police
Neil Stewart	Strategic Planning and Commissioning Officer, Edinburgh Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Pamela Murray	Pamela Murray, Child Health Commissioner, NHS Lothian, Public Health & Health Policy
Paula Sawnston	Early Years Co-lead
Rose Howley	Co-chair, Chief Social Work Officer and Service Director Performance, Quality, and Improvement, CEC
Sarah Clegg	NHS Lothian
Steve Harte	Head of Service Childrens Services
Tommy George	Edinburgh Leisure
Ulrike MauteBrown	Child Poverty Lead
Vicky Nyanga-Ndiaye	Project Esperanza/ EVOC
Yvonne Kerr	Healthy Places Lead
Wenyi Zhou	NHS Lothian

c)

Edinburgh Children's Partnership and Edinburgh Community and Learning Partnership	
Name	Role
Flora Ogilvie	NHS Lothian
Laurene Edgar	Youth Work Lead
Murray Dalgleish	Fire Service
Murray Tait	Police Scotland