

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.1 – Regenerative Futures Fund

Deletes from recommendation 1.1.2 onwards and replaces with:

- 1.1.1 Note this update on development of the Regenerative Futures Fund programme and the information provided on the programmes proposed approach to monitoring and evaluation
- 1.1.2 Note that no information has been provided on what eligibility criteria will be applied to organisations wishing to participate in the fund
- 1.1.3 Note that no information has been provided about how it will be ensured those organisations that are funded are geographically spread across the city or how the fund will be targeted towards organisations delivering services to the communities and individuals most impacted by poverty across the city
- 1.1.4 Notes that there is no information about how the council or the RFF will monitor current funding for Edinburgh and how this might be impacted by the RFF. This includes a lack of information about whether organisations not included in the programme might suffer from displacement of their funding to the RFF pot and that no impact assessment has been carried out in relation to this.
- 1.1.5 Therefore does not agree this funding until the above information can be provided.

Moved by: Councillor

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Administration

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.2 – Supporting the LGBT+ Community

To agree the report recommendations with the following addition –

To note, with our partners, tackling LGBT+ hate crime in the city remains a priority and therefore agree that the Council Leader will write to partners and appropriate organisations reaffirming this commitment.

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 August 2024

Item 7.2 – Supporting the LGBTQ+ Community

Adds:

“1.3 Notes with concern the increase in LGBTQ+ hate crimes reported to Police Scotland.

1.4 Welcomes the update to hate crime legislation as part of the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 which came into force in Spring 2024.

1.5 Notes that Police Scotland published weekly statistics for the first seven weeks but has since changed their reporting to quarterly updates which are not available yet.

1.6 Further notes the historic underreporting of LGBTQ+ hate crime.

1.7 Recognises that at this stage, it is difficult to be certain whether the increase in LGBTQ+ hate crime reporting reflects changes an increase in the reporting of incidents that had previously gone unreported or an increase in LGBTQ+ hate crime overall.

1.8 Requests that as part of the development of the new Equality Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Framework, officers engage with organisations representing LGBTQ+ people to gain more clarity of the experiences of and attitudes to reporting hate crimes under the new legislation, any potential barriers to reporting individuals may face, and any other actions the Council may take to improve support and reduce hate crimes in Edinburgh.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.3 – Council Business Plan Progress

In recommendations, delete all and replace with:

“Committee:

1. Notes that, at the time the Business Plan was written, there was no dedicated resource within the Council to co-ordinate action to tackle the climate emergency, despite becoming a net zero city being one of the stated priorities of the Council.
2. Notes that since the Business Plan was written in 2022, the Council has:
 - i) Significantly increased capacity within the corporate body to tackle the climate emergency by hiring a Climate Emergency team
 - ii) Declared a Nature Emergency, recognising the dual nature of the climate and nature crises
 - iii) Significantly increased capacity within the corporate body to tackle the nature emergency by hiring a Nature Emergency team
 - iv) Agreed to review both the 2030 Climate Strategy and Council Emissions Reduction Plan (CERP) to overlay actions with the Council’s anti-poverty strategies, in order to streamline Council activities and tackle the climate and nature emergencies through a climate justice lens
 - v) Agreed to develop financial strategies to increase delivery of actions covered within the CERP and 2030 Climate Strategy
 - vi) Launched a new Climate Adaptation strategy, Climate Ready Edinburgh, which sets out the need for urgent and significant changes to the Council’s “business as usual” approach

3. Therefore agrees that, in advance of the next Business Plan update, actions contained within section 8) of the Business Plan are revised to better represent the wealth of activity taking place in the Council since the Business Plan was first written, and to ensure that the Business Plan document is highlighting the best actions to tackle the climate and nature emergencies.

4. Refers the Business Plan Progress Update Report to the City of Edinburgh Council on 26 September 2024.”

Moved by: Councillor Chas Booth
Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.4 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan

Add:

Notes that when Committee approved the Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan Consultation in December 2023, it also approved a series of related actions including a report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee on risk appetite, and engagements with elected members and officers with responsibility for finance, and health and social care.

Committee requests an update in one cycle on the timings of completion of these related actions.

Moved by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Cllr

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.4 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan

In recommendations, add at end:

“1.1.4 Agrees to refer the report to all Executive Committees as well as Planning, GRBV and Regulatory committee for consideration, and that each referral will also include a concise description of which areas of the strategy are relevant for each committee’s remit to guide discussion, to support Councillors with scrutiny and to allow consideration of whether further committee action is needed.”

Moved by: Cllr Chas Booth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

22 August 2024

Item 7.4 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan

Delete paragraph 1.1.1 and replace with:

Notes the content of the plan, and specifically notes from the covering report by the Chief Executive that paragraph 5.1 indicates that milestones and key performance indicators are yet to be developed, and that paragraph 6.2 indicates that an investment and delivery plan and a series of business cases are still to be developed. Considers that without timescales, financial and performance information, the plan is incomplete and agrees that it remain in draft until this work can be publicly scrutinised by Committee.

Adds

1.1.4 Recognises that current infrastructure needs to be maintained to maximum capacity in the interim while any Climate Ready Plan is progressed and agrees that officers should set out in particular how the current drainage network can be maintained to reduce incidents of flash flooding during heavy rain and how other programmes, likely tree planting plans, can be adapted to ensure that they fit with the long term aims of the Plan, recommended that this be reported to Transport and Environment Committee as part of its regular scrutiny processes for Council services.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 7.5 – Barriers to elected office 2024

Amends point 1.3

1.3 Agree that the recommendations arising out of the workshops will be actioned as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report; agrees not to close Recommendation/Action 4 and to request further details on Recommendation/Action 8.

Moved by: **Councillor Simita Kumar**

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability

22 August 2024

Item 7.5 – Barriers to Elected Office 2024

Adds:

“1.5 Agrees that making Community Councils more accessible to elected members, community councillors and the public plays an important role in enabling a greater diversity of people to engage with local democracy.

1.6 Recognises that a lack of equipment is only one potential barrier to Community Councils running hybrid meetings, and that in some cases, training on how to use the equipment may also be required.

1.7 Request officers to provide political groups with budget estimates for providing Community Councils with hybrid meeting equipment and training on how to use it as part of the 2025/26 budget, on the basis of their engagement with Community Councils.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.5 – Barriers to Elected Office 2024

Adds at end 1.1 “and that only 20.6% of elected members took part in 2023 and 37% of elected members in 2024, indicating that the majority of elected members did not feel it necessary to respond;

Accepts 1.2

Accepts 1.3 and replaces 1.4 with the following:

1.4 Agrees not to progress any recommendations arising from the workshops that require budgetary resource and agrees to repeat the survey of elected members to measure the impact the measures identified in Appendix 3 (which have no budgetary implications).

Adds 1.5 Notes that the most significant concern and barrier remains around the length of time that Committees take and agrees that a short life working group to consider measures to streamline business, is convened to consider what business should be presented to Committees in order to reduce Councillor and Officer workload.

Moved by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.6 – Best Value Assurance Audit Plan

In relation to Action 1:

“As part of its Adaptation and Renewal Programme, the council should prepare sustainable medium and long-term financial plans, and detailed workforce plans, to support its strategic priorities”

Notes that the response does not include long-term financial planning, only referencing the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) and the workforce plan.

Requests a timeframe for when the council will have a strategy around long-term financial planning and agrees that this should be included in the next business bulletin to P&S and F&R committees.

Does not agree to close Action 4:

“The council should further improve its performance reporting by publishing easily accessible, up-to-date performance information on its website”

Noting that the public performance scorecard is not easily accessible online due to being published as a PDF which is hard to read on any format other than a large monitor, and the accessible version is very hard to make sense of what data is related to what area of performance and that, when read on a phone, some of the text is written over other text.

Agrees this will be addressed as a matter of urgency, and an update on this will be given in the next BVA report.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

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22nd August 2024

Item 7.7 – Our Strategic Workforce Plan

Adds

1.2 In the development of inclusive recruitment practices, to implement strategies that empower recruiting managers to effectively support candidates with diverse needs. This includes accommodating individuals with physical disabilities, learning disabilities, those who use British Sign Language (BSL), and candidates for whom English is an additional language.

Practical measures may involve offering adjustments to access buildings, alternative methods for completing lengthy application forms, providing interview questions in advance, and ensuring other tailored adjustments to create an equitable and accessible recruitment and retention process for all candidates and staff.

Moved by: Councillor Simita Kumar

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 August 2024

Item 7.7 – Our Strategic Workforce Plan

Add to recommendations:

“1.2 Notes that Council has repeatedly endorsed the aspiration for greater in-sourcing of services, including in the Business Plan and People Strategy, and welcomes the aspiration to expand models to allow movement from agency to permanent workers where appropriate;

1.3 Understands that certain Council services, for example security at the City Chambers, are currently outsourced to G4S including instances where members have staff have been performing the same role for the city for years but are not entitled to the benefits of Council employment;

1.4 Requests that the local service workforce plans for the appropriate departments explicitly reference any services currently supplied by G4S, the breakdown of staff hired through G4S and length of service, and proposals for full or partial in-housing of the services currently provided by G4S for the Council.

1.5 Additionally requests that subsequent reports on the Strategic Workforce Plan to the appropriate Committee explicitly highlight progress made around in-sourcing and agency spend.”

Moved by: Cllr Alex Staniforth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Administration

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.9 – A Visitor Levy for Edinburgh – Draft Scheme

To amend recommendation 1.1.3 to reflect the following changes to the funds reserved for investment streams

- City Operations and Infrastructure is amended from 50% to 55%
 - Culture, Heritage and Events remains at 35%
- Destination and Visitor Management is amended from 15% to 10%

To agree all other recommendations and include -

To note the maximum percentage of administrative costs accommodation providers should be permitted to retain is 1.5% of the levy they collect when they submit their return. To therefore agree a breakdown of what the 1.5% will be used for is included in the consultation response.

To support the levy is set at 5%, payable on stays in liable accommodation within the City of Edinburgh Council area, up to a maximum of seven consecutive nights, operational 365 days a year.

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.9 – A Visitor Levy for Edinburgh – Draft Scheme

Amends:

1.15 to increase the allocation for housing and tourism mitigation from £5 million to £20million, split between revenue and capital spend as appropriate within conditions set. This adjustment aims to enhance our efforts in promoting sustainability by more effectively reducing the impact on the local housing market.

Moved by: **Councillor Simita Kumar**

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.9 – A Visitor Levy for Edinburgh – Draft Scheme

Committee

- In 1.1.3, at end adds:

“subject to adjusting allocated percentages as set out in 1.1.5, and the addition of the following text in section 8 on use of funds;

“Funds will be used in a way that recognises how Edinburgh’s tourism offering, and the impacts of that tourism, exist across different parts of the city, not just the core city centre.”

- At end of 1.1.5, add:

“...with the exception of adjusting the percentage allocation for ‘City Operations and Infrastructure’ to 55%, and ‘Destination and Visitor Management’ to 10%.”

- Adds at end:

“1.1.6 notes the VL Spending Programmes listed in Appendix 6 are indicative with final decisions to be based on the council’s priorities and agreed projects.”

Moved by: Cllr Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.9 – A Visitor Levy for Edinburgh

Delete 1.1.3, and 1.1.5

Add

1.1.3 Agrees the draft VL for Edinburgh scheme with the following changes:

1.1.3.1 Replaces a recommended 5% levy with a recommended 8% levy in line with other European cities.

1.1.3.2 The VL Forum should also consist of two representatives from trade unions and one representative from Living Rent in order to represent the interests of the tourist industry's workforce and the city's residents.

1.1.3.3 Adjusts the allocations listed in 4.27 to 55% for City Operations and Infrastructure, 10% for Destination and Visitor Management with the allocation for Culture, Heritage and Events remaining at 35%.

1.1.3.4 Sets the fixed annual amount to be allocated to Participatory Budgeting at 4% of total available funds.

1.1.5 Agrees that the development of projects under the TVL themes for investment should also demonstrate their adherence to existing Council strategies and targets to support climate mitigation, adaptation and nature recovery, and that this will be a further criteria for proposed spending

Housing

1.1.6 Welcomes the inclusion of spending on housing, as set out in 4.26 of the report.

1.1.7 Recommends that a report on the breakdown of this spend will come to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee in 2 cycles to explore specific details of how the money could be spent to support social housing.

1.1.8 Further requests that this report will set out the relationship between this funding and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan, and annual HRA budget setting process.

Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth
Seconded by:

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.9 – Visitor Levy for Edinburgh – A Draft Scheme

Deletes 1.1.5 and replaces with:

Removes the capital allocation for Housing (para 4.26.1)

Agrees to retain 4.26.2 Participatory budgeting and agrees:

the recommended themes for investment of the net proceeds of the scheme and allocates the following percentage bands to each theme:

City Operations and Infrastructure 40 – 50%;

Culture, Heritage and Events 35 – 45%; and

Destination and Visitor Management (15%).

Makes the following amendments to the Scheme:

Paragraph 6.7: Given that administering the fund will be more onerous on small businesses as opposed to larger chains, that a band from 1.5% - 2.5% of the levy can be retained with 1.5% for larger businesses and 2.5% for businesses that are not part of a chain;

Governance:

The tax is being levied on one part of the tourism industry in order to both support the industry and mitigate any impacts from the industry, and the Visitor Levy Forum was to provide advice on matters to do with the levy, discuss and respond to modifications and the use of net proceeds of the scheme, as such the representation proposed omits important parts of the sector – small businesses and visitor attractions and the scheme should be amended to include a representative of these sectors.

Moved by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.10 – Adult Support and Protection and Social Work & Social Care Inspections Improvement Plan: Progress Report

Adds:

1.1.4 Notes with concern the number of Red and Amber rated Actions under Priorities 1, 2, 6 and 7 of Appendix 1: Update on Year One Priorities for the Adult Support and Protection (ASP). Considers that this leaves considerable and unacceptable risk for individuals requiring support and protection and, given this is a quarter three report on Year One Priorities, evidences insufficient progress. Therefore agrees, notwithstanding the progress evidenced elsewhere in the Appendix, that the next progress report outline actions that can be taken to accelerate the completion and implementation of the ASP multi-agency guidelines and to properly resource and accelerate the training and learning for the teams involved.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte
Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.11 – Provision of Free Period Products

Committee:

After 1.1 insert:

1.2 Notes that capacity rather than cost is the main impediment to extending provision of free period products and agrees with the appointment of a Development Officer to address capacity issues.

1.3 Asks that consideration is given to expanding the remit of the Development Officer further to include partnerships with homeless shelters, homelessness outreach programmes and healthcare services if this is achievable within the existing available budget.

1.4 Agrees to receive a Business Bulletin update on progress within 6 months of the Development Officer's starting date.

Renumber accordingly

Moved by: Cllr Fiona Bennett

Seconded by: Cllr Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.12 – Edinburgh’s Position Statement on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Deletes all recommendations and replaces with:

1. Committee thanks officers for work done on the position paper regarding Sex Work.
2. However, committee deeply regrets that the decision was taken not to engage directly with those who work in this area and believes that this contradicts longstanding consultation practices carried out elsewhere in the council. Committee is of the opinion that the lived experience of those involved in the industry should be a fundamental building block of the council's position on this matter.
3. Committee further regrets that the decision was taken not to engage in discussion with pro decriminalisation organisations. Council position papers should rely on a broad evidence base and engage with all views.
4. Committee notes that a significant body of evidence has shown that the Nordic model promoted in this paper has failed on several fronts including:
 - A. Numerous countries such as Ireland and Iceland which have adopted this model have experienced increasing incidence of people trafficking, with Ireland falling from the top international ranking for tackling trafficking to a significantly decreased position. Whilst New Zealand which has adopted a decriminalised position has moved to the top position.
 - B. Rather than making sex workers safer this model has often resulted in increased rates of violence. Ireland saw a 92% increase in incidents against sex workers following adoption of the Nordic Model

4. Committee notes that the World Health Organisation supports a decriminalised model of sex work. In New Zealand this model has resulted in improved sexual health rates for sex workers and reported increased engagement with services including the police.

5. Therefore, committee rejects the proposed paper and requests that:

A) Officers engage with those who work in the industry, sex worker unions and pro decriminalisation organisations to produce a more balanced position.

B) In due course requests that officers produce a position paper which:

1. Embraces the fact that sex workers are entitled to be consulted on policy effecting the industry and their views should be a fundamental building block of the council's position.
2. Respects the bodily autonomy and human rights of consenting adults.
3. Looks at alternative models of support which do not drive sex work further underground and cause further risks in terms of trafficking, interpersonal violence, and poor sexual health.

C) That the council use all channels when engaging with the equally safe strategy either through COSLA or directly with the Scottish Government to push for these positions

D) Engage in extensive consultation with sex workers, their unions, and elected councillors before contributing to the consultation on the Unbuyable: Proposed Prostitution (Offences and Support) (Scotland) Bill.

Moved by: Cllr Euan Davidson

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.12 – Edinburgh’s Position on Commercial Sexual Exploitation

Delete all and replace with:

“1.1 Notes the gendered nature of sex work and acknowledges and regrets that that this work is often not free from violence and exploitation. Further notes that low incomes and poverty are major drivers of sex work.

1.2 Believes that any policy on sex work should strive to materially and practically improve the lives of sex workers, and that their involvement in the co-design of policies on sex work is vital.

1.3 Notes warnings from sex workers and the organisations representing them that a definition of all sex work as intrinsically violent impedes the implementation of policies that sex workers themselves identify as practically reducing violence and improving their safety at work and increases their vulnerability.

1.4 Further notes with concern that the Nordic Model, the policy justified by the definition of all sex work as violence, would likely force sex workers to work in more dangerous conditions, with evidence from countries such as Ireland suggesting that the policy increases violence against sex workers.

Therefore Committee:

1.5 Does not adopt the suggested position on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

1.6 Recommits itself to work on eliminating poverty and homelessness in Edinburgh, using approaches such as gender budgeting to materially improve conditions for women in particular, so no one is forced into sex work out of economic necessity.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Alex Staniforth

Amendment by the Administration

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.13 – Relationship with the City of Kaohsiung

To replace recommendations 1.1.1 and 1.1.2 with the following –

To request the Lord Provost writes to the Mayor of the City of Kaohsiung setting out our intention to sustain collaboration and strengthen partnership between Edinburgh and Kaohsiung.

To agree to work collaboratively with city partners to build a productive relationship and implement substantive exchanges with the City of Kaohsiung.

To agree to welcome a delegation from the City of Kaohsiung to meet with representatives from the University of Edinburgh, the Edinburgh Jazz and Blues Festival, the Chamber of Commerce and other appropriate partners to discuss ongoing collaboration. To report back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in one year on this work, it's achievements to date and future plans.

To agree recommendation 1.1.3 as set out in the report.

Moved by: Councillor Cammy Day

Seconded by: Councillor Mandy Watt

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.13 – Relationship with the City of Kaohsiung

Add to 1.1.1:

“and requesting their input into how a Memorandum of Understanding might be reached in the future.”

Add to 1.1.2

“, including the possibility of a future Memorandum of Understanding.”

Insert at end:

“1.1.4 Agrees that a report should return to this committee in one year detailing how collaboration and relationship with Kaohsiung has developed.”

Moved by: **Cllr Alex Staniforth**

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.14 – Review of Edinburgh Award

Adds to 1.1.1 before “; and”:

But that the Lord Provost should be a non-voting chair of the awards panel described in 5.1.

Moved by: Cllr Alex Staniforth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy & Sustainability Committee

22 August 2024

Item 7.14 – Review of Edinburgh Award

Committee agrees to amend recommendation 1.1.1 to read:

1.1.1 Agree to implement an approach similar to the Honours System of the United Kingdom for withdrawing civic awards as outlined in paragraphs 5.1 and 5.2 of this report except that the panel to consider rescinding an award comprises the full Edinburgh Award Panel; and

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jo Mowat

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 7.15 – Forth Green Freeport – full business case

Deletes all and replaces with:

1.1.1 Notes the Forth Green Freeport Full Business Case (FBC) and all its annexes has been developed and will be submitted to the UK and Scottish Governments and agrees Edinburgh does not sign any agreement of support.

1.1.2 Agrees any changes, including any non-material changes, to the FBC, should come back to a respective committee or full council should the Forth Green Freeport Governance Board recommend any changes for Councillors input;

1.1.3 Agrees that the requested costs of the Council's contribution (£344,970) to the Forth Green Freeport Operating Company for 2024/25, 2025/26, and 2026/27 will be withheld by the Council, with these monies only being paid once sufficient retained non-domestic rates income is received;

1.1.4 Notes that a retained non-domestic rates investment strategy for the Forth Green Freeport was agreed by Finance and Resources Committee on 25 June 2024;

1.1.5 Notes that a non-domestic rates relief policy for the Forth Green Freeport is scheduled to be considered by Finance and Resources Committee on 19 September 2024; and

1.1.6 Refers this report with revised committee recommendations to the City of Edinburgh Council.

Moved by: Councillor Kate Campbell

Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22nd August 2024

Item 8.2 – Contributing to your care – social care charging policies

Adds:

1.2 Agrees to produce an Easy Read version of the policy to empower users to make informed decisions about their care and potential financial impact.

Moved by: **Councillor Simita Kumar**

Seconded by:

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

22 August 2024

Item 9.2 – Budget Engagement Phase 2

Adds:

“1.5 Notes with concern that the demographics of consultation respondents to date are significantly unrepresentative of Edinburgh’s total population.

1.6 Notes that for some recent transport consultations, officers have also commissioned research which aims to gather views from a representative cross-section of the Edinburgh population, and which is often more successful at gathering views from minorities and those who are less able to respond to consultations.

1.7 Requests officers consider what more can be done to ensure the views of a representative cross-section of Edinburgh’s population are considered.”

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: