

# Addendum – Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

Item No. 4.1

### Achieving Net Zero in the City of Edinburgh

Policy and Sustainability Committee

- 1) Agrees the recommendations from the Chief Executive
- 2) Notes that the report highlights that the “maximum Technical – Potential measures” will only see a two-thirds reduction in Edinburgh’s emissions by 2030 and will not achieve a carbon neutral Edinburgh by the next target date of 2037 and will cost £8 billion.
- 3) Further notes that this is at odds with the public statement by the Council Leader on 2030 target that “work to date has shown that this is achievable”.
- 4) Notes the Conservative Amendment on the sustainability audit at Committee on the 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 called for the scoping work detailed in this report to be undertaken prior to setting “ambitious targets”, especially given the Council’s cuts and strained financial resources constrained project capacity and failure to deliver core services.
- 5) Agrees that the Chief Executive brings Council a project plan with SMART targets based on the final report and an analysis of the outputs of the Short Window Improvement Plan, this agreed plan to have suitable review points to assess the impact of national changes or new technological innovations and factor these in as time progresses.
- 6) The Chief Executive’s report should also outline a realistic strategy to find, or part find, the investment required for the three different scenarios in the report.

Moved by Cllr Iain Whyte

Seconded by

# Addendum by Green Group

## Policy & Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

### Item 4.1: Achieving Net-Zero in the City of Edinburgh

Add to recommendations:

1.4 Recognises that this report provides a high-level assessment of the potential for city-wide emissions reduction showing that very significant reductions are achievable even within existing conditions and that achieving net-zero by 2030 will also require shifts in national policy and investment;

1.5 Recognises that there is an outstanding requirement for a detailed plan that sets out how to achieve net zero by 2030;

1.6 Notes that this assessment does not include 'non-territorial' emissions occurring outside the city boundary from activities within the city boundary such as consumption of goods and services and flying. And therefore to reach actual net-zero emissions attributable to the City that these sources should also be included;

1.7 Welcomes that this report highlights the significant win-win potential of reducing carbon emissions whilst at the same time achieving social, environmental and economic benefits to the city, including generation of employment.

**Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Amendment by Green Group

## Policy & Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

### Item 4.2: Climate Commission

Notes regarding recommendation 1.2.5 on membership of the Commission by opposition councillors, that if previous council decision making practice is followed, as the Conservative group is the largest opposition group, this is likely to result in a Conservative member taking up the proposed single opposition place on the Climate Commission;

Notes that the Conservative group includes one member who opposes the scientific consensus on Climate Change and the need for action to reduce emissions;

Notes that Green councillors have taken an initiative on the Council's approach to the Climate Emergency including proposing a city-wide partnership as realised through the proposed Climate Commission;

Therefore, in order to balance opposition parties on the Commission, agrees to amend recommendation 1.2.5 as follows;

*1.2.5 agrees that the Council Leader will act as vice Chair to the Commission, and that the Council will be further represented by ~~a member~~ **two members** of the opposition, with the Chief Executive attending as Chair of the CEC Sustainability Programme Board.*

**Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Addendum by Green Group

## Policy & Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

### Item 4.3: Update on Short Window Improvement Plan

Add to recommendations:

1.7 Welcomes the Council's current activity and the proposed short-window improvement priorities towards reducing the Council's carbon emissions. However, notes that there is as yet no accurate overall assessment as to whether these measures will achieve the Council's 2030 net-zero target and therefore that there is still a need for a plan that quantifies how 2030 net-zero will be achieved;

1.8 Notes that the latest Scottish Government programme includes a focus on climate action and agrees that this Council should pursue opportunities for Edinburgh's Climate Emergency programme with the Scottish Government including through the proposed Green New Deal.

**Moved by: Councillor Steve Burgess**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Amendment – Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

Item No. 4.3

### Update on Short Window Improvement Plan

Policy and Sustainability Committee

Agrees the recommendations and adds after the second 1.3:-

Agrees that the Council explore the implications of rapidly changing all appropriate standards and planning requirements to ensure as close as possible, future house-building is to Passivhaus standard in order that City population and housing growth does not add to City emissions and in line with the commitments given on Corporate Property.

Conservatives have previously called for the Annual HRA accounts to include a financial model the of achieving carbon neutrality in HRA housing stock by 2030, 2037 and 2050. In light of this report, we would recommend that the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee look at this issue again, in such a way that such a modelling could still be incorporated in the HRA accounts from next year.

**Moved by** Cllr Iain Whyte

**Seconded by**

# Amendment – Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

Item No. 4.4

### City Strategic Investment Fund

Policy and Sustainability Committee

- 1) Notes the proposals in the recommendations and agrees to continue a decision on these until the report detailed at recommendation 1.1.7 is provided.
- 2) Agrees that the report at 1.1.7 should detail the opportunity costs of using the fund within the Council's mainstream Capital Programme.

**Moved by** Cllr Iain Whyte

**Seconded by** Cllr Graham Hutchison

# Amendment – Conservative Group

## Policy and Sustainability Committee

25 October 2019

Item No. 4.5

### Tourism Strategy Development Update

Policy and Sustainability Committee

- 1) Agrees recommendations 1.1.1-1.1.5 & 1.1.7
- 2) Recommends that the Culture and Communities Committee reviews the remit of the Tourism and Communities Working Group once the policy is approved.
- 3) Regrets that no note of the elected member briefing on 15 April 2019 has been produced given the considerable feedback provided across the political spectrum at that meeting and detailed notes provided from other meetings; therefore, agrees to circulate to committee members the output of the meeting and instructs the Director of Place to report to committee alongside the draft strategy on 26 Nov 2019 detailing how this and other consultation information has been assessed and incorporated in the draft strategy or, if rejected, why?

**Moved by** Cllr Susan Webber

**Seconded by**