

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 16 January 2020

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Cameron (substituting for Councillor Arthur), Bird, Cook, Corbett, Douglas, Key, Lang, Miller and Smith.

1. City Mobility Plan – Draft for Consultation

As part of the approved programme to transform Edinburgh's city centre, the City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) would soon be asked to consult on the main issues in the Choices for City Plan 2030 for the next Local Development Plan (City Plan 2030). This would consider how the city can develop in the future whilst becoming a carbon neutral city.

To support this, a new plan for mobility and transport was prepared in order to address the challenge of dealing with carbon emissions and how to move people, goods and services into and around the city – the City Mobility Plan (CMP). The plan also addressed air quality, congestion, accessibility and inclusion, cost of travel and convenience of payment, safety and how to use the space in the city for people.

Motion

- 1) To note that engagement with stakeholders and the public during 2018 and 2019 on the City Mobility Plan (CMP), combined with Edinburgh City Centre Transformation (ECCT) and Low Emissions Zones (LEZ), had informed the basis of the 'City Mobility Plan – Draft for Consultation'.
 - 2) To agree that stakeholder and public consultation would be undertaken in respect of the CMP in parallel with the City Plan 2030 (pending its approval by Planning Committee on 22 January 2020) for an 8-week period from 31 January 2020 to 27 March 2020.
 - 3) To agree to delegate to the Senior Manager - Transport the authority to make final design, layout and minor editorial changes to the consultation document.
 - 4) To agree that following consultation a finalised Plan would be brought back to Committee in the third quarter of 2020.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To agree the need for a credible long-term vision governing the movement of people and goods around Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the public consultation undertaken to date.
- 3) To agree with the draft plan that it was essential that such a vision "requires public consent and support."

- 4) To not consider it a sensible use of taxpayer funds, citizens' time or council resources to consult on the draft plan in its current form, given it lacked the most basic indicative costings. To consider this information essential to allowing stakeholders to contribute any meaningful view and to understand the likelihood of project delivery.
 - 5) To express concern at the presumptive tone of the document, the language in several places pre-judging committee decision making which had yet to be taken on several issues, including on a Low Emissions Zone and Workplace Parking Levy.
 - 6) To express concern that the City Mobility Plan appeared in places to duplicate elements of the ECCT and to question the strategic coherence of the latter having been decided by Committee prior to the former.
 - 7) To agree for a revised draft plan be returned to Committee in one cycle that would include indicative costings prior to agreeing to public consultation.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Amendment 2

To agree to continue the report for one cycle to allow further discussions with CEC group transport spokespeople and for an updated draft strategy to be tabled and agreed ahead of public consultation.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Smith

Voting

- For the motion - 7 votes
- For Amendment 1 - 3 votes
- For Amendment 2 - 1 vote

(For the motion – Councillors Bird, Cameron, Corbett, Doran, Key, Macinnes and Miller.
For the Amendment 1 – Councillors Cook, Douglas and Smith.
For Amendment 2 – Councillor Lang.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 16 May 2019 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Macinnes declared a non-financial interest in this item as Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.

Councillors Doran and Miller declared a non-financial interest in this item as Board Members of Transport for Edinburgh.

Councillors Lang declared a non-financial interest in this item as a Member of the Edinburgh Airport Consultative Committee.

2. Smarter Choices, Smarter Places 2020-21

The Council had been running annual programmes of behaviour change initiatives, to encourage the uptake of active and sustainable travel and reduce single car occupancy trips, each year since 2015. These were externally funded by the Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) grant, which was Paths for All's active and sustainable travel behaviour change programme.

On 6 December 2018, authority had been delegated to the Service Manager – Transport Networks, in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener, to further develop and deliver the proposed outline programme for 2019-20 and to develop and deliver programmes annually for future financial years, on an ongoing basis. A discussion between these key personnel took place on 3 December 2019 to agree the content of the programme for 2020-21.

Motion

- 1) To note the progress being made in this area, and on the approach to monitoring which was developing over time at a national and local level.
 - 2) To note the content of the Council's bid for 2020-21 funding.
 - 3) To discharge the action to report to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles on encouraging car sharing schemes during the primary festival season, that arose from Councillor Rae's Motion "Greening the Fringe" to full Council on 19 September 2019.
 - 4) To agree to provide a progress update in the Business Bulletin in September 2020 to Committee.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the progress being made in this area, and on the approach to monitoring which was developing over time at a national and local level.
- 2) To thank officers for the content of the Council's bid for 2020-21 funding.
- 3) To note that the "Be Bright, Be Seen" campaign was aimed at drivers (with suitable messages for this target audience) as well as people cycling and walking.
- 4) To further note that it was proposed to review the content of the campaign, with a view to ensuring it delivered appropriate messages around driver awareness and driver skills for sharing the road with vulnerable road users during the dark winter months.
- 5) To welcome the work undertaken by Lothian Buses to train drivers in considerate driving, with particular reference to people riding bikes.
- 6) To welcome the forthcoming review of the Council's Road Safety Plan and to note that work to develop this would consider a range of initiatives to increase safety on the roads for vulnerable road users, including new awareness and

behaviour-change initiatives targeted at drivers, particularly drivers of goods and other larger vehicles.

- 7) To ask that the programme as presented was amended to include funding to support work through SEStran Tripshare to encourage and support car sharing during the city's Festivals.
- 8) To agree to provide a progress update in the Business Bulletin in September 2020 to Committee.

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Corbett

In terms of Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Macinnes:

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(References – Transport and Environment Committee on 6 December 2018 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)