

# Minutes

## The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 6 February 2020

Present:-

### LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Frank Ross

### COUNCILLORS

Robert C Aldridge  
Scott Arthur  
Gavin Barrie  
Eleanor Bird  
Chas Booth  
Claire Bridgman  
Mark A Brown  
Graeme Bruce  
Steve Burgess  
Lezley Marion Cameron  
Ian Campbell  
Jim Campbell  
Kate Campbell  
Mary Campbell  
Maureen M Child  
Nick Cook  
Gavin Corbett  
Cammy Day  
Alison Dickie  
Denis C Dixon  
Phil Duggart  
Karen Doran  
Scott Douglas  
Catherine Fullerton  
Neil Gardiner  
Gillian Gloyer  
George Gordon  
Ashley Graczyk  
Joan Griffiths  
Ricky Henderson  
Derek Howie

Graham J Hutchison  
Andrew Johnston  
David Key  
Callum Laidlaw  
Kevin Lang  
Lesley Macinnes  
Melanie Main  
John McLellan  
Amy McNeese-Mechan  
Adam McVey  
Claire Miller  
Max Mitchell  
Joanna Mowat  
Rob Munn  
Gordon J Munro  
Hal Osler  
Ian Perry  
Susan Rae  
Alasdair Rankin  
Lewis Ritchie  
Cameron Rose  
Neil Ross  
Jason Rust  
Stephanie Smith  
Alex Staniforth  
Mandy Watt  
Susan Webber  
Iain Whyte  
Donald Wilson  
Norman J Work  
Louise Young

## 1 Minutes

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### Decision

To approve the minute of the Council of 11 November 2019 as a correct record.

## 2 Questions

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

## 3 Leader's Report

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

- Update on the fire at Liberton Primary School and thanks to emergency services
- Administration's achievements so far
- Tourism Strategy – Councillor Whyte

The following questions/comments were made:

Councillor Whyte	- Tourism Strategy - extremism - Homelessness
Councillor Staniforth	- Homelessness – support from Scottish Government
Councillor Aldridge	- Death of former Councillor Marjorie Thomas - Community Police Officers – Vital role
Councillor Day	- Liberton Primary School Fire - Scotland's Draft Budget – Council Leader's approach to request further finance for Edinburgh
Councillor Fullerton	- Gorgie City Farm re-opening – thanks to staff involved
Councillor Johnston	- Council tax increase
Councillor Main	- Climate Emergency Response – Council Pension Fund investment in fossil fuels
Councillor Gloyer	- Protection of healthy trees within the city
Councillor Munro	- Former Councillor Marjorie Thomas

	-	Scottish Budget – the case for Edinburgh to be fully and fairly funded
Councillor Kate Campbell	-	£2.5 billion investment for building Council homes within the city
Councillor Doggart	-	Increase in children living in temporary accommodation
Councillor Barrie	-	Coronavirus
Councillor Miller	-	Christmas – current condition of Princes Street Gardens
Councillor Macinnes	-	Five year low in waste complaints
Councillor Dickie	-	Care Experience Champions – welcoming the findings of the care review
Councillor Arthur	-	Libraries
Councillor Hutchison	-	Upgrades to the Council estate
Councillor Lang		Council Budget settlement – cuts in core funding for core services

### 3 Senior Councillor Remuneration February 2020

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The Council had agreed senior Councillor remuneration to Councillor Staniforth as co-leader of the Green Group with effect from 29 June 2019. Details were provided on a proposal that this be allocated to Councillor Main to take effect from 29 December 2019.

#### **Decision**

To agree to transfer the Senior Councillor Allowance relating to the Green Group Leader from Councillor Staniforth to Councillor Main with effect from 29 December 2019.

(References – Act of Council No 4 of 27 June 2019; report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 4 Council Diary 2020-21

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The draft Council diary for 2020-2021 was presented together with proposed dates for recess periods and Council meetings from August 2020 to August 2021.

### **Motion**

- 1) To approve the Council diary for August 2019 to August 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make minor adjustments to the Council diary as necessary.
- 3) To agree the recess and Council meeting dates for August 2020 to August 2021 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report by the Chief Executive.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Amendment**

- 1) To approve the Council diary for August 2019 to August 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make minor adjustments to the Council diary as necessary.
- 3) To agree the recess and Council meeting dates for August 2020 to August 2021 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 4) To note with regret that the EIJB was unable to coordinate its meeting. GRBV would move on this occasion from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2020 to the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and that Council wished to set a clear expectation that the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board would schedule its future meetings with regard to the Council and its Committees which were published a year in advance.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To approve the Council diary for August 2019 to August 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.

- 2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make minor adjustments to the Council diary as necessary.
- 3) To agree the recess and Council meeting dates for August 2020 to August 2021 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 4) To note with regret that the EIJB was unable to coordinate its meeting. GRBV would move on this occasion from the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2020 to the 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and that Council wished to set a clear expectation that the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board would schedule its future meetings with regard to the Council and its Committees which were published a year in advance.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

## 5 Review of Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings

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Details were provided on proposed amendments to the Council's Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings.

### Motion

- 1) To repeal the existing Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings and approve in their place the revised Procedural Standing Orders, attached at Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive, with effect from Friday 7 February 2020.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to take such actions and make such minor adjustments to the Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings as may be necessary to implement the decision of the Council in relation to this report and to produce a finalised version.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

### Amendment 1

- 1) To repeal the existing Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings and approve in their place the revised Procedural Standing Orders, attached at Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive, with effect from Friday 7 February 2020 subject to:

Adding at the end of SO 12.8

“or to any other quasi-judicial items considered by the Council or its committees.”

Adding to the end of SO 21.8

“and only to correct any apparent or actual misrepresentation.”.

- 2) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to take such actions and make such minor adjustments to the Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings as may be necessary to implement the decision of the Council in relation to this report and to produce a finalised version.

- moved by Councillor Jim Campbell, seconded by Councillor Webber

## **Amendment 2**

- 1) To repeal the existing Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings and approve in their place the revised Procedural Standing Orders, attached at Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive, with effect from Friday 7 February 2020 subject to inserting the following wording at the beginning of new Standing Order 21.8:

“Notwithstanding the provisions in Standing Order 21.9.”:

- 2) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to take such actions and make such minor adjustments to the Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings as may be necessary to implement the decision of the Council in relation to this report and to produce a finalised version.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To repeal the existing Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings and approve in their place the revised Procedural Standing Orders, attached at Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive, with effect from Friday 7 February 2020 subject to:

Adding at the end of SO 12.8:

“or to any other quasi-judicial items considered by the Council or its committees.”.

Adding to the end of SO 21.8:

“and only to correct any apparent or actual misrepresentation.”.

Inserting the following wording at the beginning of new Standing Order 21.8:

“Notwithstanding the provisions in Standing Order 21.9.”:

- 2) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to take such actions and make such minor adjustments to the Procedural Standing Orders for Council and Committee Meetings as may be necessary to implement the decision of the Council in relation to this report and to produce a finalised version.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 6 Rolling Actions Log

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Details were provided on the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Council from May 2015 to November 2019.

### Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:

**Action 4** - Strategic Transport Project Review 2 (STPR2) – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

**Action 6** - Council Question by Councillor Webber on Taxi Usage

**Action 7** - Motion by Councillor Watt – Threatening Behaviour Towards Councillors

**Action 8** - Coalition Commitments Progress Update - June 2019

**Action 9** - Integration Scheme - Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 - Update

**Action 10** - Seafield Recycling Centre - Motion by Councillor Lang

- 2) To otherwise note the rolling actions log.

(Reference – Council Rolling Actions Log, submitted)

## 7 Treasury Strategy: Mid-term Report 2019/20 – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

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The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report which provided an update on Treasury Management Activity undertaken in the first half of 2019/20, to the Council, for approval of the Treasury Management Strategy.

## Decision

- 1) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy.
- 2) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for scrutiny.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee 6 December 2019 (item 9); referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

## 8 Edinburgh Green Team 25th Anniversary – Motion by Councillor Dixon

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The following motion by Councillor Dixon was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes that:

- a) The Green Team was formed in 1995 as a project of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award offering environmental volunteering opportunities to young people taking part in the Award.
- b) Over the last 24 years the Green Team has grown to deliver a wide range of activities to encourage young people, from pre-school to 16 years old, to achieve their full potential.
- c) The Team enjoy a positive reputation for delivering high quality outdoor projects across the City, complemented by a high level of support to service - users and to adult volunteers.
- d) The project operates from within Tynecastle High School and work closely with the Council's outdoor learning service.
- e) Since opening, the Green Team have worked with over 6,000 young people and raised almost £2m in external funding from a wide range of sources.
- f) The Green Team will celebrate 25 years of continuous operations in 2020.

In acknowledging the Green Team's silver anniversary in 2020, and the project's continuing achievements, Council requests that the Lord Provost, to mark this important occasion in the appropriate manner.”

- moved by Councillor Dixon, seconded by Councillor

## Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Dixon.

## 9 Edinburgh Competition Festival Centenary 2020 - Motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

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The following motion by Councillor McNeese-Mechan was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

Notes that August 2020 marks the Centenary of the Edinburgh Competition Festival Association (ECFA).

Acknowledges that for one hundred years the ECFA has been providing the opportunity for amateur musicians of all ages to perform in their annual two-week festival. Participants perform their prepared pieces in front of an audience and are given constructive comments from an expert external adjudicator.

Recognises the valuable contribution the ECFA makes to the musical and educational life of the City.

Asks that the Lord Provost celebrates the anniversary in the appropriate manner.”

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Mcneese-Mechan.

## 10 The TWA Challenge - Motion by Councillor Osler

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The following motion by Councillor Osler was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council congratulates the achievements of Jamie, Ewan and Lachlan MacLean. The three Edinburgh brothers who set off from the Canary Islands in mid December 2019 and rowed 3000 miles across the Atlantic to arrive in Antigua in an amazing 35 days, nine hours and nine minutes.

In doing so they set three World Records:

- 1) The fastest trio to ever row the Atlantic
- 2) The youngest trio to row the Atlantic and
- 3 The first three brothers to row any Ocean

Council requests that the Lord Provost writes to the three brothers and congratulates them on this fantastic achievement.”

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Osler.

## **11 An Ethical Policy for the Edinburgh Guarantee - Motion by Councillor Staniforth**

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The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes:

That the Edinburgh Guarantee is a jobs programme for school leavers run by the council.

That companies that are involved in the scheme receive free support and guidance from the council.

That recently one of the companies involved in the scheme has been condemned for its role in the Yemen War and arms deals with Turkey.

Council resolves:

That in order to ensure the companies involved in the Edinburgh Guarantee behave in an ethical manner officers shall produce a report on how the ethical behaviour of companies involved in the scheme can be ensured.

That this report should be presented for consideration to the Education, Children and Families Committee within two cycles.”

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

### **Amendment 1**

To delete all of the motion and replace with:

Council:

Notes that the Edinburgh Guarantee is a partnership that has seen thousands of young people moving into work, education, or training, and has been successfully helping young people into positive destinations since 2011.

Notes that with over 3,400 young people matched into jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities, the Edinburgh Guarantee plays an important role in allowing our young people to successfully achieve their first steps towards a secure future with more than 550 employers across the city contributing to this success.

Recognises that there are concerns regarding activity associated with military equipment and agrees that every young person taking part in the scheme must experience the right environment needed to develop their skills and promote their wellbeing.

Agrees that a report reviewing these placements and considering an ethical policy for the scheme will be reported to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee within three cycles.

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Watt

### **Amendment 2**

In the last line of the motion, delete 'Education Children and Families within two cycles' and insert 'Full Council within four cycles.

- moved by Councillor Barrie, seconded by Councillor Bridgman

### **Amendment 3**

To take no action on the matter.

- moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor McLellan

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), Amendment 1 was accepted in place of the motion.

In terms of Standing Order 22(3), 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	-	17 votes
Against Amendment 3	-	43 votes

(For Amendment 3 - Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.

Against Amendment 3 – Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young

Abstentions: Councillors Barrie, Bridgman and Ritchie.)

As the vote for no action was lost, a second vote between the motion by Councillor Staniforth (as adjusted) and Amendment 2 by Councillor Barrie was then taken.

### **Second Vote**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	42 votes
For Amendment 2	-	3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted) The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Barrie, Bridgman and Ritchie.

Abstentions: Councillors Arthur, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Staniforth:

- 1) To note that the Edinburgh Guarantee was a partnership that had seen thousands of young people moving into work, education, or training, and had been successfully helping young people into positive destinations since 2011.
- 2) To note that with over 3,400 young people matched into jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities, the Edinburgh Guarantee played an important role in allowing our young people to successfully achieve their first steps towards a secure future with more than 550 employers across the city contributing to this success.
- 3) To recognise that there were concerns regarding activity associated with military equipment and agree that every young person taking part in the

scheme must experience the right environment needed to develop their skills and promote their wellbeing.

- 4) To agree that a report reviewing these placements and considering an ethical policy for the scheme would be reported to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee within three cycles.

## **12 Flying the EU Flag - Motion by Councillor Staniforth**

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The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes:

That in the EU referendum Edinburgh was the most remainsupporting city in the UK with 74.4% of its citizens voting to remain in the EU.

That Edinburgh is the capital city of a nation which voted by 62% to remain in the EU.

That the Scottish Parliament has agreed in a cross-party management group that they will continue to fly the Council of Europe’s flag on Europe Day every year.

Council resolves:

That to mark our city’s strong wish to remain in the EU the Council of Europe flag should be flown from the city chambers every day until Edinburgh is part of the EU again. With the exception of days on which flying a flag to mark or commemorate a specific day of celebration, remembrance etc. makes that impossible.

### **Decision**

To note that Councillor Staniforth had withdrawn his motion.

## **13 Recycling in Schools - Motion by Councillor Mowat**

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The following motion by Councillor Main was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes that

In Edinburgh schools the end to end recycling and refuse procedures, from item use to pick up by council waste services, are often broken and inadequate to meet current needs and expectations of the school communities.

The services are provided by several departments and responsibilities and

Therefore Council requests:

All council services involved, including Schools, Estates: Facilities Services and Catering Service, and Waste Services work together to review and provide fit for purpose recycling services in each of our schools to be completed before the start of the 2020/21 academic year.

A report to Education Children and Families Committee outlining the service provided for each school at the start of the 2020/21 Academic Year and including plans for a Carbon Neutral Edinburgh 2030.”

### **Motion**

Council notes that

In Edinburgh schools the end to end recycling and refuse procedures, from item use to pick up by council waste services, are often broken and inadequate to meet current needs and expectations of the school communities.

The services are provided by several departments and responsibilities and

Therefore Council requests:

All council services involved, including Schools, Estates: Facilities Services and Catering Service, and Waste Services work together to review and provide fit for purpose recycling services in each of our schools to be completed before the start of the 2020/21 academic year within policy and current budgets, and reporting any financial challenges in doing so to the report requested.

A report to Education Children and Families Committee outlining the service provided for each school at the start of the 2020/21 Academic Year and including plans for a Carbon Neutral Edinburgh 2030.”

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Burgess

### **Amendment 1**

To add before the recommendations in the motion:

‘Recognises the importance of minimising the need for recycling in all council buildings in order to meet the council’s ambitious 2030 carbon neutral target.

Congratulates the leadership and ownership that already exists in school communities across the city.

Acknowledges the role of Changeworks in supporting 'make do and mend' projects in schools such as St Mary’s Primary, in order to facilitate and standardise recycling best practice more widely across the school estate’.

Replace Education, Children & Families Committee with Policy & Sustainability Committee.'

- moved by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Doran

### **Amendment 2**

In the last paragraph of the motion, delete 'Education Children and Families,' insert 'Full Council.'

- moved by Councillor Barrie, seconded by Councillor Ritchie

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	60 votes
For Amendment 2	-	3 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Jim Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Cook, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doggart, Doran, Douglas, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Hutchison, Johnston, Key, Laidlaw, Lang, Macinnes, Mclelland, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Staniforth, Watt, Webber, Whyte, Wilson, Work and Young

For Amendment 2: Councillors Barrie, Bridgman and Ritchie.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Main:

To note that:

- 1) To note that in Edinburgh schools the end to end recycling and refuse procedures, from item use to pick up by council waste services, were often broken and inadequate to meet current needs and expectations of the school communities.
- 2) To note that the services were provided by several departments and responsibilities.
- 3) To recognise the importance of minimising the need for recycling in all council buildings in order to meet the council's ambitious 2030 carbon neutral target.

- 4) To congratulate the leadership and ownership that already existed in school communities across the city.
- 5) To acknowledge the role of Changeworks in supporting 'make do and mend' projects in schools such as St Mary's Primary, in order to facilitate and standardise recycling best practice more widely across the school estate.
- 6) To therefore request:
  - a) All council services involved, including Schools, Estates: Facilities Services and Catering Service, and Waste Services work together to review and provide fit for purpose recycling services in each of our schools to be completed before the start of the 2020/21 academic year within policy and current budgets, and reporting any financial challenges in doing so to the report requested.
  - b) A report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee outlining the service provided for each school at the start of the 2020/21 Academic Year and including plans for a Carbon Neutral Edinburgh 2030.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Bird declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Board member of Changeworks.

## **14 Curriculum Concerns - Motion by Councillor Laidlaw**

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The following motion by Councillor Laidlaw was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the Scottish Parliament passed a motion on 16 January 2020 agreeing to a full performance review of the Curriculum of Excellence following concerns about narrowing the breadth of subject choices available and the appropriateness of multi-level teaching.
- 2) Recognises that an amended motion was passed by full Council in September 2019 asking for information on the breadth of subject choice and a survey of the breadth of learning in the Senior Phase (S4-S6) was conducted across all 23 secondary Edinburgh schools in November 2019.
- 3) Notes that the information was provided, without analysis, as an appendix to the 'Edinburgh Learns: Pathways to Develop Our Young Workforce' report to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 10 December 2019, which showed that:

- At S4, eight schools offer six subjects, eleven schools offer seven subjects and four schools offer eight subjects
  - At S5, fifteen schools offer five subjects, seven offer six subjects and one school seven subjects
  - At S6, one school offers four subjects, fifteen offer five subjects, six offer six subjects and one school seven subjects
- 4) Notes a correlation between greater subject choice and higher performing schools, and that fewer subjects were available in schools serving catchments with significant areas of deprivation.
  - 5) Notes that no reference was made to multi-level teaching.
  - 6) Asks Council officers to report to Education, Children and Families within one cycle with analysis of the results, information of where multi-level teaching is taking place (with a breakdown of subjects and qualifications) and recommendations how increased subject choice can be supported.”
- moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor Rust

### **Amendment 1**

Council is asked:

- 1) To note that the Scottish Parliament passed a motion on 16 January 2020 agreeing to an independent review of how the Curriculum of Excellence implemented in the senior phase following concerns about narrowing the breadth of subject choices available and the appropriateness of multi-level teaching.
- 2) To recognise that a motion was passed by full Council in September 2019 asking for information on the breadth of subject choice and information was provided to the Education, Children and Families Committee in the report - 'Edinburgh Learns: Pathways to Develop Our Young Workforce'
- 3) To acknowledge the Scottish Government has commissioned an independent review of the Senior Phase focused on the breadth of the curriculum offer, number of subjects and qualitative analysis of the experiences of pupils, parents and carers, and teachers. An interim report is due in June 2020. To therefore request the Council response will be reported to the Education, Children and Families Committee for members consideration before submission to the Scottish Government.

- moved by Councillor Dickie, seconded by Councillor Perry

### **Amendment 2**

At point 6) of the motion by Councillor Laidlaw, delete 'Education Children and Families within one cycle,'and insert 'Full Council within two cycles.

- moved by Councillor Ritchie, seconded by Councillor Barrie

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	17 votes
For Amendment 1	-	43 votes
For Amendment 2	-	3 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.

For Amendment 1: Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.

For Amendment 2: Councillor Barrie, Bridgman and Ritchie.)

### **Decision**

To approve Amendment 1 by Councillor Dickie.

## **15 Purchasing Properties for House Share – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee**

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The Council, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 6, 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report which provided information on the feasibility of purchasing properties for use as house share.

### **Decision**

To approve the proposal and associated prudential borrowing of £1.145m as detailed in the report by the Director for Communities and Families.

(Reference – Finance and Resources Committee, 6 December 2019 (item 33); referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

## **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Corbett declared a non-financial interest in the above item as an employee of Shelter Scotland.

## Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 2 of 6 February 2020)

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Miller for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question** (1) Could the Convener please identify which demographics, communities, or groups of residents are most likely to be negatively affected by ungritted footways and cycle ways, and advise how the city's gritting strategy addresses these inequalities?

**Answer** (1) The Council's gritting strategy is designed to ensure that residents are not negatively affected during periods of inclement weather. Strategic carriageways and footway networks are prioritised along with public transport routes and areas near schools, care homes and hospitals.

Officers are currently reviewing maintenance plans for the off road cycle network to ensure that active travel routes are also sustained effectively.

**Question** (2) Could the Convener provide information to quantify the proportion of footways and cycle ways which are gritted, within areas currently classified as 1st and 2nd decile in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation?

**Answer** (2) This information will take some time to collate. However, I have asked officers to produce this information and provide it as a members' briefing as soon as possible.

**Question** (3) Could the Convener provide a list of any footways and cycle ways on the quiet routes network which are not gritted?

**Answer** (3) This information is not readily available. However, I have asked officers to produce this information and provide it as a members' briefing as soon as possible.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for the answer to my written question. I'd like to clarify the answer that the Convener has provided to point one if I could. I'd understood that this Council subscribed to the hierarchy of modes of travel which puts pedestrians first, followed by people on bikes, then motorised transport after all of those modes and if that's correct can the Convener please clarify the statement about maintenance plans for the off-road cycle network as it sounds as though this hierarchy is yet to be fully implemented. Can she please provide me with clarity on exactly when the hierarchy will be fully implemented so that people on foot and on bike are prioritised above all motorised traffic.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you for the supplementary question Councillor Miller. I can assure you that we are moving towards quite a lot of change around this particular topic, I recognise why you asked the original question about those who are impacted most under the auspices of inequality by lack of gritting appropriate in winter weather and so on, but also gender dimension, I think we've seen that in the Nordic countries in particular around how people get around the city and it does tend to be a gendered aspect to that too. It's something that we're cognisant of, it's something I'm talking to officers about, about exactly how we can absorb those kinds of issues into our maintenance schedule. We do adhere to the hierarchy you're quite correct, I would expect to see further confirmation of that as we go forward. There's lots changing around the maintenance of footpaths and cycleways and I hope to see that, certainly next winter that we'll some further improvements thank you.

## QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Miller for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

### Question

Could the Convener please provide a map of the area of works around Picardy Place and Leith Street, with outlines of the previous layout and new layout, and an overlay which highlights in distinct shading or colouring which areas require redetermination for use as:

- a) footway
- b) shared space
- c) cycle path
- d) vehicular traffic lane?

### Answer

The marked plans for both Leith Street and Picardy Place are attached. These redetermination orders were advertised from 21 November to 19 December 2017 and 26 November to 17 December 2018 respectively and the objections were reported to Transport and Environment Committee.

### Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost, and thank you again to the Convener for her answer to this written question. I think that people will greatly appreciate the diagram that's been provided for the gyratory around Picardy Place showing that indeed at the moment, the streets are not being used in the way that they were designated and we will all be aware I'm sure travelling through that junction that, at the moment, the cycle ways are still closed but the road is fully open. Can the Convener please clarify for me therefore what exactly is the difference between what applies to motorised traffic and what applies to people who are on foot and travelling by bike because it would seem from the diagram that it is fine to use

a road in a state in which it is not fully designated for motorised traffic but that we have not yet fully implemented the new cycleways and pavements for people who are on foot and by bike and I refer to my previous question about the hierarchy of different modes of travel.

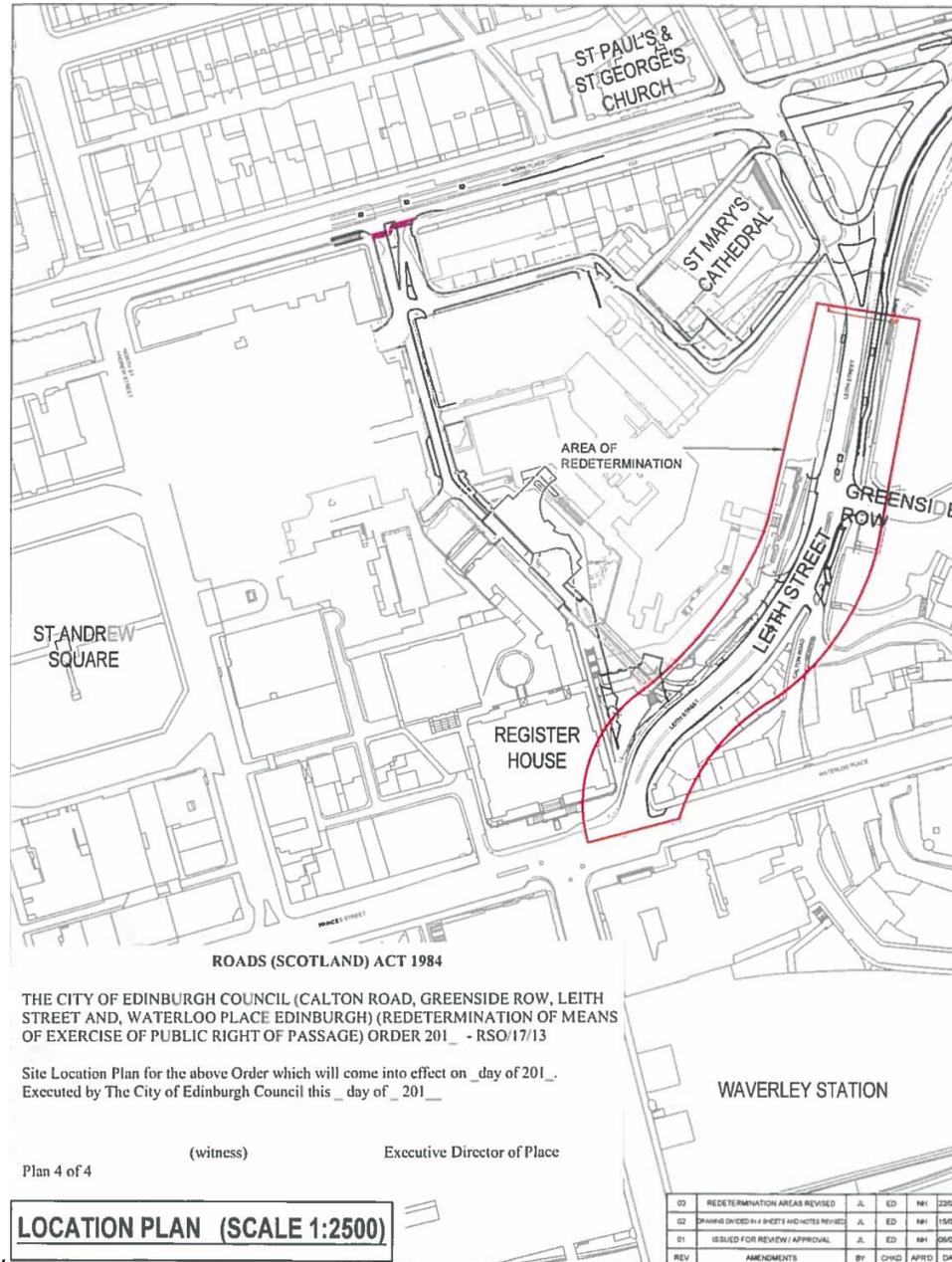
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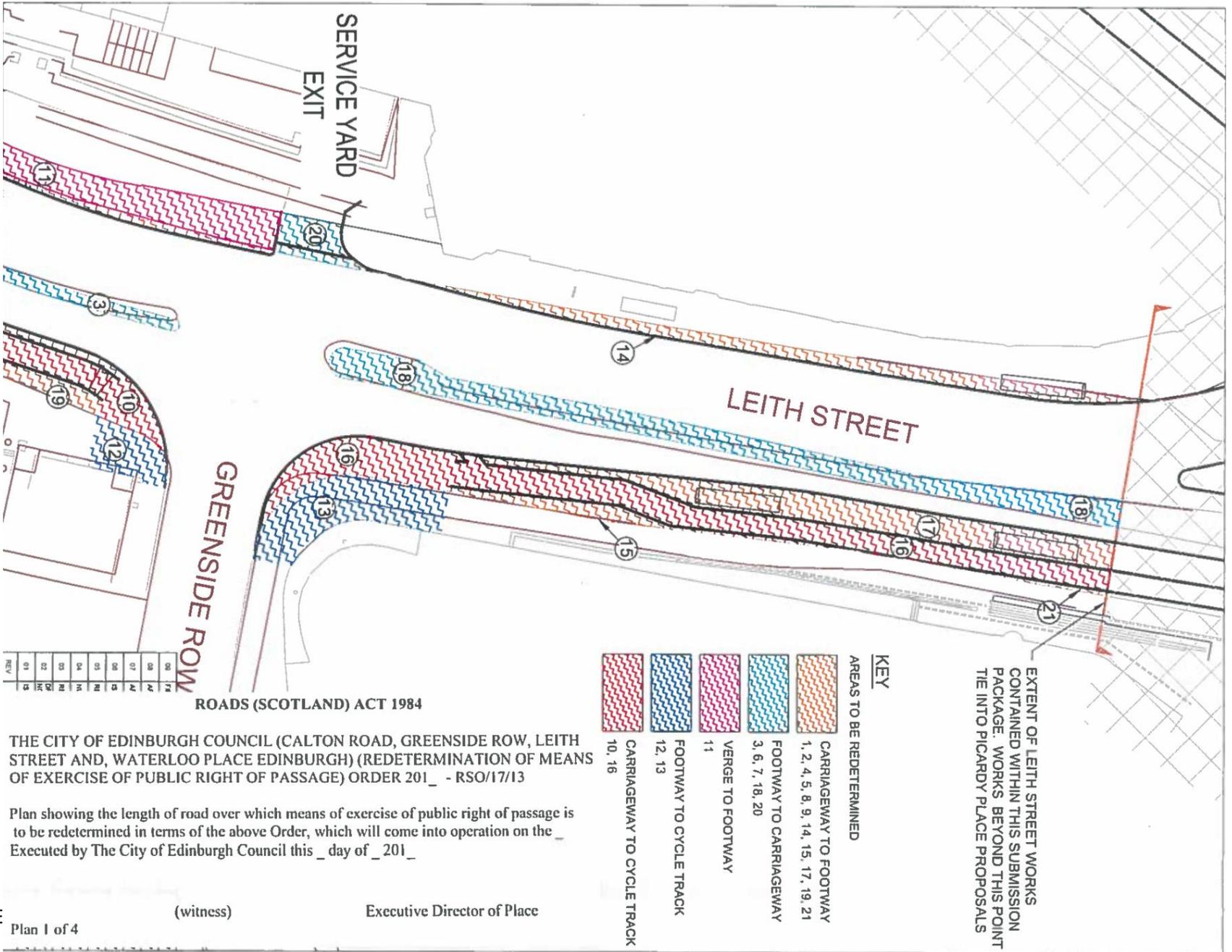
Thank you for the supplementary Councillor Miller. I think we're all aware of the fact that the cycle way is not open yet, it's also producing some pretty poor behaviour on the part of people who are loading and unloading, parking in that cycle lane, to come. There are some issues attached to the legal status of it which has taken some time to move through and that's the reason why it's not been open for some time. My understanding, although this would have to be verified, is that we are looking at quite an early opening of it in the course of the next few weeks but I'll have to verify that for you, thank you.

# Leith Street Redesign

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The following drawings show the extent of the redesignation of roads, footways and cycleways.



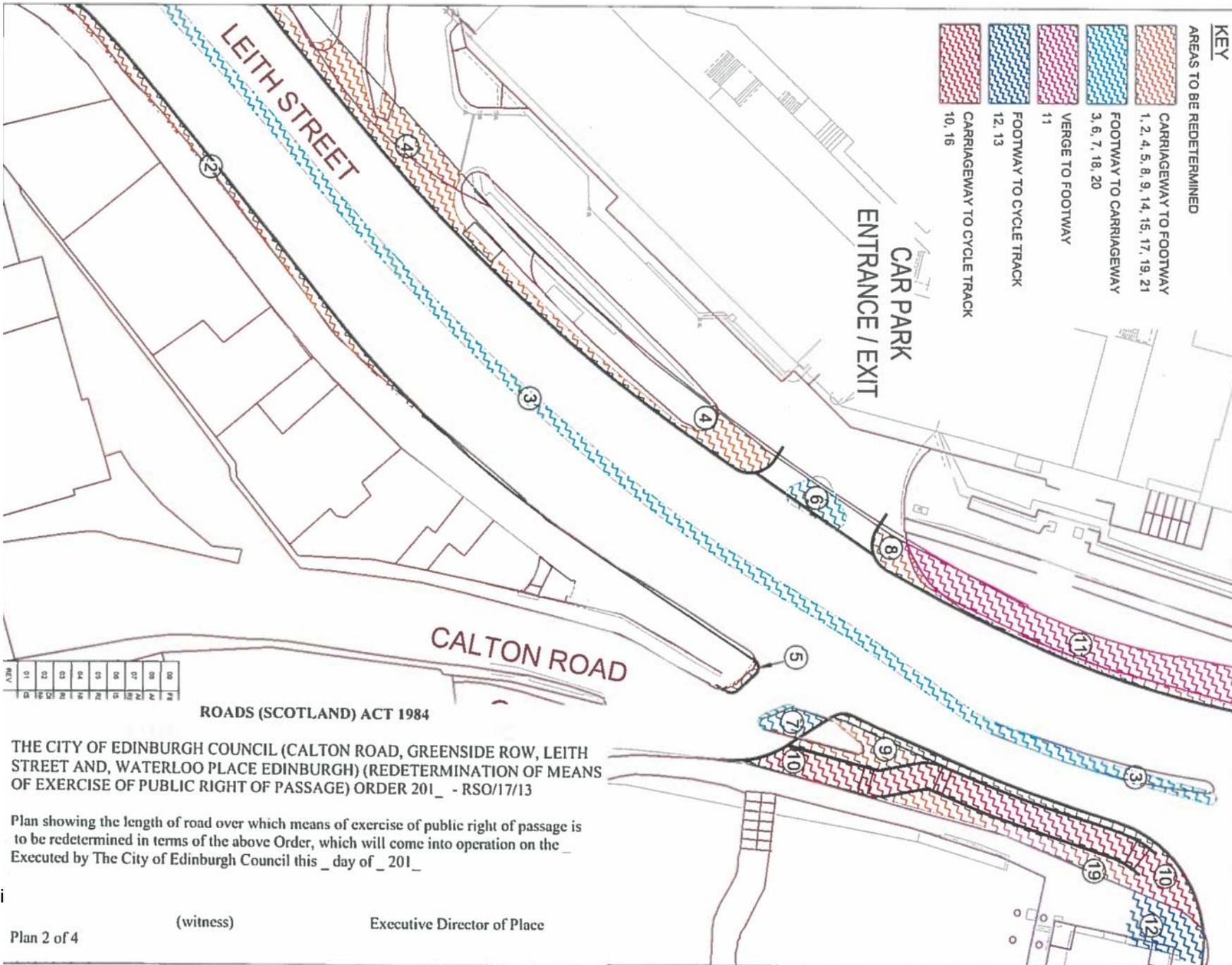


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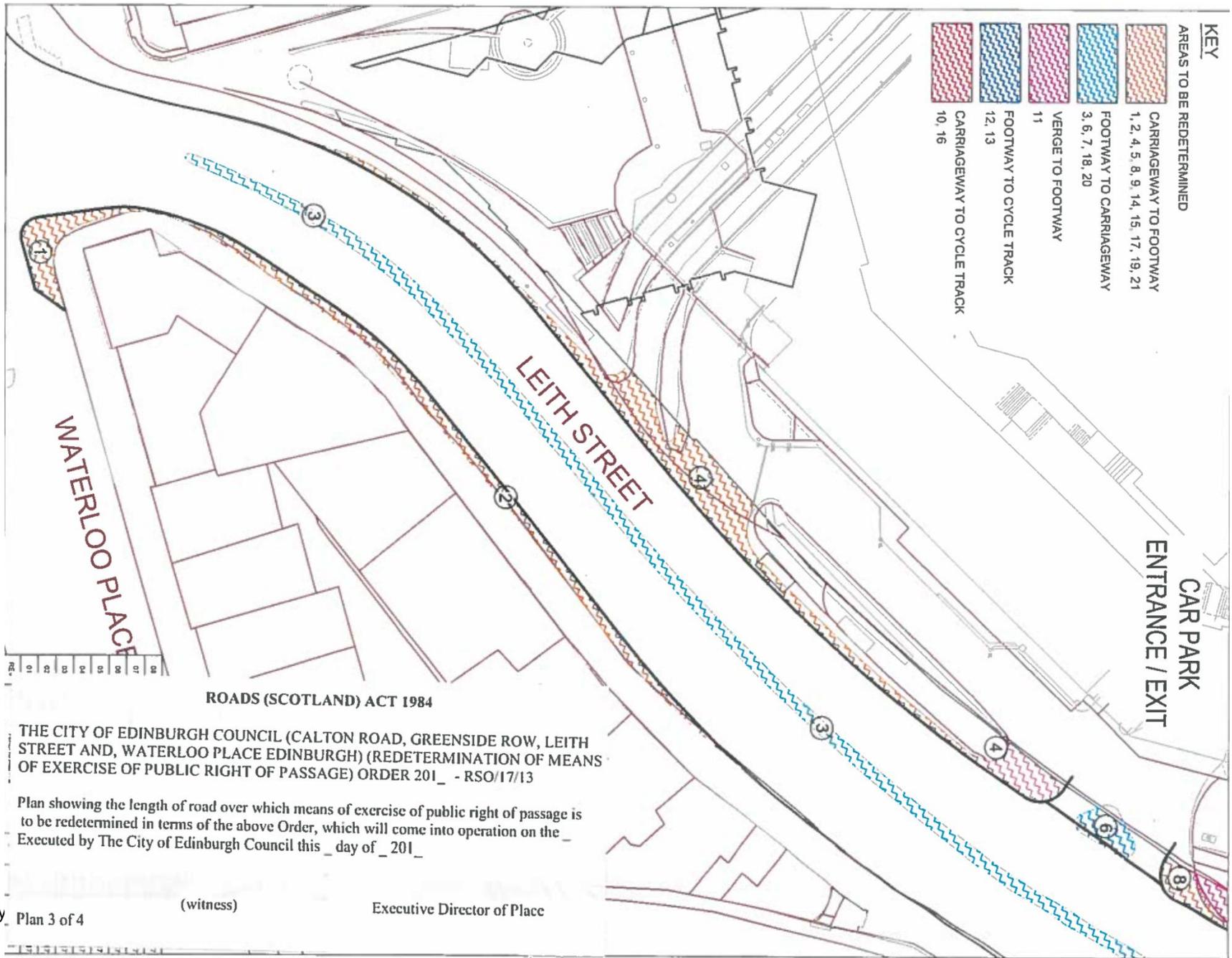
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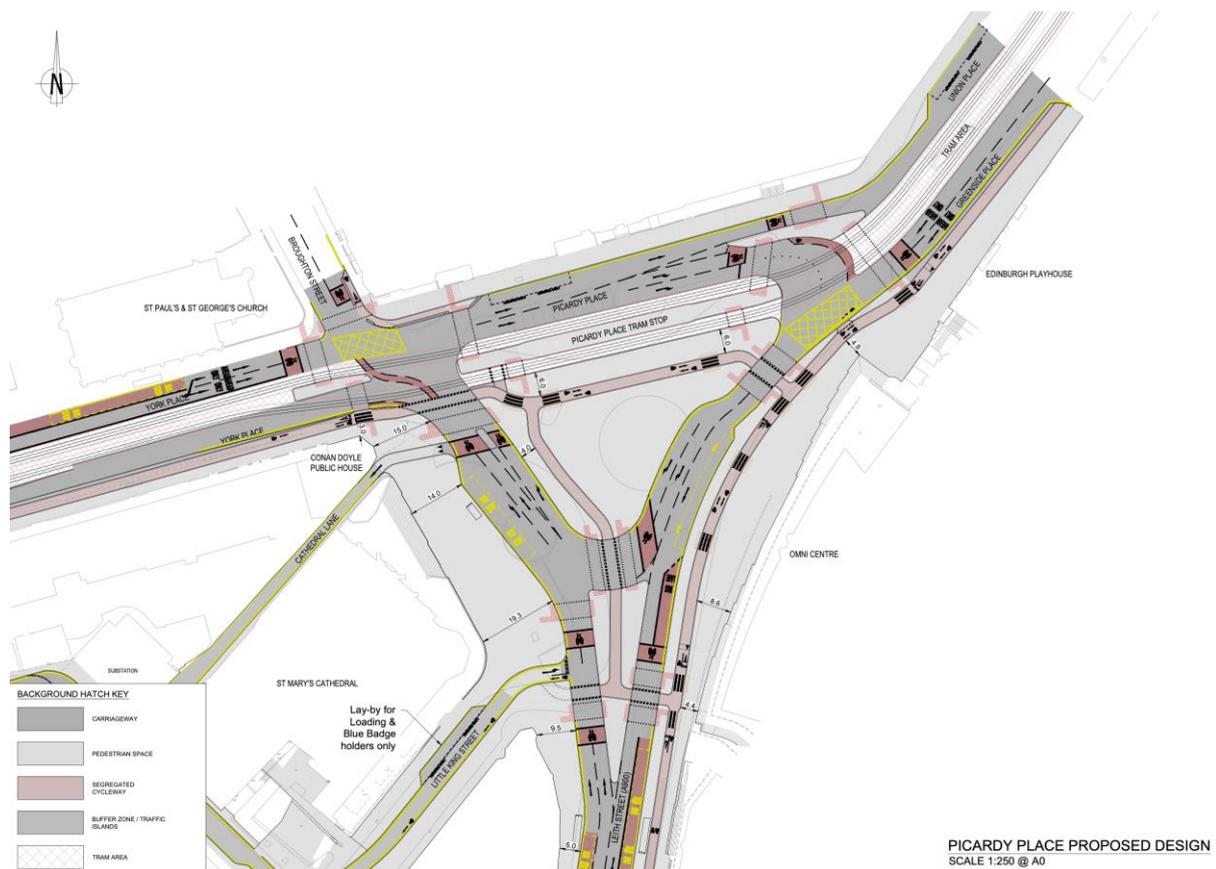
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## Picardy Place – Design General Layout

The drawing below demonstrates the preliminary layout of the new carriageways and footways overlaid on the previous junction. The design concept endorsed by the T&E Committee on the 25 January 2018 and the detailed design published on 17 April 2018 was implemented under the 'Tram Powers'.

Consequently, no SRO drawings were prepared as was necessary for Leith Street.



**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Barrie for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

Original Edinburgh - Old Town Business Improvement District Ballot.

**Question** (1) How many votes did the Council have in the ballot process?

**Answer** (1) The Council had 17 votes in the ballot.

**Question** (2) Who decided how the Council voted and what process took place to identify who would decide?

**Answer** (2) The Council's decision on how to vote was made by the Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work, the Convener and Vice Convener of Finance and Resources and the local ward Councillors.

**Question** (3) How did the Council vote?

**Answer** (3) The Council voted in favour of the Old Town Business Improvement District.

**QUESTION NO 4**

**By Councillor Corbett for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

In January Audit Scotland issued a report on City Region / Growth Deals in Scotland which highlighted weaknesses in measuring success in such deals. Given the £1.33 billion package agreed for the Edinburgh and South East Scotland Deal, is the leader confident that the investment programme and the aims of the Deal represent the best fit for the long-term social, economic and environmental needs of the city region?

**Answer**

Yes and the City Deal Joint Committee is overseeing the delivery of the investment secured to maximise the benefits for the City region. I welcome the Audit Scotland report which clearly highlighted the positive effect that City Region Deals are having including the strengthened relationships between councils, government, business, the third sector, colleges and universities.

Audit Scotland's report provides an early assessment of City Region and Growth Deals in Scotland, rather than the performance of individual Deals. Audit Scotland's review scoping was undertaken in December 2018 and the interviews that informed their report took place in January 2019. This was early in the Edinburgh City Region Deal as only two meetings of the Joint Committee had taken place at the time of Audit Scotland's review and there was therefore no recommendations specific to our Deal. Audit Scotland's report does, however, note that *"The Edinburgh and South East Scotland deal is the only signed deal to formally involve charities and voluntary organisations"* and that *"In Edinburgh and South East Scotland, the region's higher and further education institutions, as a consortium, are a dedicated partner and signatory to the deal. They played a central role in developing the deal and will lead on the Data Driven Innovation projects."*

A report will be brought to Governance and Best Value Committee in March 2020 detailing the findings of the Audit

Scotland report and how these are being addressed within our Deal.

Deal partners are working closely with the Scottish and UK Governments to finalise the monitoring and evaluation framework for the Deal, which will be considered for approval by the Joint Committee. This framework will set targets and measure outcomes across all the Deal projects and themes - capturing the economic, inclusive and environmental impacts of the Deal.

**Supplementary Question**

Thanks Lord Provost and I thank the Leader for the answer but I'm not sure it really addresses the extent to which the City Region Deal aligns with the future needs of the region, so let me seek greater clarity from the Leader. Given the Council's commitment to a net zero carbon city by 2030, is the £1.3 billion City Region Deal doing all it can to meet that commitment?

**Supplementary Answer**

Can I thank Councillor Corbett for the supplementary. Broadly yes, the projects that were agreed through the skills programme, through impact, through a whole host of other components of the deal are being measured and will be metrics against a series of outcomes, those are still being developed and will be coming through the City Deal Joint Committee in the coming months but those will be aligned to the broader strategic aims of the region and not fixed into a point of time, ie when the deal was signed on 2017.

**QUESTION NO 5**

**By Councillor Hutchison for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

The Royal High School Parent Council have raised urgent and serious concerns about the increasing pupil numbers at the Royal High School. This is having an increasingly negative effect on the pupils' health, safety, and education.

In numerical terms;

- the current notional capacity of the school is 1200
- the current School roll is 1268
- the roll for next year will be 1340
- based on current known populations in the feeder primary schools the school roll will rise to around 1600 in 2027.

Can the Convener please confirm:

**Question** (1) If he was aware of the issue of rising rolls at the Royal High School prior to receiving this question?

**Answer** (1) Yes.

**Question** (2) What actions have been taken to date to address the issue?

**Answer** (2) The Council's Learning Estate Team and the PPP team are working with the school to implement dining and science solutions for August 2020 and provide further new accommodation for August 2021.

**Question** (3) What actions are now proposed to address these concerns as the problem is predicted to become more acute?

**Answer** (3) The actions proposed will provide enough additional capacity to accommodate the projected school roll.

**Question** (4) What actions have been taken to ensure the safety and well-being of students at the school given that it is already operating over its notional capacity?

**Answer** (4) Health and Safety is the top priority in every school and will never be compromised. The school have been involved in the development of the solutions to be implemented to ensure the meet all health and safety and pupil well being requirements.

**Question** (5) What actions have been taken to ensure the high standard of education delivered at the Royal High School is maintained given the fact the school is operating over its notional capacity?

**Answer** (5) The school is ably supported by a Quality Improvement Education Officer who reports to the Quality Improvement Manager. The QIEO monitors the standards and quality of education through scrutiny of the reports and self-assessment gradings produced by the school. Where appropriate, the QIEO offers support and/or challenge in aspects of education. Overall performance is agreed on the Capacity and Risk Register maintained by QICS. At this time, the school is ranked as requiring low-support due to measures such as the levels of attainment at all stages of the school. The Headteacher is also part of a Leadership Learning Partnership in which peer Headteachers support and challenge various aspects of education delivery. The Headteacher can also ask for additional support at any time from QIEOs or from the Edinburgh Learns Development Officers.

**Question** (6) What strategic plans the administration has to address the issue of rising school rolls in the area?

**Answer** (6) A new high school is required in the West of Edinburgh and funding for this was indicated in the Capital Budget Strategy 2020-2030 report which went to Finance and Resources Committee in October 2019.

**Supplementary Question** Thank you, Lord Provost, and thank you Convener for the answer and I welcome the commitment and the answer to part 2 to have new accommodation in place by 2021. Can I just ask, the school don't seem to be aware that that's a concrete commitment yet or what any development to cope with that increased accommodation will look like, when will that information be communicated to the school.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

In Relation to answer 2 of the question, the PPP team are working with the school to implement the new science and dining area and I suspect that will be ongoing and parents will be informed of any discussions that are going on in any conclusion to that.

**QUESTION NO 6**

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 6 February 2020**

Answers to questions 1 to 4 to be analysed per domestic bin type please

**Question** (1) How many domestic waste and recycling bins were replaced in the past twelve months?

**Answer** (1) In the past twelve months, the following replacement bins have been provided:

- 4,484 domestic residual waste bins; and
- 26,764 recycling bins/boxes/food bins/food caddies/garden bins.

**Question** (2) What is the cost of each domestic waste and recycling bin?

**Answer** (2) The unit cost of each bin is provided in the attached table.

**Question** (3) What is the net cost to the Council in the past twelve months of replacing domestic bins?

**Answer** (3) The total cost of replacing domestic bins in the past twelve months was £324,513.84. A breakdown is provided in the attached table.

**Question** (4) What percentage of waste bin replacements were required because the bin lid had been lost or damaged?

**Answer** (4) 9% of residual bins and 2% of recycling bins/ boxes/ food bins / food caddies / garden bins have been replaced due to lost or damaged bin lids.

**Question** (5) Roughly what proportions of damaged bins are a) repaired and re-issued to residents, b) returned to the supplier or c) recycled?

**Answer**            **(5)** This information is not held as kerbside waste and recycling customers request a replacement bin as opposed to a repair. Whilst bins are generally not returned to the supplier, Council retains returned bins that cannot be repaired and then carries out a mini-tender when there is sufficient tonnage to recycle the bins.

Bin Type	Grand Total	Cost (£)	Unit cost (£)
Food Caddy	<b>8,988</b>	<b>43,412.04</b>	4.83
Blue Box	<b>8,560</b>	<b>27,905.60</b>	3.26
<b>Grey Bin (Residual Waste)</b>	<b>4,830</b>	<b>128,043.30</b>	<b>26.51</b>
Kitchen Food Caddy	<b>3,809</b>	<b>4,837.43</b>	1.27
Green Bin (Mixed Recycling)	<b>2,253</b>	<b>63,579.66</b>	28.22
Brown Bin (Garden Waste)	<b>1,825</b>	<b>51,501.50</b>	28.22
Red Box	<b>518</b>	<b>1,688.68</b>	3.26
Replacement Box Set	<b>284</b>	<b>1,851.68</b>	6.52
Food and Kitchen Kit	<b>181</b>	<b>1,102.29</b>	6.09
Grand Total	<b>31,248</b>	<b>324,513.84</b>	
<b>Residual (Domestic Waste)</b>	<b>4,484</b>		
<b>Recycling (Total - Residual)</b>	<b>26,764</b>		

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for her answers. Does the Convener accept that some of the bin replacements are required because of the actions of council waste operatives for example, throwing a food bin down on the pavement and it is damaged as a result, I appreciate there is an existing policy on this, but what further action can be taken to address this?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you for your supplementary Councillor Ross. I am assured by the Head of Service that the rates at which we have to replace bins are broadly comparable to other cities with the size of waste collection activity that we have, so I think that's an important piece of context. In terms of the cause of the breakage of a bin, it's very difficult for us to identify precisely what it is, I think we've all heard complaints about the way in which bins are replaced, I do know that there's an enormous amount of work that goes on within the Waste Team in order to retrain crews, to remind crews of responsibilities and so on and I do know having spoken to the Head of Service about it just recently, I do know there's quite an emphasis on that, I certainly would hope to see that there is a reduction on that, but would just point out that actually only 2% of recycling bins have been replaced due to loss or damaged bin lids which would be the first problem I think with them if it was down to that kind of treatment. So it is a relatively low figure and I think that contextual information is important.

**QUESTION NO 7**

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 6 February  
2020**

Changes were recently made to the playground and to access arrangements at South Morningside Primary School's Deanbank Annex in Canaan Lane on account of the demolition and construction works taking place immediately adjacent to the school. These changes were communicated to parents the day before the school went back after the Christmas holiday and caused wide-spread concerns, now being addressed, amongst the school and parent community.

- Question**           **(1)** Is the Convener aware that major disruption, particularly when poorly communicated, can cause considerable anxiety to pupils who have additional support needs (ASN) and, in this case, has resulted in one pupil being withdrawn from school?
- Answer**             **(1)** Yes, the Convener is aware. The school has confirmed that no pupil has been withdrawn from school. The school are working in close partnership with parents to enable parents to be fully informed of any significant changes that might impact on the children.
- Question**           **(2)** What process does the Council normally follow to reduce the impact that major changes at schools can have on their ASN pupils?
- Answer**             **(2)** The school works in partnership with the LA and contractors to recognise the potential impact of any significant change for pupils with additional support needs and plan to take account of this.
- Question**           **(3)** Does this process place a high priority on effective and timely communications with the school and its Parent Council?

**Answer**

- (3)** Regular meetings have been arranged which include representation from the Parent Council, contractors, the school and the local authority. Information on significant changes and next steps in the build process will be discussed and then shared with the parent forum. Furthermore, the local authority will ensure that timely communication is shared with parents if and when required regarding any significant change.

The school will work with children in Dean Bank to keep them updated about progress to the construction of the newbuild and any changes or impact on their daily routines.

**QUESTION NO 8**

**By Councillor Johnston for answer  
by the Leader of the Council at a  
meeting of the Council on 6 February  
2020**

**Question**

Will the Council Leader abide by Coalition Commitment 49 'Limit Council Tax increases to 3% a year to 2021'?

**Answer**

The Administration will publish our budget proposals in full on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> of February. This would have already been published had the UK Government published a budget on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as they advised they would, or if they had provided the certainty required for the Scottish Government's budget at any point since. The failure of the UK Government to do so has meant budgets in the Scottish Parliament and those of Scottish Councils being set with an unhelpful element of uncertainty. This is entirely caused by the UK Government's failure to present a budget in advance of deadlines to set tax rates and approve other spending plans.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Lord Provost I'd like to thank the Council Leader for his answer and agree with him that uncertainty is a terrible thing but this answer just creates even more uncertainty. Coalition Commitment 49 doesn't say we will limit Council Tax increases by 3% to 2021 unless things are uncertain, or we change our mind, so let's clear up the uncertainty, will he stick to that commitment?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

It would have been really good to clear up that uncertainty and have the UK Government meet one of the most fundamental obligations they have to Scotland which is to give us the ability to set our budget in a reasonable timescale. Unfortunately because of the politicking and incompetence of Councillor Johnson's colleagues down south we are not in a position to do so. We will be publishing as the answer says, our budget on the 10th February, today the Scottish Government will be outlining their budget proposals, we will respond to that and publish within a matter of days. We have shortened our Budget timescale incredibly to respond to the circumstances that we

find ourselves in, but let me be absolutely clear and the city and the country should be absolutely clear, we should never have been put in this position and we have been put in this position by the callousness of the Conservatives.

**QUESTION NO 9**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the  
Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question** (1) How many road and pavement defects have been reported to the Council in each month between January 2018 and January 2020.

**Answer** (1) The attached spreadsheet details the number of defects that have been recorded as a result of reports from members of the public.

In the case of wards 12 and 13 there has been a data error which does not allow the number of defects associated specifically with reports from members of the public. As such, the data for wards 12 and 13 shows the total number of reports received in these areas as opposed to the number of defects.

Whilst the data error cannot be reversed, the issue has now been resolved and the number of defects in these wards will be reported going forward.

**Question** (2) How many Road and pavements defects were reported to the Council in each ward in (a) 2018 and (b) 2019.

**Answer** (2) This is also set out in the attached spreadsheet. Please note, the same data quality issues exist for wards 12 and 13 as is noted in the answer to question 1.

**Question** (3) When a resident uses the new online reporting system and registers for an update on a particular road or pavement defect already reported on the system, does this still count as a complaint?

**Answer** (3) Roads defects are logged as enquiries and not complaints on the Council's Asset Management system, as they do not always result in a specific or actionable defect being recorded. Where members of the public wish to complain that an enquiry has not been actioned, this will be logged as a corporate complaint in line with the Council's complaints procedure.

Where there are multiple reports of the same defect by members of the public, the first report is recorded in the Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system and all other reports are marked as an interested party for the original enquiry. All interested parties are notified when the enquiry has been resolved.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you and I thank the Convener for these very data rich tables and with yet again my Council provided calculator, I had a good look at these figures and what was striking was the fact that the number of defects, if you look at year on year comparisons, the number of defects actually increased during the course of the year and in fact for the last quarter for which the data is available, the number of defects increased by 40% year on year. Has the Convener got any information to explain why that situation got worse during the course of the year?

**Supplementary Answer**

Thank you Councillor Lang. I think we need to take a look at why defects occur and how they are reported. Defects occur sometimes because of severe weather conditions that's often an aspect of why we see a blip across certain parts, it's a realistic approach we understand that that is the case, bad rain,, bad weather frost etc can make a substantial difference, This table also depends on how defects are recorded and you can see spikes in those. One thing that should be noted about this table is that when we get a complaint come into us from a member of the public, what happens is, a team goes out usually very fast, goes out and inspects then not just the specific defect that has been reported but a length of road alongside it and that then produces a spike in the number of defects occurring in that area because we take the opportunity to fix more than just the original complaint, so that can help to explain it. Clearly

we are doing our very best under the roads plan to try and find new and better ways in which to deal with the issue of defects and I think you will be pleased to note that the independently assessed road conditions index has improved immeasurably for Edinburgh and I am very pleased with the performance of the road team in terms of tackling what a big and consistent issues in Edinburgh down to heavy traffic poor weather and the very large road network that we have to deal with, over 900 miles, thank you.

### Defects by Ward 2018-2019

	Jan-18	Feb-18	Mar-18	Apr-18	May-18	Jun-18	Jul-18	Aug-18	Sep-18	Oct-18	Nov-18	Dec-18	Total
01 - Almond	243	151	286	214	68	33	31	20	24	47	27	64	1208
02-Pentland Hills	188	116	108	59	27	21	17	4	30	8	47	18	643
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	48	46	41	92	21	12	26	12	13	22	37	14	384
04-Forth	20	27	26	46	22	8	12	6	7	2	24	16	216
05-Inverleith	53	36	38	88	16	33	19	51	14	12	37	41	438
06-Corstorphine/Murrayfield	65	57	56	50	38	22	15	33	33	19	12	15	415
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	51	113	57	80	26	26	22	15	19	34	30	31	504
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	73	84	91	31	22	33	24	49	35	25	31	41	539
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	34	105	21	33	9	9	4	35	35	15	54	12	366
10-Meadows/Morningside	190	130	112	144	68	48	19	25	19	24	32	43	854
11-City Centre	99	231	105	104	71	46	44	49	46	50	20	44	909
12-Leith Walk*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	256
13-Leith*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	345
14-Craigentiny/Duddingston	62	25	58	43	26	12	6	8	11	13	8	19	291
15-Southside/Newington	119	197	94	226	96	51	82	79	34	52	30	75	1135
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	69	100	111	108	68	48	28	35	13	36	46	34	696
17-Portobello/Craigmillar	55	35	32	45	6	8	0	5	14	20	10	14	244
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	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19	Jul-19	Aug-19	Sep-19	Oct-19	Nov-19	Dec-19	Total
01 - Almond	79	107	70	92	163	58	71	85	64	50	43	103	985
02-Pentland Hills	36	79	59	48	74	150	94	69	22	76	39	134	880
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	12	45	48	32	19	37	45	46	45	34	48	73	484
04-Forth	4	26	18	33	8	6	9	13	15	24	33	27	216
05-Inverleith	23	27	24	36	24	20	35	22	15	14	34	22	296
06-Corstorphine/Murrayfield	47	20	26	34	26	42	45	29	34	57	50	43	453
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	69	40	99	54	38	31	62	10	22	9	44	49	527
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	29	45	129	56	26	57	43	73	38	29	37	41	603
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	5	22	13	12	24	11	22	33	4	11	7	53	217
10-Meadows/Morningside	21	14	37	53	41	13	35	47	60	23	42	72	458
11-City Centre	44	11	34	22	34	37	25	159	23	27	36	33	485
12-Leith Walk*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
13-Leith*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	307
14-Craigentiny/Duddingston	13	21	21	20	14	28	20	14	30	17	15	13	226
15-Southside/Newington	60	19	48	41	33	44	53	55	23	38	81	52	547
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	36	50	90	77	44	34	33	38	37	35	62	37	573
17-Portobello/Craigmillar	16	9	24	29	11	111	26	12	15	11	16	18	298
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**QUESTION NO 10**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

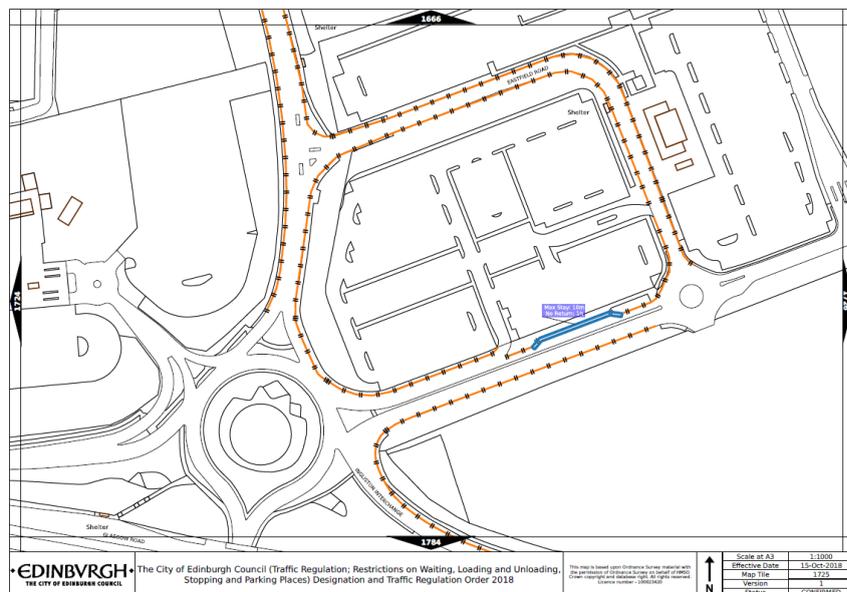
On 31 May 2018 and in response to my question 5.9, the Convener said

“The process of implementing a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to allow enforcement of double yellow lines at Ingliston Park and Ride has begun. The plan is to advertise proposals for consultation in August 2018 in line with statutory requirements of the TRO process. Any objections would be subject to a further report.”

Can the Convener provide an update as to when the parking restrictions will be made legally enforceable?

**Answer**

There is a TRO in place for the double yellow lines on the road that runs through Ingliston Park and Ride. Please see an extract of the relevant TRO map tile below showing the enforceable restrictions:



Legislation only permits yellow line restrictions to be introduced on roads, meaning that a new off-street TRO is required to control parking within the car park itself (outside of the extents of the road that runs through the park and ride).

The Ingliston site is being progressed as part of a single consolidated TRO for all Council-owned off-street public car parks across the city. The combined TRO is a significant piece of work but it is hoped that it will be ready to be advertised in Summer 2020.

**QUESTION NO 11**

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

What protocol or contingency plans exist to assist vulnerable residents in circumstances where Council initiated works result in the prolonged diversion of public transport?

**Answer**

Prolonged diversions are not something that the Council takes lightly. Often these works are necessary for continued security of, for example, utility services but are stringently planned to ensure minimum disruption for as short a period as necessary.

There is no specific protocol for vulnerable residents, as each unique traffic management plan is reviewed individually as locations around the city differ. Larger strategic projects use communications such as letter drops or workshops to ensure local communities are fully aware of proposed diversions or temporary closures prior to any works commencing.

Measures can include relocating bus stops temporarily, using shuttle buses or the 'dial a taxi' scheme. Officers also work closely with Lothian Buses to ensure that route changes are advertised prior to diversions taking place.

**Supplementary Question**

I thank the Convener for her answer. This question was prompted by the major works which are happening in Hopeton Road in Queensferry which are going to last about three months, now it's essential work that absolutely needs to get done, but that has involved a very significant diversion of the only regular bus services, particularly away from areas of elderly housing. I appreciate what she says about the Dial-a-Ride service, it was only this week actually, one month into the work that we got clarity around that service and it was only really communicated out, so can I ask the Convener if she would agree with me that we are doing these extensive works, it's not only important to get that

alternative service agreed before a project starts, but also to ensure that it's communicated out to vulnerable residents at the earliest possible point.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you Councillor Lang for the supplementary. Yes I do agree, I think it's really important to keep residents informed at all times and businesses indeed who had also impact as well at all times. I think though we do have to recognise the fact that sometimes road works of a variety of nature's when they start, we cannot be certain of how long they will take, what a degree of disruption that will bring, that's often down to the fact that sometimes that emergency utility works for example, we live in a city with an infrastructure that is in some instances ageing or requiring change and that will bring with it disruption, it's how we keep the city moving I will keep the city working. So there are times when it's a little difficult for us at the start of a project to be able to anticipate exactly how long something will take, sometimes it's not under our control and so therefore we do our best, as I said detailed in the answer to you there, we do our best to provide a bespoke response to each individual instance of a large piece of road works, but I do agree with you it is very important that residents have options placed in front of them and that's precisely what we've tried to do in this particular instance and others, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 12**

**By Councillor Doggart for answer by the Depute Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

Noting that an Edinburgh Constituency Labour Party voted overwhelmingly to back calls for Labour to break its coalition with the SNP, does the Depute Leader agree with Councillor Arthur that,

"There is a real concern that we [Labour] are being associated with the SNP's inability to stand up for Edinburgh"?

<https://twitter.com/CllrScottArthur/status/1220757402653483013>

**Answer**

It is the role of every elected member to stand up for fair funding of our Capital City.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I understand that it is complimentary to thank, in this case the Deputy Leader, for his answer, but I'm not quite sure what question he was answering. So if I can get clarification from him, does he have confidence that his council group and indeed his party's membership across the City, believes that his coalition partners are indeed standing up for the City of Edinburgh especially in relation to fair funding.

**Supplementary Answer**

I think you made my comments very clearly Lord Provost, I think the alternative to there have been a Labour and SNP coalition in Edinburgh there will be an all right Conservative coalition which be privatising council services and sacking council staff.

**QUESTION NO 13**

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the  
Leader of the Council at a meeting of  
the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question** (1) To which Council Committee will the outcome of the internal inquiry/investigation in respect of the burning of memorial benches by the Council be reported?

**Answer** (1) There is an internal investigation being undertaken in line with the Council's disciplinary procedure which is an operational matter and would be inappropriate to report to committee or make public. However any findings of that investigation relevant in terms of the presentation seat policy will be reported to the relevant committee. That reporting will include information required to provide assurance to elected members and public that this, or similar, will not be repeated. Our expectation is that this would be part of the public agenda.

**Question** (2) If not as part of an A Agenda Committee item how will the findings of any report be made available for public scrutiny?

**Answer** (2) See answer 1.

**Question** (3) What is the scope/remit of the investigation/inquiry?

**Answer** (3) The scope of the investigation covers a number of key questions:

1. Was the presentation seat policy followed properly throughout, up until the point of the benches being burned, which was clearly not in line with policy?
2. Why were the benches burned as opposed to being properly dismantled with parts being reused where appropriate and any obsolete wood sent for recycling?
3. Whether there was a management instruction given to burn the benches? If so, why was this the case and what, if any, internal escalation process was followed?

- Question** (4) What is the timescale for reporting?
- Answer** (4) Given the need to ensure a thorough and impartial investigation, it is not felt to be prudent to give a timescale for a conclusion. However, the investigation will be concluded as soon as possible.
- Question** (5) What contact has been made with relatives or organisations associated with memorialised benches regarding the investigation/inquiry?
- Answer** (5) As a matter of course, all donors are contacted by letter when the bench which they have donated is due to be de-commissioned. This allows them to consider paying for refurbishment of the bench, donating a new bench, or to request the return of the memorial plaque. The letter also sets out that memorial plaques are kept in storage by the Council to allow for relatives to collect them in the future if they wish.
- There has been no contact made with donors in relation to this investigation to date. If the investigation identifies that there has been a breach of Council policy which gives reason to do so, then contact will be made with those affected.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for the positive answers to what is a sensitive issue. In terms of question 5 can the Leader confirm if it is known how many or rather which benches were burned, as colleagues who have been contacted by donors are still waiting to hear, and if so does he not feel it is appropriate that aside from the investigation of those, donors should be written to now in any event on behalf of the Council, thanks.
- Supplementary Answer** Can I thank Councillor Rust for the question. Obviously until we know all the information about how many times this has occurred and how many benches are involved, we can then assess what our response is. It is worth saying that I'm not intending to comment on any of the internal disciplinary investigation elements but it is worth saying to date the information we have suggests that the process and policy

**Councillor  
Rust**

Can I just clarify in terms of the answer, I think the leader said until

**Lord Provost**

Excuse me Councillor, it's one question as a supplementary, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 14**

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for  
answer by the Leader of the Council  
at a meeting of the Council on 6  
February 2020**

**Question**

Does Scotland's recent five place fall in Social & Economic Wellbeing within the OECD, as ranked by Scottish Trends, carry long term risks to Edinburgh's international civic status?

**Answer**

The analysis published by Scottish Trends provides no assessment of Edinburgh's international status or recent social and economic progress. The report cited in the question covers an extremely narrow range of datasets with only 4 measured components (GDP per capita, school attainment at 15 only, life expectancy and employment rate) of national level data only. This compares poorly to the OECD Better Life Index (which uses 11 components, with around 30 measurable factors) and the European Quality of Life Survey, which is published every four years by the European Union and tracks 262 factors. Even within the small level of data input cited in the question, there is no analysis of Edinburgh's performance against these metrics – which is in most cases substantially higher than that of the Scottish average.

As highlighted above, the index cited is only one of number of published analyses that are available to assess and compare wellbeing and economic performance, many of which provide a positive view on Edinburgh's position and progress in relation to other cities. In recent months, Edinburgh has been rated among the top ten cities in the UK to live and work in, according to the latest Demos-PwC Good Growth for Cities index, and ranked as the most liveable city in the world, putting it ahead of competitors including Frankfurt, London, New York, Paris, Singapore and Zurich in the latest edition of Arcadis' Sustainable Cities Index.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Leader for his answer. Can the Leader confirm that the OECD Better Life Index doesn't provide any disaggregated data for Scotland, neither does the Quality of Life Index, that Edinburgh actually was seventh in the Demos PwC Good Growth Index in the UK, and that although we achieved third place in the Arcadis' Sustainable Cities Index, that was behind London in first place and the area we did worst in, in that Arcadis' Sustainable City Index, was waste management.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I am not entirely sure I heard much of a point of clarification there other than the first point which was on the disaggregation of all statistics. I believe that is true but the point that I am making in my answer is that Edinburgh's performance's consistently higher in economic and wellbeing factors, all these statistics show that were vastly outperforming the rest of Scotland and indeed in most instances the rest of the UK. The point though that I'm also trying to make in my answer which I note Councillor Campbell didn't ask me about was around some of the accolades that the City is falling over ourselves to get in this space, as the greatest city in the UK and one of the highest quality of lives in the UK. It is funny isn't it Lord Provost that the Conservatives never seem to welcome or ask any questions about the success and accolades that the city gets, they pounce on very two dimensional data analytics from minor surveys to try and prove their point that everything is somehow not good in the City of Edinburgh. I would appreciate, it would be nice because it's our city, it's all of our city, if just on occasion when we get good news, there is some form of welcome from the Conservatives.

**QUESTION NO 15**

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for answer by the Vice- Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

Please provide a list of all City of Edinburgh facilities that have been rated with a “weak” finding by the Care Inspectorate in 2019 or 2020.

**Answer**

Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) operates 61 individual, registered, in-house services, delegated to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

Inspection regimens for these services vary between care at home services, support at home services and care homes but all graded within a framework comprising a suite of national standards. These categories are

- How well do we support people’s wellbeing
- How good is our leadership
- How good is our staff team
- How good is our setting
- How well care and support planned

Results will be graded as:

- 1 - unsatisfactory
- 2 - weak
- 3 – adequate
- 4 - good
- 5 - very good
- 6 - excellent

Currently, across all 61 services and within the most up to date formal inspection reports, two Care Homes (Drumrae and Royston) sit with a grading of 2 “weak” in one or more

category

Royston Care Home has one area identified, “how well care and support is planned” as weak (2). The other four areas were graded as 3 and 4. Work is ongoing to ensure that care and support planning is improved within Royston Care Home

Drumbrae Care Home has three categories identified as weak under:

- care and support
- staffing and management;
- leadership

The Care Inspectorate carried out an unannounced inspection on the 23 December and issued an improvement notice. Measurable improvements were needed in several areas and an action plan is in place to deliver the necessary improvements.

The Partnership have until the 28<sup>th</sup> February to put in place improvements to resolve the concerns raised in the Improvement notice, therefore the current gradings remain.

The frequency of inspection varies to take account of the type of service and performance of a service.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Vice Chair for his answer would he view this as an accolade.

**Supplementary Answer**

Thank you Councillor Campbell for the original question which allowed us to publish the table that is contained within the answer. I think of outstanding concern for myself and for all Members will be the fact that there are two care homes that are currently not performing that at the standards that we wish to see and there's an explanation in the answer given as to the plans that have been put in place at Drumbrae and Royston Care Homes to address the shortfalls. If we can get to the point where those care homes perform satisfactorily then I think we can take comfort from the figures that all of our care services and facilities would be above average in terms of inspection ratings.

Key to grades: 1 – unsatisfactory, 2 – weak, 3 – adequate, 4 – good, 5 – very good, 6 –excellent
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<b>Service</b>	<b>No of Services</b>	<b>Freq of Inspections</b>	<b>Lowest Grade</b>	<b>Highest Grade</b>	<b>% with grades good or above</b>
Adult Placements	2	Yearly	5	5	100%
Care Home Services – Older People	9	Yearly	2 (2 Care Homes)	5	77%
Care Home Services – Adults	2	Yearly	4	5	100%
Offender Accommodation	1	Yearly	5	5	100%
Support Services – care at home	18	Yearly	3	5	100%
Support Services – other than care at home	6	Every 3 years	4	5	100%
Housing Support	23	Yearly	3	5	100%

**QUESTION NO 16**

**By Councillor Brown for answer by the Vice-Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

On 23 December 2019 the Care Inspectorate served a Section 62 Improvement Notice on the City of Edinburgh Council in respect of Drumbrae Care Home.

This evidently required the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to put in place new management to take over responsibility for the Care Home on Boxing Day.

The Care Inspectorate made two further unannounced inspection visits on the 26 December & 3 January 2020.

Is the Vice-Chair satisfied the appropriate oversight actions were taken following the earlier “weak” ratings recorded by the Care Inspectorate on 6 December 2017 & 12 July 2018, given the events over Christmas?

**Answer**

The previous action plan to deliver on the improvement actions identified in 2017 and 2018, did not deliver sustained improvement with no improvement in grades being seen in this home between 2017 and 2018.

The oversight in place to alert the Partnership of any deterioration in service within Drumbrae was clearly not robust enough in this case, despite ongoing work to make improvements and meet the recommendations of previous inspections. However the Vice Chair is assured that there is now a robust improvement plan in place to deliver and embed the sustained improvement needed within Drumbrae.

A full report on Drumbrae will come to Policy and Sustainability Committee on 02 June 2020 to allow for feedback to take place with the Care Inspectorate on the 28 February 2020.

**Supplementary  
Question**

I'd like to thank the Vice Chair for his response, A supplementary if I may, can the Vice Chair confirm that the Local Ward Councillors will be kept abreast of the situation in terms of the report moving forward as we have a perennial problem in this particular care home and in relation to the answer in the final paragraph, can the Vice Chair just confirm what the dates are referring to as they seem to be a wee bit jumbled up.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you Lord Provost and thanks to Councillor Brown for the question. If local members haven't been kept apprised of developments then I apologise for that because you most certainly should be and I will ensure that that does happen going forward. In terms of the other question on the dates, I did question that myself, there is to be a follow up meeting with the Care Inspectorate on the 28th February which members will be aware that this is the deadline by which improvements need to be demonstrated and then a further report will be taken to Policy and Sustainability Committee, now I think that original date for that was 12 May but that may have moved, I think there may be some changes to the Council diary dates in the meantime, but it will whatever is the next Policy and Sustainability Committee scheduled after 28 February.

**QUESTION NO 17**

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for  
answer by the Leader of the Council  
at a meeting of the Council on 6  
February 2020**

**Question**

What recent progress has been made on the 2050 City Vision in financial and practical terms?

**Answer**

The public consultation on the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision produced over 54,000 visions from over 21,000 citizens. This level of response is higher than any achieved by any previous engagement activity conducted by the City of Edinburgh Council.

The Steering Group overseeing the development of the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision has given sustained and proper consideration to the responses and the 2050 Edinburgh City Vision is close to finalisation.

There are no additional financial impacts to report.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and the Lord Provost will remember I previously asked himself questions on this topic and I thanked him on those occasions for his answer, I thank the Leader for his answer today and I just wonder if the Leader can confirm who is in the lead role for driving forward the 2050 City vision?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

The Lord Provost.

**QUESTION NO 18**

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Housing, Homelessness and Fair  
Work Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question** (1) Noting the aspiration in the Cityplan 2030 Choices to build all new homes and conversions to a Scottish Building Regulations zero carbon / Platinum standard, and given the well-known funding gap in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP), can the Council Leader give the best estimate of the building of the 20,000 affordable houses before 2027, to each of Silver, Gold or Platinum standards, by year?

**Answer** (1) The 20,000 affordable homes are being delivered by the Council, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and private developers. The Council and RSLs currently build to silver active standard and are trialling different approaches to delivering even more energy efficient, sustainable homes to support delivery of the Councils net zero carbon target.

At present it is not possible to estimate how many of the 20,000 affordable homes will be built to gold or platinum standards by 2027. However, the Council is currently piloting a house building project which includes aspects of the Gold standard, while organisations are also piloting aspects of Gold standard. Any change of standard will also be informed by the next set of building standards and supporting guidance. At present only one out of eight aspects of achieving Platinum has been defined. It is anticipated that the next set of standards and supporting guidance will be introduced in October 2021, with the changes being published one year in advance.

**Question** (2) As Platinum building cost estimates are developed, can the Leader outline when and where the business case implications of such costs will be reported, to best inform Council regarding the Choices it faces?

**Answer**

- (2) The Council will shortly be consulting on the Choices for City Plan 2030. This includes an option for all new buildings and conversions to meet the zero carbon/Platinum standards as set out in the current Scottish Building Regulations. There will also be three other alternative options that will be consulted on which would include all new buildings meeting either Gold, Silver or the current minimum standard Bronze as set out in the current Scottish Building Regulations.

Council officers have started to identify the costs of achieving net zero carbon into business cases. On 20 January 2020, Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee noted that the known costs of achieving this ambitious target has been built into the 30 year Housing Revenue Account (HRA) business plan. The assumptions that feed into this plan and the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) are reviewed annually and reported to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, with individual business cases considered by Finance and Resources.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for her answer. I acknowledge the work that the Committee have done in this area, my question was really around how to inform Council about the choices we face or we will face in the choices documents, and how we can best inform fellow members so that they can take full part in a debate on this issue?

**Supplementary Answer**

Thank you Councillor Campbell for your question and your supplementary. I do appreciate Councillor Campbell's quest for certainty but I can't help feel that it's partly a quest to prove that net zero carbon isn't possible when it is, we've had our HRA business plan to Committee a couple of weeks ago and that set out how those assumptions are built into the business plan and that we will meet our net zero target around housing. In terms of informing how we intend to inform Members I think a lot of that work's been done and we have the Business Plan, alongside that we had a report on Housing Sustainability, quite a detailed report, prior to that report coming we had a workshop for members of the Committee where we had quite detailed discussions with

officers around the work that needs to be done and I think we have to accept particularly around housing sustainability that we don't have all the answers yet, this is very much an emerging work that has to be done and there are a lot of things that are built into our long term assumptions around the development of technology, of modern methods of construction which will be really important to make those calls but we don't have the concrete answers yet and that's why we have the reports coming back on an annual basis reviewing both the ship and the HRA business plan and we'll continue to look at sustainability. So I appreciate wanting to have certainty around this but there are so many factors that come into play that we have to keep reviewing and I suppose it's about keeping the Committee informed and wider Council informed by bringing those reports back regularly.

**QUESTION NO 19**

**By Councillor Iain Whyte for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question** (1) Can the Convener please advise when and why has the Council stopped accepting “hard plastic” as a recycling stream?

**Answer** (1) There are significant challenges with recycling hard plastics and the Council has been unable to find a reprocessing contractor willing to accept these materials. The hard plastic containers which had been located at Seafield and Bankhead Recycling Centres were removed over the course of December 2019 to January 2020. The hard-plastic container at Craigmillar Recycling Centre will be removed shortly.

This issue is not unique to Edinburgh and other local authorities have made similar changes as a result of the difficulties in reprocessing hard plastics.

**Question** (2) What implication does this have for plastic recycling for kerb side and communal bin collections?

**Answer** (2) None. Whilst the council has in place various collection systems which directly collect materials for recycling or which otherwise divert materials, it is not always directly involved in selling to end use markets. Hard plastics are not collected as part of the kerbside or communal waste collection service. Until recently, hard plastics could only be recycled at the Household Waste Recycling Centres, where it would then go on to a reprocessor contractor who would clean and shred to sell as raw material. Hard plastics can still be put into general waste and will be converted into energy at our Millerhill Site.

**Question** (3) What steps are being taken to increase the possibilities for plastic recycling for the Edinburgh public?

**Answer**

- (3) Markets for plastics are ever changing. Council currently uses a contract which covers dry mixed materials and we encourage plastics recycling such as bottles or milk cartons. The Council will continue to monitor the demand for all plastics and will reintroduce containers in Household Waste Recycling Centres if there is demand for hard plastics and options for reprocessing become available.

In addition:

- a Council officer will attend a meeting in February on an innovative scheme for recycling hard plastic materials, based in Perthshire. At present, there is no guarantee that this scheme will progress to market or that an outlet will be secured but progress will continue to be monitored;
- A procurement exercise is currently underway to secure a new supplier for dry mix recycling (i.e. plastics that are disposed of in green bins). The successful tenderer will be expected to maximise recycling all dry mixed recycling materials; and
- A campaign to improve the quality of the plastics which can be recycled (e.g. reducing the plastic materials which are deposited for recycling, but which are contaminated by food) is planned.

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for her comprehensive answer. Lord Provost, a few moments ago in the answer to another question, Councillor MacInnes said it's important to keep residents informed at all times, given the widespread concern over plastic waste the changes to the system within our waste recycling centres, and the complexity of the answer which shows why people can often be confused about how and where they can recycle plastics, why were the public not told we were ending hard plastic recycling at our waste centres and is it not time to clarify matters with a much wider campaign about what plastics can be recycled and where in Edinburgh?

**Supplementary Answer**

Thank you for your supplementary question Councillor Whyte. As is reflected in the answer this is quite clearly a fast moving, changing situation around waste management or recycling, it is a situation that's being faced by other local

authorities as well. Can we inform, continue to inform changes to the public, yes of course we can and what we're trying to do is establish exactly what those messages are and there will be forthcoming communications about it. I think however it's worth reflecting on the nature of the answer that I've given here because it does reflect very much the fact that we are subject to the vagaries of the free market arrangements around recycling and it does make it very difficult for us to respond quickly as a very large local authority with a large responsibilities around recycling. It does however indicate that we are trying to take as a flexible approach as possible, to be as responsive as possible to the changes that occurring in that marketplace and I think the answer also indicates quite clearly that we're not sitting back and waiting, that we're taking an active and flexible approach to our future actions in it, but yes we will be doing further information for local residents where possible, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 20**

**By Councillor Staniforth for answer  
by the Lord Provost at a meeting of  
the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

When representing the city in China, in particular to our partner cities of Xi'an and Shenzhen, to what extent did the Lord Provost raise human rights concerns with the Chinese authorities?

**Answer**

On recent visits by the Lord Provost, meetings with government were held with regional officials and therefore it was not appropriate to raise human rights issues on these occasions. It should be noted that on both recent occasions there were national government both Scottish and UK representatives present any national issues would have been covered at that level.

It should also be noted that these trips were approved by committee/council and at no time has this topic been raised by any member.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you for your answer though there is an inaccuracy within it today where it says at no time has the topic been raised by any member, if you check the webcast of last November's Full Council meeting you will see me raise the issue of human rights in China and our partnerships with them, but my question is that one of our three key purposes of our international policy is tackling inequality, as there can be no greater inequality than that demonstrated by China over human rights are you saying that our partnerships with Chinese cities do not attempt to tackle inequality?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you Councillor Staniforth for your supplementary. In answer to your inaccuracy that was in relation specifically to the fact that no amendments were raised on either of these reports although there were amendments raised by the Green Group on other topics in specifically to those reports, that specific topic was not included in the amendment. As you are aware Councillor Staniforth the role of the Lord Provost is a civic one representing the whole of the City a.

responsibility which is shared by the Deputy Lord Provost and 5 Baillies of the City, and in that respect we are responsible to the Council as a body and should the Council wish us to take up matters of inequality or other issues then I would expect Council to instruct us to take these matters into consideration in terms of international policy but I would also hope that we are not entering a period of discrimination by only picking out one country or one city or one specific topic of our international policy and perhaps take a much wider view on this topic and I would hope the Council will take that into consideration in any future papers that it decides to pass

**QUESTION NO 21**

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

With the large number of substantial developments being built in the rural area of the Almond ward over the past 10years, please provide the following information relating to section 75 contributions (for any developments over 20 households in size):

**Question** (1) Listed by development, what section 75 financial contributions were paid by developers in the last 10 years (where a development started more that 10years ago but concluded <10years, then include entire contribution for that development)?

**Answer** (1) The table below includes the information available from our records. When received, all section 75 developer contributions are put on temporary investment in an interest-bearing account. Therefore, the total outstanding also includes the interest accrued so could exceed the amount received.

Planning Reference and Activity	Total Received	Total Received and Unused	Total Used (negative reflects accrued interest)	Location	Development
<b>01/01855/FUL &amp; 08/01455/FUL</b>	<b>118,789</b>	<b>60,396</b>	<b>58,394</b>	Kirkliston Distillery	120 Houses
Education Contribution	59,289	-	59,289		
Pedestrian crossing	28,000	28,421	- 421		
Safer Routes to School	10,000	10,151	- 151		
Traffic Signals	20,000	20,301	- 301		
TRO	1,500	1,523	- 23		
<b>03/00399/full</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>59,344</b>	Main Street, West Kirkliston	93 dwellings
Traffic Signals	60,000	656	59,344		
<b>04/01440/ful</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,337</b>	<b>- 337</b>	Avon Road	29 Houses

Improvements to Whitehouse Road	25,000	25,337	- 337				
<b>06/05149/out</b>	<b>5,304,534</b>	<b>122,659</b>	<b>5,181,875</b>				
Kirkliston Primary	5,184,534	-	5,184,534	Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	610 units		
Maintenance of signalised junction on Queensferry Road	10,000	10,221	-221				
Traffic Calming	110,000	112,437	-2,434				
<b>11/00995/PPP</b>	<b>643,108</b>	<b>50,759</b>	<b>592,349</b>				
City Car Club	17,000	-	17,000	Agilent Site	450 dwellings		
Education Contribution	503,608	-	503,608				
Safer Routes to School	20,000	20,304	- 304				
Sports facility contribution	70,000	-	70,000				
Traffic Calming	30,000	30,456	- 456				
TRO	2,500	-	2,500				
<b>11/00995/PPP</b>	<b>1,833,866</b>	<b>516,728</b>	<b>1,317,138</b>			Agilent Site	450 dwellings
Education	1,833,866	516,728	1,317,138				
<b>11/01856/FUL</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,076</b>	- 76	Agilent Site	450 dwellings		
Bus Infrastructure improvements	5,000	5,076	- 76				
<b>11/01857/FUL</b>	<b>173,129</b>	<b>145,310</b>	<b>27,819</b>	Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	Increase to total units on site		
Commuted Sum	143,129	145,310	- 2,181				
Education	30,000	-	30,000				
<b>12/00095/ful</b>	<b>56,007</b>	-	56,007	Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	9 Houses		
Commuted Sum	56,007	-	56,007				
<b>13/01606/ful</b>	<b>7,500</b>	<b>7,649</b>	- 149	Station Road	32 dwellings		
Safer Routes to School	5,000	5,099	- 99				
TRO	2,500	2,550	- 50				
<b>13/02527/ful</b>	<b>420,000</b>	<b>172,160</b>	<b>247,840</b>	Craigpark Quarry	112 dwellings		
A71(Dalmahoy) Junction Imps	40,000	40,456	- 456				

Public transport	30,000	30,342	- 342		
Safer Routes to School	10,000	0	10,000		
Union Canal Bridge - Cycling & Pedestrian bridges	100,000	101,362	- 1,362		
Transport	240,000	-	240,000		
<b>13/03310/AMC</b>	<b>45,900</b>	<b>46,015</b>	- <b>115</b>	Agilent Site	450 dwellings
Commuted Sum	45,900	46,015	- 115		
<b>13/03310/AMC / 11/00995/PPP</b>	<b>46,000</b>	<b>46,058</b>	- <b>58</b>	Agilent site	450 dwellings
Commuted Sum	46,000	46,058	- 58		
<b>14/01283/PPP</b>	<b>259,850</b>	<b>182,560</b>	<b>77,290</b>	Queensferry Road, Kirkliston	Increase to total units on site
Commuted Sum	180,467	182,560	- 2,093		
Education Contribution	79,383	-	79,383		
<b>14/04172/FUL</b>	<b>375,116</b>	<b>375,581</b>	- <b>465</b>	Ferry muir, South Queensferry	143 dwellings
Education	375,116	375,581	- 465		
<b>16/06280/FUL</b>	<b>348,848</b>	<b>348,848</b>	-	South Scotstoun	339 Dwelling
Education	151,049	151,049	-		
Bus Infrastructure	106,806	106,806	-		
Cycling	37,710	37,710	-		
Healthcare Infrastructure	18,010	18,010	-		
Queensferry Transport	1,165	1,165	-		
Road Furniture Link	10,060	10,060	-		
Traffic Calming	24,048	24,048	-		
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9,722,647</b>	<b>2,105,791</b>	<b>7,616,856</b>		

**Question (2)** For each of these developments, what was the financial contribution originally intended to fund, and what has it actually been spent on/committed to?

- Answer** (2) Per table above, all contributions received are allocated for the purpose which they were intended to fund and where allocations have not been spent, they remain held for the allocated purpose.
- Question** (3) For each of these developments, how much has been spent, how much is committed but not spent, and how much remains unallocated?
- Answer** (3) The table included above shows allocation and spend per development. All that remains outstanding has been allocated to the purpose for which it was received.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you very much and thank you to the Convener for the detailed information which is extremely helpful and I appreciate would have taken some work to pull together. Will the Convener agree to provide further information in relation to the answer to question 3 just on any unspent amounts which have been held for over five years and that is that they remain in account, thank you.
- Supplementary Answer** I thank Councillor Young for her question, yes I would be very happy to do that.
- Lord Provost** Just on that point – is it something that can be circulated to all members rather than just as a direct response to Councillor Young?
- Councillor Rankin** I'll ensure that that's done Lord Provost.

**QUESTION NO 22**

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**           **(1)** Which CEC secondary schools currently (2019/20) offer young people the option to study eight NAT 5s in S4 (please list names)?

**Answer**           **(1)** Boroughmuir High School, James Gillespie's High School, Currie CHS, Holy Rood RC High School

Pupils can study up to 8 options in S4 (this could include a range of qualifications, such as National Progression Awards, alongside Nat 5s)

**Question**           **(2)** Of all other CEC secondary schools, please provide the total number of schools in each case, offering fewer than eight NAT 5s in S4 (e.g. 7 schools offer 5, 4 schools offer 6 etc)?

**Answer**           **(2)** 11 schools offer 7 options

8 schools offer 6 options

(this could include a range of qualifications, such as National Progression Awards, alongside Nat 5s)

**Question**           **(3)** Which CEC secondary schools offered young people the option to study fewer NAT 5 subject in S4 in 2019/20 than in any of the previous 3 academic years (see table)? Schools which offer the same or more do not need to be listed

**Answer**           **(3)**

N° of options offered at S4 (where current year is lower than other years listed)  
(Options include National 5, alongside other qualifications offered)

Name of school	Current year 2019/20 N° offered	2018/19 N° offered	2017/18 N° offered	2016/17 N° offered	Planned changes for 2020/21
1. Balerno High School	7	7	7	7	
2. Boroughmuir HS	8	8	8	8	
3. Broughton	7	7	7	7	
4. Castlebrae Community High School	6	5	5	5	
5. Craigmount HS	7	7	7	6	
6. Craigroyston CHS	6	6	5	5	
7. Currie CHS	8	8	8	8	
8. Drummond CHS	7	7	7	6	
9. Firrhill HS	7	7	7	8	
10. Forrester HS	6	6	6	6	
11. Gracemount HS	7	7	7	7	
12. Holy Rood RC HS	8	8	8	8	
13. James Gillespie's HS	8	8	8	8	
14. Leith Academy	6	6	6	6	
15. Liberton HS *PE can be an optional L5 qualification	6(7*)	6(7*)	6	6	
16. Portobello HS	7	8	8	8	
17. Queensferry CHS	6	6	6	6	
18. Royal HS	7	7	7	7	
19. St Augustine's RC HS	7	7	7	7	
20. St Thomas' RC HS *RE can be an optional National Qualification	7 (8*)	7 (8*)	8 (9*)	8	
21. Trinity Academy	7	6	6	6	
22. Tynecastle HS	6	6	6	6	7
23. Wester Hailes HS	6	6	6	6	

**Question** (4) Please provide the total number of S4 pupils who sat 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 NAT 5 exams in each of the last 3 academic years (ending in 2017, 2018 and 2019)? (see table)

	COUNT OF PUPILS		
N° of NAT 5s exams sat	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			

**Answer** (4)

	COUNT OF PUPILS		
N° of NAT 5s exams (awards)	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17
4	249	266	237
5	268	281	260
6	455	403	472
7	553	493	372
8	436	369	480

(Source: Insight, SG Sep 2019)

Note that the 2018/19 figures do not take into account changes arising from successful applications to SQA's Post-Results Service. The figures for these are not available until March 2020.

Note also that the table show the number of awards (ie grades A to D) rather than the number of exams sat. Insight does not contain details of the number of fails.

**Supplementary Question**

Again thank you very much for the answer to the question. I do note that the answers grouped together NAT 5's as well as other NDA's and just ask, would the Convener be willing to provide some clarity in a follow up r correspondence again which can be circulated and for the answers to be split into Nat 5s and the other relevant qualifications so that we have that clarity on the NAT 5 levels thank you.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you very much for that supplementary. That was one of the things I was going to answer is that in fact it does tell you about NAT5 but lots of other qualifications around which we need to know to get a full picture so I'm happy to provide that information to everyone.

**QUESTION NO 23**

**By Councillor Young for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

For council primary schools please provide the following information relating to swimming lessons offered to pupils:

**Question** (1) What is the Edinburgh Council policy or guidance on entitlement to swimming lessons for primary school pupils - age/primary year, number of classes, total pool time etc?

**Answer** (1) The Council's position on provision of curricula swimming lessons is to provide opportunities for P4 and P5 pupils access to taught swimming classes. Schools with higher percentages of children in SIMD1 and 2 are prioritised. Lessons are typically 40-50 minutes and in 2018/19 2135 swimming classes were taught to 6366 primary age pupils.

**Question** (2) Do all schools offer the same amount of swimming lessons/time to pupils? If not please provide a breakdown of number of schools offering each different amount of lessons/hours.

**Answer** (2) Not all schools offer the same amount of swimming in their curriculum. Generally, schools offer swimming lessons over a two-year period. Schools with relatively high percentage of SIMD 1 and 2 tend to offer more swimming opportunities. The number of schools offer different amounts of swimming in 2018/19 (latest data) is attached.

**Question** (3) If any primary schools are offering below the council's policy/guidance, please provide a list of school names.

**Answer** (3)

School	Stage (P3-7)	No of lessons per pupil in 2018-19
<b>Abbeyhill</b>	P5	10
	P5	10
	P4	9
	P4	9
<b>Balgreen</b>	5A	6
	5B	6
	4B	5
	4A	5
<b>Blackhall</b>	5	4
	5	5
<b>Bonaly</b>	P4A	6
	P4B	6
<b>Broomhouse</b>	5	7
	P4/5	7
	4	9
<b>Broughton</b>	P3	8
	P4	10
	P5	6
	P6	5
	P7	5
<b>Brunstane</b>	5	8
	5	8
	4	8
	4	8
<b>Bruntsfield</b>	P4A	8
	P4B	8
	P4C	6
<b>Buckstone</b>	P4a	6
	P4b	6
	P4c	6
<b>Canal View</b>	P4a	14
	P4b	14
<b>Carrick Knowe</b>	4A	6
	4B	6
	5C	8
	5B	6
	5A	8
<b>Castleview</b>	P5b	6
	P5a	5
	P6	5
<b>Clermiston</b>	5b	
	4a	7

	4b	7
	5a	7
<b>Clovenstone</b>	P5	7
<b>Colinton</b>	P4	8
	P5	8
<b>Corstorphine</b>	5B	4
	5C	4
	5A	4
	4A	4
	4B	4
	4C	4
<b>Craigtinny</b>	P5	9
	P5	9
	P4	7
	P4	7
	P4	7
<b>Craiglockhart</b>	P4A	18
	P4B	14
<b>Craigour Park</b>	P5a	8
	P5b	9
<b>Craigroyston</b>	5	10
	4	10
<b>Cramond</b>	5	5
	5	5
<b>Currie</b>	P4	9
	P4	9
	P4	9
<b>Dalmeny</b>	4	7
	P5/6	8
<b>Dalry</b>	3	4
	P3/4	4
	4	6
<b>Davidson's Mains</b>	4a	12
	4b	13
	4c	
<b>Dean Park</b>	P4a	9
	P4b	9
<b>Duddingston</b>	5	11
	5	11
	5	10
<b>East Craigs</b>	5	7
	5	7
	4	9
<b>Echline</b>	6	5
	5	7

	4	6
	P4/5	6
<b>Ferryhill</b>	5A	7
	5B	8
	3B	4
	3A	6
<b>Flora Stevenson</b>	P4a	7
	P4b	7
	P4c	6
<b>Forthview</b>	4A	8
	4B	9
	6A	10
	6B	10
<b>Fox Covert PS</b>	4	8
	5	8
<b>St Andrew's</b>	5	8
<b>Gilmerton</b>	P5a	8
	P5b	7
	P5	7
<b>Gracemount</b>	P5a	7
	P5b	7
	P4/5	8
<b>Granton</b>	5B	9
	5A	9
	4A	9
	4B	9
<b>Gylemuir</b>	4	23
	4	15
	4	17
<b>Hermitage Park</b>	4	13
	4	13
	4	12
	4	12
<b>Hillwood</b>	P4/5	6
	P5/6	5
<b>Holy Cross</b>	P5C	5
	P5H	5
<b>James Gillespie's</b>	P4A	11
	P4B	8
	P4C	12
<b>Juniper Green</b>	P4a	7
	P4b	7
<b>Kirkliston</b>	4A	6

	4B	6
	5A	6
	5B	6
	5C	6
<b>Leith</b>	5	5
	5	5
	5	5
	5	5
	5	5
	5	5
	4	4
	4	4
	4	4
	4	4
<b>Leith Walk</b>	P5	7
	P5	7
	P5	7
	P4	9
	P4	8
<b>Liberton</b>	P5b	7
	P5a	7
<b>Longstone</b>	P4a	10
	P4b	10
<b>Lorne</b>	4	8
	4	8
	3	11
	3	11
<b>Murrayburn</b>	P4a	9
	P4b	9
<b>Nether Currie</b>	P5	9
	P4	9
<b>Newcraighall</b>	P5	9
<b>Niddrie Mill</b>	P5a	8
	P5b	8
<b>Oxgangs</b>	P4	10
	P5	10
<b>Parkside Gaelic School</b>	P5	7
<b>Parsons Green</b>	P5b	6
	P5a	6
<b>Pentland</b>	P4N	10
	P4B	9
<b>Pirniehall</b>	P5	9
<b>Preston St</b>	P4/5	8
	P5	9

<b>Prestonfield</b>		
<b>Queensferry</b>	4BW	5
	5W	5
	5WD	5
	6LY	4
	6LY	4
	4WS	5
<b>Ratho</b>	P4/5	6
	5	6
<b>Roseburn</b>	P4/3	8
	4	3
	6	5
<b>Royal Mile</b>	4	7
	4	7
	3	9
<b>Sciennes</b>	5	8
	5	8
	5	8
	5	8
	5	8
	5	8
	4	3
	4	2
	4	3
	4	2
	4	3
	4	2
	6	5
	6	6
	6	5
	6	6
	6	5
	6	6
<b>Sighthill</b>	5	6
	5	6
<b>South Morningside</b>	P4A	10
	P4B	10
	P4C	10
<b>St. Catherine's RC</b>	P5	9
<b>St. Cuthbert's RC</b>	5	9
	4	7
<b>St. David's RC</b>	4A	11
	4B	10
	5	8
<b>St. Francis RC</b>	P5	7

<b>St. John Vianney RC</b>	P4	24
<b>St. John's RC</b>	5	11
	5	11
	5	10
<b>St. Joseph's RC</b>	4	5
	P5/6	6
	4	5
	5	6
	5	6
<b>St. Margaret's RC</b>	3	7
	P4/5	5
<b>St. Mark's RC</b>	P4	8
	P6	10
<b>St. Mary's RC (Edin)</b>	P6a	5
	P6b	5
	P4a	6
	P4b	6
<b>St. Mary's RC (Leith)</b>	P4	9
	P4	9
	P4	10
	P4	10
<b>St. Ninian's RC</b>	P5	7
	P5	7
	P5	7
	P4	5
	P4	5
	P4	6
<b>St. Peter's RC</b>	P4A	10
	P4B	7
	P6A	9
	P6B	8
<b>Stenhouse</b>	4A	5
	4B	5
	6A	5
	6B	5
	5A	4
	5B	4
<b>Stockbridge</b>	P4	10
	P4	10
<b>The Royal High</b>	P5	9
	P4	10

	P4	10
	P4	10
<b>Tollcross</b>	P5A	5
	P5B	2
	P6	8
<b>Towerbank</b>	4	11
	4	11
	4	11
	4	11
	4	10
	4	10
<b>Trinity</b>	P4M	10
	P4B	9
	P4G	8
<b>Victoria</b>	4	9
	5A	6
	5B	7
<b>Wardie</b>	4M	6
	4C	6
	4B	6
	5BK	6
	5PL	6

**Supplementary Question**

Yet again thank you very much and I appreciate the work that went into providing this answer. While I absolutely appreciate that schools receive allocation based on that overall SIMD in the catchment it does of course then not take account of the diversity within an individual school and perhaps individual pupils that may be disadvantaged as a result. So does the Convener accept that receiving four or five swimming lessons is unlikely to result in a child learning to swim and that this actually could be made worse for schools in the Queensferry catchment where the pool has had extensive closures and now will he help to address the discrepancies?

**Supplementary Answer**

Thank you very much for your supplementary. I have no idea if 4 lessons allows you to swim or not but I will ask the question. Clearly if there is a deficit in that you cannot swim after 4 or 5 lessons we'll need to review the policy.

**QUESTION NO 24**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question** (1) How many signs were replaced in the council estate in each of the last three calendar years?

**Answer** (1) There has been no sign replacement programme in the last three years.

**Question** (2) Of the signs identified in answer to part 1) of the question, how many of these signs were bilingual Gaelic & English?

**Answer** (2) The Council's Gaelic Language Plan commits that when signage is due to be replaced across the city, the Council will include Gaelic translations where appropriate. While there has not been a replacement programme during the last three years, considerable progress is being made by the recently appointed Corporate Gaelic Development Officer, who is in discussion to scope and cost signage options across the museums portfolio, at Meadowbank and in the Central Library, to support the expansion of the Gaelic collection (June 2020).

**Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost I thank the Convener for his reply which doesn't appear to answer my original question which was to ask for the number of signs which have been replaced within the council estate, in other words within Council buildings, including schools and libraries. Can the Convener provide that information and if it's not available or if it's too difficult to provide can he please provide the figures for Waverley Court, the City Chambers, and the Central Library, unless my memory is deceiving me the signs within this building were replaced shortly after the last election.

**Supplementary Answer** I thank Councillor Booth for his question I would be happy to provide whatever information is available and as far as possible the timetable that may be for reducing the sign is that you're interested in.



**QUESTION NO 25**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Vice-Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

Regarding consideration of the four options for potential dedicated GME secondary school provision:

- Question** (1) How will GME parents input into the building design process?
- Answer** (1) Throughout any new school build project, several dedicated engagement sessions are arranged for parents so they can have appropriate input and receive relevant information. Engagement is focused around the key stages which are – initial scoping and feasibility; detailed design; planning permission; construction and; transition/operation.
- Question** (2) How will protection of ‘breathing spaces for minority languages’ be delivered through the design process?
- Answer** (2) Any new GME secondary provision would have dedicated learning and teaching facilities. All new build secondary school projects include a range of spaces to encourage a variety of learning opportunities such as small group work areas; large group activity areas; debating chambers; tutorial rooms informal break out areas; classrooms etc. GME secondary staff and pupils will be involved in the decision-making process and have a considerable input into the types of spaces to be included in any new facility.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost I thank the Vice Convener and Gaelic champion for her reply. Please can she clarify how the protection of breathing spaces from minority languages will be protected in the event of a shared campus school on the same site as an English medium school.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you to Councillor Booth for his supplementary question. Having worked with the Gaelic community over the past 18 months, the understanding of the minority language and the Gaelic language and how to support immersion is quite crucial, so as the answer's already saying in terms of the design that is about to be taken forward, staff, pupils, teachers, very much involved in that design to support the immersion of that language and whether that's in a co-located shared campus you will be looking at how that really does do that, so for instance we have just seen Wilson McLeod's workloads research that clearly presents the kind of culture and environment action needs to support that and we'll be taking that very much on board, but very happy to keep you and the Gaelic Community in touch with this on the way forward.

**QUESTION NO 26**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 6 February 2020**

- Question** (1) What is the percentage of council rent collected as a proportion of rent due, for each of the last 36 months?
- Answer** (1) This performance is reported annually to the Scottish Housing Regulator. In 2017/18 the service collected 99.1% of rent due. In 2018/29 this rose to 99.8%. Performance for 2019/20 will be reported to the regulator later this year.
- Question** (2) Does the council expect rent arrears to rise as a result of the wider roll-out of universal credit?
- Answer** (2) Yes.
- The annual HRA business plan takes account of the increased pressure arising from the move to Universal Credit and wider welfare reforms. The plan is reviewed annually and approved by Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.
- Question** (3) If so, what contingency plans are being put in place to deal with this?
- Answer** (3) A financial contingency of £3million contingency fund is in place. This will rise to £15million by 2027. Robust processes are also in place to ensure that tenants affected by the changes to Universal Credit receive advice and support.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her reply which states clearly that the Council does expect rent arrears to rise as a result of the wider roll-out of Universal Credit notwithstanding this week's announcement that that will be delayed again. Given that the five-week wait at the start of universal credit is one of the main drivers of the financial difficulties for claimants what representation will the Convener make to relevant UK and Scottish ministers on ending the five-week wait and other fundamental reforms to ensure that universal credit does not plunge people into poverty?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you very much Councillor Booth for your question and your supplementary. The irony of forcing people into a five week wait presumably in order to save money when in fact universal credit as you can see from the contingency that we've had to build into our HRA, £3million initially rising to £15million that's in one local authority, money that could be spent on building social homes and investing in existing housing stock and then the £500million cost of this delay to the UK Treasury again money that could be spent on tackling inequality and preventing food bank use, It's clearly a blatant waste of money and so I would be very happy to write to **???????????? the Minister for the Department of Work and Pensions.** Councillor McVey informs me that he has written to the UK Government just yesterday about universal credit but I am happy to follow it up. It's clear that it's a cruel system, a punitive system, and furthermore it is completely and utterly not working and absolutely has to be reviewed and Universal credit should be ended immediately.

**QUESTION NO 27**

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 6 February 2020**

**Question**

- (1)** Parking permits are used to control parking by residents within controlled parking zones and priority parking areas by qualifying vehicles, as defined by the Residents' Parking – Terms and Conditions of Use. The Council makes use of some parking bays within controlled parking zones and priority parking areas for communal bins, the Enterprise Car Club and on-street cycle storage units.

What other uses are permitted?

**Answer** (1) Certain types of parking places are specified with individual Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) to allow these parking places to be enforced by Parking Attendants. The types of parking places are:

- Pay and display;
- Permit parking;
- Shared use;
- City Car Club;
- Coach;
- Diplomatic;
- Disabled;
- Doctors;
- Motorcycle;
- Pedal Cycle; and
- Police vehicle.

There are other enforceable restrictions which are governed by different legislation, for example bus stop clearway markings.

A single yellow line exists as an underlying restriction throughout our controlled parking zones. Although other road markings (e.g. taxi ranks) are not included in the controlled parking zone TRO (and cannot be enforced by parking attendants), it is the underlying yellow line restriction that determines whether a contravention has occurred and whether enforcement action can then be taken.

**Question** (2) If unauthorised use is being made of a parking bay, what action can the Council take to resolve the matter?

**Answer** (2) If vehicles are observed incorrectly parked in parking places, during the hours of enforcement, then a parking ticket can be issued and the vehicle removed to the Car Pound.

**Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for the answer she has given. With regard to the second question, the answer to the second question I assume refers to motor vehicles and I am wondering then what action the Council may be able to take with respect to non-motorised vehicles for example storage trailers occupying parking bays?

**Councillor  
Macinnes**

I apologise Councillor Ross, I actually had difficulty in hearing your question, I apologise but could I ask you to repeat it please?

**Councillor Neil  
Ross**

With regard to the second question and the answer I think assumes that we are dealing here with motor vehicles and that's clearly clear from the answer to that question. I would like to know what action the Council can take with regard to non-motorised vehicles so for example, storage trailers which don't have a registration number and don't buy a parking permit?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

As I think every Councillor in this place knows parking restrictions are a fairly complex area, so I'm not going to give you precise answer on it and I apologise for that just now but we will get an answer and I'll make sure it's circulated to all of the Council, thank you.