

Leadership Advisory Panel

10.00am, Tuesday 31 March 2020

Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Day, Staniforth and Whyte.

1. Covid 19 – Verbal update

The Chief Executive provided a verbal update on the Covid-19 outbreak.

The Panel were advised that all major issues were reasonably well under control for the numbers the Council were dealing with. As of 30 March 2020, over 200 hundred children attended schools, 23 schools were open to cope with workers who required childcare. The Council were over providing, and this was set to be reviewed. A number of services were being provided at home to allow people to undertake their work at home.

The Chief Executive provided an overview of the work the Council was carrying out in response to the Government's Shielding Initiative. A dedicated website had been set up for people to contact the Council and letters would be sent to individuals who would be subject to shielding, with preparations in place to deliver essential items such as food parcels and medicines. A volunteering system was also set up with Volunteering Edinburgh and EVOC and a paper would be discussed at the Corporate Leadership Team meeting on 1 April 2020 to look at how volunteering would be coordinated across the Council and the city.

Work was currently being undertaken to identify where volunteers would be needed rather than accept all volunteers coming in and then not being sure where to place them. Council staff could be swapped to new areas and roles where required and then volunteers placed appropriately where required.

To date, the Council had capacity in all its services and if this stopped being the case the Council would look to existing staff with relevant qualifications to substitute for staff who were absent due to illness or self-isolating and then utilise volunteers. The Chief Executive advised that confirmation had not been received on how money for volunteering would be distributed through the third sector grants, but it was hoped this information would be available by 31 March 2020. Most of the Council's core services were still running.

Decision

- 1) To note the verbal update.

- 2) To agree that information would be circulated to members of the Leadership Advisory Panel on the position on pay for various groups of council employees.
- 3) To agree that the Executive Director of Resources and the Executive Director for Communities and Families had further discussions about how elected members could refer individuals that had not been identified as part of the Shielding process and were not on the Chief Medical Officer's list to officers to ensure they were in receipt of food supplies and essential supplies.
- 4) To agree that officers would inform elected members of the process for providing help to people in communities that were not covered by the Shielding process after it had been finalised, which would happen by 1 April 2020.

2. Edinburgh City Centre Transformation: Meadows to George Street, Developed Design and Commencement of Statutory Procedures for Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order

a) Written Deputation from Edinburgh Private Hire Association

A written deputation was circulated to the Panel from the Edinburgh Private Hire Association (EPHA). The deputation requested that consideration be made at this stage to either amend the proposal to allow PHC the same access to the Meadows to George Street proposal as the Taxi trade, or to postpone a decision on this item given the current situation re Covid-19, and the inability for the trade to be heard to debate this.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

The Edinburgh City Centre Transformation strategy (ECCT), was approved at the October 2019 Transport and Environment Committee, set out an ambitious but achievable strategy of street changes which would re-prioritise the city centre as pedestrian and cycle friendly rather than traffic dominated. Meadows to George Street would be one of the first major schemes within the ECCT to be delivered.

Building on high levels of support from public consultation, the Meadows to George Street project had completed its developed design stage and it was proposed to commence the statutory procedures for the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Redetermination Orders (RO) necessary to make the changes proposed to streets along the route.

The report set out the key findings from the public consultation, summarised the developed design, including the addition of filtered permeability at Market Street, and recommended commencing the statutory procedures.

c) Ward Councillors

In accordance with Standing Order 31.1, the Convener agreed to hear a presentation from Ward Councillor Mowat in relation to the report on Edinburgh City Centre Transformation: Meadows to George Street.

The following points were raised during the discussion:

- Councillor Mowat questioned whether there would be officer capacity to progress the statutory processes.
- The plans were unsafe when it came to the crossing of Princes Street because it came down the western side of Hanover Street and crossed over to the east side of The Mound, so an additional phase of traffic controls was needed at this point to segregate the cyclists from vehicular traffic.
- There was not sufficient scrutiny of the proposals to be approved under urgency arrangements.

Motion

- 1) To note the developed design for the Meadows to George Street project.
- 2) To note that, in addition to measures discussed in previous reports on the project, it was proposed to introduce 'filtered permeability' on Market Street. This would permit through journeys for buses, taxis and cycles only, with provision retained for drop off and pick up at Waverley Station, particularly by blue badge holders. This was part of a package of measures, detailed in the report, that were set out by the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation to achieve better streets for people and reduce car dominance.
- 3) To approve commencing the statutory procedures for the necessary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Redetermination Order (RO).
- 4) To agree that future reports to the Leadership Advisory Panel should provide an explanation of why they were required to be brought to the LAP, specifically for reports that did not appear to require an urgent decision.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note that the Remit of the Leadership Advisory Panel states that it was:
"9.5.1. To decide any matter of urgency arising during any recess period ... that:
(a) cannot await the resumption of the normal meetings timetable."
- 2) To note the work carried out by officers on the proposals in the report but considered that:
 - a) determining this matter was not urgent as no deadline required to be met.
 - b) at this time of emergency Council officer resources were better deployed on maintaining existing Council services.
 - c) that determining such controversial matters under the urgency arrangements reduced scrutiny on the removal of the George IV Bridge/Mound north-south route to general traffic and the closure of Market Street to general traffic.

d) that major and controversial matters such as these required proper, informed consideration and scrutiny by Councillors in Committee that was open to the public.

3) To further consider that additional work was required before this was presented for statutory TRO and RSO processes and that this should be presented in full in the normal Committee cycle in order to:

a) address the serious safety concerns regarding the crossing of the vehicular route and cycle way over Princes Street.

b) to consider whether a symmetrical plan that had segregated cycle routes running along each side of the street could be produced and to allow councillors to consider the benefits and disbenefits of each approach.

4) To agree that future reports to the Leadership Advisory Panel should provide an explanation of why they were required to be brought to the LAP, specifically for reports that did not appear to require an urgent decision.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 3 votes

For the amendment - 2 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Day, McVey and Staniforth.)

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge and Whyte.)

Decision

1) To note the developed design for the Meadows to George Street project.

2) To note that, in addition to measures discussed in previous reports on this project, it was proposed to introduce 'filtered permeability' on Market Street. This would permit through journeys for buses, taxis and cycles only, with provision retained for drop off and pick up at Waverley Station, particularly by blue badge holders. This was part of a package of measures, detailed in the report, that were set out by the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation to achieve better streets for people and reduce car dominance.

3) To approve commencing the statutory procedures for the necessary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Redetermination Order (RO).

4) To agree that future reports to the Leadership Advisory Panel should provide an explanation of why they were required to be brought to the LAP, specifically for reports that did not appear to require an urgent decision.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 11 October 2019 (Item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

3. Edinburgh City Centre Transformation: George Street and the First New Town: Project Update

a) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Following formal notification that the Council was awarded multi-year funding from Sustrans Scotland for the George Street and First New Town (GNT) project, an update on the development of the project and details of the preparatory works underway and next steps required to progress GNT as a capital funded project was provided.

b) Ward Councillors

In accordance with Standing Order 31.1, the Convener agreed to hear a presentation from Ward Councillor Mowat in relation to the report on Edinburgh City Centre Transformation: George Street and the First New Town: Project Update.

Councillor Mowat suggested that a design should be solicited that put a cycle lane on both sides of George Street to preserve the symmetry.

Motion

- 1) To note the continuing work to progress the final agreement terms with Sustrans Scotland.
- 2) To note that the Council was currently procuring the required technical design support enabling the next stage of design to be expedited.
- 3) To note that a detailed project delivery plan for the remainder of the project would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 4) To note the findings and outcomes of the next series of project consultation and engagement would consequently inform a production of the final design recommendation. This would form the basis of a report to Transport and Environment Committee.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note that the Remit of the Leadership Advisory Panel states that it was:
"9.5.1. To decide any matter of urgency arising during any recess period ... that:
(a) can not await the resumption of the normal meetings timetable."
- 2) To note the work carried out by officers on the proposals in the report but considered that:
 - a) determining this matter was not urgent as no deadline required to be met.
 - b) at this time of emergency Council officer resources were better deployed on maintaining existing Council services.
 - c) that determining such controversial matters under the urgency arrangements reduced scrutiny and that major and controversial matters such as these

required proper, informed consideration and scrutiny by Councillors in a Committee that was open to the public meeting under normal circumstances.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 3 votes
For the amendment - 2 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Day, McVey and Staniforth.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge and Whyte.)

Decision

- 1) To note the continuing work to progress the final agreement terms with Sustrans Scotland.
- 2) To note that the Council was currently procuring the required technical design support enabling the next stage of design to be expedited.
- 3) To notes that a detailed project delivery plan for the remainder of the project would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 4) To note the findings and outcomes of the next series of project consultation and engagement would consequently inform a production of the final design recommendation. This would form the basis of a report to Transport and Environment Committee.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 11 October 2019 (Item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

4. Haulage of Waste to Disposal Outlets

Approval was sought for the extension of current contracts with Neil Williams Haulage (NWH) and Enva via a waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs), for the transfer of waste from the Seafield and Bankhead Transfer Stations to disposal outlets and reprocessors.

Decision

- 1) To approve the extension of current contracts with Neil Williams Haulage (NWH) and Enva via a waiver of Contract Standing Orders (CSOs), for the transfer of waste from the Seafield and Bankhead Transfer Stations to disposal outlets and reprocessors. This would allow time for a procurement process to be undertaken and a new contract put in place.
- 2) To note that the value of this waiver would be in the region of £700,000 over a 10-month period.
- 3) To note that the extension was expected to deliver estimated savings of £65,000 in comparison to previous haulage costs for the same time period.

- 4) To note this would ensure the continuity of service provision until a new contract for haulage of waste can be procured and implemented.
- 5) To agree that officers would feedback to procurement concerns raised about the length of time it would take to carry out the procurement exercise and the need to accelerate it, and to agree that the details of the actions taken to speed up the process would be reported to the LAP.

(References – Finance and Resources Committee, 28 September 2017 (Item 12); report by the Executive Director of Resources, submitted.)

5. Annual Review of Major events in Parks 2018/19 and Consultation on Future Events

The results of the annual review of major events in parks from October 2018 to October 2019 were provided. The findings would be considered as part of the development of the Public Spaces Management Plan.

Motion

- 1) To note the annual review of major events in parks was completed at the end of 2019 and that the findings would form part of the development of the Public Spaces Management Plan.
 - 2) To agree that the Summer Wheel was not re-procured.
- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To agree any decisions on the Public Spaces Management Plan and specifically the suggestion of procuring additional events in public parks was delayed until it could be scrutinised as part of the normal committee process.
 - 2) To agree that the Summer Wheel was not re-procured.
- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the annual review of major events in parks was completed at the end of 2019 and that the findings would form part of the development of the Public Spaces Management Plan.
- 2) To note the increase in response from residents from 75 to 454 and the growing concerns about some central and local parks being over-used for events, with loss of public space and causing public amenity issues, in particular noise.
- 3) To note the importance of well managed city parks and green spaces for the health and wellbeing of all Edinburgh residents and that parks should be publicly accessible to all most of the time.
- 4) To note also that the parks service would require an income stream due to the level of budget set.

- 5) To request that the development of the Public Spaces Management Plan (PSMP) took account of public concerns received and views of ward member and local consultation, i.e community councils, for specific applications.
- 6) To agree that the PSMP would be reported to the Culture and Communities Committee for approval, clearly setting out the decision-making process in respect of event applications.
- 7) To agree that the Summer Wheel was not re-procured.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor McVey

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To agree any decisions on the Public Spaces Management Plan and specifically the suggestion of procuring additional events in public parks was delayed until it could be scrutinised as part of the normal committee process.
- 2) To note the increase in response from residents from 75 to 454 and the growing concerns about some central and local parks being over-used for events, with loss of public space and causing public amenity issues, in particular noise.
- 3) To note the importance of well managed city parks and green spaces for the health and wellbeing of all Edinburgh residents and that parks should be publicly accessible to all most of the time.
- 4) To note also that the parks service would require an income stream due to the level of budget set.
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- 6) To agree that the PSMP would be reported to the Culture and Communities Committee for approval, clearly setting out the decision-making process in respect of event applications.
- 7) To agree that the Summer Wheel was not re-procured.

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

6. Culture Service Third Party Grants Funding 2020/2021

Approval was sought for the cultural revenue grant awards programme for 2020/21. The budget recommendations reflected the outcomes of the Third Party Cultural Grants Funding – Review Outcomes, as approved by the Culture and Communities Committee on 18 June 2019.

Decision

- 1) To approve the funding recommendations for 2020/21, as listed at Appendix 1 of the report.

- 2) To note the further development of project funding programmes.
- 3) To note the progress of the Strategic Partners and Groupings revenue funding programme.
- 4) To approve the immediate release of the Strategic Partners and Groupings funding recommended in the report and as described at 4.1 to seek to support the sector in response to the on-going negative impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on our funded partners.
- 5) To approve the use of this funding by our Strategic Partners and Groupings towards mitigation activity as a result of the negative impacts of COVID-19.
- 7) To note paragraph 4.1 in the report and agree that all funds allocated could be released in the first instance to help organisations plan for the impacts of COVID-19, and to agree that any available funding currently unallocated was delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to further deal with any immediate needs of partner organisations as a result of COVID-19.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 18 June 2019 (Item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of interests

Councillor Whyte declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Trustee of the Edinburgh International Festival.

Councillor Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of Edinburgh Science.

7. Neighbourhood Alliance - Grant Funding Payment

The Neighbourhood Alliance (NA) supported resident involvement in locality-based place making and regeneration in Niddrie and Craigmillar. This included advocacy work, support to the neighbourhood councils, and a key focus on supporting tenant and resident engagement on placemaking in relation to the new Craigmillar town centre.

Authority was sought to award funding to the Neighbourhood Alliance (NA).

Decision

- 1) To agree to award £67,200 to the Neighbourhood Alliance (NA) for a further one-year period up to 31 March 2021.
- 2) To agree that the Service Level Agreement would be circulated to members of the Leadership Advisory Panel.
- 3) To agree that a report would be taken to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee detailing how long the grant funding would continue for and the exit strategy.

(References – Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee, 20 January 2020 (Item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

8. Internal Audit: Internal Audit Charter Annual Update

The revised Internal Audit Charter for 2020/21 was presented. The charter set out the scope of the Internal Audit function, roles, responsibilities, objectives and reporting structures and was updated and submitted for approval annually.

Decision

- 1) To approve the refreshed 2020/21 Internal Audit (IA) Charter.
- 2) To agree that the Convenor of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee would sign the refreshed charter, in due course, together with the Chief Executive and Chief Internal Auditor, evidencing the commitment of all three key stakeholders to support IA in effective delivery of the annual plan and 2020/21 annual Internal Audit opinion.

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

9. Administering Authority Discretions Policy

The Panel considered a report advising that the Lothian Pension Funds' (LPF) Administering Authority discretions policy was reviewed to update regulatory references following the introduction of the new Local Government Pension Scheme from 1 June 2018. Further changes were made following customer feedback and to incorporate good practice.

Approval was sought for the draft revised Administering Authority discretions policy.

Decision

- 1) To approve the draft revised Administering Authority discretions policy.
- 2) To note that LPF intended to consult with employers on the Revised Pensions Administration Strategy.
- 3) To approve the draft revised Pensions Administration Strategy, subject to any further amendment that arose from the forthcoming employer consultation being reported to the Panel or Pensions Committee, as appropriate, at its next meeting.

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

10. Lothian Pension Fund - Administration Strategy

The Lothian Pension Funds' Pension Administration Strategy (PAS) was reviewed to allow Lothian Pension Fund to charge employers for consistently poor provision of information regarding members leaving and retiring. An amendment was made to require admitted employers to sign revised admission agreements where appropriate.

Decision

To approve the draft revised Pensions Administration Strategy, subject to any further amendment that arose from the forthcoming employer consultation being reported to the Panel or Pensions Committee, as appropriate, at its next meeting.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 18 June 2019 (Item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of interests

Councillor Aldridge declared a financial interest in the above item as he was in receipt of a Lothian Pension Fund pension.

Councillors Day, McVey, Staniforth and Whyte declared financial interests in the above item as members of the Pension Fund, respectively.

11. Temporary Changes to Contract Standing Orders

The Council's Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) provided controls and regulation around all of the Council's purchasing and contract management activity. In light of the COVID-19 outbreak, and its unprecedented impact on all aspects of Scottish life, and all operational activity of the Council, certain temporary amendments to the CSOs were proposed.

The proposed changes aimed to provide a balance between improved controls and scrutiny of the higher value and more strategic projects at this challenging time, whilst enabling lower value purchases to be subject to a more proportionate purchasing and approval regime.

Decision

- 1) To approve the immediate adoption of the proposed temporary amendments to the Contract Standing Orders, as set out in paragraph 4.9 of the report.
- 2) To agree to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader to suspend or vary these amendments as and when appropriate to do so to enable the operational effectiveness of the Council during the Covid-19 situation.

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

12. Decisions taken under urgency provisions

Details were provided of recent decisions taken under urgency provisions by the Chief Executive.

Decision

- 1) To note the decisions taken by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Lord Provost, under urgency provisions.
- 2) To note that the taxi licensing arrangements had been extended for 3 months, had been backdated to 16 March 2020 and would be reviewed and reported in the next report on decisions taken under urgency provisions report to the LAP.
- 3) To note that the Council had written to all contractors and asked them to cease working.

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

13. Communities and Families Grants to Third Parties Programme - Extension of Awards for 2020-21

Details were provided of the extension period for current awards as agreed by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, in consultation with the Convenor and Vice-Convenor of the Education, Children and Families Committee and the reason for transferring an award to Love learning.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Education, Children and Families Committee agreed to extend current grant awards at its meeting on 3rd March 2020.
- 2) To note that the extension period would finish on 31st August 2020.
- 3) To approve the transfer of award from Gorgie City Farm to Love Learning covering the extension period.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee, 3 March 2020 (Item 4); report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families Place, submitted.)

14. Planning Contingency Measures

Emergency measures to ensure that the Council was able to meet its statutory obligations in relation to making planning decisions were presented. Options open to the Council to ensure smooth transitional period were outlined.

Motion

- 1) To note the report and approve the measures proposed in paragraphs 4.7 – 4.8.1 in relation to decisions normally taken by the Planning Committee and the Development Management Sub-Committee.
- 2) To note the intention to delegate authority to the Chief Planning Officer to make decisions in consultation with the Convenor and Vice Convenor of Planning Committee and the Development Management Sub Committee.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the report and approve the measures proposed in paragraphs 4.7 – 4.8.1 in relation to decisions normally taken by the Planning Committee and the Development Management Sub-Committee.
- 2) To note the intention to delegate authority to the Chief Planning Officer to make decisions in consultation with the Convenor and Vice Convenor of Planning Committee and the Development Management Sub Committee.
- 3) To note the intention to operate a filtering process, whereby the Chief Planning Officer in consultation with the Convenor or Vice-Convenor of Planning would determine which applications may be contentious, and which should therefore not be decided under delegated authority.
- 4) To agree that ward councillors for relevant applications, and members of Planning Committee should, where practical, continue to be notified of

forthcoming decisions, and should have an opportunity to communicate to the Chief Planning Officer if they felt a particular application may be contentious.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor McVey

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the paragraphs 3 and 4 were accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Amendment 2

- 1) To reject the suggestions at 4.7 - 4.8.1 and to agree that:
 - a) All applications that could be delegated within the scheme of delegation should be so processed with a strict interpretation of the scheme being used.
 - b) For local developments,, following consultation with the Chief Planning Officer decisions to be taken by the Chief Planning Officer in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener.
- 2) To agree to take no decision on the delegation of major decisions until 15th April 2020 which was the last day that the agenda for next scheduled Development Management Sub Committee needed to be published; and should it not be possible to meet in person officers should advise why a remote meeting could not be held on 22nd April to allow major applications to be considered at that meeting by the Sub Committee.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	3 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Day, McVey and Staniforth.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge and Whyte.)

Decision

- 1) To note the report and approve the measures proposed in paragraphs 4.7 – 4.8.1 in relation to decisions normally taken by the Planning Committee and the Development Management Sub-Committee.
- 2) To note the intention to delegate authority to the Chief Planning Officer to make decisions in consultation with the Convenor and Vice Convenor of the Planning Committee and the Development Management Sub Committee.
- 3) To note the intention to operate a filtering process, whereby the Chief Planning Officer in consultation with the Convenor or Vice-Convenor of Planning would determine which applications may be contentious, and which should therefore not be decided under delegated authority.
- 4) To agree that ward councillors for relevant applications, and members of Planning Committee should, where practical, continue to be notified of

forthcoming decisions, and should have an opportunity to communicate to the Chief Planning Officer if they felt a particular application may be contentious.

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

15. Licensing Contingency Measures

Emergency measures to ensure that the Council was able to meet its statutory obligations in relation to the granting, renewing and issuing of licences were presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the measures proposed in paragraph 4.5 of the report in relation to decisions normally taken by the Licensing Sub-Committee and agree to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Place to make decisions in consultation with the Convenor and Vice Convenor of the Regulatory Committee.
- 2) To agree that the taxi licensing arrangements would be reviewed and reported as part of the 'Decisions taken under urgency provisions' to the Leadership Advisory Panel.

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

16. Service Payment to Edinburgh Leisure - 2020/21

Details were provided of the proposed Council Service Payment to Edinburgh Leisure following approval of the Council's budget on 20 February 2020 and approval was sought from the Leadership Advisory Panel to make that payment.

Decision

- 1) To approve the service payment of £7,107,661 to Edinburgh Leisure for 2020/21.
- 2) To approve a further payment of £165,000 to Edinburgh Leisure towards capital improvements across the Council's sport and leisure facility estate.
- 3) To agree that the Executive Director of Resources would check with the Head of Finance when the payment would be made and would confirm with the Panel.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

Declaration of interests

Councillor Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of Edinburgh Leisure.

17. Grants to Third Parties: Third Sector Interface and Equality and Rights Network 2020/21

The City of Edinburgh Council's proposed funding for the Third Sector Interface (TSI) and Equalities and Rights Network (EaRN) for 2020/21 was set out. The report detailed the further work that would be carried out in the coming financial year to inform approaches to support TSI activity in the longer-term.

Motion

- 1) To agree to the financial proposals set out at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.9 of the report.
- 2) To note the further planned work which would inform the approach to third sector support beyond 2020/21 as described in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To agree to the financial proposals set out at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.9 of the report.
- 2) To note the further planned work which will inform the approach to third sector support beyond 2020/21 as described in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report.
- 3) To recognise, notwithstanding recommendation 2, the essential work being carried out by the TSI partners to ensure that the city's third sector could respond to and facilitate hugely increased demand for volunteering, and increased pressure on local voluntary organisations to respond, with standstill or reduced capacity; and therefore delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leader, the urgent task of agreeing a package of additional immediate core funding on receipt of a business case from the TSI partners.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Day

In accordance with Standing Order 21(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

- 1) To agree to the financial proposals set out at paragraphs 4.2 and 4.9 of the report.
- 2) To note the further planned work which would inform the approach to third sector support beyond 2020/21 as described in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.7 of the report.
- 3) To recognise, notwithstanding recommendation 2, the essential work being carried out by the TSI partners to ensure that the city's third sector could respond to and facilitate hugely increased demand for volunteering, and increased pressure on local voluntary organisations to respond, with standstill or reduced capacity; and therefore delegates to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Depute Leader, the urgent task of agreeing a package of additional immediate core funding on receipt of a business case from the TSI partners.

(References – Culture and Communities Committee, 29 January 2019 (Item 16); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

18. Lothian Pension Fund Operating Plan and Budget for 2020/21

The Panel, 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 items of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

The Leadership Advisory Panel considered the Lothian Pension Fund Operating Plan and Budget for 2020/21.

Decision

Detailed in the Confidential Schedule, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

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

Declaration of interests

Councillor Aldridge declared a financial interest in the above item as he was in receipt of a Lothian Pension Fund pension.

Councillors Day, McVey, Staniforth and Whyte declared financial interests in the above item as members of the Pension Fund, respectively.

19. Marketing Edinburgh

The Panel, 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 items of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 8 and 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Dissent

In accordance with Standing Order 21.12, Councillor Whyte requested that his dissent to the above decision be recorded.

The Leadership Advisory Panel considered an update on the impact of COVID-19 on the future of Marketing Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To agree to consider the report under private business.
- 2) Detailed in the Confidential Schedule, signed by the Convener, with reference to this minute.

Dissent

In accordance with Standing Order 21.12, Councillor Whyte requested that his dissent to the above decision be recorded.

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