

Amendment by the Coalition

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

7 July 2020

Item 9.1 - Motion by Councillor Doggart - Pandemic Planning

Deletes all and replaces with -

“Committee:

Notes that both Exercise Silver Swan and Exercise Iris were Scottish Government, rather than City of Edinburgh Council, led exercises from 2016.

Notes the council’s current governance arrangements and notes that although one of the agreed delegated functions of GRBV is ‘To scrutinise the procedures and processes implemented in response to the Covid-19 emergency’, the request for a report regarding the council’s involvement in Exercise Silver Swan and Exercise Iris does not meet this criteria.

Notes the adaptation and renewal programme for recovery and agrees that the opportunity to reflect on lessons learned and scrutinise the council’s response to COVID-19, will be an integral part of this going forward.

Agrees that the chief executive reviews the council’s response and preparedness to COVID-19 but acknowledges that as the council is still responding to the pandemic, any review would be premature at this time.

Asks that the chief executive updates the Policy and Sustainability committee on when he believes it would be appropriate both in terms of resources and timing for such a review to take place.”

Moved by: Councillor Bird

Seconded by: Councillor Child

Amendment by the Green Group

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Amends the motion to read:

“Committee:

1. Thanks officers for the emergency response to the pandemic and the necessary changes to services;
2. Notes the Scottish Government route map out of lockdown, the subsequent phases which will bring further changes, and the risk of the need to pause or return to strict measures;
3. Requests a report from the Chief Executive to be prepared once Council services are in a stable, long term operational state, whether that is a return to previous services or a new model of service delivery, in respect of the Council’s preparations for a pandemic affecting the city, including:
 - a. any preparations carried out in partnership with other agencies or governments
 - b. reference to the Council’s risk management programme
 - c. any lessons learned in the initial stages of response to Covid-19 which were implemented during subsequent stages
 - d. recommendations of additional planning required to deal with a subsequent outbreak of Covid-19, or the discovery of an alternative virus.”

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Rae