

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Thursday 9 July 2020

Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Arthur (substituting for Councillor Perry – item 12), Burgess (substituting for Councillor Main – items 1 - 7), Kate Campbell, Gardiner, Gloyer, Hutchison, Macinnes, McLellan, Mitchell (substituting for Councillor Hutchison – item 11), Osler (substituting for Councillor Gloyer – items 8 - 18), Perry, Rankin, Rust (substituting for Councillor Cook), Staniforth, Webber, Whyte and Wilson

Added Members for Education items:

Religious Representative

Fiona Beveridge

Parent Representative

Alexander Ramage

1. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 25 June 2020 as a correct record.

2. Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme for 9 July 2020 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that that the reports on Waverley Masterplan, City Mobility Plan and Water Management Strategy had been deferred from the meeting on 23 July 2020 to 6 August 2020.
- 2) To note that the report on the Local Development Plan would be submitted to a meeting of the Planning Committee proposed for 12 August 2020.
- 3) To otherwise note the work programme.

(Reference – Work Programme 9 July 2020, submitted.)

3. Policy and Sustainability Committee Rolling Actions Log

Details were provided of the outstanding actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - **Action 10** – City of Edinburgh Council – Motion by Councillor Cameron – Small Business Saturday
 - **Action 17** – Neighbourhood Alliance Grant Funding Payment
 - **Action 20** – COVID-19 – Update
 - **Action 22(5)** – Decisions Taken under Delegated Power and Operational Decision Making - Covid-19
 - **Action 23(1)** – Revenue Budget 2020/21 Update
- 2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

4. Edinburgh Climate Commission

a) Presentation by Edinburgh Climate Commission

Sam Gardner, Jamie Brogan and Kaisie Rayner of the Edinburgh Climate Commission were in attendance and presented the Commission's recommendations for a green economic recovery. They set out the key messages in the report together with the priorities for 2020 and indicated that it was an ambitious programme which would require a great deal of work over the coming months.

They outlined the principles that had embedded the work of the Commission which they felt should guide the action going forward. They presented the Commission's recommendations and welcomed engagement with Councillors over the summer.

b) Report by the Chief Executive

Details were provided on the publication of the Edinburgh Climate Commission's recommendations for a green economic recovery. The work by the Commission had been brought forward early in light of the Coronavirus crisis in order to make timely recommendations for the city in support of a green economic recovery.

Decision

- 1) To note the presentation to Committee by the Chair of the Edinburgh Climate Commission on its recommendations for a green economic recovery in Edinburgh.

- 2) To agree that the Commission's report would be submitted to the Adaptation and Renewal All Party Oversight Group (APOG), and that an initial response from the Council would be brought to Committee on 23 July 2020.
- 3) To note that the Chair of the Commission had offered to attend future political group meetings as appropriate, to discuss the recommendations in more depth.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee, 28 May 2020 (item 4); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

5. Homelessness Services – Use of Temporary Accommodation

Details were provided on the additional temporary accommodation that the Council had been required to secure since the beginning of lockdown to meet public health objectives and manage a lack of throughput into all forms of settled accommodation, to fulfil its statutory duties to homeless people. Some of this additional accommodation had been part funded by the Scottish Government but there had been no confirmation that this funding would extend beyond 30 June 2020.

Motion

- 1) To note the increased use of temporary accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2) To note the increased cost of temporary accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3) To request a further report to be presented by the end of August 2020 updating on the financial implications of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to temporary accommodation.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

To add to the motion by Councillor McVey:

- 4) Requests that the further report includes a detailed breakdown of the additional costs of providing Temporary Accommodation as part of the public health response to Covid-19 crisis along with the proposed exit strategy agreed with partners, financial support available from the Scottish Government post 30 June and any forward plan the Council is making for estimated costs post any additional funding.
- 5) That these estimated additional costs are communicated to the Scottish Government directly and via COSLA without delay in order that full funding can be sought.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

Amendment 2

- 1) In the motion by Councillor McVey, to renumber existing 3) as 4), and insert a new 3) as follows:

agrees that option 4.7.1, of immediately stopping provision of temporary accommodation post-covid, is not an acceptable option, and therefore agrees to rule it out, and that any options which come forward at a later date should explore the extent and the timetable for ongoing support;

2) To insert at the end of (renumbered) 4):

and agrees that this report will also set out a detailed and costed plan to target short stay holiday accommodation for conversion into homes, including for use as temporary accommodation for homeless people.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the whole of Amendment 1 and Amendment 2 as adjusted, were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the increased use of temporary accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2) To note the increased cost of temporary accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 3) To agree that option 4.7.1, of immediately stopping provision of temporary accommodation post-covid, was not an acceptable option, and therefore to agree to rule it out, accepting this would require additional identified resources and would take legal advice in regard to achieving this aim, and that any options which came forward at a later date should explore the extent and the timetable for ongoing support.
- 4) To request a further report to be presented by the end of August 2020 updating on the financial implications of responding to the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to temporary accommodation and agree that this report would also set out a detailed and costed plan to target short stay holiday accommodation for conversion into homes, including for use as temporary accommodation for homeless people.
- 5) To request that the further report include a detailed breakdown of the additional costs of providing Temporary Accommodation as part of the public health response to Covid-19 crisis along with the proposed exit strategy agreed with partners, financial support available from the Scottish Government post 30 June and any forward plan the Council was making for estimated costs post any additional funding.
- 6) That these estimated additional costs be communicated to the Scottish Government directly and via COSLA without delay in order that full funding could be sought.

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

6. Community Centres Re-opening

a) Deputation – Jack Kane Centre Management Committee

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Jack Kane Centre Management Committee.

The deputation expressed concern that the report to the Committee at no point highlighted the many wonderful aspects of the fruitful partnership that the charity had with the CEC and felt that it painted a rather bleak picture. They felt that it failed to:

1. Highlight the income generation whereby over numerous years totals over £2 million has been raised
2. Celebrate the social and economic benefits to the wider learning community including schools
3. Focus on the economic investment this charity has carried out in upgrading the internals and the fabric of the building
4. Draw attention to our centres work being viewed as models of excellence within CEC reports
5. Underline that this partnership ensures that we share and invest in a joint asset which assists the CEC to carry out its objectives to the constituents of the City of Edinburgh.

The deputation asked for controlled access for a small number of staff to deploy charitable and essential resources. The benefits of this controlled and restricted access would mean that they could enhance their service delivery to some vulnerable children and families, whilst laying plans to offer a summer road map whereby referred/nominated children and young people might have increased learning provision which would undoubtedly assist with their transition back to school or further career pathways.

b) Report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families

Details were provided of some of the significant resource challenges to be considered in reopening community centres, in the context of competing pressures to reopen (and maintain the opening) of other buildings such as schools together with proposals for the next steps.

Motion

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening community centres.
- 2) To approve the activity that sought to engage with community centre Management Committees.
- 3) To note the requirement for some community centres to be utilised as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.

- 4) To agree that further details on the reopening of community centres be included in the wider action plans which would emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services.
- 5) To recognise the significant work carried out by community groups across the Capital supporting young, vulnerable and elderly people and, for example, enabling food distribution. To recognise too that for some community groups having access to a community centre building was important, for example to:
 - a) check the condition of buildings that may be in need of repair, allow access to other services for example police officers; where there had been incidents of criminal damage or antisocial behaviour
 - b) access equipment and items which were in storage but may be needed to resume activity external to the centres but in line with Scottish Government Guidance;
 - c) use outdoor spaces to carry out activities to support their communities within Scottish Government guidance, for example in community gardens;
 - d) note that many community centres had created their own policy and procedure documents in relation to health and safety, cleaning regimes and designation of a responsible person, and that they were willing to take on responsibility for these functions themselves to ensure that limited access was in line with public health requirements;
 - e) request that officers continue to consider requests for access, including to enable use of outdoor space, and put in place a process for requests to be considered and actioned, including clarity on the legal responsibility for ensuring that health and safety processes were followed.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) Thanks the Community Centre Management Teams (CCMTs) and volunteers across the city for their work throughout Covid-19 in delivering much needed services to their communities, without being able to access their Community Centres.
- 2) Notes that Community Centres have been closed through the Covid-19 Pandemic, and that the alternative arrangement put in place by the Council for Community Centre Management Teams to deliver much needed community services, such as food parcels, have in some cases been unsatisfactory, leading in some cases to vandalism and theft of property used in the delivery of these voluntary services.
- 3) Notes implications for staff resources of preparing to and reopen community centres as outlined in the report, that some community centres are able and willing to take on some or all of this work and that restricted opening of Community Centres may be acceptable and helpful to CCMTs.

- 4) Notes that no information has been forthcoming as to which if any community centres are being considered as additional accommodation for schools as part of a contingency plan for 50% capacity planning.
- 5) Agrees that officers will work with the Community Centre Management Teams of the Jack Kane, Sandy's - in Craigmillar and Magdalene Community Centres to provide access their community centres in July on an agreed restricted basis to support community projects, and requests a further report be brought in August with options for opening other community centres including opening dates.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening community centres.
- 2) To approve the activity that sought to engage with community centre Management Committees with a view to enabling them to offer a full or partial service in line with their wishes.
- 3) To note the requirement for some community centres to be utilised as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.
- 4) To agree that further details on the reopening of community centres be included in the wider action plans which would emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Gloyer

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendments 1 and 2 were adjusted and accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the challenges involved in reopening community centres.
- 2) To approve the activity that sought to engage with community centre Management Committees with a view to enabling them to offer a full or partial service in line with their wishes subject to public health and legal requirements being met and notwithstanding any need for space to ensure pupils' return to school.
- 3) To note the requirement for some community centres to be utilised as alternative accommodation for the contingency plan for the 50% model for schools returning in August.
- 4) To agree that further details on the reopening of community centres be included in the wider action plans which would emerge from the Adaptation and Renewal workstream on Operations and Services.
- 5) To recognise the significant work carried out by community groups across the Capital supporting young, vulnerable and elderly people and, for example,

enabling food distribution. To recognise too that for some community groups having access to a community centre building was important, for example to:

- a) check the condition of buildings that may be in need of repair, allow access to other services for example police officers where there had been incidents of criminal damage or antisocial behaviour;
 - b) access equipment and items which were in storage but may be needed to resume activity external to the centres but in line with Scottish Government Guidance;
 - c) use outdoor spaces to carry out activities to support their communities within Scottish Government guidance, for example in community gardens;
 - d) note that many community centres had created their own policy and procedure documents in relation to health and safety, cleaning regimes and designation of a responsible person, and that they were willing to take on responsibility for these functions themselves to ensure that limited access was in line with public health requirements;
 - e) request that officers continue to consider requests for access, including to enable use of outdoor space, and put in place a process for requests to be considered and actioned, including clarity on the legal responsibility for ensuring that health and safety processes were followed.
- 6) To thank the Community Centre Management Teams (CCMTs) and volunteers across the city for their work throughout Covid-19 in delivering much needed services to their communities, without being able to access their Community Centres.
 - 7) To note that Community Centres had been closed through the Covid-19 Pandemic, and that the alternative arrangement put in place by the Council for Community Centre Management Teams to deliver much needed community services, such as food parcels, had in some cases been unsatisfactory, leading in some cases to vandalism and theft of property used in the delivery of these voluntary services.
 - 8) To note the implications for staff resources of preparing to and reopen community centres as outlined in the report by the Executive Director of Communities and Families, that some community centres were able and willing to take on some or all of this work and that restricted opening of Community Centres might be acceptable and helpful to CCMTs.
 - 9) To note that no information had been forthcoming as to which if any community centres were being considered as additional accommodation for schools as part of a contingency plan for 50% capacity planning.
 - 10) To agree that officers would work with the Community Centre Management Teams of the Jack Kane, Sandy's - in Craigmillar and Magdalene Community Centres to provide access their community centres in July, subject to public health and legal requirements being met and notwithstanding any needs for

space to ensure pupils' return to school, on an agreed restricted basis to support community projects, and request a further report be brought in August with options for opening other community centres including opening dates.

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

7. Schools Re-opening Update

In response to a motion by Councillor Burgess, an update was provided on a Local Authority Delivery Phasing Plan as required by the Scottish Government of all local authorities in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the route-map that set out the phased lifting of restrictions. The update set out the steps the Council had taken since 25 June 2020 to reopen schools from 10 August 2020.

Motion

To note the updates for schools re-opening on the 10 August 2020 that would be included in the revised Schools Re-Opening Delivery Phasing Plan which would come to Committee on 23 July 2020.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the updates for schools re-opening on the 10 August 2020 that would be included in the revised Schools Re-Opening Delivery Phasing Plan which would come to Committee on 23 July 2020.
- 2) To recognise the importance of Out of School/After-School/Breakfast Clubs and other activities that supported young people and their families before or after school, making use of school buildings.
- 3) To understand that these activities would take time to organise, but that it would be highly desirable for them to be available for an assumed return to full time education on 12 August.
- 4) To ask that the Executive Director of Communities and Families set out a clear plan for school lets to support this, and also to review the impact on Early Years settings whose facilities might be required for the 50% contingency planning as soon as possible, and report to Committee on these matters on 23 July 2020.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the updates for schools re-opening on the 10 August 2020 that would be included in the revised Schools Re-Opening Delivery Phasing Plan which would come to Committee on 23 July 2020.

- 2) To recognise the importance of Out of School/After-School/Breakfast Clubs and other activities that supported young people and their families before or after school, making use of school buildings.
- 3) To understand that these activities would take time to organise, but that it would be highly desirable for them to be available for an assumed return to full time education on 12 August.
- 4) To note that the Executive Director of Communities and Families would set out a clear plan for school lets to support this, and also to review the impact on Early Years settings whose facilities might be required for the 50% contingency planning as soon as possible, and report to Committee on these matters on 23 July 2020.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 25 June 2020 (item 5); Act of Council No 20 of 30 June 2020; report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families, submitted.)

8. Tourism and Hospitality Sector Recovery Plan – Follow Up

An update was provided on the Council's proposed recovery plan which had been developed to support the tourism and hospitality sector.

Motion

- 1) To approve the transfer of all current staff, assets and liabilities from Marketing Edinburgh Limited to the Council, noting the costs as outlined at paragraph 6.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To agree to make a one-off contribution of £55,000 to the tourism and hospitality sector recovery plan, subject to confirmation that the plan activities were aligned to the Council's priority of net zero carbon by 2030.
- 3) To note the importance of Business tourism to the City's hospitality sector and the importance of business tourism in helping many of Edinburgh's sectors access the global market
 - a) To note this would require additional engagement with industry and key partners to fully develop a long-term approach and agree that this should be reported back to Policy and Sustainability Committee, including how the organisational structure would operate throughout the City.
 - b) To agree to work with industry and Scottish Government to secure additional resources for the campaign and provide Council resource if required beyond agreement on any additional resources secured.
 - c) To agree that Council efforts to support the campaign and other industry efforts would promote businesses who operated best practise as living wage employers. Council recognises the importance of hospitality businesses in driving footfall to our local high streets and the support this gives to all businesses across the city and seeks to promote spend in local businesses across all areas of the capital throughout the campaign.

- d) To welcome the reopening of many hospitality businesses in the City and further welcome the opening of many privately run facilities for the City's benefit, including toilets accessible to the public and note the approach taken by the Licensing Board to ensure establishments opening outside areas followed Scottish Government Guidance relating to toilet provision on-site for customers. To encourage business to sign up to the Community Toilet Scheme and work with Officers to promote use.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To agree to make a one-off contribution of £55,000 to the tourism and hospitality sector recovery plan, subject to confirmation that the plan activities were aligned to the Council's priority of net zero carbon by 2030.
- 2) To agree to the transfer of all current staff, assets and liabilities from Marketing Edinburgh Limited to the Council, noting the costs as outlined at paragraph 6.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) Transfer would take place only after a further report was brought to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles to detail the liabilities from Marketing Edinburgh Limited which the Council would be accepting.
 - b) Transfer would take place only after the outstanding accounts for Marketing Edinburgh Ltd due on 21 December 2019 were filed with Companies House and provided to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for scrutiny

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Whyte.

Amendment 2

- 1) To approve the transfer of all current staff, assets and liabilities from Marketing Edinburgh Limited to the Council, noting the costs as outlined at paragraph 6.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To amend recommendation 1.1.2 to read:

“To agree to support the tourism and hospitality sector recovery plan as part of the Adaption and Renewal programme, subject to confirmation that the plan activities are aligned to the Council's priority of net zero carbon by 2030 and a focus on fair work in the recovery.”

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted) - 12 votes
For Amendment 1 - 5 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Main, Osler, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Hutchison, McLellan, Rust, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

The approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To approve the transfer of all current staff, assets and liabilities from Marketing Edinburgh Limited to the Council, noting the costs as outlined at paragraph 6.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To agree to support the tourism and hospitality sector recovery plan as part of the Adaption and Renewal programme, subject to confirmation that the plan activities were aligned to the Council's priority of net zero carbon by 2030 and a focus on fair work in the recovery.
- 3) To note the importance of Business tourism to the City's hospitality sector and the importance of business tourism in helping many of Edinburgh's sectors access the global market
 - a) To note this would require additional engagement with industry and key partners to fully develop a long-term approach and agree that this should be reported back to Policy and Sustainability Committee, including how the organisational structure would operate throughout the City.
 - b) To agree to work with industry and Scottish Government to secure additional resources for the campaign and provide Council resource if required beyond agreement on any additional resources secured.
 - c) To agree that Council efforts to support the campaign and other industry efforts would promote businesses who operated best practise as living wage employers. Council recognises the importance of hospitality businesses in driving footfall to our local high streets and the support this gives to all businesses across the city and seeks to promote spend in local businesses across all areas of the capital throughout the campaign.
 - d) To welcome the reopening of many hospitality businesses in the City and further welcome the opening of many privately run facilities for the City's benefit, including toilets accessible to the public and note the approach taken by the Licensing Board to ensure establishments opening outside areas followed Scottish Government Guidance relating to toilet provision on-site for customers. To encourage business to sign up to the Community Toilet Scheme and work with Officers to promote use.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 11 June 2020 (item 12): report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Kate Campbell declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Marketing Edinburgh Ltd.

9. Cameron Toll to Edinburgh BioQuarter Active Travel Route

Details were provided on the results of the public consultation exercise, undertaken between mid-October and November 2019, for the proposed Cameron Toll to Edinburgh BioQuarter Active Travel Route together with a summary of the changes made to the proposed design in response to consultation feedback and the programme for the delivery of the project.

Motion

- 1) To note the content of the public consultation report as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, that had been produced by Sweco.
- 2) To approve the design changes that had been made in response to feedback from the consultation exercise.
- 3) To note the anticipated programme and key milestones for the delivery of the project, as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the content of the public consultation report as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, that had been produced by Sweco.
- 2) To approve the design changes that had been made in response to feedback from the consultation exercise.
- 3) To note the anticipated programme and key milestones for the delivery of the project, as detailed in Section 5 of the report.
- 4) To agree that the active travel route from south Edinburgh to the bio-quarter, which was already well used, be temporarily segregated as soon as possible with a view to a permanent link.
- 5) To uphold transport hierarchy and reject design changes that sacrificed provision for bikes in order to protect travel times for motorised vehicles.
- 6) To call for the Spaces for People temporary infrastructure to be modified where possible to reflect the layout of the permanent designs agreed by council, and to use this to test the permanent designs.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the content of the public consultation report as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, that had been produced by Sweco.

- 2) To approve the design changes that had been made in response to feedback from the consultation exercise.
- 3) To note the anticipated programme and key milestones for the delivery of the project, as detailed in Section 5 of the report.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Webber

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For Amendment 2	-	7 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Main, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aldridge, Hutchison, McLellan, Osler, Rust, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the content of the public consultation report as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, that had been produced by Sweco.
- 2) To approve the design changes that had been made in response to feedback from the consultation exercise.
- 3) To note the anticipated programme and key milestones for the delivery of the project, as detailed in Section 5 of the report.
- 4) To note that the active travel route from south Edinburgh to the bio-quarter, which was already well used, was being temporarily segregated as soon as possible with a view to a permanent link.
- 5) To uphold transport hierarchy and reject design changes that sacrificed provision for bikes in order to protect travel times for motorised vehicles.
- 6) To call for the Spaces for People temporary infrastructure to be modified where possible to reflect the layout of the permanent designs agreed by council, and to use this to test the permanent designs.

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

10. Trams to Newhaven: Developed Design and Commencement of Statutory Procedures for Traffic Regulation Orders

Decision

To note that the report had been withdrawn.

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

11. Re-opening of Public Conveniences

a) Deputation – Colinton Amenity Association

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Colinton Amenity Association.

The deputation asked that the public toilets in Colinton Road be opened at the earliest opportunity as they felt that although the pressure of use on these facilities might not be quite as much as those quoted in the media at various Edinburgh 'hotspots' where extremely large numbers of people had been congregating, their use was significant locally and demand for them had been increasing week-on-week as local shops opened up and tourist attractions received greater footfall as travel restrictions were lifted.

They urged the Committee that in considering how such facilities could be reopened, to apportion sufficient credit to a likely public response to help keep such facilities clean, and to worry a little less about cost implications when discussing such important, even crucial public facilities.

b) Deputation – Colinton Community Council

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Colinton Community Council.

The deputation expressed deep concern that while other public toilets were being reopened in the City, Colinton's had been omitted from the current list. They believed that many of the good reasons given for reopening toilets elsewhere also applied in Colinton.

The deputation felt that providing local temporary signage asking people to wipe down the facilities, door handles etc before and after use with sanitisers provided for the purpose with potentially 4 visits a day by an attendant to restock and "deep clean" could offer an acceptable but much cheaper alternative, which could be employed throughout the City.

c) Deputation – Colinton Garden Club

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Colinton Garden Club.

The deputation asked the Committee to reconsider their decision and include the toilet facilities at Colinton with the others which were being reopened across the City. They felt that the toilets were new, state of the art and used by a large number of people, especially bus drivers, tradesmen and the many walking groups that come through the village together with local residents.

d) Deputation – Colinton Tunnel SCIO

A written deputation was presented on behalf of Colinton Tunnel SCIO.

The deputation supported of the re-opening of the public toilets at Bridge Road, Colinton, as a priority in the first phase of re-openings of public conveniences. They indicated that the toilets in Colinton were relatively newly built and of a modern design which should facilitate the more frequent cleaning/sanitising that

would be required to ensure public safety during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The deputation stressed that the COVID-19 outbreak and associated limitations had contributed to the increasing numbers of people who were walking and cycling along the Water of Leith Walkway for exercise and leisure, as well as the number of families who were using the adjacent Spylaw Park and that there were no publicly accessible toilets along the Walkway, except those in Colinton, between Balerno and Stockbridge which was considerable distance.

e) Report by the Executive Director of Place

In response to a motion by Councillor Laidlaw, details were provided of considerations which needed to be taken into account for reopening public conveniences together with recommendations for limited, phased reopening in areas of high footfall, especially in parks and at the seafront.

Motion

- 1) To note the public health guidance which had been issued by the Scottish Government in respect of the reopening of public conveniences.
- 2) To note the operational risks and arrangements to mitigate these which were being put in place for Council owned public conveniences.
- 3) To agree the limited reopening of Council owned public conveniences as set out in paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To agree that all other public conveniences would remain closed.
- 5) To note that a review of operations following reopening would be presented to the appropriate Committee in October 2020.
- 6) To note the information currently available on the reopening of bars and restaurants as outlined in paragraphs 4.29 – 4.33 of the report.
- 7) To note that there were not currently any national representative groups for local authorities to discuss such matters but that officers had been engaging with counterparts in other authorities in developing the plans.
- 8) To agree that Edinburgh should be represented if a national group was established.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the public health guidance which had been issued by the Scottish Government in respect of the reopening of public conveniences.
- 2) To note the operational risks and arrangements to mitigate these which were being put in place for Council owned public conveniences.
- 3) To agree the limited reopening of Council owned public conveniences as set out in paragraphs 4.6, in addition to those in Hamilton Place, Stockbridge, Colinton

Road, Colinton and Harlaw Visitor Centre, Balerno, and 4.7 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- 4) To agree that all other public conveniences would remain closed.
- 5) To note that a review of operations following reopening would be presented to the appropriate Committee in October 2020.
- 6) To note the information currently available on the reopening of bars and restaurants as outlined in paragraphs 4.29 – 4.33 of the report.
- 7) To note that there were not currently any national representative groups for local authorities to discuss such matters but that officers had been engaging with counterparts in other authorities in developing the plans.
- 8) To agree that Edinburgh should be represented if a national group was established.

- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Rust

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the public health guidance which had been issued by the Scottish Government in respect of the reopening of public conveniences.
- 2) To note the operational risks and arrangements to mitigate these which were being put in place for Council owned public conveniences.
- 3) To note that with regard to Portobello Promenade Bath Street, though slightly further from the seafront, was more central than Pipe Lane. Further note that during a summer in which 'staycations' were not merely likely to be the more popular choice they might be the only choice Portobello beach was likely to prove a busier destination than it ever had been before, especially for families with children who might not be able to access facilities in bars etc. and would require facilities to be as close by as possible. Though committee acknowledges the extra expense it was considered necessary to maintain a clean, hygienic beach front and 'blue belt' area.
- 4) To therefore approve the limited reopening of Council owned public conveniences as set out in in paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 of the report by the Executive Director of Place as well as the re-opening of the Bath Street public conveniences.
- 5) To agree that all other public conveniences would remain closed but that re-opening of those conveniences would be considered in the review referred to in 6).
- 6) To agree that a review of operations following reopening would be presented to the appropriate Committee in September 2020
- 7) To note the information currently available on the reopening of bars and restaurants as outlined in paragraphs 4.29 – 4.33 of the report.

- 8) To note that there were not currently any national representative groups for local authorities to discuss such matters but that officers had been engaging with counterparts in other authorities in developing the plans.
- 9) To agree that Edinburgh should be represented if a national group was established.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

Amendment 3

- 1) To add in paragraph 3) of the motion by Councillor McVey after “public conveniences”, “at this time”.
- 2) To replace Paragraph 4) of the motion with:
“Remains dissatisfied with the rationale for keeping all other public conveniences closed and requests a further report in two cycles, describing what measures and investment would be required in order to allow these important public facilities to be opened as a priority.”

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For Amendment 1	-	5 votes
For Amendment 2	-	2 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, Osler, Perry, Rankin and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors McLellan, Mitchell, Rust, Webber and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Main and Staniforth.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the public health guidance which had been issued by the Scottish Government in respect of the reopening of public conveniences.
- 2) To note the operational risks and arrangements to mitigate these which were being put in place for Council owned public conveniences.
- 3) To agree the limited reopening of Council owned public conveniences at this time as set out in paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To remain dissatisfied with the rationale for keeping all other public conveniences closed and request a further report in two cycles, describing what

measures and investment would be required in order to allow these important public facilities to be opened as a priority.

- 5) To note that a review of operations following reopening would be presented to the appropriate Committee in October 2020.
- 6) To note the information currently available on the reopening of bars and restaurants as outlined in paragraphs 4.29 – 4.33 of the report.
- 7) To note that there were not currently any national representative groups for local authorities to discuss such matters but that officers had been engaging with counterparts in other authorities in developing the plans.
- 8) To agree that Edinburgh should be represented if a national group was established.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Rust declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of Oxfangs Neighbourhood Council.

12. Transport Infrastructure Investment – Capital Delivery Priorities for 2020/21

Approval was sought for the allocation of the Transport Infrastructure Capital budgets and programme of works for 2020/21 which included carriageways, footways, street lighting and traffic signals and structures. The budget allocation and lists of maintenance schemes detailed aimed to ensure that the condition of roads and footways improved, whilst fulfilling the objective that the prioritisation reflected and supported the Council's Local Transport Strategy objectives and, in particular, the Active Travel Action Plan.

Motion

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2020/21 shown in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2020/21, as detailed in section three, and Appendices 5, and 6 of the report.
- 3) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in Paragraphs 4.41 - 4.48 of the report.
- 4) To note that a report on the options for future infrastructure investment would be presented to the appropriate Committee in the autumn.
- 5) To note that there was a significantly increased public appetite for safe, high quality active travel as citizens adapted their lives in response to the climate emergency and Covid-19.
- 6) To note the Council's commitment to spend 10% of the Transport budget to improve walking and cycling facilities throughout Edinburgh and note this had

unlocked and enabled many projects that a lack of funding would otherwise have prevented.

- 7) To agree that a formal evaluative framework be developed within 4) above, to further prioritise active travel investment to help accelerate change even further – this would reflect CEC’s ambition for all of Edinburgh to be a healthier and more sustainable city which was underpinned by an inclusive economy.
- 8) To agree to review within 4) above, the scale and breadth of Edinburgh’s investment in active travel to understand if it was sufficient to underpin Edinburgh’s Climate Change and Wellbeing goals.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2020/21 shown in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2020/21, as detailed in section three, and Appendices 5, and 6 of the report.
- 3) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in Paragraphs 4.41 - 4.48 of the report.
- 4) To note that a report on the options for future infrastructure investment would be presented to the appropriate Committee in the autumn.
- 5) To note that Edinburgh Street Design Guidance was not applied in all projects in the last year, note the commitment in paragraph 4.49 to apply the Guidance in the 2020/21 programme, and call for any exceptions to this commitment to be approved by the appropriate committee in advance.
- 6) To note the continued commitment to allocate 10% of the budget to cycling improvements at paragraphs 4.38 and 4.39 of the report, however to note the lack of any specific capital allocation to cycling improvements in Appendix 1 and the absence of cycling improvements in Appendix 5 of the report. Therefore to call for the programme to be revised to re-allocate 10% of capital from “Budget for Carriageway Works £4.233m” to cycling improvements.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2020/21 shown in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2020/21, as detailed in section three, and Appendices 5, and 6 of the report.
- 3) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in Paragraphs 4.41 - 4.48 of the report.
- 4) To note that a report on the options for future infrastructure investment would be presented to the appropriate Committee in the autumn.

- 5) To recognise the impact of COVID, which had resulted in this report being presented four months into the financial year and agree that, in light of this and previous concerns over the delivery of the 2019/20 capital plan, for an update report on the delivery of projects listed in Appendix 5 of the report should be brought to the first meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee in 2021.
- 6) To note the capital projects listed in Appendix 5 and 6 of the March 2019 report 'Transport Infrastructure Investment – Capital Delivery Priorities for 2019/20' which (i) were not delivered as scheduled and (ii) were not referenced in this new report, and therefore agree that a members' briefing be issued within four weeks, itemising these projects and current plans.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Osler

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	15 votes
For Amendment 1	-	2 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors McVey (Convener), Aldridge, Arthur, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Hutchison, Macinnes, McLellan, Osler, Rankin, Rust, Webber, Whyte and Wilson.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Main and Staniforth.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2020/21 shown in Appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2020/21, as detailed in section three, and Appendices 5, and 6 of the report.
- 3) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in Paragraphs 4.41 - 4.48 of the report.
- 4) To note that a report on the options for future infrastructure investment would be presented to the appropriate Committee in the autumn.
- 5) To note that there was a significantly increased public appetite for safe, high quality active travel as citizens adapted their lives in response to the climate emergency and Covid-19.
- 6) To note the Council's commitment to spend 10% of the Transport budget to improve walking and cycling facilities throughout Edinburgh and note this had unlocked and enabled many projects that a lack of funding would otherwise have prevented.

- 7) To agree that a formal evaluative framework be developed within 4) above, to further prioritise active travel investment to help accelerate change even further – this would reflect CEC’s ambition for all of Edinburgh to be a healthier and more sustainable city which was underpinned by an inclusive economy.
- 8) To agree to review within 4) above, the scale and breadth of Edinburgh’s investment in active travel to understand if it was sufficient to underpin Edinburgh’s Climate Change and Wellbeing goals.
- 9) To recognise the impact of COVID, which had resulted in this report being presented four months into the financial year and agree that, in light of this and previous concerns over the delivery of the 2019/20 capital plan, for an update report on the delivery of projects listed in Appendix 5 of the report should be brought to the first meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee in 2021.
- 10) To note the capital projects listed in Appendix 5 and 6 of the March 2019 report ‘Transport Infrastructure Investment – Capital Delivery Priorities for 2019/20’ which (i) were not delivered as scheduled and (ii) were not referenced in this new report, and therefore agree that a members’ briefing be issued within four weeks, itemising these projects and current plans.
- 11) To agree to a members briefing on the current position on the roll out of the Energy Efficient Street Lighting Programme, including heritage lighting renewals which have not been able to be upgraded previously.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Arthur declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of Spokes.

13. Reform of Transport Arm’s Length External Organisations

Details were provided on the current arrangements in place for the governance of the Council’s Transport ALEOs together with options for reform of these companies which proposed swift engagement with each of the Transport ALEOs, the minority shareholders and the recognised trade unions in each of the organisations.

Motion

- 1) To note the options for reform of the Council’s wholly and partly owned Transport Arm’s Length External Organisations (Transport for Edinburgh Limited, Edinburgh Trams Limited and Lothian Buses Limited) (the Transport ALEO’s).
- 2) To note the pre-approved budget saving to implement a reduction in the overall operating costs of the Transport for Edinburgh Group of £0.4m and the current financial position of the Council.
- 3) To approve engagement on the preferred option as outlined at paragraph 5.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place with each of the Transport ALEOs,

the minority shareholders and the recognised trade unions in each of the organisations on the reforms proposed.

- 4) To agree to a report in two cycles on the recommended approach to reform of the Transport ALEOs.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment 1

To add to the end of paragraph 4) of the motion by Councillor McVey:

“which will include an evaluation of the impact of the proposed integration on delivery of 2030 Carbon Neutral Edinburgh Targets and on equalities (the initial equalities impact assessment).”

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Amendment 2

To add to the motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) At the end of 4) – “and a timetable for the creation of a new plan for public transport as covered in paragraph 4.21 of the report”.

- 2) To add new:

“Agrees that the plan for public transport must consider the contribution of rail services as well as bus and tram.”

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Osler

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the options for reform of the Council’s wholly and partly owned Transport Arm’s Length External Organisations (Transport for Edinburgh Limited, Edinburgh Trams Limited and Lothian Buses Limited) (the Transport ALEO’s).
- 2) To note the pre-approved budget saving to implement a reduction in the overall operating costs of the Transport for Edinburgh Group of £0.4m and the current financial position of the Council.
- 3) To approve engagement on the preferred option as outlined at paragraph 5.1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place with each of the Transport ALEOs, the minority shareholders and the recognised trade unions in each of the organisations on the reforms proposed.
- 4) To agree to a report in two cycles on the recommended approach to reform of the Transport ALEOs, which would include an evaluation of the impact of the proposed integration on delivery of 2030 Carbon Neutral Edinburgh Targets and on equalities (the initial equalities impact assessment) and a timetable for the

creation of a new plan for public transport as covered in paragraph 4.21 of the report.

- 5) To agree that the plan for public transport must consider the contribution of rail services as well as bus and tram.

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

Declaration of Interests

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

14. Waiver extension - Salary Sacrifice Car Benefit Scheme

Approval was sought for the increase in the value of a previously approved waiver to the Contract Standing Orders by the value of £450,000, to a revised maximum value of £650,000, to allow payments to continue to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for the Salary Sacrifice Car Benefit Scheme.

Motion

- 1) To approve an increase in the value of a previously approved waiver of the Contract Standing Orders by £450,000, to a revised maximum value £650,000, to enable payments to continue to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for the provision of the Council's Salary Sacrifice Car Benefit Scheme.
- 2) To note that this was a salary sacrifice scheme and that therefore the costs were recovered from employees' salaries.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To approve an increase in the value of a previously approved waiver of the Contract Standing Orders by £450,000, to a revised maximum value £650,000, to enable payments to continue to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for the provision of the Council's Salary Sacrifice Car Benefit Scheme.
- 2) To agree that with immediate effect new applications to the Salary Sacrifice Car Benefit scheme may be for hybrid and electric cars only.
- 3) To call for a report to Committee to agree policy and procedures to ensure that the new contract supports and is in-line with the 2030 Carbon Neutral Edinburgh Strategy.
- 4) To note that this was a salary sacrifice scheme and that therefore the costs were recovered from employees' salaries.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

In accordance with Standing Order 19(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To approve an increase in the value of a previously approved waiver of the Contract Standing Orders by £450,000, to a revised maximum value £650,000, to enable payments to continue to Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust for the provision of the Council's Salary Sacrifice Car Benefit Scheme.
- 2) To note that this was a salary sacrifice scheme and that therefore the costs were recovered from employees' salaries.
- 3) To agree the procurement report in November 2020 would include policy and procedures to ensure that the new contract supports and was in-line with the 2030 Carbon Neutral Edinburgh Strategy.

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

15. Award of Security Services Contract

Approval was sought to award a contract for Security Services to G4S Secure Solutions (UK) Limited to commence on 1 October 2020 for an initial period of two years, with two further optional 12 month extensions, at a total estimated value of £7,025,602.

Decision

- 1) To approve the award of a contract for Security Services to G4S Secure Solutions (UK) Limited.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the contract on 1 October 2020 for an initial period of two years, with two further optional 12-month extensions, at an estimated total value of £7,025,602.

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

16. COVID-19 Impact on Council Procurement Activity

Details were provided on the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had had on the Council's procurement activity and the actions and control measures which had been taken to support existing and new contracting requirements, and in turn mitigated the associated risk to Council services and other project initiatives.

Decision

To note the impact the COVID-19 pandemic had had on the Council's procurement activity, and the actions and control measures which had been taken to support existing and new contracting requirements, and in turn mitigated the associated risk to Council services and other project initiatives.

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

17 Framework Adoption and Contract Awards for the Supply of Natural Gas and Supply of Water and Waste Water Services

Details were provided on the contract awards for the Supply of Natural Gas and the Supply of Water and Waste Water Services.

Decision

- 1) To note that, through national agency agreements, both for Natural Gas and for the supply of Water and Waste Water Services which the Council was a party to, the Scottish Government would, on behalf of the Council, award contracts to Total Gas and Power Ltd for the supply of natural gas and Scottish Water Business Stream Ltd for the supply of water and waste water services.
- 2) To approve the provision of delegated authority for the Executive Director of Resources, in consultation with the Convener and Vice Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, to approve further Contract Awards from the Scottish Government national framework agreements where an agency agreement was in place (Gas, Water and Electricity).

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

18 New Mart Road, Edinburgh- Proposed New Lease Restructure

Approval was sought for ESP Electricity Limited to enter a ground lease for an area of land at New Mar Road for a new substation

Decision

To approve a 99 year ground lease to ESP Electricity Ltd at New Mart Road, Edinburgh, on the terms outlined in the report and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director of Resources.

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