

# Motion by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

**27 May 2021**

### Item 1.1 – Order of Business

Council:

1. Agrees that item 6.2 Vacation of Office should be taken as the last item of Council business today.
2. Agrees that item 7.3 Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board (EIJB) – Contract Living wage Update be taken before Item 7.2 Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update so that Council can be assured that the EIJB Contract Living wage pressure places no prior call on the Revenue Budget before considering the options set out in the update.

**Moved by: Councillor Jim Campbell**

**Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte**

# Amendment by the Coalition

## City of Edinburgh Council

**27 May 2021**

### **Item 6.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022**

1.1 & 1.2:

- (a) Agree to appoint Councillor McVey as Leader of the Council and Councillor Day as Deputy Leader of the Council.
  - (b) Agree to retain the appointments to committees based on the current political breakdown and retains committee membership as outlined in Appendix 1.
  - (c) Agrees to retain current appointments as outlined in Appendix 2, with the following changes:
    - 1. Councillor Gordon Munro from Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee and replace with Councillor Cammy Day.
    - 2. To remove Councillor Gordon Munro from Governance Risk and Best Value Committee and replace with Councillor Scott Arthur
  - (d) Agrees to retain current membership as outlined in Appendix 4.
  - (e) Agrees to appoint Councillor Ricky Henderson as Convener outlined in Appendix 4.
- 1.3 - Agrees to retain current appointments to the Licensing Board and Lothian Joint Valuation Board outlined in Appendix 4.
- 1.4 – Agrees the appointments of John Anzani (member representative) and Richard Lamont (employer representative) as members of the Pensions Committee.

**Moved by: Councillor Karen Doran**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Cathy Fullerton**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

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## **Item 6.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022**

Council

The Conservative Group would like to make the following changes to Committee and Board Membership

- Councillor Hutchison replaces Councillor Webber on Transport and Environment Committee
- Councillor Webber replaces Councillor Hutchison on Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee
- Councillor Jim Campbell replaces Councillor Webber on Policy and Sustainability Committee
- Councillor Whyte is appointed to the Licensing Board as Councillor Cook has already resigned.

**Moved by: Councillor Joanna Mowat**

**Seconded by: Councillor Jason Rust**

# Ammendment by Edinburgh Party of Independent Councillors

## City of Edinburgh Council

27 May 2021

### Item 6.1 – Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022

Council recognises that the Edinburgh Party of Independent Councilors (EPIC) meet the criteria as set by the Electoral Commission to be recognised as a political group as described in the paper tabled by the Chief Executive at Council on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, and as such should be proportionally represented on committees as described in that paper here [Item 7.1 - Appointments to Committee and Outside Organisations.pdf \(edinburgh.gov.uk\)](#)

Council therefore agrees to delete recommendation 1.2(c) and replaces it with 1.2 (c) i) Increase the Policy and Sustainability Committee number by one member to accommodate an EPIC member.

ii) Remove 1 Green member and appoint one member from EPIC to the Culture and Communities, Education, Children and Families, Finance and Resources, Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work, Transport and Environment, Governance Risk and Best Value, Planning Committees and Development Management Sub-Committee.

iii) Maintain the current membership numbers of the Regulatory and Personnel Appeals Committees and Licensing Sub-Committee.

And as a consequence of this amendment appoints the undernoted Members to the following committees:

Policy and Sustainability Committee - Councillor Gavin Barrie

Culture and Communities Councillor - Gavin Barrie

Education, Children and Families - Councillor Gavin Barrie

Finance and Resources Councillor - Claire Bridgman Housing,

Homelessness and Fair Work Councillor - Lewis Ritchie

Transport and Environment - Councillor Gavin Barrie

Governance Risk and Best Value Councillor - Claire Bridgman

Planning Committees Councillor - Lewis Ritchie

Development Management Sub-Committee - Councillor Lewis Ritchie

**Moved by      Councillor Gavin Barrie**

**Seconded by   Councillor Claire Bridgman**

# Motion by the Coalition

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**27 May 2021**

**Item 6.2 – Vacation of Office**

Council considers there is no valid reason to fail to represent Leith Walk constituents at Council for so long that this report is required. Nor is there valid reason to neglect wider responsibilities to constituents.

**Moved by: Councillor Catherine Fullerton**

**Seconded by: Councillor Karen Doran**

# Addendum by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**27 May 2021**

## **Item 7.1 – Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell - Deferred Start Funding – referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee**

Add:

1.3 - Notes the robust process in place to ensure young people are in the best environment possible to help them reach their potential, which has led to the approval of 66 deferrals this year.

1.4 - Agree to offer a continued funded nursery place to the 40 young people not allocated a deferral through application or through the appeal process. This offer should be limited to those young people as a one-off one year approach to take account of the lost time due to COVID and will be funded through the additional budget resource allocated to the Council post-February's budget being set.

**Moved by: Councillor Ian Perry**

**Seconded by: Councillor Alison Dickie**

# Addendum by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**27 May 2021**

## **Item 7.1 – Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell - Deferred Start Funding - referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee**

Council;

Adds to recommendations;

8. Agrees to allocate revenue funding of £169k in 2021/22, £270k in 2022/23 and £100k in 2023/24 to support all deferral applications. Funding to be allocated from the additional £20.150m available to address budget pressures, anticipated savings delivery shortfalls and member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

9. Assumes that the Scottish Government will bring forward legislation and funding from the 2023/24 school year.

10. Recognises that there may be a significant increase in demand when funding is made available.

**Moved by: Councillor Callum Laidlaw**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison**



# Motion by the Coalition

## City of Edinburgh Council

27 May 2021

### Item 7.2 – Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26

### Update – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

Council notes that when the Council Budget was agreed in February 2021 the final local government settlement was not known in full. At the time we set a prudent Budget in the knowledge that we would have other decisions to make following clarification of the final settlement. That final settlement was more than we had anticipated which has allowed us to make investments to meet commitments and to ensure that we address poverty, well-being and the climate challenge.

Council therefore agrees to invest in the following:

**Roads and Pavements Infrastructure** – recognising the impact of prolonged winter weather the coalition will invest an additional £2m extra in repairs to our roads and pavements network including local residential areas and an extra £4m to improve surface condition for all users – those walking, wheeling, cycling, using public transport and motorists,

**Street Cleaning and gritting** – we will invest £300k to improve both street cleansing operations and winter gritting making our streets cleaner and safer,

**Communal Bins** – we will invest £1.100m in this programme to improve organisation and capacity in our communal bins across the city bringing forward welcome investment to improve the service and address the funding shortfall in delivering the programme in full,

**Public Conveniences** – the £450k Council has already approved to invest will ensure a temporary network of public conveniences at key locations, meeting accessibility needs in premier parks and other locations where people need facilities,

**Estate Energy Reduction** – we will invest another £500k to improve council estate carbon performance to meet the climate challenge by identifying shovel ready projects,

**Carbon net zero engagement** – £700k funding to take forward citizen communication and engagement to bring about behaviour change assisting the city in reaching carbon net zero target,

**EV Infrastructure** – we will invest £250k to expand EV charging infrastructure for our fleet ensuring that as a Council we lead by making our vehicle fleet carbon zero,

**Up Recycling** – £200k invest to improve our recycling performance,

**20-minute neighbourhoods** – we're allocating £500k to drive forward the delivery of 20-minute neighbourhoods, making it easier for people to get to and access the services they need in their community,

**Food Growing** – invest £130k recognising the increase in demand for local food growing opportunities this is investment to expand provision,

**Looked after Children** – we recognise the pressures of out of authority placements we will invest £1.5m to improve the service and help ensure vulnerable children are accommodated in authority wherever possible,

**Children & Families Development officers** – £124k investment to provide service for disabled children in terms of holiday provision and positive destinations,

**Carers' Recovery Fund** – It is important that we recognise the extra challenge for carers during the pandemic we will invest £250k in a fund providing additional support to carers,

**Edinburgh Summer Festivals** – invest £300k to support resumption of festivals this summer including support for local community festivals,

**Books for libraries** - we'll increase this year's allocation for new books in our libraries by £50k, improving choice and service to our residents,

**Embedding Prevention and Community Engagement** – £600k investment to improve delivery of prevention services through empowering frontline staff to coproduce service redesign across departments, reform current practice, and create a preventative service and community engagement model and develop a plan for wider roll out,

**HR Diversity** – invest £100k to embed diversity training in HR,

**Taxi and Licence enforcement** – invest £160k to meet demand and ensure robust enforcement,

**Edinburgh Integration Joint Board** – £2.5m funding to EIJB to address base budget pressures for social care,

**Independent inquiries** – £400k funding for these inquiries. They are important inquiries for this council and this funding is needed to bring these inquiries to their conclusion,

**Place fees and charges reduced income** – £559k to address issues with reduced income due to the Covid-19 pandemic changing behaviours and the impact on fees and charges.

**Home to School Travel Demand** – invest £600k to meet demand in this service while working to reshape and achieve savings,

**Development and Business Services Loss of Income** – invest £187k to cover loss of Planning, Building Services and Regulatory Services income,

**Early Years Deferral** - We will allocate up to £270k over the full academic year (two financial years) to offer the 40 nursery children who applied for deferral and

were not among the 66 approved through application of appeal a funded place for another year due to lost time through COVID-related nursery closures.

**All Ability Bike** - Active travel is for everyone in our City. Work is ongoing to find a solution to ensure the service is still available and we're allocating £71k to help facilitate this and ensure our transport is inclusive.

In addition to these investments, further funding has been set aside to address the following;

**Edinburgh Bike Hire Scheme** – We recognise the popularity of the current scheme and seek to continue with a cost-effective and robust scheme fit for the future,

**Trams Concessionary travel** – Trams contribute to Edinburgh's clean air and net zero strategy and will continue to press the Scottish Government to recognise this in its concessionary travel funding. We will continue dialogue with the Scottish Government on delivering free tram journeys for young people on the same terms as bus travel as we feel an integrated public transport system is key to Edinburgh's future. If this is unfunded at a national level, we will look into the possibility of expanding free provision to young people in Edinburgh subject to affordability,

**Homelessness** – we recognise the pressure on the service in the past year due to Covid and that pressures are expected to exceed the additional £10m allocated in February's budget. We also recognise that should legislative protections change as restrictions ease, there may be a requirement for even further resources to improve outcomes for temporary homeless accommodation. We will continue to make the case for additional resources equivalent to those allocated to other local authorities for homelessness support from IJB budgets. Following that process and depending on in-year position due to service demand, we will agree that left over monies can be used to meet the required supply to get the outcomes right for people finding themselves at risk of homelessness.

**Employability for disabled people** - to plug the gap left by the loss of the European Social Fund due to Brexit and the lack of a direct replacement fund from the UK government

The Council therefore approves, under the terms above:

- The spending plans outlined in this motion and associated appendix.

**Moved by:** Councillor

**Seconded by:** Councillor

## Appendix 1 – Spending Profiles 2021/22 to 2024/25

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021</b>	0	0	50,200	65,200
<b>Resources available for allocation</b>	(21,000)	0	0	0
<b>Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings</b>				
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)</b>				
Public Conveniences	450			
Roads and Pavements Infrastructure	6,000			
Edinburgh Integration Joint Board	2,500			
Communal Bins	1,100			
Independent Inquiries	400			
Looked after Children	1,500			
C&F - Development Officers	124	124	124	124
Estate Energy Reduction	500			
Up Recycling	200	100	100	100
Carbon Net Zero Engagement	700			
EV Infrastructure	250			
Street Gritting and Cleansing	300	500	500	500
Embedding Prevention and Community Engagement	600	600		
HR Diversity	100			
Active Travel and 20 mins Neighbourhood	500	500	500	500
Carers' Recovery Fund	250			
Taxi and Licence Enforcement	160			
Home to School Transport - Travel Demand	600			
Place - Fees and Charges: Reduced Income	559			
Development and Business Services - Reduced Income	187			
Edinburgh's Summer Festivals	300			
Food Growing	130			
Homelessness	2,000			
Disability Employability	0	400		
Library Books	50			
Bike Scheme	800	500	500	500
Tram Concessions	500	500	500	500
Early Years Deferral	169	101		
All Abilities Cycling	71			
<b>Total</b>	21,000	3,325	2,224	2,224
<b>Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings</b>	0	3,325	52,424	67,424

# Budget Motion by the Conservative Group

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**27 May 2021**

## **Item 7.2 - Revenue Budget Framework 2021-26 Update - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee**

### **Council:**

Recognises the significant financial challenges which lie ahead as the city recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, not least the formidable projected deficits for 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Welcomes the availability of an additional £21m of revenue funding across 2021/22 and 2022/23, but further recognises that in allocating this funding Council should seek as far as possible not to commit to recurring spending which will widen the projected deficit in future years.

Approves the implementation of the following proposals from the Conservative Budget Motion 2021-26 presented in February 2021: Strategic property and VfM service reviews £1m , and Health and Social Care Innovation £0.500m, all funded from the Spend to Save fund; Strategic Investment in Homelessness £1m funded from the City Strategic Investment Fund and a programme of workforce modernisation, in total delivering projected savings of £8.7m by 2025.

Agrees to allocate the available revenue funding as follows;

1) £0.450m to support the decision of Council on 29 April 2021 to provide additional temporary public toilets, thereby meeting accessibility needs in premier parks that require additional facilities. This funding will also be used to extend existing facility opening hours in peak footfall locations and further improve signage at locations where these facilities are available.

2) Acknowledging the need for the whistleblowing inquiries to be concluded and report back on their associated findings and recommendations, allocates an in-year provision in 2021/22 of £0.400m.

3) In support of the Deferred Start Funding allocates £0.539m to cover all deferral requests in the 2021/22 and 2022/23 school years. Assumes that the Scottish Government will introduce legislation and funding from the 2023/24 school year. Recognises the potential for increased demand when funding is made available.

4) Recognising the significant budgetary pressures faced by the Council during the COVID-19 pandemic, agrees to allocate: £3m to Homelessness and the management of recurring COVID pressures, noting the investment in prevention elsewhere in this motion and engaging with the Scottish Government to seek fair funding for Edinburgh; £2.5m to the residential and secure budgets within Looked After Children, noting that financial flexibilities are still available and being considered and thus could be used to meet further pressures; and £2.5m to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board while engaging with the Scottish Government and NHS Lothian regarding fair funding for demography, living wage and delayed discharge improvements.

5) Noting the Red rated approved savings within the main report which are unlikely to be delivered, allocates; £0.187m to the Development and Business Services Operating Model, £0.900m to the Transport Review – Travel Demand and £0.563m to Fees and Charges – 5% uplift, instructing the Chief Executive to develop options to deliver these savings from year 2 onwards.

6) From the suggested investment options laid out in the report; allocates; £0.500m to Edinburgh's Summer Festivals, £0.250m to EV charging, £1.200m to Prevention and Community Engagement – Reforming the way we work, £1.800m to Increase Footway and Cycleway Gritting and Cleansing, £0.250m to a Carers' Fund and £2.3m to the Edinburgh Bike Hire Scheme subject to presentation of a full business case.

7) A total investment of £6.5m in Improvements to Roads and Pavements including funding for a pilot of the Road Mole – Right First Time pothole repair system, and an additional investment of £0.300m in dropped kerbs.

8) From the spending priorities identified in the Conservative Budget Motion 2021-26, allocates; £0.100m for establishment of a sports fund including £0.030m to support the Spartans alternative school, £0.025m for a modular housing feasibility study to help tackle homelessness, £0.500m to establish a Business and Economy Support Fund, £0.300m for a Staff Support Fund and £0.800m in Parks and Greenspace infrastructure.

9) Recognising the unique challenges facing the City Centre in order to ensure safety and cleanliness, and avoid overcrowding as citizens and visitors return, allocates £0.250m to support the City Centre.

10) Acknowledging the scale of the financial challenges which lie ahead, allocates the remaining £0.286m to the Council's General Reserve.

11) Notes the risk of a funding gap in relation to the Communal Bin Review and requests a further detailed report on estimated financial implications following outcome of the Zero Waste Scotland funding application.

**Moved by: Councillor Graham Hutchison**

**Seconded by: Councillor Andrew Johnston**

## Appendix - Budget Motion by the Conservative Group

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
<b>Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021</b>	0	0	50,200	65,200
<b>Resources available for allocation</b>	(19,519)	(1,481)	0	0
<b>Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings</b>				
<u>Contributions from reserves (subject to business cases to Finance &amp; Resources)</u>				
Spend to Save Fund (Strategic Property and VfM Reviews; HSC Innovation)	(1,500)			
City Strategic Investment Fund (Homelessness)	(500)	(500)		
<u>Investment from reserves</u>				
Strategic Property Review and VfM Service Reviews	1,000			
Health and Social Care Innovation	500			
Homelessness Strategic Investment	500	500		
<u>Additional Savings</u>				
VfM Reviews - Phase 1 (net) Savings		(1,500)	(1,500)	(1,500)
Workforce Modernisation	(600)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>(2,700)</b>	<b>(2,700)</b>	<b>(2,700)</b>
<b>Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where)</b>				
Homelessness	2,000	1,000	0	0
Looked after children	1,500	1,000	0	0
Edinburgh Integration Joint Board	2,500	0	0	0
Development and Business Services Operating Model	187	0	0	0
Fees and Charges 5% Uplift	563	0	0	0
Transport Review - Travel Demand	900	0	0	0
Public Toilets	450	0	0	0
Whistleblowing Inquiry	400	0	0	0
Deferred Start Funding	169	270	100	0
Edinburgh Summer Festivals	500	0	0	0
EV Charging	250	0	0	0
Prevention and Community Engagement - Reforming the way we work	600	600	0	0
Increased Footway and Cycleway Gritting and Cleansing	300	500	500	500
Carers' Fund	250	0	0	0
Edinburgh Bike Hire Scheme	800	500	500	500
Investment in Roads and Pavement repairs including Road Mole Pilot	6,500	0	0	0
Dropped Kerbs	150	150	0	0
Modular Housing Feasibility Study	25	0	0	0
Sports Fund - Including support for Spartans alternative school (£30k)	100	0	0	0
Business and Economy Fund	500	0	0	0
Staff Support Fund	300	0	0	0
Parks and Greenspace Infrastructure	800	0	0	0
City Centre - A safe and clean recovery	250	0	0	0
Increase in General Reserves	125	161	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,119</b>	<b>4,181</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>1,000</b>
<b>Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>48,600</b>	<b>63,500</b>



# Budget Motion by the Green Group

**City of Edinburgh Council: 27 May 2021**

## **Item 7.2 Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26**

Council:

1. Notes the availability of additional resources since the budget was set on 18 February 2021
2. Agrees that a priority for additional resources and flexibilities should be supporting a Green Recovery from the pandemic – that is, actions which set out a pathway from the Coronavirus crisis to a Zero Carbon future for Edinburgh; and, therefore, agrees the priorities set out in the appendix to this amendment under **Green Recovery** totalling £3.3m, over 2 years, including:
  - Citizen engagement in tackling the climate emergency in the year of COP26
  - Developing the city heat and energy strategy
  - Delivering on plans to energy retrofit council buildings
  - Improving recycling in schools and recovery of materials for recycling
  - Extending Electric Vehicle infrastructure
  - Encouraging more food growing
  - Parks and water-space: blue-green infrastructure recovery
  - Developing 20-minute neighbourhoods and active travel
3. Agrees further investment in a range of services as detailed in appendix 1, including:
  - Continued funding for the All Ability Bike Centre for the current year before integration within the wider bike hire contract.
  - Early action on preventing people falling into poverty
  - Roads and footways: repairing, gritting and clearing
  - Investing in the library service
  - Supporting carers, disabled people and holiday schemes for children with additional needs.
4. Agrees to fund currently-sought P1 deferrals from children under five years of age in the upcoming school year, August 2021 - June 2022; and includes a contingency for funding it again August 2022 – June 2023, believing, however, that Edinburgh should seek to be a fully-funded pilot for that year before full implementation in August 2023.
5. Recognises the need for service investment and the deficits in council budgets in 2023-24 onwards and therefore agrees to assume use of full council tax flexibility in 2022-23 to improve funding sustainability.
6. Agrees to put on hold use of loan fund flexibility for 2021-22 but to include it as a contingency from 2022-23 onwards, while restating the council's preference instead to have available revised terms for PPP debt which would support further Green Recovery investment towards the 2030 Net Zero Carbon target; without costs being incurred until post-2030
7. Recognises pressures on homelessness budgets for temporary accommodation and therefore allocates additional transitional funding of £2m for two years, as well further adding to the investment of £994k agreed in February; however, also believes that it is not sustainable for the council to continue to transfer increasing sums to private sector B&B hostels and other commercial accommodation providers and therefore reform to reduce temporary accommodation

demand must continue; and, further, calls on the Scottish Government to ensure that central funding to Edinburgh's homelessness services is at least equivalent to support given to councils which fund homelessness services through health and social care mobilisation plans.

8. Includes an allowance for equalising the provision of free travel between bus and tram but re-states its call for the Scottish Government to fund tram concessions in the same way as bus concessions.

**Moved by: Councillor Gavin Corbett**

**Seconded by:**

## Appendix

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021</b>	0	0	50,200	65,200
<b>Resources available for allocation*</b>	(19,295)	(1,705)	0	0
<b>Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings</b>				
Council Tax, 2022/23 (increase to 4.79%)	0	(5,400)	(5,550)	(5,700)
Potential use of Loans Fund and/or PPP financial flexibility	0	(18,000)	0	0
Parking reform	0	(2,000)	(2,000)	(2,000)
<b>Total</b>	0	(25,400)	(7,550)	(7,700)
<b>Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)</b>				
Public conveniences	450	0	0	0
Independent Inquiries	400	0	0	0
Nursery deferrals	169	270	101	0
Green Recovery: Citizen engagement	310	0	0	0
Green Recovery: City Heat and Energy Strategy	345	0	0	0
Green Recovery: Sustainability Team	200	180	0	0
(offset by receipt of assumed external funding)	(200)	(180)	0	0
Green Recovery: estate retrofit phase 2	500	0	0	0
Green Recovery: recycling in schools	150	0	0	0
Green Recovery: recycling recovery	200	200	200	200
Green Recovery: EV infrastructure	250	0	0	0
Green Recovery: food growing	150	0	0	0
Green Recovery: blue green infrastructure recovery	0	160	0	0
Green Recovery: 20 minute neighbourhoods	500	500	500	500
Tram extend concession to U-19s	500	500	500	500
Tram extend concession to U-22s	576	700	800	800
Bike hire scheme	700	400	400	400
All Ability Bike Centre yr 1 support then rolled into wider bike hire	71	0	0	0
Homelessness prevention	0	100	0	0
Homelessness transition costs	1,000	1,000	0	0
Looked after services	2,100	0	0	0
Health and social care	2,500	2,500	0	0
Early action on poverty	600	600	0	0
Disability / employability services	0	400	0	0
Positive destination and Holiday Programme posts	124	124	124	124
Carers recovery fund	250	0	0	0
Allowance for savings shortfalls	1,200	301	0	0

Communal bin roll out	800	0	0	0
Critical repairs on footways and key roads/junctions	3,900	0	0	0
Footway and cycleway gritting and clearing	300	500	500	500
Community transport	500	500	500	500
Festivals	300	0	0	0
HR project	100	0	0	0
Libraries	350	350	0	0
Green COVID Recovery Contingency through debt review	0	18,000	0	0
<b>Total</b>	19,295	27,105	3,625	3,524
<b>Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46,275</b>	<b>61,024</b>

# Motion by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

27 May 2021

### Item 7.2 – Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26

### Update – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

#### Council:

Regrets the re-election of an SNP minority Scottish Government and the likely continuation of restricted funding of local authorities leading to severe cuts in service provision and council jobs in future.

Notes the assumption of a 3% annual rise in Council Tax, rather than the previously assumed rise of 4.79%, with a resulting loss of income of £5.4m for 2022/23 and the compounding effect of this in subsequent years.

Notes that, as a result of Liberal Democrat negotiations on the Scottish Government's Budget, the £60m of Education catch-up resource will result in an allocation of £4.239m for Edinburgh. A further £1.2m is anticipated to come from the £20m of additional Pupil Equity Fund funding.

Notes continued failures to meet residents' expectations for performance levels in path, pavement and road repairs, gully cleaning, gritting, snow clearing, street sweeping and waste collection services, despite the efforts of Council staff who are continually expected to do more with less.

Notes the need for additional funding of temporary accommodation for homeless people following the lack of support from the Scottish Government to fund expenditure and therefore instructs the Council Leader to lead discussions with the Scottish Government to ensure that a consistent Scotland-wide approach is adopted in funding for homelessness services.

Notes with concern the recurring EIJB revenue deficit and the impact this will have

in terms of cuts to service levels and increased delays in care packages and therefore instructs the Council Leader to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance and the Economy to ask the Scottish Government to provide additional funding for the EIJB.

Notes the absence of a comprehensive savings programme, needed to address the significant revenue funding gaps identified for years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

Notes that not all libraries, community centres, public toilets and publicly accessible council offices have been re-opened.

Notes that £21m is available to address budget pressures, anticipated savings delivery shortfalls and member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Seeks to use this sum to help in the building of a fair and green recovery along with meaningful community engagement, consultation and participation.

Specific Revenue proposals for 2021/22 & 2022/23

Council agrees the following additional expenditure:

1. £7.5m for paths, pavements and roads infrastructure, including dropped kerbs;
2. £800k to improve footway and cycleway gritting and cleansing;
3. £440k to fund deferral of school starts;
4. £1.2m to reverse the cut to the Devolved School Management budget made in February;
5. £400k to improve school playgrounds;
6. £500k for a Carers' Recovery Fund;
7. £250k to subsidise school lets for youth & community sports and leisure groups;
8. £200k to re-open community centres more quickly;
9. £150k to bring forward implementation of pedestrian crossings and other road safety measures;
10. £590k to reduce CO2 emissions from Council buildings & improve recycling

in primary schools;

11. £200k to maintain the Council's Sustainability team;
12. £250k to help electrify the Council's commercial vehicle fleet;
13. £920k to continue the Council's Bike Hire Scheme;
14. £700k to modernise the Council's Library software;
15. £450k for temporary public toilets in parks;
16. £400k for the Whistleblowing Inquiry;
17. £3m to support homeless people with temporary accommodation and to prevent people at risk of homelessness from losing their homes;
18. £3.2m to ensure that Looked After Children are provided with suitable residential school placements and secure placements;
19. £2.5m to help the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board to meet its revenue funding deficit for the current year; and
20. £1.65m to meet anticipated delivery shortfalls in current year approved savings for Planning, Building Standards and Regulatory Services, Place Fees and Charges and Home to School Transport.

#### The need for a Savings Programme for 2023/24 and 2024/25

Council:

Recognises that the absence of a comprehensive programme of recurring savings, needed to address the significant revenue funding gaps identified for years 2023/24 and 2024/25, may lead to significant cuts to frontline Council services and the jobs of staff employed to deliver them.

Recognises that identifying and implementing a plan of recurring savings may take 12 to 18 months before any savings may be realised and that work on this must start immediately.

Agrees therefore to remove the self-imposed policy restrictions of the Administration which require the in-house provision of existing services and an expensive commitment to avoiding compulsory redundancies.

Agrees instead to empower senior officers to develop a savings plan for consideration in the Autumn of 2021 centred on a programme of efficiencies and evidence-based Best Value service reviews with a view to delivering significant recurring revenue savings.

**Moved by: Councillor**

**Seconded by: Councillor**



## Appendix 1 - LD Budget 2021-22 Council Budget proposals for 27 May 2021

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
<b>Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021</b>	0	0	50,200	65,200
<b>Resources available for allocation</b>	(20,020)	(980)	0	0
<b>Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings</b>				
<i>Changes to Redeployment policy</i>	(600)	(1,200)	(1,200)	(1,200)
<i>Savings arising from empowering Council management to seek and implement -</i>				
<i>1) an efficiencies programme</i>		(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
<i>2) Evidence-based best value service reviews</i>		(1,500)	(5,000)	(5,000)
<b>Total</b>	(600)	(3,700)	(7,200)	(7,200)
<b>Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)</b>				
Paths, pavements and roads infrastructure, including dropped kerbs	6,000	1,500	1,500	1,500
Footway and cycleway gritting and cleansing	300	500	500	500
Extra funding for deferral of school starts	170	270	100	
Reversing the cut to school budgets	600	600	600	600
Improvements to school playgrounds	400			
Carers' Recovery Fund	500			
Fund to subsidise school lets for youth & community sports and leisure groups	250			
Re-open community centres more quickly	200			
Bring forward implementation of pedestrian crossings and other road safety measures;	150			
Reducing Council emissions & improving recycling	590			
Sustainability team	200			
Electrification of the Council fleet	250			
Bike Hire Scheme	460	460	460	460
Library software investment	350	350		
Temporary public toilets	450			
Whistleblowing Inquiry	400			
<b>Budget Pressures</b>				
Homelessness	3000			
Looked-After Children - Residential and Secure	2200	1000		
Edinburgh Integration Joint Board	2500			
<b>Approved Savings - anticipated delivery shortfalls</b>				
Development and Business Services Operating Model	187			
Fees and Charges (Place)	563			
Transport Review (Travel Demand)	900			
<b>Total</b>	20,620	4,680	3,160	3,060
<b>Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings</b>	0	0	46,160	61,060

# Amendment by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**27 May 2021**

## **Item 8.2 – By the Lord Provost – Proposal to Sign a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh City and Kunming City (Yunnan Province)**

Deletes last 3 paras and replace with:

Council therefore agrees to continue working with Kunming City on addressing biodiversity and the climate crisis and explores any further role for the Council and wider City in helping facilitate this effort to help meet our climate and biodiversity obligations

**Moved by: Lord Provost**

**Seconded by: Depute Convener**

# Amendment by Green Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

27 May 2021

### Item 8.2 – By the Lord Provost – Proposal to sign a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh City and Kunming City (Yunnan Province)

Delete all after paragraph 8 (which ends with “Scotland’s role in international biodiversity conservation.”)

Insert after paragraph 8:

Council notes, however, the continued enslavement and suppression of the Uyghur population in China and that Friendship Agreements with Chinese cities while the Chinese government continues to abuse human rights in this way may indicate a tacit endorsement of, or at least willingness to ignore, those abuses. This is especially true for Kunming City after a terrorist attack in Kunming City in 2014 was used as an excuse to further crack down on the Uyghur population of China even though there was little evidence the attack was religiously motivated and no evidence it was part of any wider organised terrorism.

Council further notes that Kunming City is home to the 14th Group Army, one of two group armies responsible for ‘security’ in Tibet and that Tibet has also been persecuted by the Chinese government.

Council therefore agrees to continue working with Kunming City on addressing biodiversity and the climate crisis but will not go further and sign any Friendship Agreement with any Chinese city whose municipal government does not condemn the Chinese government’s human rights abuses – in particular towards religious minorities. If the municipal government of Kunming does choose to condemn those abuses then this position will be reviewed.

**Moved by: Councillor Alex Staniforth**  
**Seconded by: Councillor**

# Amendment by the Coalition

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**27 May 2021**

## **Item 8.4 – By Councillor Corbett – Bridges and Investment in Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells**

Accepts points 1 & 2. Replaces 3 with:

3) Notes work has been ongoing to reopen the sections of path have which have been closed off because of the closure of two bridges in poor condition – the “pipe” bridge at Katesmill and the bridge near Redhall Mill Weir; and welcomes the plans to reopen them from the Parks Capital Infrastructure programme.

Replaces 4, 5 and 6 with:

4) Notes that a detailed report is scheduled to come to Culture & Communities Committee in June with costs and dates for completion. The Scope of this report should include proposals to assess investment needs in the Dells, with the initial priority to replace the decking on the Redhall Mill Weir bridge to allow it to be re-opened.

**Moved by: Councillor Donald Wilson**

**Seconded by: Councillor Amy McNeese-Mechan**

# Emergency Motion by the Conservative Group

## City of Edinburgh Council

27 May 2021

EIJB

Council:

1. Notes the publication of the Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland (MWCS) report entitled “Authority to Discharge”;
2. Welcomes the publication of recommendations as areas of improvement;
3. Is concerned that the report notes that within the sample of cases provided, the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership (EHSCP) is described as having acted without legal authority;
4. Notes the initial briefing provided by officers to elected members setting out the initial work to be undertaken by the EHSCP;
5. Recognises that more work is required to have a full understanding of any problems in respect of discharges at the start of the pandemic, but also recognises that the recommendations of the MWCS are valid in respect of all discharges at any time;
6. Requests a report in two cycles to the Policy and Sustainability Committee that includes a summary of the authority to discharge for all patients since the start of the pandemic, confirmation that all relevant EHSCP staff have received training in respect of current policies and procedures, including specific detail surrounding the legality of Power of Attorney and its role in decision making, and a timeframe for implementation of the MWCS recommendations.

**Moved by:** Councillor Phil Doggart  
**Seconded by:** Councillor Susan Webber

# Emergency Motion by Councillor Howie

## City of Edinburgh Council

**27 May 2021**

### Unlawful Discharges to Care Homes

**Council:**

1. Acknowledges the recent report from the Mental Welfare Commission (MWC) for Scotland on Authority to Discharge, detailing their findings on investigating a sample of around 10% of cases across Scotland where a patient was discharged from a hospital to a care home between March and May 2020.
2. Notes with concern that the report specifies that there was one case identified in Edinburgh where a person was unlawfully discharged from a hospital to a care home between March and May 2020.
3. Understands that the Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership are working with the Mental Welfare Commission to investigate this case and to produce an action plan based on the 11 recommendations of the MWC report.
4. Notes however that this was from a sample of around 10% of all such moves reported at the time by Public Health Scotland, indicating there is are likely to be more cases like it.
5. Calls for a full review of all cases involving discharges to a care home since March 2020 to identify any other unlawful discharges and for a report on this to be brought to Full Council in three cycles.

**Moved by: Councillor Derek Howie**

**Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main**

# Emergency Motion by the Lord Provost

**City of Edinburgh Council**

**27 May 2021**

**Josh Taylor Light-Welterweight World Champion**

Council Notes:

The recent world beating performance of Josh Taylor in Las Vegas resulting in him becoming the undisputed light-welterweight world champion.

With his victory Taylor has become the second Scotsman to become an undisputed champion.

And the first British boxer to do so in the four belt era and only the fifth man to do so.

Recognises that Josh Taylor began his career at Meadowbank ABC before moving to Lochend ABC.

Congratulates Josh Taylor on this world beating performance and instructs the Lord Provost to recognise this in an appropriate manner.

**Moved by: Lord Provost**

**Seconded by: Depute Convener**