

Addendum by the Coalition

Policy & Sustainability Committee

10 June 2021

Item 7.2 - Adaptation and Renewal Programme Update

1.5 Notes the ongoing work to reopen community centres and that:

1.5.1 A 3 phased approach has been developed by officers to re-establish indoor youthwork in Council-owned community centres, focusing on the highest use community buildings.

1.5.2 Notes the work with management committees to scope spaces to ensure public health guidance is met.

1.5.3 Notes funding of £1m has been identified through the COVID recovery funding to support the reopening effort and that additional professional cleaning staff have been, and continue to be, employed by the Council to expand the capacity to better meet the needs of communities.

1.5.4 Notes that officers have engaged with management committees and identified those community centres where there is a request to resume youth work.

1.5.5 Agrees to accelerate the process underway to ensure all assessment work, as far as possible, is complete in those community centres wishing to resume youth work in advance of the School holidays to ensure youth groups can plan for their summer activities and young people get the support they need.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Addendum by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.2 Adaptation and Renewal Programme Update

Add additional points as below –

1.5 Committee notes with serious concern that council youth work provision has yet to resume in Community Centres and further notes that, although this provision was allowed under national guidance for 5 months in 2020 the council did not take advantage of that time, and that youth work in community centres has again been allowed nationally since the 26th of April;

1.6 Committee resolves that given the imminent summer holidays, that the council Senior Management Team make the resumption of youth work in community centres a priority and that current planning work on re-opening community centres is expedited to ensure youth work in community centres begins by the first full week of July;

1.7 Committee agrees that Full Council on the 24th June will receive an update report that will cover the progress made to resume youth work in community centres and in other locations. It should include how many community centres will be resourced by the council to open, what date they will be open from, what access will be allowed by other groups, what changes would be involved if Edinburgh were to move to Level 1 or 0, and how children's rights have been taken into consideration when making these plans.

1.8 Committee also requests a full report to the Policy and Sustainability committee in two cycles that details the work council has done in relation to community centres since March 2020, laying out the timeline of all key decisions, and interactions with community centre management committees.

Moved by: Alex Staniforth

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.3 - Planning and Performance Framework

Committee

Notes the report and but recognises that the Council Business Plan did not have universal support of all political Groups in the Council as it does not sufficiently emphasise the need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of core services in pursuit of delivering locally for the whole Edinburgh public.

Notes that the Framework and KPIs provide a starting point but that many require further development or new baselines and agrees these as an interim measure only pending a further report in six months providing greater development of a SMART indicator KPI system relating performance across the Board to external measures of success such as the LGBF.

Regrets the change implied in the first bullet point of Paragraph 4.17 that weakens the commitment to reduce the “poverty related attainment gap” which might align with the Children’s Service Plan but reduces alignment with the Administration’s politically inspired Business Plan Priorities and thus blunts the Council’s ability to measure performance against the Business Plan. Therefore, rejects this change and instructs that the Children’s Service Plan be reviewed to make it consistent with other published Council plans.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.4 - Annual Performance Report

Committee

Refers report to Council simpliciter on 24 June as a review of Council Performance for discussion.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.5 - Coalition Commitments Progress Update – June 2021

Committee:

Notes the report and that previous Conservative amendments in 2017, 2018 and 2019 sought to improve both the pledges and the reporting process but were rejected by the SNP/Labour Administration which has sought to continue the approach of its predecessor in wasting officer time attempting to measure and justify a number of unmeasurable political statements.

Agrees that the current politically based pledge and reporting process is flawed and notes that this has been superseded by the revised performance framework and Council Business Plan

Further agrees that the public of Edinburgh will make their own judgment on the success of this Administration based on the quality and availability of core services at the end of its term.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.6 - Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2019/20 - Edinburgh Overview

Committee

Refers report to Council simpliciter on 24 June as a review of Council Performance for discussion.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.7 - 2030 Climate Strategy – Draft for Consultation

Committee

Notes the draft strategy.

Notes that any consultation on the strategy will be meaningless for the public without a potential implementation plan and initial cost analysis, especially when the plan aims to accelerate action way ahead of the targets set by the UK and Scottish Government's when governmental input, infrastructure, funding and regulation are fundamental to achieving Net Zero and to the affordability, timescales and implementation of doing so.

Therefore, agrees to delay the consultation until these aspects are provided so that the Edinburgh public can fully understand the implications of the changes required and the acceleration proposed ahead of Governmental targets and action.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Addendum by the Scottish Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.8 – Edinburgh International Framework

Committee

‘To 1.3, add:

1.3.1: and agree to add the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils to the membership of the Edinburgh International Group.”

Moved by: Councillor Gillian Gloyer

Seconded by: Councillor Robert Aldridge

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Item 7.9 - End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan – Progress Monitoring Framework

1.5 Agrees that the End Poverty Edinburgh group will engage with representatives of political parties to inform the one year on report.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.9 - End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan - Progress Monitoring Framework

Committee

Notes that the targets set for the various indicators outline a confusing picture urging more reliance on benefit and welfare systems in some cases and less on others over time.

Defers approval of the Framework pending a further report indicating how a strategy of initial increases in welfare take up followed by longer term reductions could better target reductions in poverty and how this might be set out in a medium/long term targeted plan.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.10 - 20 Minute Neighbourhood Strategy – Living Well Locally

Committee

Notes the limited definition of a 20-minute neighbourhood which has an over emphasis on public and voluntary sector services when most people's daily interactions are with the business sector.

Notes the limited scope of action in the report which concentrates on work already in progress in very limited areas of the City.

Agrees that the concept is best targeted at development areas of the City and should be considered as part of the City Plan process and agrees to review the Place Based Investment programme funding to assist some of the areas that have much needed development requirements but that are not included at this stage.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10th June 2021

Item 7.11 - UK Levelling Up Fund

Committee

Notes the lack of ambition in putting forward already well resourced, pet projects of the Council Administration that the Council was already taking forward and has a funding plan to implement.

Therefore, agrees that a further report is brought to the Council meeting on 24 June highlighting projects for consideration that are innovative and/or unfunded and that would make a difference across the City, including transport projects that concentrate on public transport improvement and pedestrian safety.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.12 Edinburgh Economy Strategy Development Report and City Centre Recovery Action Plan

Committee

Re-numbers recommendation 1.1.4 as 1.1.8 and adds:

- 1.1.4 Agrees the consultation should include the Council's procurement policies at all levels, with a view to prioritising local suppliers whenever possible.
- 1.1.5 Agrees the consultation should seek views on the reinstatement of a marketing agency to take forward the aims outlined in Priority 5 of the Economy Strategy development report.
- 1.1.6 Agrees there should be full consultation on the impact of increasing taxation on local businesses, and if a majority of businesses are opposed that the Council commits to suspending the introduction of new levies at least until the city economy has fully recovered.
- 1.1.7 Agrees that the replacement or removal of disfiguring temporary traffic measures and street clutter should be accelerated.

Moved by: Councillor John McLellan

Seconded by: Councillor

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Item 7.13 - Petition for Consideration: Resettle refugees and asylum seekers from the Aegean Island camps in Edinburgh

Replaces 1.1. with:

1.1 Committee agrees the Council Leader writes to the appropriate UK Government Ministers to express Edinburgh's willingness to expand the number of people seeking asylum in Edinburgh and seeks further details about the financial support from the UK Government to support those who would come to live in the Capital.

1.2 Agrees the letter will further:

1.2.1 Advocate for a humane immigration policy for the UK, including a revision of the approach of congested camps on the Aegean Islands and highlighting the conditions.

1.2.2 Request the Lord Provost encourages other European Cities that Edinburgh is linked into do all they can to increase the numbers resettled across the Continent.

1.3 Agrees that the Chief Executive work with the relevant service areas and partners in the City to establish the scope of an increase Edinburgh can accommodate without adding further pressure on the Council's ability to house people now or deliver health and social care services.

1.4 Further agrees the Chief Executive will highlight this at a regional level and the Council Leader will explore further discussions through COSLA and seek to develop a national response taking into account both housing capacity and availability of support services.

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 8.1 – Council Fire Safety Policy 2021-24

Add additional points as below –

1.2 : Notes that following a recent fire in Leith Walk ward in a tenement which contained several council properties there was uncertainty regarding the council's duty of care and advice towards tenants after the fire.

1.3 : Therefore calls for a report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee detailing the council's current post-fire procedure should a fire occur on or near council run accommodation and any suggested updates to that procedure within two cycles.

Moved by: **Alex Staniforth**

Seconded by: