

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 27 May 2021

Present:-

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Frank Ross

COUNCILLORS

Robert C Aldridge
Scott Arthur
Gavin Barrie
Eleanor Bird
Chas Booth
Claire Bridgman
Mark A Brown
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Lezley Marion Cameron
Jim Campbell
Kate Campbell
Mary Campbell
Maureen M Child
Nick Cook
Gavin Corbett
Cammy Day
Alison Dickie
Denis C Dixon
Phil Duggart
Karen Doran
Scott Douglas
Catherine Fullerton
Neil Gardiner
Gillian Gloyer
George Gordon
Ashley Graczyk
Joan Griffiths
Ricky Henderson
Derek Howie
Graham J Hutchison

Andrew Johnston
David Key
Callum Laidlaw
Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Melanie Main
John McLellan
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Adam McVey
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Joanna Mowat
Rob Munn
Gordon J Munro
Hal Osler
Ian Perry
Susan Rae
Alasdair Rankin
Lewis Ritchie
Cameron Rose
Neil Ross
Jason Rust
Stephanie Smith
Alex Staniforth
Mandy Watt
Susan Webber
Iain Whyte
Donald Wilson
Norman J Work
Ethan Young
Louise Young

1 Chair

In the absence of the Lord Provost, the Depute Convener took the Chair.

2 Emergency Motion by Councillor Doggart – Edinburgh Integration Joint Board

The Depute Convener ruled that the emergency motion submitted by Councillor Doggart in terms of Standing Order 17 not be considered as a matter of urgency and submitted to the next meeting of the Council for consideration.

3 Emergency Motion by Councillor Howie – Unlawful Discharges to Care Homes

The Depute Convener ruled that the emergency motion submitted by Councillor Howie in terms of Standing Order 17 not be considered as a matter of urgency and submitted to the next meeting of the Council for consideration.

4 Order of Business – Motion by Councillor Jim Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Jim Campbell had been submitted in terms of Standing Order 10.1(b)

“Council:

- 1) Agrees that item 6.2 on the agenda, Vacation of Office should be taken as the last item of Council business today.
- 2) Agrees that item 7.3 on the agenda, 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.”

Motion

To agree that item 7.3 on the agenda, 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 Whyte

Amendment

To deal with Items 7.2 and 7.3 on the agenda in the order they were listed on the agenda.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	26 votes
For the amendment	-	36 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Barrie, Bridgman, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Lang, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Ritchie, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber, Whyte and Louise Young.

For the amendment: Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Key, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Ethan Young.)

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor McVey.

Point of Order

Councillor Whyte raised a point of order, whether or not in terms of Standing Order 22.15, the 40 minute rule would apply to Item 7.2 on the agenda (Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update)

The Depute Convener confirmed that the 40 minute rule would apply.

5 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Council of 29 April 2021 as a correct record.

6 Leader's Report

The Leader presented his report to the Council. He commented on:

- Update on COVID emergency progress
- Congratulations to Hibernian Football Club and tributes to businesses and fans in the Leith area

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Whyte | - Recent election and work of staff |
| | - Congratulations to Councillor Webber |
| | - Emergency motions on agenda |
| Councillor Main | - Scottish Parliament results – Climate change – extension of free bus travel for under 18's |
| Councillor Aldridge | - Scottish Parliament elections - Congratulations to Councillor Webber and former Councillor Alison Johnstone |
| | - Spaces for People measures – responses to constituent's e-mails |
| Councillor Day | - Scottish Parliament elections - Congratulations to Councillor Webber and Foyso Choudhury |
| | - Ongoing Local Government pay award discussions |
| Councillor McNeese-Mechan | - Disappointment of the Royal Military Tattoo not going ahead this summer and support for the City's Festivals |
| Councillor Johnston | - Accounts Commission for Scotland - financial outlook for Scotland's Councils |
| Councillor Staniforth | - BBC report into Scottish libraries remaining closed – opening Edinburgh's Libraries |
| Councillor Osler | - Libraries re-opening |
| Councillor Arthur | - Local Government pay award - COSLA |
| Councillor Kate Campbell | - Welcome announcement by Forthports announcement of investment in renewable energy |

Councillor Doggart	-	Mental Welfare Commission hospital discharges
Councillor Laidlaw	-	Holyrood elections – GME secondary school for Edinburgh - consultation
Councillor Munro	-	Financial settlement for Edinburgh – lowest per capita settlement of the major cities in Scotland
Councillor Cameron	-	Progress made towards the replacement of the Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion
Councillor Burgess	-	Lothian Pensions Fund – Investment in Royal Dutch Shell and other oil and gas companies
Councillor Dickie	-	New Cabinet Secretary for Education’s announcement - proposals for new GME

7 Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/2022

The Council was invited to appoint members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for the municipal year 2021/2022.

Motion

- 1) To agree to appoint Councillor McVey as Leader of the Council and Councillor Day as Depute Leader of the Council.
- 2) To agree to retain the appointments to committees based on the current political breakdown and retains committee membership as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To agree to retain current appointments as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report, with the following changes:
 - a) Councillor Gordon Munro from Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee and replace with Councillor Cammy Day.
 - b) To remove Councillor Gordon Munro from Governance Risk and Best Value Committee and replace with Councillor Scott Arthur.
- 4) To agree to retain current membership as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report.
- 5) To agree to appoint Councillor Ricky Henderson as Convener outlined in Appendix 4 of the report.

- 6) To agree to retain current appointments to the Licensing Board and Lothian Joint Valuation Board outlined in Appendix 4 of the report.
- 7) To agree the appointment of John Anzani (member representative) and Richard Lamont (employer representative) as members of the Pensions Committee.

- moved by Councillor Doran, seconded by Councillor Fullerton

Amendment 1

To make the following changes to Committee and Board Membership:

- a) To appoint Councillor Hutchison to replace Councillor Webber on the Transport and Environment Committee.
- b) To appoint Councillor Webber to replace Councillor Hutchison on the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.
- c) To appoint Councillor Jim Campbell to replace Councillor Webber on the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- d) To appoint Councillor Whyte to the Licensing Board as Councillor Cook had already resigned.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Whyte

Amendment 2

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 21st 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) in the report by the Chief Executive 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 Barrie, seconded by Councillor Bridgman

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12) Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12) Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	34 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	25 votes
Abstentions	-	1

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Ethan Young.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Councillors Aldridge, Barrie, Bridgman, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Doggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Lang, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Ritchie, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber, Whyte and Louise Young.

Abstentions: Councillor Munro.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey (the appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2021/22 are detailed in Appendices 1 to 3 of this minute):

- 1) To agree to appoint Councillor McVey as Leader of the Council and Councillor Day as Depute Leader of the Council.
- 2) To agree to retain the appointments to committees based on the current political breakdown and retains committee membership as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To agree to retain current appointments as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report, with the following changes:
 - a) To remove Councillor Gordon Munro from Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee and replace with Councillor Cammy Day.
 - b) To remove Councillor Gordon Munro from Governance Risk and Best Value Committee and replace with Councillor Scott Arthur.
- 4) To agree to retain current membership as outlined in Appendix 4 of the report.
- 5) To agree to appoint Councillor Ricky Henderson as Convener outlined in Appendix 4 of the report.
- 6) To agree to retain current appointments to the Licensing Board and Lothian Joint Valuation Board outlined in Appendix 4 of the report.
- 7) To agree the appointment of John Anzani (member representative) and Richard Lamont (employer representative) as members of the Pensions Committee.
- 8) To appoint Councillor Hutchison to replace Councillor Webber on the Transport and Environment Committee.
- 9) To appoint Councillor Webber to replace Councillor Hutchison on the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

- 10) To appoint Councillor Jim Campbell to replace Councillor Webber on the Policy and Sustainability Committee.
- 11) To appoint Councillor Whyte to the Licensing Board as Councillor Cook had already resigned.

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

8 Vacation of Office

Decision

To note that the report had been withdrawn.

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

9 Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell Deferred Start Funding - referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee

a) Deputation – Give Them Time Campaign Group

A written deputation was presented on behalf of the Give Them Time Campaign Group.

The deputation asked the Council to fund all discretionary deferrals this year, with specific consideration of the added impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent restrictions as evidenced by multiple research publications (4)(5)(6)(7).

They further asked the Council to consider changing their policy in advance of the law change to ensure a child centred, transparent, consistent approach to meeting the health, wellbeing and education needs of all children aged 4yrs old living in Edinburgh who needed more time in an Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) setting before transitioning to school at age 5yrs old.

The deputation urged the Council to allow children time to thrive, develop and learn in the environment most conducive to meeting their needs and let parents use their legal responsibilities and rights to decide this.

b) Referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee

The Education, Children and Families Committee had referred a motion by Councillor Mary Campbell to the City of Edinburgh Council as the terms of the motion called for expenditure which was not included in the annual revenue budget for financial year 2021/2022.

Motion

To agree to the request that for the August 2021 intake, the unique circumstances of the year past and the level of applications for deferrals from parents concerned that their children had not been able to develop as well with so much time spent out of nursery; and so agree to fund any non-granted requests from those families who had already applied for term 2021/2022 and to note that this number would be known for certain after the appeals committee met on 13 May 2021 but would be fewer than 55 children.

- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Dickie

Amendment

- 1) To agree to the request that for the August 2021 intake, the unique circumstances of the year past and the level of applications for deferrals from parents concerned that their children had not been able to develop as well with so much time spent out of nursery; and so agree to fund any non-granted requests from those families who had already applied for term 2021/2022 and to note that this number would be known for certain after the appeals committee met on 13 May 2021 but would be fewer than 55 children.
- 2) To agree 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.
- 3) To assume that the Scottish Government will bring forward legislation and funding from the 2023/24 school year.
- 4) To recognise that there may be a significant increase in demand when funding is made available.

- moved by Councillor Laidlaw, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Perry:

- 1) To agree to the request that for the August 2021 intake, the unique circumstances of the year past and the level of applications for deferrals from parents concerned that their children had not been able to develop as well

with so much time spent out of nursery; and so agree to fund any non-granted requests from those families who had already applied for term 2021/2022 and to note that this number would be known for certain after the appeals committee met on 13 May 2021 but would be fewer than 55 children.

- 2) To agree 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.
- 3) To assume that the Scottish Government will bring forward legislation and funding from the 2023/24 school year.
- 4) To recognise that there may be a significant increase in demand when funding is made available

(References: Education, Children and Families Committee of 18 May 2021; referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee, submitted.)

Declarations of Interest

Councillor McVey declared a non-financial interest in the above item as the parent of a child contained in the statistics.

10 Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 Update - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on the Revenue Budget Framework 2021/26 to the City of Edinburgh Council for decision on funding available.

Following the receipt of significant additional COVID-related funding late in 2020/21, up to £20.150m was available to address budget pressures, anticipated savings delivery shortfalls and member priorities in 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Motion

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

- 1) Under the terms above, the Council therefore approves the revised budget for 2021/22 outlined in this motion and following Appendix.
- 2) Notes the proposed spending plans.

Appendix - Spending Profiles 2021/22 to 2024/25

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021	0	0	50,200	65,200
Resources available for allocation	(21,000)	0	0	0
Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings				
Total	0	0	0	0
Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)				
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			
Total	21,000	3,325	2,224	2,224
Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings	0	3,325	52,424	67,424

- moved by Councillor Munn, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment 1

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.

Appendix

	2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000
Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021	0	0	50,200	65,200
Resources available for allocation	(19,519)	(1,481)	0	0
Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings				
<u>Contributions from reserves (subject to business cases to Finance & 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)
Total	(600)	(2,700)	(2,700)	(2,700)
Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)				
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

Total	20,119	4,181	1,100	1,000
Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings	0	0	48,600	63,500

- moved by Councillor Hutchison, seconded by Councillor Johnston

Amendment 2

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.

Appendix

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021	0	0	50,200	65,200
Resources available for allocation*	(19,295)	(1,705)	0	0
Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings				
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)
Total	0	(25,400)	(7,550)	(7,700)
Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)				
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	71	0	0	0

bike hire				
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
Total	19,295	27,105	3,625	3,524
Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings	0	0	46,275	61,024

- moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Booth

Amendment 3

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.

Appendix – Liberal Democrat Group Budget 2021-22 Council Budget Proposals

	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Projected funding gap per Budget Framework Update report to Finance and Resources Committee, 20 May 2021	0	0	50,200	65,200
	(20,020)	(980)	0	0
Changes to budget framework assumptions (if any), including additional savings				
<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)
Total	(600)	(3,700)	(7,200)	(7,200)
Proposed allocation of available resources, including future years' impacts (where applicable)				
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			
Budget Pressures				
Homelessness	3000			
Looked-After Children - Residential and Secure	2200	1000		
Edinburgh Integration Joint Board	2500			
Approved Savings - anticipated delivery shortfalls				
Development and Business Services Operating	187			

Model				
Fees and Charges (Place)		563		
Transport Review (Travel Demand)		900		
Total		20,620	4,680	3,160
Restated funding gap, taking account of above investment and/or savings		0	0	61,060

- moved by Councillor Neil Ross, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Voting

First Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	27 votes
For Amendment 1	-	17 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes
For Amendment 3	-	6 votes
Abstentions	-	3

(For the Motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Bird, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Child, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Munn, Munro, Perry, Rankin, Watt, Wilson, Work and Ethan Young.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Booth, Burgess, Mary Campbell, Corbett, Graczyk, Main, Miller, Rae and Staniforth.

For Amendment 3: Councillors Aldridge, Gloyer, Lang, Osler, Neil Ross and Louise Young.

Abstentions: Councillors Barrie, Bridgman and Ritchie.)

There being no overall majority, Amendment 3 fell and a second vote was taken between the Motion and Amendments 1 and 2.

Voting

Second Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	27 votes
For Amendment 1	-	17 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes
Abstentions	-	8

(For the Motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Bird, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Child, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Munn, Munro, Perry, Rankin, Watt, Wilson, Work and Ethan Young.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Booth, Burgess, Mary Campbell, Corbett, Graczyk, Main, Miller, Rae and Staniforth.

Abstentions: Councillors Aldridge, Barrie, Bridgman, Gloyer, Lang, Osler, Neil Ross and Louise Young.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Munn.

(References: Finance and Resources Committee of 20 May 2021; referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Bruce, Cameron, Dixon, Osler and Staniforth declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Edinburgh Leisure.

Councillors Bird, Brown and Gordon declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Spartan Community Football Academy.

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

Councillors Doran, Laidlaw and Miller declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Transport for Edinburgh.

CHAIR

During consideration of the above item, the Lord Provost resumed the chair.

11 Edinburgh Integration Joint Board - Contract Living Wage Update - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board – Contract Living Wage Uplift to the City of Edinburgh Council for consideration.

Decision

To note that any shortfall in funding could result in a call on Council resources of up to £3.5m in 2021/22 and up to £6.6m from 2022/23.

(References: Finance and Resources Committee of 20 May 2021; referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

12 20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on 20 West Shore Road, Granton, Edinburgh – Proposed Ground Lease Acquisition and New Lease to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval to acquire the ground lease interest, and to subsequently lease the property to Edinburgh Palette.

Decision

- 1) To approve the purchase of the ground lease interest in the property at 20 West Shore Road.
- 2) To agree the use of Prudential Borrowing to fund the purchase.
- 3) To approve a 15-year lease of the property to Edinburgh Palette on the terms outlined in the report by the Executive Director of Resources and on other terms and conditions to be agreed by the Executive Director.

(References: Finance and Resources Committee of 20 May 2021; referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

13 Clean Air Day – Motion by Councillor Macinnes

The following motion by Councillor Macinnes was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Acknowledges that every year air pollution causes an estimated 36,000 deaths in the UK and that in Edinburgh there are around 200 deaths each year attributable to fine particulate matter. The World Health Organisation, the UK Government, Scottish Government and City of Edinburgh Council all recognise that air pollution is the largest environmental health risk we face today, with a particularly significant impact on children’s health.

Agrees that transport is a significant contributor to air pollution in Edinburgh.

Supports Clean Air Day , which is supported by Environmental Protection Scotland and Global Action Plan, on 17 June 2021 and encourages people to leave the car at home and to walk, cycle or take public transport if they are travelling to work or school, or work from home.

Recognises that choosing to walk, cycle or wheel or to use public transport is a highly effective way that individuals can actively contribute to improving Edinburgh’s air quality.

Suggests that residents on clean air day:

- 1) Avoid non-essential, polluting deliveries – instead, choose cargo bike deliveries, bundle orders, choose ‘click and collect,’ or shop locally.
- 2) Don’t idle – if people choose to drive, they should turn off their engine whenever the vehicle is stationary, particularly outside schools.
- 3) If people are intending to purchase a car please consider if a combination of sustainable transport choices, including electric bikes, public transport and shared car clubs, could substitute effectively for a car, or whether an electric car, particularly important for those with mobility issues, could be a better choice.

Is committed to improving air quality and encouraging better health and well-being through public transport, active travel and investment in electric vehicle infrastructure as part of a green recovery from COVID-19, and in tackling the climate emergency.

Asks that to mark Clean Air Day the Council uses evidencebased arguments on its social media channels to:

- 1) Improve public understanding of air pollution and its sources.
- 2) Build awareness of how air pollution affects our health.
- 3) Explain the easy actions we can all take to tackle air pollution on Clean Air Day and in the longer term, and thereby help to protect the environment, and our health and that of others.”

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

Declaration of Interests

The Lord Provost declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Trustee of Environmental Protection Scotland.

14 Proposal to Sign a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh City and Kunming City (Yunnan Province) – Motion by The Lord Provost

The following motion by the Lord Provost was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes:

The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh (RBGE) has a long history of working with China and Yunnan in particular, dating back more than 100 years and continuing to this day.

RBGE is twinned with the Kunming Institute of Botany (KIB), and jointly established the Lijiang Field Station, the UK’s first joint scientific laboratory in China.

RBGE’s living plant collection contains more than 1,600 Chinese species – the largest collection of Chinese plants outside of China, and RBGE’s Chinese Hillside showcases Chinese plants to about 1 million visitors each year.

The fifteenth meeting of the Conference of the parties (COP15) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD) will be held in Kunming, Yunnan on the 11-24 October 2021.

The Edinburgh Declaration will be presented at COP15, and at the parallel 7th Global Biodiversity Summit of Local and Subnational Governments (co-organised by ICLEI and Kunming City government) in Kunming.

The Edinburgh Declaration itself focuses on the critical role of cities, regions and non-state governments for biodiversity conservation – and this itself directly aligns with the green recovery, addressing the biodiversity crisis, and enhancing city environments for the human health and well-being.

This international landmark event will focus on the agreement of a new global strategy for biodiversity for 2021-2030.

RBGE has requested that the City of Edinburgh considers signing a Friendship agreement with Kunming City in support of their ongoing work and that notes that signing a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh and Kunming City before or at COP15 would add profile to the Edinburgh declaration, and Scotland's role in international biodiversity conservation.

This Friendship Agreement will provide impetus and visibility to the role of cities and subnational governments in addressing the biodiversity crisis and the climate emergency. The Friendship Agreement would bring additional profile to the Edinburgh Declaration, and also build on, strengthen (and celebrate) the existing collaborative links in biodiversity and conservation between RBGE and scientists in Yunnan.

A Friendship Agreement, linked to biodiversity conservation, and the Edinburgh Declaration aligns directly to the international priorities of the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh, Nature Scot, and Scottish Government. It also aligns to the biodiversity conservation work of Edinburgh City Council.

Agrees to sign a Friendship agreement between City of Edinburgh and Kunming City and instructs the Lord Provost to work with RBGE to do so.”

Motion

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RBGE has requested that the City of Edinburgh considers signing a Friendship agreement with Kunming City in support of their ongoing work and that notes that signing a Friendship Agreement between Edinburgh and Kunming City before or at COP15 would add profile to the Edinburgh declaration, and Scotland's role in international biodiversity conservation.

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 out climate and biodiversity obligations.

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment 1

To delete all after paragraph 8 in the motion as originally submitted (which ends with "Scotland's role in international biodiversity conservation.")

To 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 Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

Amendment 2

To take no action on the motion by the Lord Provost.

- moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Voting

In terms of Standing Order 24(4), the Lord Provost ruled that a first vote be taken for or against the motion for no action.

First Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the motion for no action	-	17 votes
Against the motion for no action	-	45 votes

(For the motion for no action: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.

Against the motion for no action: Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Booth, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.)

As the vote for no action was lost, a second vote between the motion by the Lord Provost and Amendment 1 by Councillor Staniforth was then taken.

Second Vote

For the Motion - 36 votes
For Amendment 1 - 26 votes

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Child, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rankin, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Booth, Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Jim Campbell, Mary Campbell, Cook, Corbett, Doggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Main, McLellan, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Rae, Rose, Rust, Smith, Staniforth, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.

15 City of Edinburgh Council Rejects Photo ID for Voting – Motion by Councillor Staniforth

The following motion by Councillor Staniforth was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes:

That in this year’s Queen’s Speech the Westminster government have set out their intention to introduce a photo ID requirement for voting.

That this would only apply to UK wide general elections and would therefore further separate the requirements for voting in Scottish local and parliamentary elections from those for Westminster elections creating confusion as to which paperwork is required for which election.

That following the 2019 UK general election only four people were convicted of voter fraud and that the electoral commission states, “the UK has very low levels of proven electoral fraud.” Therefore there is no need for any further measures to combat electoral fraud, especially if those measures risk voter disenfranchisement.

That there is no form of photo ID currently available for free in the UK and that therefore demanding photo ID to vote is demanding that people pay to vote.

That adding any further requirement to vote will disenfranchise some voters.

That those least likely to have photo ID, and therefore most likely to be disenfranchised by a photo ID requirement, are those under 30, families on low incomes and disabled people.

Council therefore:

Will reject any proposal to be involved in a pilot of photo ID for voting to the fullest extent the law allows.

Will refuse to administer photo ID for voting to the fullest extent the law allows.

Will respond to any consultation on photo ID for voting with an unequivocal statement against it.

Calls on the council leader to write to the Prime Minister and the Home Secretary stating Edinburgh City's objection to voter ID laws and to any law which will disenfranchise Edinburgh's citizens."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Staniforth.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Main

Amendment

To take no action on the motion by Councillor Staniforth.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	44 votes
For the amendment	-	18 votes

(For the motion: Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Booth, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.

For the amendment: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Ritchie, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Staniforth.

16 Motion by Councillor Corbett - Bridges and Investment in Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells

a) Deputation – Craiglockhart Community Council

The deputation urged the Council to support the motion by Councillor Corbett.

They felt that:

- The Water of Leith was an iconic asset “a silver thread in a ribbon of green” flowing through Edinburgh;
- COVID 19 had increased the pressure on shared public outdoor space in Edinburgh;
- There was an urgent need for investment in Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells due to bridge and path failures over the last few years.

The deputation indicated that while the local community were willing to help through volunteering and fundraising, they hoped that despite tight budgets, the Council would show a similar commitment.

b) Motion by Councillor Corbett

The following motion by Councillor Corbett was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council

- 1) Recognises that Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells are one of the best-loved green spaces in Edinburgh.
- 2) Recognises that restrictions on travel and guidance to exercise locally since March 2020 has hugely increased footfall demand in an area already popular between the Water of Leith Visitor Centre and the Colinton Tunnel.
- 3) Notes that for all of that time, and longer, whole sections of path 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 that there is no plan to re-open them.

- 4) Notes the bridge failures are the most obvious sign, but not the only example, of the need for investment in the Dells area – also including paths, steps, walls and historic structures; and that the deteriorating condition of this valued blue-green corridor is causing increasing local anger.
- 5) Welcomes an offer by Water of Leith Conservation Trust, partnered by local community councils, to marshal a community fundraising effort to tackle the “pipe” bridge which has been closed longest; and that therefore agrees that the council should support that process by providing a detailed specification and cost.
- 6) Agrees that action by the City Council is long overdue and therefore agrees that a report be submitted to Culture and Communities Committee in two cycles with proposals to assess and address 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.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Corbett.

- moved by Councillor Corbett, seconded by Councillor Rae

Amendment

- 1) To accept paragraphs 1 and 2 of the motion by Councillor Corbett.
- 2) To replace paragraph 3 of the motion with:

“Notes work has been ongoing to reopen the sections of path 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.”
- 3) To replace paragraphs 4, 5 and 6 of the motion with:
 - “4) Notes that a detailed report is scheduled to come to the Culture and 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 Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an amendment to the motion

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Corbett:

- 1) To recognise that Craiglockhart and Colinton Dells were one of the best-loved green spaces in Edinburgh.
- 2) To recognise that restrictions on travel and guidance to exercise locally since March 2020 had hugely increased footfall demand in an area already popular between the Water of Leith Visitor Centre and the Colinton Tunnel.
- 3) To note work had been ongoing to reopen the sections of path which had 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 welcome the plans to reopen them from the Parks Capital Infrastructure programme.
- 4) To note that a detailed report was scheduled to come to the Culture and 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.

17 Josh Taylor, Light-Welterweight World Champion – Motion by the Lord Provost

The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Council to give early consideration to this matter.

The following motion by the Lord Provost was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“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 the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Decision

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.

18 Questions

The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 5 to this minute.

19. Resolution to Consider in Private

The Council, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, were requested to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Motion

To agree to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

- moved by The Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment

To hold any debate on the following item of business in public but retain the report in private.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Rust

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	34 votes
For the amendment	-	25 votes

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Bridgman, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Child, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Lang, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Booth, Brown, Bruce, Burgess, Jim Campbell, Mary Campbell, Corbett, Doggart, Douglas, Graczyk, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Main, McLellan, Miller, Mitchell, Mowat, Rae, Rose, Rust, Smith, Staniforth, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost

20 Senior Leadership Review

The Council, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, had agreed to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Details were provided on a proposed new structure for the Council's Chief Officers, covering Executive Director and those roles currently designated as Head of Service.

Decision

Motion

- 1) To approve the proposed reorganisation and a new senior leadership structure, at Chief Officer level, including the resulting changes to job titles, from the Chief Executive in his statutory capacity as the Head of Paid Service.
- 2) To agree that this organisational review of the Chief Officer structure would be carried out in line with our agreed Organisational Change Policy and process.
- 3) To agree the permanent recruitment to the new post of Executive Director for Education and Children's Services to start immediately and, if required, to any vacant Service Director roles following completion of the organisational review. These appointments would be made in line with our Chief Officer Recruitment Policy and would be led by the Recruitment Committee, composed of the appropriate elected members.
- 4) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make the necessary amendments to Standing Orders, the Scheme of Delegation, Contract Standing Orders and other associated governance arrangements to reflect the

revised organisational structure set out within the report by the Chief Executive.

- 5) To note that the Chief Executive took an urgent decision under delegated authority to appoint an interim Executive Director for Communities and Families until such time as a permanent appointment could be made.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To approve the proposed reorganisation and a new senior leadership structure, at Chief Officer level, including the resulting changes to job titles, from the Chief Executive in his statutory capacity as the Head of Paid Service.
- 2) To agree that this organisational review of the Chief Officer structure would be carried out in line with our agreed Organisational Change Policy and process.
- 3) To agree the permanent recruitment to the new post of Executive Director for Education and Children's Services to start immediately and, if required, to any vacant Service Director roles following completion of the organisational review. These appointments would be made in line with our Chief Officer Recruitment Policy and would be led by the Recruitment Committee, composed of the appropriate elected members.
- 4) To delegate authority to the Chief Executive to make the necessary amendments to Standing Orders, the Scheme of Delegation, Contract Standing Orders and other associated governance arrangements to reflect the revised organisational structure set out within the report by the Chief Executive.
- 5) To instruct the Chief Executive to further review the Senior Leadership Proposals and Structure, reporting back to Council in June 2022. The report should take account of any changes that became apparent from Covid-19 recovery and in any case should include commentary and suggestions for change based on the following points:
 - a) Comparison to other large UK Local Authorities' Senior Leadership structures;
 - b) The implications of a flatter Senior Leadership hierarchy, with a single level replacing the Executive Director and Service Director levels;
 - c) The potential for this to achieve larger budget savings;
 - d) How a greater prominence could be given to service delivery;

- e) The merits and de-merits of a Deputy Chief Executive;
- f) The rationale for the roles and responsibilities in the Education and Children’s Services Directorate as they have, or could, evolve;
- g) The opportunity to increase clarity over the roles and responsibilities of the senior leadership of the Health and Social Care Partnership and the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board, in so far as the Council is able to do this, and respecting the outputs from national reviews and Government legislation or guidance.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	43 votes
For the amendment	-	16 votes

(For the motion: Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Barrie, Bird, Booth, Bridgman, Burgess, Cameron, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doran, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Key, Lang, Macinnes, Main, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rae, Ritchie, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work, Ethan Young and Louise Young.

For the amendment: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

APPENDIX 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 7 of 27 May 2021)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/2022

CONVENERS AND VICE CONVENERS OF COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES		
Policy and Sustainability	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor McVey Councillor Day
Culture and Communities	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Wilson Councillor McNeese- Mechan
Education, Children and Families	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Perry Councillor Dickie
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Kate Campbell Councillor Watt
Finance and Resources	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Munn Councillor Griffiths
Transport and Environment	Convener: Vice Convener:	Councillor Macinnes Councillor Doran
OTHER COMMITTEES		
Governance, Risk and Best Value	Convener:	Councillor Mowat
Leadership Advisory Panel	Convener:	Councillor McVey
Pensions	Convener:	Councillor Munn
Planning/Development Management Sub	Convener: Vice-Convener:	Councillor Gardiner Councillor Child
Regulatory/Licensing Sub	Convener: Vice Convener:	Councillor Fullerton Councillor Dixon
Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest	Convener:	Councillor Fullerton

APPEALS		
Committee on Discretionary Rating Appeals	Convener:	Councillor Munn
Personnel Appeals Committee	Convener:	Councillor McNeese-Mechan
Committee on Pupil/Student Support	Convener:	Councillor Perry
Placing in Schools Appeals		Independent Chairperson
RECRUITMENT		
Recruitment Committee	Convener:	Council Leader

APPENDIX 2

(As referred to in Act of Council No 7 of 27 May 2021)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/2022

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND JOINT BOARDS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES	
Policy and Sustainability Committee (17 members: 5SNP, 5C, 3L, 2G, 2SLD)	
Councillor McVey (Convener) Councillor Kate Campbell Councillor Gardiner Councillor Macinnes Councillor Munn Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Cook Councillor Hutchison Councillor McLellan	Councillor Whyte Councillor Day (Vice Convener) Councillor Perry Councillor Wilson Councillor Main Councillor Staniforth Councillor Aldridge Councillor Gloyer
Culture and Communities Committee (11 members:- 3SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Key Councillor McNeese-Mechan (Vice Convener) Councillor Ethan Young Councillor Brown Councillor Doggart Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Wilson (Convener) Councillor Doran Councillor Rae Councillor Staniforth Councillor Osler
Education, Children and Families Committee (11 members:- 3SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Dickie (Vice Convener) Councillor Bird Councillor Key Councillor Douglas Councillor Laidlaw Councillor Rust	Councillor Griffiths Councillor Perry (Convener) Councillor Burgess Councillor Mary Campbell Councillor Louise Young

Added Members for Education Matters	
Fiona Beveridge (Church of Scotland) Rabbi David Rose	Therese Laing (Roman Catholic Church of Scotland) Alexander Ramage (non-voting)
Finance and Resources Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Gordon Councillor Munn(Convener) Councillor Rankin Councillor Bruce Councillor Hutchison Councillor Johnston	Councillor Griffiths (Vice Convener) Councillor Watt Councillor Booth Councillor Corbett Councillor Neil Ross
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee (11 members:- 3SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Kate Campbell (Convener) Councillor Key Councillor Work Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor McLellan Councillor Webber	Councillor Day Councillor Watt (Vice Convener) Councillor Booth Councillor Miller Councillor Lang
Transport and Environment Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Bird Councillor Key Councillor Macinnes (Convener) Councillor Hutchison Councillor Smith Councillor Whyte	Councillor Arthur Councillor Doran (Vice Convener) Councillor Corbett Councillor Miller Councillor Lang

Other Committees	
Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Bird Councillor Dixon Councillor Work Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Doggart Councillor Mowat (Convener)	Councillor Arthur Councillor Child Councillor Rae Councillor Staniforth Councillor Gloyer
Pensions Committee (5 members –1SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Munn (Convener) Councillor Rose Councillor Child	Councillor Burgess Councillor Neil Ross
External Members	
John Anzani	Richard Lamont
Planning Committee and Development Management Sub-Committee (11 members:- 3 SNP, 3C, 2L, 2G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Gardiner (Convener) Councillor Gordon Councillor Ethan Young Councillor Mitchell Councillor Mowat Councillor Rose	Councillor Child (Vice-Convener) Councillor Griffiths Councillor Booth Councillor Mary Campbell Councillor Osler
Planning Local Review Body All members of the Planning Committee (other than its Convener) comprising two panels of five.	
Panel 1 (5 members)	
Councillor Gordon Councillor Griffiths Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Mowat Councillor Mary Campbell
Panel 2 (5 members)	
Councillor Booth Councillor Child Councillor Ethan Young	Councillor Rose Councillor Osler

Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee (9 members:- 2SNP, 3C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Dixon (Vice- Convener) Councillor Fullerton (Convener) Councillor Mitchell Councillor Mowat Councillor Rose	Councillor Arthur Councillor Wilson Councillor Rae Councillor Neil Ross
Leadership Advisory Panel (5 members of the Council plus 3 statutory representatives, appointed by the committee dealing with education, when considering education business)	
Leader of the Council (Convener) Deputy Leader of the Council Conservative Group Leader	Green Group Leader Scottish Liberal Democrat Group Leader
Administration of Trust Funds	
Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest (8 members - 2SNP, 2C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD) plus one nominee of Friends of the City Arts Centre and two nominees of Executive Director of Resources	
Councillor Fullerton (Convener) Councillor McNeese-Mechan Councillor Mitchell Councillor Mowat	Councillor Doran Councillor Munro Councillor Rae Councillor Aldridge
Reviews and Appeals	
Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals (5 members –1SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Munn (Convener) Councillor Hutchison Councillor Day	Councillor Corbett Councillor Gloyer
Personnel Appeals Committee (9 members – 2SNP, 3C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Bird Councillor McNeese-Mechan (Convener) Councillor Jim Campbell Councillor Rose Councillor Webber	Councillor Doran Councillor Griffiths Councillor Rae Councillor Lang

Committee on Pupil Student Support

(5 members and one religious representative –1SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G, 1SLD)

Councillor Perry (Convener)
Councillor Laidlaw
Councillor Dickie

Councillor Burgess
Councillor Young

Placing in Schools Appeal Committee

(3 persons drawn from three Panels as described in Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions no.17)

Panel 1 – All members of Council and religious representatives on the committee dealing with education business

Recruitment Committee

Leader of Council (Convener), Deputy Leader of the Council, Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee and the appropriate Executive Committee Convener and relevant opposition spokespersons (or nominees)

APPENDIX 3

(As referred to in Act of Council No 7 of 27 May 2021)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/2022 MEMBERS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD NETWORKS

ALMOND	
Councillor Hutchison	Councillor Work
Councillor Lang	Councillor Louise Young
CITY CENTRE	
Councillor Doran	Councillor Mowat
Councillor Miller	Councillor Rankin
CRAIGENTINNY/DUDDINGSTON	
Councillor Griffiths	Councillor Staniforth
Councillor McLellan	Councillor Ethan Young
FORTH	
Councillor Bird	Councillor Day
Councillor Jim Campbell	Councillor Gordon
INVERLEITH	
Councillor Barrie	Councillor Osler
Councillor Mitchell	Councillor Whyte
PENTLANDS	
Councillor Arthur	Councillor Henderson
Councillor Bruce	Councillor Rust
Councillor Doggart	Councillor Webber
Councillor Gardiner	
LEITH	

Councillor Booth	Councillor Munro
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	Councillor Rae
Councillor McVey	Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Munn	
LIBERTON/GILMERTON	
Councillor Cameron	Councillor Macinnes
Councillor Howie	Councillor Smith
MORNINGSIDE	
Councillor Cook	Councillor Neil Ross
Councillor Main	Councillor Watt
PORTOBELLO/CRAIGMILLAR	
Councillor Kate Campbell	Councillor Child
Councillor Mary Campbell	Councillor Laidlaw
SOUTHSIDE NEWINGTON	
Councillor Burgess	Councillor Perry
Councillor Dickie	Councillor Rose
SOUTH WEST	
Councillor Corbett	Councillor Johnston
Councillor Dixon	Councillor Key
Councillor Fullerton	Councillor Wilson
Councillor Graczyk	
WESTERN EDINBURGH	
Councillor Aldridge	Councillor Douglas
Councillor Bridgman	Councillor Frank Ross
Councillor Brown	Councillor Gloyer

APPENDIX 4

(As referred to in Act of Council No 7 of 27 May 2021)

APPOINTMENTS FOR 2021/2022

JOINT COMMITTEES AND BOARDS, THE LICENSING BOARD

Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee (9 members – 3SNP, 2C, 2L, 1G, 1SLD)	
Councillor Gordon Councillor Key (Convener) Councillor Work Councillor Doggart Councillor Rust	Councillor Doran Councillor Henderson Councillor Corbett Councillor Gloyer
Licensing Board (10 members)	
Councillor Howie Councillor Key Councillor Work (Convener) Councillor Laidlaw Councillor Mowat	Councillor Whyte Councillor Cameron Councillor Day Councillor Burgess Councillor Gloyer
Integration Joint Board (5 members)	
Councillor Aldridge Councillor Gordon Councillor Henderson (Vice-Chair) (from 27 June 2021)	Councillor Main Councillor Doggart
Integrated Children's Services Joint Board (Appointed March 2018) (3 members)	
Councillor Dickie Councillor Laidlaw	Councillor Perry
Edinburgh and South East of Scotland City Region Deal Joint Committee (1 member)	
Councillor McVey	

SEStran (South East of Scotland Regional Transport Partnership) (5 members – 2SNP, 1C, 1L, 1G)	
Councillor Key Councillor Macinnes Councillor Rose	Councillor Doran Councillor Miller
SESPlan Joint Committee (South East Scotland Regional Joint Committee – Planning) (2 members)	
Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Child
Shadow Joint Committee for Collaborative Road Services	
Substantive Member Councillor Macinnes	Substitute Member Councillor Doran
Hawes/Longcraig Piers User Committee (2 members)	
Councillor Work	Councillor Hutchison
Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee (3 members)	
Councillor Gardiner Councillor Henderson	Councillor Bruce
Pentland Hills Regional Park Consultative Forum (2 members)	
Councillor Gardiner	Councillor Henderson

Appendix 5

(As referred to in Act of Council No 18 of 27 May 2021)

COUNCIL QUESTIONS

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Miller for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) Could the Convener please provide a complete list of locations of all personal injury collisions that were

- a) fatal and
- b) serious severity collisions,

since 2011 showing the date when the collision occurred?

Answer (1) Police Scotland are responsible for the collection of all personal injury road traffic collision data. The latest data for which collision details are currently held is 31 December 2020.

The information attached in Table 1 below shows the details of fatal road traffic collisions in the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2020. This shows there were 74 fatal collisions reported to the Police on roads within the City of Edinburgh Council's boundary in this period.

In addition, there were 1,433 serious injury collisions and the details of these could be provided on request

Question (2) For each location, could the Convener please summarise what measure(s) are being taken and indicate the status of each measure including estimated or actual completion dates?

Answer

- (2) The delivery of the Council's Road Safety programme was the subject of a [report](#) to the Transport and Environment Committee on 22 April 2021.

Road safety remedial measures are not progressed at every location where there has been a fatal or serious collision. Instead, the Council has two ongoing programmes of work aimed at reducing road traffic collisions:

- 1) Remedial measures following fatal collisions; and
- 2) Remedial measures arising from ongoing monitoring of collisions in the city - the Accident Investigation and Prevention (AIP) programme.

Following any traffic collision that results in a fatality (or where injuries sustained are likely to prove fatal), a site meeting will be arranged by Police Scotland and attended by a Council officer. The timing of the meeting is determined by the Police and this can vary, depending on the progress of their investigations into the collision and whether it is likely to be referred to the Procurator Fiscal.

Following this meeting, if there are actions for the Council to progress, these will be incorporated into the Council's Road Safety Programme. The timescale for delivery of the changes can vary considerably, depending on their nature and scope.

Site meetings are not held routinely for serious accidents.

Table 2 shows details of the five improvements identified as part of the 2016 Accident Investigation Process, along with improvements that are currently under development.

Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you very much to the Convener for her answer. It would be helpful however if the Convener could clarify her answer to my question, it might have been an issue of layout constraints for written questions, but I would like to check please, out of all of the locations of fatalities that are listed in Table 1 which stretches to over three pages, is it that only the 9 locations

that are included in Table 2 are where change is going to be made in response to a fatality, as her answer says I was already in receipt of the information in Table 2 and what I was really seeking was the information in Table 1 but with a clear indication of what change if any was being made at the location of each fatality, and I'm asking this clarification because Table 2 only lists 9 locations which seems counter to the concern I know that the Convener holds about safety on our roads and pavements, so it might be that a briefing in the form of a landscape table would ensure clarity on this topic, thank you.

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you very much Councillor Miller. It is a very interesting supplementary because I think nobody can look at these tables with any degree of pride, in fact I have a great sense of shame attached to these figures because the number of people across these last years that are covered in this question, who have either been killed or seriously injured on our roads is unbelievably high and the loss to the city, to the families, to the economy, to every aspect of those incidents is just appalling, it's a waste, a complete and utter waste, so what can we do about it, and you're right to call into question where we're looking at records of accidents, where can we be making changes. Now as you said there are some that are already under way at the moment, some of those have been identified, I think there has been other work done in previous years because remember the first table dates back as far as 2011 so there are some previous improvements that had been made, but we are bounded I think by some parameters which are difficult to encapsulate in a written answer, so for example, the way in which we react to fatal or potentially fatal accidents is different than the way in which we act to some other ones. So for example, Police Scotland control the investigation immediately after one of those fatal accidents and we have to wait for them to tell us what they believed to be the cause, now that's often done in conjunction with us, we're invited into the investigation but an accident is not always a cause of the geography of the location, it can be caused by driver error or driver behaviour, it can be caused by a number of other pieces of action, so the natural follow on from the

occurrence of an injury or a fatality is not always that we then have to change a junction, where we have to change the topography of the road, it will often be that case but will not always that case. So the link between what's happened in the past and what our reaction to it is, isn't as clear cut as I would like it to be for all those reasons. On the basis of trying to get you the other information, I think this is something which we can take into a meeting, if necessary bring it in front of the Transport and Environment Committee if you want to, to try and populate that answer to your question and try and get a greater degree of understanding around it, but these figures should reinforce what we're doing around transport policy in every way, reduction of speed, change of roads, reduction of levels of traffic, and then we might see in future years a much shorter list of these dreadful casualties.

Table 1 – Fatal Accident Locations

Accident Severity	Accident Date	Location
Fatal	01/01/2011	UNION PLACE A900 OPPOSITE JUNCTION WITH UNION STREET EDINBURGH 326080E 674450N
Fatal	26/01/2011	EDINBURGH TO KILMARNOCK A71 200M EAST OF IT'S JUNCTION WITH LONG DALMAHOY ROAD EDINBURGH 313460E 668610N
Fatal	15/02/2011	SOUTH GYLE CRESCENT 150 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH REDHEUGHS AVENUE EDINBURGH 318490E 671780N
Fatal	28/04/2011	BROUGHTON ROAD B900 AT ITS JUNCTION WITH EAST CLAREMONT STREET EDINBURGH 325830E 675350N
Fatal	19/06/2011	EDINBURGH CITY BYPASS A720 0.5 MILE WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH A7 AT SHERIFFHALL ROUNDABOUT EDINBURGH 330980E 667900N
Fatal	26/06/2011	BURNSHOT ROAD 730 METRES EAST FROM ALMONDHILL COTTAGES KIRKLISTON 313740E 675360N
Fatal	09/08/2011	PORTOBELLO ROAD A1140 AT THE JUNCTION WITH CRAIGENTINNY AVENUE EDINBURGH 329030E 674250N
Fatal	15/11/2011	SALAMANDER STREET A199 20 METRES EAST OF THE JUNCTION WITH ELBE STREET EDINBURGH 327520E 676400N
Fatal	05/01/2012	LANARK ROAD A70 10 METRES SOUTH FROM JUNCTION WITH DOVECOT GROVE EDINBURGH 321410E 670190N
Fatal	07/02/2012	CORSTORPHINE HIGH STREET C 5 METRES WEST FROM JUNCTION WITH ORCHARDFIELD AVENUE EDINBURGH 319900E 672680N
Fatal	05/03/2012	CORSTORPHINE ROAD A8 100 METRES EAST FROM JUNCTION WITH MURRAYFIELD ROAD EDINBURGH 322530E 673200N
Fatal	07/03/2012	MAYBURY ROAD A902 75 METRES NORTH EAST OF THE JUNCTION WITH MAYBURY DRIVE EDINBURGH 318110E 673830N
Fatal	12/03/2012	GILMERTON ROAD A772 50 METRES NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH THE SPINNEY EDINBURGH 328930E 669060N
Fatal	05/04/2012	CREWE ROAD SOUTH C 75 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH CRAIGLEITH ROAD EDINBURGH 323500E 674680N
Fatal	03/06/2012	OLD DALKEITH ROAD A7 300 METRES SOUTH FROM JUNCTION WITH FERNIEHILL ROAD EDINBURGH 329057E 669979N
Fatal	29/07/2012	OCEAN DRIVE 200 YARDS FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH COMMERCIAL STREET EDINBURGH 326550E 676930N
Fatal	01/09/2012	NEW LISTON ROAD 30 METRES NORTH FROM ITS JUNCTION WITH GATESIDE ROAD KIRKLISTON 312402E 674260N
Fatal	22/09/2012	ULSTER CRESCENT 238 METRES WEST FROM JUNCTION WITH WILLOWBRAE ROAD EDINBURGH 328666E 673549N
Fatal	29/09/2012	NICOLSON SQUARE AT THE JUNCTION WITH MARSHALL STREET EDINBURGH 326024E 673175N
Fatal	08/12/2012	DUNDAS STREET C AT THE JUNCTION WITH HERIOT ROW EDINBURGH 325260E 674330N

Fatal	10/12/2012	BAVELAW ROAD 10 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH HARLAW ROAD BALERNO 316310E 666210N
Fatal	06/01/2013	WESTER HAILES ROAD AT ITS ROUNDABOUT JUNCTION WITH CLOVENSTONE ROAD JUNIPER GREEN 320130E 669370N
Fatal	26/01/2013	MARCHMONT ROAD C AT THE JUNCTION WITH WARRENDER PARK ROAD EDINBURGH 325460E 672320N
Fatal	21/03/2013	PALMERSTON PLACE AT JUNCTION WITH ROTHESAY PLACE EDINBURGH 323950E 673660N
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Fatal	05/06/2013	QUEENS DRIVE AT ITS JUNCTION WITH DUKES WALK EDINBURGH 327630E 673960N
Fatal	10/08/2013	GLASGOW TO EDINBURGH ROAD M8 100 METRES WEST FROM JUNCTION WITH A720, CITY OF EDINBURGH BYPASS EDINBURGH 317990E 670870N
Fatal	27/09/2013	GREAT JUNCTION STREET A901 25 METRES NORTH FROM JUNCTION WITH JUNCTION PLACE EDINBURGH 326800E 676090N
Fatal	28/11/2013	EDINBURGH CITY BYPASS A720 200YDS WEST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH STRAITON ROAD EDINBURGH 327070E 666970N
Fatal	16/02/2014	QUEENSFERRY ROAD B800 AT ITS JUNCTION WITH UNNAMED ROAD LEADING TO ROYAL ELIZABETH YARD KIRKLISTON 312760E 676480N
Fatal	01/03/2014	SILVERKNOWES ROAD 500 YARDS NORTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH LAURISTON FARM ROAD EDINBURGH 320420E 676400N
Fatal	22/04/2014	GILLESPIE ROAD B701 100 YARDS EAST OF JUNCTION WITH PENTLAND AVENUE EDINBURGH 321160E 668900N
Fatal	19/05/2014	WAVERLEY BRIDGE AT SOUTH ENTRANCE TO RAILWAY STATION WAVERLEY RAILWAY STATION, EDINBURGH 325690E 673810N
Fatal	08/07/2014	PRINCES STREET AT THE JUNCTION WITH SOUTH ST ANDREW STREET C EDINBURGH 325720E 673970N
Fatal	07/11/2014	OLD DALKEITH ROAD A7 APPROX 20 METRES SOUTH OF JUNCTION WITH BRIDGE END EDINBURGH 327810E 671100N
Fatal	22/11/2014	NEWHALLS ROAD APPROX 60 METRES WEST OF JUNCTION WITH HIGH STREET SOUTH QUEENSFERRY 313680E 678340N
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Fatal	08/12/2014	FERRY ROAD 25M EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH DUDLEY AVENUE SOUTH EDINBURGH 326140E 676350N
Fatal	17/12/2014	LINDSAY ROAD A901 AT ITS JUNCTION WITH SANDPIPER DRIVE EDINBURGH 325740E 677040N
Fatal	19/08/2015	FREDERICK STREET C AT THE JUNCTION WITH PRINCES STREET A8 EDINBURGH 325190E 673830N
Fatal	08/10/2015	BUCKSTONE TERRACE 50 METRES SOUTH OF THE JUNCTION WITH CAIYSTANE CRESCENT EDINBURGH 324640E 668560N

Fatal	17/12/2015	NEWBRIDGE TO WILKIESTON B7030 15 METRES NORTH JUNCTION OF UNCLASSIFIED ROAD TO RATHO QUARRY NEWBRIDGE 312020E 670350N
Fatal	01/01/2016	MURRAYBURN ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH DUMBRYDEN DRIVE EDINBURGH 320560E 670680N
Fatal	09/01/2016	DRUM BRAE DRIVE 38 METRES WEST FROM JUNCTION WITH HOSEASONS GARDENS EDINBURGH 319610E 674340N
Fatal	17/04/2016	MORNINGSIDE ROAD 10 M NORTH FROM JUNCTION WITH JORDAN LANE EDINBURGH 324540E 671140N
Fatal	12/05/2016	KINGSTON AVENUE C AT THE JUNCTION WITH OLD DALKEITH ROAD A7 EDINBURGH 328470E 670400N
Fatal	06/06/2016	BURNSHOT ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH STANDINGSTONE ROAD KIRKLISTON 314360E 675670N
Fatal	10/06/2016	SILVERKNOWES ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH SILVERKNOWES COURT EDINBURGH 320830E 675840N
Fatal	17/09/2016	NEWCRAIGHALL ROAD A6095 AT JUNCTION WITH NEWCRAIGHALL PARK & RIDE, EDINBURGH 331740E 671810N
Fatal	25/11/2016	WEST APPROACH ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH ROSEBURN STREET C EDINBURGH 322740E 672640N
Fatal	16/12/2016	GILMERTON ROAD A772 AT THE ROUNDABOUT WITH EDINBURGH CITY BYPASS SLIP ROAD A720 EDINBURGH 330520E 667960N
Fatal	30/01/2017	STANDINGSTONE ROAD TO B800 ROAD NEAR MILTON COTTAGE, 1 KM EAST FROM JUNCTION WITH B800 SOUTH QUEENSFERRY 313240E 676220N
Fatal	24/04/2017	LANARK ROAD AT THE JUNCTION WITH BABERTON CRESCENT JUNIPER GREEN 320250E 668890N
Fatal	14/05/2017	MAIN STREET AT ITS JUNCTION WITH QUALITY STREET B9085 DAVIDSONS MAINS, EDINBURGH 320560E 675450N
Fatal	31/05/2017	PRINCES STREET A8 AT THE JUNCTION WITH LOTHIAN ROAD A702 EDINBURGH 324670E 673670N
Fatal	03/09/2017	REGENT ROAD A1 200M NORTH EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH REGENT TERRACE EDINBURGH 326660E 674130N
Fatal	27/10/2017	CHARTERHALL ROAD 102 METRES EAST OF ITS JUNCTION WITH BLACKFORD AVENUE EDINBURGH 325860E 670990N
Fatal	26/12/2017	DUDDINGSTON PARK 30 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH PARK LANE EDINBURGH 330270E 673060N
Fatal	10/01/2018	BROOMHOUSE AVENUE 50 METRES SOUTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH BROOMHOUSE PLACE EDINBURGH 319970E 671230N
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Fatal	25/05/2018	MAYBURY ROAD A902 200 METRES NORTH OF ITS JUNCTION WITH MAYBURY DRIVE EDINBURGH 318170E 673970N
Fatal	16/10/2018	SOUTHHOUSE AVENUE 100 M WEST FROM JUNCTION WITH SOUTHHOUSE BROADWAY, DRIVEWAY OF 29 EDINBURGH 327690E 668100N
Fatal	02/11/2018	GREAT JUNCTION STREET A901 APPROX 20 METRES EAST OF JUNCTION WITH HENDERSON STREET EDINBURGH 326880E 675990N
Fatal	10/01/2019	LEITH WALK A900 AT THE JUNCTION WITH CROWN STREET EDINBURGH 326900E 675780N

Fatal	20/02/2019	MURRAYBURN ROAD 7 METRES WEST OF THE JUNCTION WITH HAILES LAND ROAD EDINBURGH 319830E 670150N
Fatal	13/03/2019	PORTOBELLO HIGH STREET B6415 AT THE JUNCTION WITH SIR HARRY LAUDER ROAD EDINBURGH 330018E 674376N
Fatal	14/05/2019	OCEAN DRIVE 200 METRES SOUTH OF ROUNDABOUT AT MELROSE DRIVE EDINBURGH 326649E 677029N
Fatal	03/09/2019	GREAT JUNCTION STREET (A901) AT JUNCTION WITH GREAT JUNCTION STREET (A901)
Fatal	07/01/2020	QUEENSFERRY ROAD (A90) - 75 METRES FROM JUNCTION WITH PARKGROVE AVENUE
Fatal	29/03/2020	SPOTTISWOODE ROAD NEAR JUNCTION WITH MARCHMONT ROAD
Fatal	25/06/2020	GILMERTON ROAD (A772) AT JUNCTION WITH KINGSTON AVENUE
Fatal	30/06/2020	MORNINGSIDE ROAD (A702) AT JUNCTION WITH SPRINGVALLEY GARDENS
Fatal	14/07/2020	WILLOWBRAE ROAD (A1) NEAR JUNCTION WITH WILLOWBRAE ROAD (A1)
Fatal	02/11/2020	SIR HARRY LAUDER ROAD (A199) NEAR JUNCTION WITH PORTOBELLO HIGH STREET (B6415)

Table 2 – Improvements Identified

<u>Location</u>	<u>Measure</u>	<u>Date and Identified via</u>	<u>Comments</u>
A71 Dalmahoy Junction	Vehicle activated signs and reduction in speed limit	AIP	Complete - Vehicle activated signs installed in 2017 and speed limit subsequently reduced in 2018. A scheme for further road safety improvements, arising from a decision by Committee in March 2015 following the submission of a petition, is currently being progressed for implementation by the end of 2021.
Drum Brae Drive	Signalised Junction	2013 AIP	Improvement identified via AIP was for a signalised Puffin pedestrian crossing. However, there was strong feedback from the Drum Brae Community Council that a full signalisation of the junction should instead be progressed. Unfortunately, the significant additional funding required to deliver this could not be justified on the grounds of collision reduction alone and the development of proposals was therefore suspended to allow further options, including potential additional sources of funding to be investigated. In December 2018, the Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership agreed to allocate the additional funding required to allow a signalised junction to be progressed. Currently finalising the tender package to progress to construction.
Hermiston Roundabout	Road Marking Alterations	2016 AIP	Complete - implemented in 2019.

Telford Road	Road Marking/ Directon Signage Alterations	2016 AIP	Complete - implemented in late 2019/early 2020.
South Bridge @ Chambers Street	Road Marking Alterations	2016 AIP	Complete - layout amended as part of South Bridge improvement works. Monitoring ongoing.
Queensferry Road @ Quality Street	Alterations to signal phasing and type to include Craigcrook Road slip.	2016 AIP	Complete- implemented 2018/19.
Davidsons Mains	Crossing/Roundabout Upgrade	2016 AIP and Response to Fatal Collision in 2017	Currently finalising detailed design to progress to construction.
Murrayburn Road at Hailesland Road	Signalised Crossing	Response to Fatal Collision in 2019	Currently finalising tender package to progress to construction.
Portobello High Street/King's Road Junction	Road Layout Alterations and Improvements to Alternative Routes	Response to Fatal Collisions in 2019 and 2020	Awaiting Road Safety Audit and further engagement with stakeholder groups to progress to implementation.

QUESTION NO 2

By Councillor Howie for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

- Question** (1) How many public playparks do the council own or maintain?
- Answer** (1) The Council owns or maintains 165 play parks.
- Question** (2) For each of these, what individual pieces of play equipment are designed for use by disabled children?
- Answer** (2) The Council has a significant amount of play equipment which has been designed for use by disabled children. Examples include a swing seat called the Mirage (which is based on a fighter pilot's ejector seat and has fixing points for a harness supplied on request and can be fitted on any swing frame that is 2.4m high), Orbit and dish roundabouts, trampolines and ramped / pull up decks. Further details of these will be put on the Council's website.
- Question** (3) Which playparks have blue badge or abundant parking immediately adjacent to them?
- Answer** (3) There are many playparks which have parking in close proximity however the Council does not hold a definitive list of playparks with adjacent parking or blue badge spaces.
- Question** (4) Which playparks have surfaces suitable for use by wheelchairs?
- Answer** (4) Approximately 100 sites have surfaces suitable for use by wheelchairs. A list will be added to the council website.
- Question** (5) What is the council's current policy regarding the inclusion of accessible play equipment in any future playparks?

Answer

- (5)** The Council's Play Area Action Plan designs are child centred, based on children's desires, expectations, how they play and what they need to get out of the play experience. Designs are also governed by the need to meet the play standard BS EN 1176 Parts 1 to 11. The choice of equipment and layout of the play space needs to allow for inclusion, allowing as wide a range of children to play together as possible. The play space must be sustainable, meet consulted needs and not be easily vandalised.

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Howie for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

What is the council's response to the points raised by the RNIB in their consultation response on retaining Spaces for People that was received from them on 1st April 2021?

Answer

Ahead of the consultation response the Convener and Vice-Convener held an engagement session with RNIB and other accessibility groups on 2 March 2021. The discussion was comprehensive and allowed for setting the context of our wider transport policies and reinforced our commitment to accessible and inclusive walking wheeling and cycling for all with the understanding that some people do require the use of private vehicles.

RNIB were concerned that due to the quick action associated with Spaces for People, it was difficult to convey to those with sight problems where changes would occur in the city, and how this might alter the streetscape. In order to assist with this, documents relating to changes had to be accessible, and detailed engagement with access panels and disability groups had to be ongoing and proactive.

A report will be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee on 17 June which will present and respond to the Spaces for People consultation submissions. However, the Council are keen to maintain engagement and work with all resident groups to ensure inclusivity for all. Consultation materials for the SfP consultation were made available in accessible formats, including a BSL video, large print paper copies of the consultation response form and copies in braille.

Should the schemes be progressed permanently, we would look to using experimental traffic orders in the first instance so there would be an opportunity to consider the layout and make alterations before any permanent scheme is progressed. Efforts will be made to mitigate impacts on our visually impaired residents.

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

In December 2020 Council Officers were made aware that Juniper Green Primary School parents and staff had carried out research and had pulled together a comprehensive Road Safety Action Plan to be progressed through 2021.

Through the local Ward Councillor, Councillor Webber, a draft of this road safety action plan was provided to Council officers. This included 50 ideas to be reviewed and considered and was obviously created with local knowledge and awareness of the entire area and this document made no mention of a planter!

Question (1) Is it safe to assume that the Spaces for People team are not genuinely interested in working collaboratively with communities, parent councils and schools to make their road safety action plan live and implemented and would rather progress with their own interpretation of the issues and the solutions?

Answer (1) The Spaces for People projects around schools were intended purely to assist in creating a safer space for pedestrians to physically distance at the school gates, not to address wider safety concerns on routes to school.

Question (2) How should the parent council and school progress their Road Safety Action Plan given the placement of the planter in April 2021?

Answer (2) The Road Safety team are currently undertaking a review of School Travel Plans for every school cluster in the city and will engage with the school and parent body around the contents of their Action Plan as part of this process.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and thank you Convener for your answer. Given that these temporary schemes that have been installed under the Spaces for People programme have recently been installed at this location long after the consultation has taken place, and it is quite contrary to what

the school and the parents were working on, to increase the safety of this area, what suggested action do I go back to the parents with and the school to give them guidance as to how we can proceed when something is so very different to what they were wanting to happen in application and has been forced upon them?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you Councillor Webber for your supplementary. To the best of my knowledge I was not shared the draft of the Juniper Green Parents requests and that would have been helpful for me to be able to answer the question more accurately. I applaud any school community that takes the issues of road safety around the school seriously, but what I did have a bit of a problem with in terms of your question, as it seems to confuse two matters, the issues of what is possible under the Spaces for People scheme and what is actually really referred to as a much wider piece which is around school safety, which is an ongoing piece of work that was happening long before Covid, long before the Spaces for People issue. I suspect that most of what the parents grouping wants to see happen falls in that latter part, and so I would suggest that what you do is contact the Road Safety Team, the team that deals with schools streets and deal with it that way. If necessary I will try and get involved if you think it would be useful although no doubt that's not a preferred option for you, but I think we have to get a greater degree of understanding amongst our Councillors and amongst people who watch this that there is a limit to what is being done under Spaces for People, so the calls for pothole repairs, the calls for wider safety around schools measures doesn't fall within the remit of Spaces for People and we've been giving you that message right from the very beginning and a few people don't seem to be listening to that. I welcome anything that comes out of the Juniper Green Parents Grouping, I think that is valuable work, we see that kind of work going on in schools across the city and it is absolutely to be valued, then we have to take it on board and work out what is possible within Council parameters and that stage doesn't seem to have been done in preparation for this question, thank you.

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

The council has stated its policy is to 'try and modify' Spaces for People schemes:

Question (1) What steps are the council taking to encourage the public to report 'near misses' or 'near accidents' related to Spaces for People infrastructure and other road infrastructure to ensure these are accurately captured?

Answer (1) Any individual or organisation can report a range of service requests or a road or pavement problem relating to road infrastructure through www.edinburgh.gov.uk/report.

For Spaces for People dedicated Inspector has been appointed to ensure that the infrastructure introduced is safe and well maintained. Issues relating to Spaces for People measures can be sent directly to the Spaces for People team (spacesforpeople@edinburgh.gov.uk).

Question (2) How should the public report a 'near miss' or 'near accident' to best ensure a 'near miss' report is not 'missed'?

Answer (2) As above.

Question (3) What policies are in place to ensure the data from 'near misses' or 'near accidents' is shared across all relevant people and lessons learned, and adaptations made in a timely fashion?

Answer (3) For issues reported in relation to the Council's road infrastructure through the link above, these are directed via Confirm, to the relevant service for rectification/repair.

For Spaces for People, in addition to the approach taken for road infrastructure, information received will be investigated by the Inspector and action taken rectification/repair. Issues which do not relate to infrastructure will be considered on receipt and appropriate action taken if required. As part of the bi-monthly scheme reviews, any issues raised are also considered.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for her answer. In the answer to point 3, I just wonder are the near misses actual accidents in terms of Spaces for People, are they added to the Safety Audit brief for each scheme if they occurred after a safety audit or are they discussed with the original auditor?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you for the supplementary Councillor Rust, I'm not absolutely certain as that's a very specific question, I will ask officers to provide you and the other Councillors with a response to it. What I would say is that they are taken seriously, they are taken as part of that background understanding of what is happening around the Spaces for People issues and indeed any other issues on the road. The one thing I would say is that the Council does not have a definition for near misses so what somebody might consider in their own experience to be a near miss, somebody else might not, so it actually makes it quite difficult for us to interact with it as a complete topic but I know certainly there is a strong willingness within our Road Safety Team, within our Spaces for People team and indeed across the transport department to understand what's happening around those kind of issues and see where we can put in preventative measures to follow on from that, thank you.

QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 May 2021**

- Question** (1) Under what authority/legislation can “planters” be placed on the roadway?
- Answer** (1) The [Roads Scotland Act 1984](#) (Part 1 Public Roads – General powers and duties of roads authorities) sets out the powers and duties of local roads authorities.
- In Part 1, the Act states that a local roads authority shall manage and maintain all roads included in their list of public roads. Within this the local roads authority has the power to reconstruct, alter, widen, improve or renew any such road or to determine the means by which the public right of passage over it, or over any part of it, may be exercised.
- Question** (2) What is the total cost of planters placed and proposed to be placed at locations close to Primary Schools?
- Answer** (2) £57,439.
- Question** (3) In terms of the maintenance of planters by P1:
- (a) what is the cost;
 - (b) what is the schedule; and
 - (c) will all future costs be met from the Spaces for People fund, administered by Sustrans?
- Answer** (3) a) The total cost is £5,586.
- b) The schedule of maintenance includes approximately 12 summer and six winter visits. The schedule includes application of slow release fertiliser in the Spring; watering planters once a week during the growing season; and pruning and weeding as required to keep planters presentable and ensure health of plants.

- c) It is expected that all reasonable costs will be covered by the Spaces for People budget whilst planters are used by the Programme in 2021/22.

Question (4) What consultation was undertaken with

- (a) local residents and
- (b) parent councils prior to implementation of the planters at each location?

Answer (4) In answer to (a) and (b):

The notification and engagement process for the measures introduced to support physical distancing around schools followed the same process as used for all Spaces for People schemes which was approved by Policy and Sustainability Committee on 14 May 2020.

This includes notification to allow ward members, local stakeholders, community representatives and key partners to consider the proposed measures and provide feedback so that design alterations can be made.

These Temporary Traffic Regulation Notice (TTRN) notifications related to vehicle prohibitions and not on the planters themselves.

Question (5) Why were planters placed on roadways without reflective markings or other visibility aids?

Answer (5) The existing temporary traffic management should have remained in place to identify and protect the on-street planters. Unfortunately, this was removed in error during the installation period. Appropriate reflective markings are currently being installed on all on-street planters.

Question (6) Can links to the individual risk assessments be placed on the “Spaces for People – School Measures” portal?

Answer (6) Individual design risk assessments and other supporting documents can be requested from the project team.

- Question** (7) Where it has been agreed that roads will be open out with school dropping off and pick up times who is going to move the planters to allow full unrestricted access outwith these times?
- Answer** (7) The roads affected by part time vehicle prohibitions remain open at all times to exempt vehicles. It is not necessary to remove planters out with the operating hours, as most features have been placed where parked cars would normally be present.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost and thanks again to the Convener for her answer. Would the Convener agree in relation to the answer to point 5 that it is unacceptable to introduce a planter to a road, supposedly to improve safety around disease transmission yet install it in a way which introduces new and potentially more serious and severe dangers?
- Supplementary Answer** I was very unhappy with the roll out of the planter programme within Spaces for People. I think we missed an opportunity to do it in a clean effective manner i.e. by adding the signage at the right time, adding reflective tape at the right time, I think you'll see in the written answer there's an explanation given on that particular piece. I do however say that the planters I think are a very necessary item in certain parts of Spaces for People roll-out and one of the reasons for that is that we've seen an enormous degree of what I would quite frankly call sabotage of some of the measures that have been put in place. We've had drivers driving round barriers, we've had barriers being removed, we've had ones being destroyed, there are a number of actions being taken by people who are determined that they will not accept what we believe to be the necessary changes on the roads and I think that's a very regrettable aspect to the Space for People project which really does have to be dealt with hence very heavy unable to be moved planters. We've seen this happening across the UK, it's been particularly bad in London with people destroying efforts to improve safety on our roads and that's a very regrettable aspect of resident behaviour around some of these measures, thank you.

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Rust for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) In Item 10.2 of the previous full council meeting on 29 April, it lists that £15,000 was paid to Sustrans in 2019/20 for 'Bike Life'. Please provide detail of what services were included in that cost.

Answer (1) The Bike Life programme in 2019/20 was part of the Council's 'Smarter Choices, Smarter Places' programme, which is funded by Scottish Government funding through the Paths for All programme.

The funding contributed to the costs for:

- Data collection and analysis, including the survey of residents (carried out by a third party - NatCen);
- Conducting case study interviews;
- City streetscape and case study photography; and

Document design, production and distribution.

Question (2) In *Bike Life* report https://www.sustrans.org.uk/media/5965/bikelife19_edinburgh_web.pdf, on page 12, "*Better road quality and fewer potholes*" is the biggest issue reported in terms of issues residents think are important for improving cycle safety in Edinburgh. Which *Spaces for People* schemes have seen road resurfacing form part?

- Answer** (2) As part of the following Spaces for People schemes, patching or re-surfacing undertaken:
- The Mound
 - Bank Street
 - Forest Road
 - Dundee Street and Fountainbridge
 - A1 – Milton Road West
- The following schemes have identified the need for patching at specific locations. These will be incorporated into Edinburgh Road Services' programme:
- Craigmillar Park, Minto St and Mayfield Gardens
 - Buccleuch St and Potterow
 - Gilmerton Road
 - Ladywell Road
 - Crewe Road South
 - Ferry Road
 - Queensferry Road
- Question** (3) Is another *Bike Life* survey /report scheduled and if so, when?
- Answer** (3) The Bike Life report is produced every two years. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, Bike Life 2021/22 has been slightly delayed. Data collection is underway, and the report is expected Summer 2022.
- Question** (4) Is *Bike Life* reporting used to measure success or otherwise of *Spaces for People*?
- Answer** (4) Bike Life is a UK wide report; therefore, the citizen survey and data collection are standardised across the different cities. Bike Life 2021/22 will not therefore look to explicitly assess the impact of Spaces for People in Edinburgh.
- Question** (5) Will the Council commit to undertaking equally detailed research for '*Walking Life*' (with questions for those with mobility issues) as pedestrians are top of the hierarchy of road users and activities around active travel should lead on this?

Answer (5) Bike Life is a UK wide document that is produced every two years for multiple cities. In 2021/22 the scope of this document is being extended at the UK level to equally consider walking, wheeling and cycling. The name of the document will also change to reflect the wider scope of the document.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and thanks again to the Convener. In relation to point 2 of question 7, I note Lanark Road, a major arterial road wasn't one of those included in this and it actually has been further degraded by the central line at the tarmac join being burned off for the Spaces for People measures and I think the Convener herself mentioned about volume of traffic earlier on in the Council meeting, but I just wondered are there plans in place for new road resurfacing which needs done directly as a result of the Spaces for People measures?

Supplementary Answer There will be very few examples of road changes that need to be made as a result of Spaces for People, however there is a ready acknowledgement of the fact that we do need to continue for example to repair potholes in cycle lanes, in newly segregated cycle lanes, and in other parts of the road network where we're seeing changes, that's one of the great benefits of this additional money that's been put in and it will help us do that. It is of course a divorced element from the Spaces for People funding because Spaces for People funding did not cover the issue of pothole or road resurfacing, the fact that we've been able to combine some of the projects with our existing Capital Programme work and existing road resurfacing work in other ways in potholes and such has been a benefit, but it's not been a fundamental part of the Spaces for People programme.

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Johnston for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 May 2021**

Question

Can the Convener confirm:

In the last 12 months how many 5G Mast applications have been received per locality, how many have been approved and how many have been rejected?

Answer

Generally, masts within conservation areas require planning permission; while masts outwith conservation areas are permitted development, subject to a “prior approval” process. The “prior approval” process is limited to consideration of appearance and design.

Since 1 May 2020 the Council has received:

- 54 Permitted Development Prior Approvals; and
- 12 Planning Applications.

In the same period:

- 50 permitted Development Prior Approvals were approved, with two refused; and
- Nine Planning Applications were granted and one refused.

These are broken down by Locality below:

Locality	Planning applications made	Prior Approvals Made	Total
North East	2	13	15
South East	3	7	10
South West	1	14	15
North West	6	20	26
Total	12	54	66

Locality	Planning Applications Decisions				Prior Approval Decisions			Total
	Granted	Refused	Withdrawn	Total	Approved	Refused	Total	
North East	2	0	0	2	12	1	13	15
South East	3	0	1	4	6	0	6	10
South West	1	0	0	1	12	1	13	14
North West	3	1	0	4	20	0	20	24
Total	9	1	1	11	50	2	52	63

(The difference in the total submissions and decisions is because some applications have not yet been decided and some that have been decided were received before 1 May 2020).

Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for her answer. As she'll be aware, the masts are often a source of great concern within the community and since the publication of the answer a number of colleagues have got in touch to say that they think it may be incomplete and there may have been other applications made in the timeframe, so I wonder if she will agree if I can write to her setting out these other examples, perhaps we could have a further discussion on it?

Supplementary Answer by Councillor Gardiner

Thank you Councillor Johnson for the original question and the supplementary. I'd be very happy if you wrote to me with what you suggested is the case and then we can look into it through the Planning Department and then I would share that of course with all Councillors as well, so thank you.

QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Mitchell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

On 20th July 2020 in the feedback summary for the Ferry Road scheme, Spaces for People said in response to a question about the removal of guardrails between Arboretum Road and Inverleith Gardens that, "This was considered, however the narrowness of the footways and the proximity to often high volume of traffic made this undesirable."

The guardrails at this location were removed by Spaces for People earlier this month.

Please could the Convener explain:

Question (1) Why their removal is now considered desirable?

Answer (1) The original scheme for Ferry Road was implemented early in the Spaces for People programme and, due to the urgent nature of the programme, the scheme considered that the narrowness of the footway and proximity to often high volume traffic meant that the initial assessment indicated that the guardrails could not be removed.

However, this was revisited as part of the dedicated street clutter programme project, which was progressed with Living Streets in line with the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance, analysis of three-year collision data found no issues at this location. Using the guardrail removal protocol, it was therefore considered appropriate to remove this section of guard rail.

Question (2) Why local members were not consulted or informed in advance of the change of opinion?

Answer (2) Updates on the street clutter programme have been presented to Transport and Environment Committee however, due to the timing of the implementation and funding availability it has not been possible to update local ward Councillors on the individual elements of the street clutter programme.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thanks Lord Provost and may I thank the Convener for her answers. Lord Provost, the Convener will be aware that guardrails around Inverleith ward, such as in the Blackhall dip, further along towards Warriston, have been removed and indeed the railings in question within the question. Part of the Spaces for People is about making the routes safer for people but parents don't feel safe, the elderly people in the sheltered housing unit do not feel safe with the removal of these railings, the parents and the children, the dog owners, pet owners, are they wrong for feeling unsafe with the removal of these railings?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you for your supplementary Councillor Mitchell. No I would never say that anybody's feelings about their environment were wrong and I'm surprised that you've asked me that question because it seems to be trying to lead me into making some kind of statement which would upset those members that you've talked about of the community, and that's clearly not the case. What we have been doing and as you should know from the written answer, we've been working very closely with Living Streets Edinburgh on a clearance programme around street clutter. Now the advice that we're getting from them which is a long standing body, it's a national body that happens to be the particular Edinburgh part of it that talks about the need to remove street clutter for a whole variety of good solid reasons, that's the reason why we've gone on to take away some of these guard rails. There's also a general acceptance within the street design guidance that we wouldn't certainly be adding any more guard rails because they have lived past their usefulness in many of the locations that we had. I understand people's reaction when they have a change to the local environment, it can be very uncomfortable, it can take some time to get used to it and sometimes people don't see the reasons behind it, but I think it's our responsibility as Councillors to help people to understand why we make these decisions around street clutter and why we are attempting to make positive changes around the environment even although I understand fully that it's difficult for some people to adjust to those changes because of concerns, most of the concerns come from heavy traffic volume in the area causing that degree of concern around the environment, thank you.

QUESTION NO 10

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

The publicly available Edinburgh Road Reports (eg. <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/29452/14-may-2021>) in the table listing road works, in the 'Traffic Control' column, many of the controls are listed as:

*"Re-designating key parts of the road to help pedestrians, people using **wheelchairs**, prams or bicycles to physically distance"*

For every entry in this list, where the Traffic Control has the word '**wheelchair**' mentioned and, therefore, implies to council staff and the wider public that the control is specifically being put in place to help people with wheelchairs, please can you provide:

- a) The measure that was put in place to specifically help people using wheelchairs by improving accessibility.
- b) Any measures put in place as part of that scheme which conversely reduce accessibility for wheelchairs

Answer

- a) Spaces for People measures are designed to improve conditions for pedestrians and for people using wheelchairs, prams or bicycles by providing additional footway space to support physical distancing and to enable people to move around more easily.
- b) As part of the Spaces for People programme some parking provision has been removed to allow measures to be installed.

In some cases, following feedback received, parking and loading have been reintroduced to improve accessibility.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost. The Convener's answer to Part 8 of the question doesn't tell me anything specific and I can only conclude from that, that given extending a pavement with a bit of roadway when there's still a kerblin inbetween doesn't actually assist wheelchair users very often that that means that isn't really anything for wheelchair users in that so given that, how can she justify the outcome of Part b of the question which seems to suggest lesser access for wheelchair users because they can't get to places and park if they need to?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you Councillor Whyte for your question. I think you're misunderstanding completely the purpose behind extended pavements, they're designed to give more space to the people who are moving around in that particular location. that includes wheelchair users who might get crowded out on a pavement, if you then have people who are able to access that extended pavement, using that extended pavement, it clears a path for people who have other mobility issues or who are wheelchair users. So in actual fact there are all sorts of aspects of Spaces for People where there are a number of groups of people who will benefit from the particular measures that we're taking and that will include often wheelchair users. When you talk about the disadvantage to wheelchair users you're presumably referring to the removal of certain car-parking spaces. I would stress the fact, I'm assuming that that's the case I see you trying to contribute something again, that I am assuming that it's down to the loss of car parking spaces. We have kept wherever we possibly can space for disabled parking, we have also retained the rights of disabled car users to be able to park in places where other people cannot, and indeed in certain parts of Spaces for People programme we've already put in specific disabled parking bays to allow greater degree of access. So I do consider a little bit regretful that you seem to be trying to push this idea that we either don't care about wheelchair users or care about those with mobility issues, that is quite clearly not the case and I've been privy to many a conversation with officers about trying to ensure that facilities are still available for those of us who are more vulnerable in the community.

QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor Burgess for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question (1) Does the council see it as a priority to engage with citizens about the need for their support and action in tackling the Climate Emergency?

Answer (1) The Council views engagement with citizens as of the utmost importance in tackling the climate emergency.

Since declaring a Climate Emergency, the Council has already delivered:

- an open dialogue with citizens through 'Edinburgh Talks Climate' (an online, interactive forum for discussion, debate and information sharing)
- ongoing social media campaigns on climate change awareness
- a Youth Climate Summit attended by over a hundred young people from Edinburgh's schools
- A climate change survey responded to by 1,834 residents

As part of the process to develop a 2030 Climate Strategy for the city, additional engagement has been undertaken including:

- civil society roundtables
- third sector events
- engagement with community councils
- strategy-specific social media

The draft strategy is due for consideration by Policy and Sustainability Committee on 10th June and the Council will undertake extensive citizen engagement and consultation on the strategy over the summer period.

Question (2) What resources and programme will the council employ to engage with citizens about the need for their support and action in tackling the Climate Emergency?

Answer (2) The Council has secured European funds through the Climate Knowledge and Innovation Community (CKIC) to employ a dedicated Sustainability Communication and Engagement Officer who will be responsible for delivering the 2030 Climate Strategy consultation. In addition to sector-specific engagement with city partners, this will include:

- A 12 week on-line consultation
- A third sector consultation event (delivered in partnership with EVOG)
- Specific thematic sessions with community councils
- Dedicated sessions for a range of communities of interests and seldom-heard groups
- A programme of engagement with schools

There is currently no specific budget allocated to support ongoing engagement activity or awareness-raising campaigns through the life of the strategy. However, budget proposals are being considered as part of the current budget discussions and resourcing will also be considered as part of the strategy's finalisation in September.

Question (3) Is the council considering extending its approach to citizen engagement, particularly with the UN Climate Conference being hosted in Glasgow later this year?

Answer (3) The Council has timed the publication of the 2030 Climate Strategy for October to coincide with COP26 coming to Scotland in November. This is intended to ensure consultation and engagement on the draft strategy is linked to, and benefits from, the increased profile for climate action that COP26 will bring.

In addition to consultation and engagement on climate issues through the strategy, the Council will work with civil society groups and Edinburgh businesses to collaborate on a range of thematic events and awareness raising sessions.

The Council has allocated £100,000 to support a COP26 events programme, to be led by the Chamber of Commerce. An additional £6,000 has been allocated to cover venue costs to support engagement by community groups.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thanks very much for the answers and I very much welcome the council earlier agreed some of the Green proposals on funding for citizen engagement in their budget motion but can I clarify, given the recent opposition to measures for supporting active travel for example, whether an Edinburgh Citizens' Assembly on the climate emergency is something that the coalition might consider setting up in future?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Can I thank Councillor Burgess for the question. We have obviously, and we continue to periodically think about the exact mechanisms and tools we use to engage people and we haven't certainly ruled out a Citizens' Assembly as part of that process. Councillor Burgess makes a good point that for some of the big things that we will need to do as a city and every city in the world will need to do in order to make meaningful progress on delivering that net zero position we will have to make sure that citizen understanding is at high level and a citizen sign off is a high level for those actions, we need that buy in, people understand the need to change, people understand the need for the city to decarbonise and we've not ruled out any forms of engagement at this stage in terms of how to do that best. There is obviously not unlimited resource and this is the only caveat I'll put on all that, we do need to focus the resource we do have as effectively as possible to deliver what we need to the city to reach that net zero position.

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Gloyer for answer by
the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 27 May 2021**

Question

Craighleith Crescent was scheduled for carriageway surface treatment in 2019-20.

- a) On what date was the condition of this carriageway last inspected?
- b) What was the outcome of that assessment?

Answer

- a) A full condition assessment of the carriageway on Craighleith Crescent was carried out in August 2020.

Since then, several safety inspections have been carried out to identify and address any urgent or dangerous defects. The most recent safety inspection took place 15 April 2021.

- b) The condition assessment in August 2020 identified that Craighleith Crescent merited inclusion in the capital programme but was not suitable for surface treatment. It is now included in 2021/22 capital carriageway resurfacing programme.

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Further to his answer to my questions on this subject on 13 December 2018, will the Convener please identify:

Question (1) When were the technical factsheets "C6, Cycle Parking in New Developments", and "C7, Cycle Parking", published?

Answer (1) C6 and C7 are both currently under development. During this work, the scope of the two factsheets has evolved slightly. C7 now deals with all cycle parking and C6 addresses other elements of cycling in new developments.

Question (2) What consultation was carried out prior to their publication?

Answer (2) In 2021, consultation on the latest draft of C7 was undertaken with Edinburgh Access Panel, Living Streets, Spokes and Transport for Edinburgh. RNIB were also approached for input but they did not submit a response.

Question (3) Will the Convener please provide the URL on the council's website where these factsheets can be downloaded?

Answer (3) The technical fact sheets that have been published to date can be viewed on the Council's website via the link below:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory/10232/edinburgh-design-guidance>

The both factsheets will be added to this site when ready.

Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for his answer. When I last asked about the publication of these technical fact sheets in 2018 the Convener replied that they would be published as soon as possible, I quote. Please could the Convener clarify why he apparently feels that the definition of "as soon as possible" is nearly three years, can he clarify whether this delay reflects the lack of interest in sustainable transport from the Council's Planning Department and will he provide a date when these factsheets will be published?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you Lord Provost. The fact sheets, I have been informed the fact sheet for cycle parking should be ready in 2021 and the one for the cycling and new development will also be done in the financial year 2021/22. The delays are partly due to a pause in work whilst the new contract was let and negotiated with consultants and there was also delays due to Covid and there's resource reprivatisation around that. I don't think that the other parts of your question are fair, I think there's clear direction of travel, not least through the City Plan Choices report and the City Plan which will come to Committee this summer, probably in August, it's quite clear what direction the planning department and the wider council is taking in terms of sustainability, so I hope that answers your question.

QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 27 May
2021**

Question

Further to his answer to my leader's question on this subject at full council on 29 April 2021, please can the Council Leader confirm:

- a) when he made contact with the Cabinet Secretary with responsibility for education;
- b) whether the pledge for a standalone GME secondary school in central Edinburgh was discussed;
- c) whether any offer of funding was made by the Scottish Government towards such a school;
- d) what was the conclusion of the discussion.

Answer

- a) I made contact with the new Cabinet Secretary on 19th May 2021 (the day of the First Minister's Cabinet announcement) to arrange a conversation that took place on 24th May 2021.
- b) The Council's GME plans for the future of Gaelic in the City were discussed to ensure this was consistent with the educational aspirations of the Scottish Government.
- c) Capital and operational cost issues were discussed but the discussion focused, rightly, on the educational attainment of young people in GME and this remains the Council's focus.
- d) The Cabinet Secretary acknowledged the strength of the option of a co-located campus at a new Liberton High. The Cabinet Secretary also committed to responding to the letter of the Education Convener as soon as possible to formally confirm the Government's support for the Council's plan, assuming

recommendation 1.2 is agree by committee on Friday:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/documents/s34256/4.1%20Gaelic%20Medium%20Education%20in%20Edinburgh%20Statutory%20Consultation.pdf>

Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Council Leader for his answer. Please can the Council Leader clarify when he spoke to the Cabinet Secretary for Education about Gaelic in the Capital, did the Council Leader make clear to her that only 15%, one five percent of Gaelic parents surveyed last year support Liberton for GME secondary and that many parents are considering withdrawing their children from GME if Liberton is progressed. Did he make clear to her that expert at research has found

Comments by the Lord Provost

Excuse me Councillor Booth I gave you a bit of latitude with your first question, it is a supplementary question singular please rather than multiple, so if you have multiple please pick one.

Councillor Booth

Can the Council Leader clarify whether he made it clear to the Cabinet Secretary that only 15% of Gaelic parents support Liberton for GME secondary and if he didn't, did he potentially mislead the cabinet secretary?

Supplementary Answer

I thank Councillor Booth for that supplementary. I can confirm that we spoke about the very long and exhaustive process including the parent engagement which is obviously very split in terms of first preference opinion, I think it would be fair to say amongst parents just how to go forward. The Cabinet Secretary was very well aware during that conversation from me and from the briefings from her own officials on virtually every aspect of the decision facing us ie in terms of funding, in terms of capacity, in terms of educational attainment and in terms of parent voice.

QUESTION NO 15

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

Following her answers to my questions on private sector rents on 10 December 2020, please will the Convener clarify:

- a) When did the Convener last meet with the Scottish Government to discuss action to tackle excessive private sector rents, and what was the conclusion of that discussion?
- b) What action has the council taken to publicise the Rent Service Scotland process for challenging excessive private sector rents?

Answer

- a) The Convener has not met with the Scottish Government since this question was last asked, this is largely due to the election period during which this would have been improper.

The Convener has now written to the new Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, Housing and Local Government setting out the challenges in Edinburgh and requesting a meeting to discuss a number of issues including grant funding for social housing, rent pressure zones and short term lets.

- b) The Council has a communications plan which aims to ensure that private tenants in Edinburgh are aware of their rights and to empower them to take action where required to ensure that they are not being treated unfairly.

The plan includes highlighting the role of the Rent Service Scotland service for challenging excessive private sector rents in Edinburgh and promoting the Private Rented Tenancy, which establishes a legal

agreement between the tenant and the landlord. The Council's Private Rented Sector Team help raise the profile of the services available and help private tenants threatened with homelessness.

The Council uses its social media channels and is engaging with key Edinburgh stakeholders (such as Crisis, Shelter Scotland, Citizens Advice Bureau and National Union of Students) to reach as wide an audience as possible, in order to promote the support, information and resources available to private tenants in Edinburgh.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost, I thank the Convener for her answer. When I asked this question in December last year the Convener replied that she felt a committee report was needed to address the issue of excessive private sector rents. Please can the Convener clarify when that Committee report will be forthcoming?

**Supplementary
Answer**

I thank Councillor Booth for his question. I think what's important is we've now got a manifesto commitment from the SNP on rent pressure zones, their manifesto that was very much endorsed in Edinburgh as the Council Leader has already said by the increase to the SNP MSP in Edinburgh representing our city and I think that I'm very especially pleased by the commitment on Rent Pressure Zones to reforming Rent Pressure Zones legislation and ensuring that local authorities can use it to cap high rents. When I wrote to the Cabinet Secretary, and we now have a Cabinet Secretary for housing which I think is a clear statement of intent, I made it very clear that I want to accelerate that process, we're already in a working group with Scottish Government officials, our officers are working very hard and have been on the legislation issues as Councillor Booth will know is around data collection, I've written asking to accelerate that work and I have stated a clear intent that I would like Edinburgh to be the first city with the Rent Pressure Zone, I think it is needed here so I'd be very happy to bring back a report to look at that but I think it's important that we give our council officers the opportunity to properly engage with civil servants so that we can really understand what we can deliver, the time frames and make sure that we have the resources to back it.

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 May 2021

Question

Please can the Convener clarify when the questions which I tabled for full council on 10 December 2020 on the subject of Gaelic Medium Education will be answered?

Answer

This was provided to Councillor Booth on 19 May 2021.

Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost I thank the Convener for his answer. Please can he clarify whether the parents who asked questions as part of the informal consultation on GME last year and who are still waiting for answers to their questions, will also have to wait six months for an answer?

Supplementary Answer

Very difficult to answer a general question like that, but I shall check and I'll make sure that all the answers, all the questions that the parents asked were answered in some way, and I know they were collected in the one document, I'll need to check and see if individual answers were given.