

Policy and Sustainability Committee

10.00 am, Thursday 10 June 2021

Present

Councillors McVey (Convener), Day (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Kate Campbell, Cook, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, McLellan, Miller (substituting for Councillor Main), Mowat (substituting for Councillor Hutchison items 1-12), Munn, Perry, Rose (substituting for Councillor Cook Item 8-22), Staniforth, Watt (substituting for Councillor Wilson items 15-22), Webber (substituting for Councillor Hutchison (items 13-22)), Whyte and Wilson.

1. 2030 Climate Strategy – Draft for Consultation

a) Deputation – Transition Edinburgh

The deputation indicated that they felt that close effective engagement with communities and external organisations was vital. They were concerned that there had been a slow start to the production of the strategy and the lack of opportunity for engagement before the production of this key document.

The deputation welcomed the Council's commitment to the co-production of the implementation plan and asked the Council to provide details of how citizens and community groups would be able to be involved in drawing up the implementation plan and delivery of the strategy.

b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Details were provided on the Council's draft 2030 Climate Strategy which set out actions for delivering this ambition at the same time as benefitting citizens, the economy and environment. The strategy had been developed following engagement with key city partners' – public, private and third sector organisations across all sectors who could have an impact on the city's emissions by reducing their own footprints or collaborating to unlock change.

Motion

- 1) To approve for consultation the draft Edinburgh 2030 Climate Strategy; Delivering a Net Zero Climate Ready City provided at Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note the scope of the strategy was to set out strategic priorities for tackling climate change, alongside actions the Council and key city partners would take to realise the ambition of Edinburgh becoming a net zero and climate resilient city by 2030.

- 3) To note the actions in the strategy reflected involvement and commitment from key city partners and that the consultation period would be used to broaden and deepen this commitment in the development of an implementation plan.
- 4) To note that the final strategy would be brought back to Committee in September 2021, along with a supporting implementation plan and initial cost analysis in order to publish the strategy ahead of COP26.
- 5) To note that the Chairs of Edinburgh's Poverty and Climate Commissions would invite Commissioners to a joint session in July to consider the draft strategy and explore opportunities to support a just transition through its implementation.
- 6) To agree that the Climate Commission be invited to update the Policy and Sustainability Committee on its activity and provide views on the city strategy in August.
- 7) To agree the Council, as a member of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy since 2011, renew its commitment by pledging to undertake the actions listed in the new Covenant of Mayors Commitment provided at Appendix 2 to the report.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the draft strategy.
- 2) To note that any consultation on the strategy would be meaningless for the public without a potential implementation plan and initial cost analysis, especially when the plan aimed to accelerate action way ahead of the targets set by the UK and Scottish Government's when governmental input, infrastructure, funding and regulation were fundamental to achieving Net Zero and to the affordability, timescales and implementation of doing so.
- 3) To therefore, agree to delay the consultation until these aspects were provided so that the Edinburgh public could fully understand the implications of the changes required and the acceleration proposed ahead of Governmental targets and action.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.)

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, Cook, McLellan, Mowat and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

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

2. Petition for Consideration – Resettle Refugees and Asylum Seekers from the Aegean Island Camps in Edinburgh

a) Presentation by Petitioner

The petitioner asked the Council to support the campaign for the resettlement of refugees from the Aegean Island camps. They indicated that they sought to create meaningful and lasting change and to provide support from the ground up and felt that Local Authorities played a vital role in representing their local communities. They urged the Council to join other local authorities in Scotland in joining their campaign to welcome refugees.

b) Report by the Chief Executive

Details were provided on a petition entitled 'Resettle refugees and asylum seekers from the Aegean Island camps in Edinburgh' which had been received. The petition asked the Council to:

- increase the number of refugee places pledged from 500 to 750 over the next five years;
- ensure a sustainable resettlement process by working with organisational partners and private individuals;
- engage with the Home Office on a number of refugee policy issues; and
- encourage neighbouring Councils to adopt a similar stance.

Motion

- 1) To agree that the Council Leader write to the appropriate UK Government Ministers to express Edinburgh's willingness to expand the number of people seeking asylum in Edinburgh and seek further details about the financial support from the UK Government to support those who would come to live in the Capital.
- 2) To agree the letter will further:
 - a) Advocate for a humane immigration policy for the UK, including a revision of the approach of congested camps on the Aegean Islands and highlighting the conditions.
 - b) Request the Lord Provost encourage other European Cities that Edinburgh was linked into do all they could to increase the numbers resettled across the Continent.
- 3) To agree that the Chief Executive work with the relevant service areas and partners in the City to establish the scope of an increase Edinburgh could accommodate without adding further pressure on the Council's ability to house people now or deliver health and social care services.

- 4) To further agree the Chief Executive would highlight this at a regional level and the Council Leader would explore further discussions through COSLA and seek to develop a national response taking into account both housing capacity and availability of support services.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

To request a report on the issues raised by the petitioner and the Committee.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Mowat

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To agree that the Council Leader write to the appropriate UK Government Ministers to express Edinburgh's willingness to expand the number of people seeking asylum in Edinburgh and seek further details about the financial support from the UK Government to support those who would come to live in the Capital.
- 2) To agree the letter will further:
 - a) Advocate for a humane immigration policy for the UK, including a revision of the approach of congested camps on the Aegean Islands and highlighting the conditions.
 - b) Request the Lord Provost encourage other European Cities that Edinburgh was linked into do all they could to increase the numbers resettled across the Continent.
- 3) To agree that the Chief Executive work with the relevant service areas and partners in the City to establish the scope of an increase Edinburgh could accommodate without adding further pressure on the Council's ability to house people now or deliver health and social care services.
- 4) To further agree the Chief Executive would highlight this at a regional level and the Council Leader would explore further discussions through COSLA and seek to develop a national response taking into account both housing capacity and availability of support services.
- 5) To request a report on the issues raised by the petitioner and the Committee.

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

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Policy and Sustainability Committee of 20 April 2021 as a correct record.

4. Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Work Programme for 10 June 2021 was presented.

Decision

To note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme 10 June 2021, submitted.)

5. Policy and Sustainability Committee Rolling Actions Log

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

Decision

1) To agree to close the following actions:

Action 8, Part (1) – End Poverty in Edinburgh Delivery Plan 2020-30

2) To otherwise note the Rolling Actions Log.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

6. Business Bulletin

The Policy and Sustainability Committee Business Bulletin for 10 June 2021 was submitted.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin 10 June 2021, submitted.)

7. Police Scotland – City of Edinburgh Division Quarterly Update

Chief Superintendent Scott and Superintendent Rennie provided an update for April 2020 to March 2021 on Police Scotland's City of Edinburgh Division city-wide plans, policies and performance.

Decision

To note the update.

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

8. Adaptation and Renewal Programme Update

An update was provided on the Adaptation and Renewal Programme which covered decisions taken in period 13 April to 3 June 2021 and the latest Covid-19 Dashboard.

Motion

1) To note the Council's latest Covid-19 position following the statement from the First Minister on Tuesday 1 June 2021 and associated Scottish Government guidance.

- 2) To note the Covid-19 Response Dashboard outlined at Appendix 1 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To note the decisions taken to date under urgency provisions from 13 April to 3 June 2021 outlined at Appendix 2 to the report.
- 4) To note the working group progress updates from the Adaptation and Renewal Programme, including the support of the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine and testing sites.
- 5) To note the ongoing work to reopen community centres and that:
 - a) A 3 phased approach had been developed by officers to re-establish indoor youthwork in Council-owned community centres, focusing on the highest use community buildings.
 - b) To note the work with management committees to scope spaces to ensure public health guidance was met.
 - c) To note funding of £1m had been identified through the COVID recovery funding to support the reopening effort and that additional professional cleaning staff had been, and continued to be, employed by the Council to expand the capacity to better meet the needs of communities.
 - d) To note that officers had engaged with management committees and identified those community centres where there was a request to resume youth work.
 - e) To agree to accelerate the process underway to ensure all assessment work, as far as possible, was complete in those community centres wishing to resume youth work in advance of the School holidays to ensure youth groups could plan for their summer activities and young people got the support they needed.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the Council's latest Covid-19 position following the statement from the First Minister on Tuesday 01 June 2021 and associated Scottish Government guidance.
- 2) To note the Covid-19 Response Dashboard outlined at Appendix 1 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To note the decisions taken to date under urgency provisions from 13 April to 3 June 2021 outlined at Appendix 2 to the report.
- 4) To note the working group progress updates from the Adaptation and Renewal Programme, including the support of the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine and testing sites.
- 5) To note with serious concern that council youth work provision had yet to resume in Community Centres and further note that, although this provision was

allowed under national guidance for 5 months in 2020 the Council did not take advantage of that time, and that youth work in community centres had again been allowed nationally since the 26th of April.

- 6) To agree that given the imminent summer holidays, that the Council Senior Management Team make the resumption of youth work in community centres a priority and that current planning work on re-opening community centres was expedited to ensure youth work in community centres began by the first full week of July.
- 7) To agree that Full Council on the 24 June would receive an update report that would cover the progress made to resume youth work in community centres and in other locations. It should include how many community centres would be resourced by the Council to open, what date they will be open from, what access will be allowed by other groups, what changes would be involved if Edinburgh were to move to Level 1 or 0, and how children's rights had been taken into consideration when making these plans.
- 8) To also request a full report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles that detailed the work council had done in relation to community centres since March 2020, laying out the timeline of all key decisions, and interactions with community centre management committees.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Miller

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the Council's latest Covid-19 position following the statement from the First Minister on Tuesday 01 June 2021 and associated Scottish Government guidance.
- 2) To note the Covid-19 Response Dashboard outlined at Appendix 1 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To note the decisions taken to date under urgency provisions from 13 April to 3 June 2021 outlined at Appendix 2 to the report.
- 4) To note the working group progress updates from the Adaptation and Renewal Programme, including the support of the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine and testing sites.
- 5) To note the ongoing work to reopen community centres and that:
 - a) A 3 phased approach had been developed by officers to re-establish indoor youthwork in Council-owned community centres, focusing on the highest use community buildings.
 - b) To note the work with management committees to scope spaces to ensure public health guidance was met.

- c) To note funding of £1m had been identified through the COVID recovery funding to support the reopening effort and that additional professional cleaning staff had been, and continued to be, employed by the Council to expand the capacity to better meet the needs of communities.
 - d) To note that officers had engaged with management committees and identified those community centres where there was a request to resume youth work.
 - e) To agree to accelerate the process underway to ensure all assessment work, as far as possible, was complete in those community centres wishing to resume youth work in advance of the School holidays to ensure youth groups could plan for their summer activities and young people got the support they needed.
- 6) To note with serious concern that council youth work provision had yet to resume in Community Centres and further note that, although this provision was allowed under national guidance for 5 months in 2020 the Council did not take advantage of that time, and that youth work in community centres had again been allowed nationally since the 26th of April.
- 7) To agree that Full Council on the 24th June would receive an update report that would cover the progress made to resume youth work in community centres and in other locations. It should include how many community centres would be resourced by the Council to open, what date they will be open from, what access will be allowed by other groups, what changes would be involved if Edinburgh were to move to Level 1 or 0, and how children's rights had been taken into consideration when making these plans.
- 8) To also request a full report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles that detailed the work the Council had done in relation to community centres since March 2020, laying out the timeline of all key decisions, and interactions with community centre management committees.

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

9. Planning and Performance Framework

The proposed the new Planning and Performance Framework and initial suite of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) were presented.

Motion

To approve the new Planning and Performance Framework for the Council Business Plan, including the initial suite of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the report but recognise that the Council Business Plan did not have universal support of all political Groups in the Council as it did not sufficiently

emphasise the need to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of core services in pursuit of delivering locally for the whole Edinburgh public.

- 2) To note that the Framework and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) provided a starting point but that many required further development or new baselines and agree these as an interim measure only pending a further report in six months providing greater development of a SMART indicator KPI system relating performance across the Board to external measures of success such as the LGBF.
- 3) To regret the change implied in the first bullet point of Paragraph 4.17 of the report by the Chief Executive that weakened the commitment to reduce the “poverty related attainment gap” which might align with the Children’s Service Plan but reduced alignment with the Administration’s politically inspired Business Plan Priorities and thus blunted the Council’s ability to measure performance against the Business Plan. Therefore, to reject this change and instruct that the Children’s Service Plan be reviewed to make it consistent with other published Council plans.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Rose

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	5 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Mowat, Rose and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 20 April 2021 (item 7); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

10. Annual Performance Report 2020/21

Details were provided on the Council’s performance in 2020/21 against the Change Strategy themes, drawing on corporate performance indicators and benchmarking data including the Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2019/20 data.

Decision

To refer the Annual Performance Report, 2020/21 to the City of Edinburgh Council for decision.

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

11. Coalition Commitments Progress Update - June 2021

The Council had approved its business plan (A Programme for the Capital: The City of Edinburgh Council's Business Plan 2017-22) in August 2017. The plan had been built around 52 commitments the Council Administration had pledged to deliver over five years.

Details were provided on the progress of the plan against the 52 Coalition Commitments in the fourth year of the Administration.

Decision

To refer the Coalition Commitments Progress Update – June 2021 report to the City of Edinburgh Council for decision.

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

12. Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2019/20 - Edinburgh Overview

An overview analysis of the 2019/20 benchmarking data provided by the Scottish Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) was provided.

Decision

To refer the Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2019/20 - Edinburgh Overview report to the City of Edinburgh Council for decision.

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

13. Edinburgh International Framework

Details were provided of a refreshed framework for international collaboration between Edinburgh partners which had been prepared in response to changing context and challenges arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and the UK's withdrawal from the EU, as well as new developments in city wide priorities. The framework articulated joint aims and objectives for Edinburgh city partners in international relations, and five core themes for delivery of actions.

Motion

- 1) To approve the refreshed Edinburgh International Framework.
- 2) To approve the role outlined for the City of Edinburgh Council in delivery of the framework.
- 3) To note that the refreshed framework had been developed in collaboration with members of the Edinburgh International Group.
- 4) To approve the proposal for the City of Edinburgh Council to support the University of Edinburgh in joining the World Innovative Cities Co-operation Organisation to develop civic links and innovative collaborations with partner cities.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To approve the refreshed Edinburgh International Framework.
- 2) To approve the role outlined for the City of Edinburgh Council in delivery of the framework.
- 3) To note that the refreshed framework had been developed in collaboration with members of the Edinburgh International Group and agree to add the Edinburgh Association of community Councils to the membership of the Edinburgh International Group.
- 4) To approve the proposal for the City of Edinburgh Council to support the University of Edinburgh in joining the World Innovative Cities Co-operation Organisation to develop civic links and innovative collaborations with partner cities.

- moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor Aldridge

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	15 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Jim Campbell, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, McLellan, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Rose, Staniforth, Webber, Whyte and Wilson.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge and Gloyer.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 10 November 2020 (item 8); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

14. End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan – Progress Monitoring Framework

Details were provided on the progress monitoring framework for the End Poverty Delivery Plan as agreed by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in December 2020. The framework included the four targets for ending poverty by 2030, which the Council had committed to, city-wide poverty risk factors and progress with the Council's delivery plan, assessed through milestones and performance indicators.

Motion

- 1) To approve the approach to monitoring progress with the End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan.
- 2) To note that the framework was aligned with the Council's new Planning and Performance Framework for the Council Business Plan.

- 3) To note the work planned to develop ways to assess the level of stigma experienced by people in relation to poverty.
- 4) To note that work delivering the plan remained underway including through the additional investment of £1.625M approved by Council in February 2021. A full annual progress report would be provided in Autumn 2021.
- 5) To agree that the End Poverty Edinburgh Group would engage with representatives of political parties to inform the one year on report.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note that the targets set for the various indicators outlined a confusing picture urging more reliance on benefit and welfare systems in some cases and less on others over time.
- 2) To defer approval of the Framework pending a further report indicating how a strategy of initial increases in welfare take up followed by longer term reductions could better target reductions in poverty and how this might be set out in a medium/long term targeted plan.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Rose

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	10 votes
For the amendment	-	7 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Staniforth and Wilson.)

(For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Gloyer, McLellan, Rose, Webber and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

(References – Policy and Sustainability Committee of 1 December 2020 (item 8); report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

15. 20-Minute Neighbourhood Strategy: Living Well Locally

Details were provided on proposals for a high-level strategy for the 20-minute neighbourhood in Edinburgh which included finding ways for residents to access most of their daily services in a local, accessible and sustainable way, along with those of the Council's partners in the public, voluntary and private sector.

Motion

- 1) To agree the draft 20-Minute Neighbourhood Strategy as summarised in the report by the Executive Director of Place and attached in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To approve the proposal to use the Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP) funding to help deliver this strategy.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the limited definition of a 20-minute neighbourhood which had an over emphasis on public and voluntary sector services when most people's daily interactions were with the business sector.
- 2) To note the limited scope of action in the report which concentrated on work already in progress in very limited areas of the City.
- 3) To agree that the concept was best targeted at development areas of the City and should be considered as part of the City Plan process and agree to review the Place Based Investment programme funding to assist some of the areas that had much needed development requirements but that were not included at this stage.

- moved by Councillor Webber, seconded by Councillor McLellan

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	10 votes
For the amendment	-	6 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Macinnes, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Staniforth and Watt.

For the amendment: Councillors Aldridge, Jim Campbell, Gloyer, McLellan, Rose and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve motion by Councillor McVey.

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

16. UK Levelling Up Fund

Details were provided on the UK Government's application processes for a 2021/22 funding round through the new UK Levelling Up fund which aimed provide capital investment in local infrastructure to encourage economic recovery and growth. The City of Edinburgh Council was eligible for a maximum of six funded projects over the four-year life of the programme – one project per Westminster constituency, plus one city wide transport project and based on the criteria, six projects for inclusion in the

currently planned funding rounds for applications in June 2021 and September 2021 were proposed.

Motion

- 1) To note the criteria and application processes set out by UK Government for the UK Levelling Up Fund.
- 2) To note the process and guidelines used by officers to develop a proposed portfolio of Edinburgh capital investment projects to be developed as bids for UK Levelling Up fund.
- 3) To agree the projects proposed as Council priorities for Rounds 1 and 2 applications.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the lack of ambition in putting forward already well resourced, pet projects of the Council Administration that the Council was already taking forward and has a funding plan to implement.
- 2) To therefore agree that a further report be brought to the Council meeting on 24 June highlighting projects for consideration that were innovative and/or unfunded and that would make a difference across the City, including transport projects that concentrated on public transport improvement and pedestrian safety.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Staniforth and Watt.

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Rose and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McVey.

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

17. Edinburgh Economy Strategy Development Report and City Centre Recovery Action Plan

Details were provided on issues which had been identified from the engagement carried out to support development of a refreshed Edinburgh Economy Strategy together with proposed priorities and actions to be taken forward to meet the needs of Edinburgh's economy through recovery from pandemic. A summary of action under

way or planned which would support city centre recovery together with the proposed next steps which involved a period of consultation with stakeholders were outlined.

Motion

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Economy Strategy Development Report in appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, which would be used as a framework for the engagement and consultation process to inform the Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- 2) To note the Draft City Centre Recovery Action Plan in Appendix 2 of the report which laid out the activity underway and planned which would support the economic recovery of Edinburgh city centre.
- 3) To note the proposed consultation and engagement process for further development of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy and the Draft City Centre Recovery Action Plan.
- 4) To agree that findings from the consultation and final draft documents would be brought for consideration by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in November 2021.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Economy Strategy Development Report in appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, which would be used as a framework for the engagement and consultation process to inform the Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- 2) To note the Draft City Centre Recovery Action Plan in Appendix 2 of the report which laid out the activity underway and planned which would support the economic recovery of Edinburgh city centre.
- 3) To note the proposed consultation and engagement process for further development of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy and the Draft City Centre Recovery Action Plan.
- 4) To agree the consultation should include the Council's procurement policies at all levels, with a view to prioritising local suppliers whenever possible.
- 5) To agree the consultation should seek views on the reinstatement of a marketing agency to take forward the aims outlined in Priority 5 of the Economy Strategy development report.
- 6) To agree there should be full consultation on the impact of increasing taxation on local businesses, and if a majority of businesses are opposed that the Council commits to suspending the introduction of new levies at least until the city economy had fully recovered.
- 7) To agree that the replacement or removal of disfiguring temporary traffic measures and street clutter should be accelerated.

- 8) To agree that findings from the consultation and final draft documents would be brought for consideration by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in November 2021.

- moved by Councillor McLellan, seconded by Councillor Jim Campbell

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Paragraph 4 of the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	4 votes

For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Kate Campbell, Day, Gardiner, Gloyer, Macinnes, McVey, Miller, Munn, Perry, Staniforth and Watt.

For the amendment: Councillors Jim Campbell, McLellan, Rose and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To note the Edinburgh Economy Strategy Development Report in appendix 1 to the report by the Executive Director of Place, which would be used as a framework for the engagement and consultation process to inform the Edinburgh Economy Strategy.
- 2) To note the Draft City Centre Recovery Action Plan in Appendix 2 of the report which laid out the activity underway and planned which would support the economic recovery of Edinburgh city centre.
- 3) To note the proposed consultation and engagement process for further development of the Edinburgh Economy Strategy and the Draft City Centre Recovery Action Plan.
- 4) To agree the consultation should include the Council's procurement policies at all levels, with a view to prioritising local suppliers whenever possible.
- 5) To agree that findings from the consultation and final draft documents would be brought for consideration by the Policy and Sustainability Committee in November 2021.

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

18. Council Fire Safety Policy 2021-24

Details were provided of the Council's revised Fire Safety Policy which reconfirmed the position of the Council with regards regulatory compliance with Scottish fire law and guidance. It also incorporated the Scottish Government response to the Grenfell Tower Inquiry Phase 1 recommendations, bringing in domestic property directly within the scope of the Council's Fire Safety Policy.

Motion

To approve the Council Fire Safety Policy 2021-24.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To approve the Council Fire Safety Policy 2021-24.
- 2) To note that following a recent fire in Leith Walk ward in a tenement which contained several council properties there was uncertainty regarding the council's duty of care and advice towards tenants after the fire.
- 3) To therefore call for a report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee detailing the council's current post-fire procedure should a fire occur on or near council run accommodation and any suggested updates to that procedure within two cycles.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Miller

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To approve the Council Fire Safety Policy 2021-24.
- 2) To note that following a recent fire in Leith Walk ward in a tenement which contained several council properties there was uncertainty regarding the council's duty of care and advice towards tenants after the fire.
- 3) To therefore call for a report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee detailing the council's current post-fire procedure should a fire occur on or near council run accommodation and any suggested updates to that procedure within two cycles.

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

19. Council Water Safety Policy 2021-24

Details were provided on the new Council Water Safety Policy ('Policy') which set out a commitment to protecting the health, safety and welfare of its employees and third parties from risks associated with the inhalation and ingestion exposure to water that had the potential to contain bacteria, chemicals or other contaminants at levels harmful to health. The Policy reconfirmed the position of the Council with regards regulatory compliance with water safety standards and the control of water contaminants, specifically the control of Legionella in Council water systems and clarified the scope of water safety to include water carrying vehicles and /or assets that produced aerosols/droplets.

Decision

To approve the Council Water Safety Policy 2021-24.

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

20. ICT Acceptable Use Policy

Details were provided of an updated policy statement for the ICT Acceptable Use Policy, which was last reviewed and approved by the Committee in May 2019. The updated Policy had been developed in line with the best practice guidelines encapsulated in the Scottish Government's Public Sector Cyber Security Action Plan and current advice and best practice from the National Cyber Security Centre.

Decision

To approve the updated ICT Acceptable Use Policy for the Council.

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

21. Welfare Reform Update

An update was provided on the Council's ongoing welfare reform activities which included the implementation of Universal Credit.

Decision

- 1) To note the ongoing work to support Universal Credit (UC) and Welfare Reform, in Edinburgh.
- 2) To note the current spend projections for Discretionary Housing Payments, Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the Scottish Welfare Fund.

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

22. Contact Centre Performance – January to March 2021

The Contact Centre performance for the period January to March 2021 was presented together with information on associated service improvement activities, as well as changes to service delivery resulting from COVID-19 restrictions and ongoing recovery action.

Decision

- 1) To note the current performance trends within the Contact Centre.
- 2) To note the ongoing improvement activities to ensure that Council services were easy to access, and citizen queries and complaints were dealt with effectively.
- 3) To note service delivery changes as a result of COVID-19 restrictions.

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