

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

3 August 2021

Item 7.1 – Adaptation and Renewal Programme Update

Accept the recommendations and add to 1.4:

Note the failure of the Scottish Government to meet its target of fully vaccinating every adult aged between 40 and 49 by the 26th of July;

Further note the disappointingly low level of vaccinations in Edinburgh, especially amongst younger age groups;

Request a further report to the next Policy and Sustainability Committee on progress with vaccinations, including any innovative practices which may have been learnt from successful vaccination programmes elsewhere in the UK.

Moved by Cllr Robert Aldridge

Seconded by Cllr Gillian Gloyer

Addendum by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.2 – 2030 Climate Strategy – Consultation and Engagement Update

Committee:

Adds after 1.3, and renumbers accordingly

1. Notes the apparent low profile of “adaption” in the consultation and observes that adaption will be a key part of any successful strategy to 2030 and beyond. Considers that references to addressing local flood risks, enhancing sea wall defences and allowing for the cooling of buildings, alongside other measures, might drive higher public participation as the direct benefit of such adaption will accrue to the residents of Edinburgh and will be required if predictions on the changes to climate that are already inevitable are correct.

1.4 Therefore agrees to enhance these aspects in the remaining consultation period through all methods and with all audiences.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Jim Campbell

Amendment by the Green Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 7.4 – Appointments to Working Groups 2021/2022

Amend recommendation 1.1 as follows:

- 1.1 To consider the re-appointment of members to Working Groups as set out in Appendices 1 to 7 *with the following changes:*
 - 1.1.1 Replace Cllr Miller with Cllr Booth on the Edinburgh Waterfront All Party Oversight Group
 - 1.1.2 Replace Cllr Rae with Cllr Staniforth on the Equalities Working Group
 - 1.1.3 Replace Cllr Rae with Cllr Staniforth on the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group
 - 1.1.4 Replace Cllr Miller with Cllr Booth on the West Edinburgh All Party Oversight Group

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.6 – Seafield Sounding Board

In recommendations, after “Craigentinny/Duddingston”, delete “ward” and insert, “, Portobello/Craigmillar and Leith wards”

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main

Amendment by the Coalition

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Item 7.7 – Scottish Government Consultation – New Year’s Day Trading

Replaces 1.1.2 with:

1.1.2 Acknowledges the hard work and efforts of shop/retail workers during the busy Festive periods including Boxing Day. Recognises the ambition of the city to embed fair work in our economic strategy, and to make Edinburgh a Living Wage City.

1.1.3 Approves the response to the consultation with the following changes:

A) Agrees to add in Answer 1 that Council echoes trade union requests that employee working conditions be enhanced if large stores remain open but that closing larger retailers for New Year’s Day would best protect conditions.

B) Replace the third paragraph in Answer 2 to read:

“In terms of social impact, there is no doubt that retail workers have been impacted incredibly hard over the last 18 months and that there is a large amount of stress for anyone in the sector in December. Retail workers should be entitled to quality time off, just like any worker in other sectors. It is worth highlighting that the representative voices of workers who would be affected, their trade union Usdaw and the STUC, are clear that the Scottish Government using their powers and closing large shops on New Year’s Day would be beneficial for retail workers. This is based on evidence provided to them directly by their members including a headline figure of 99% of workers agreeing that large stores should close.”

Moved by: Councillor Adam McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Cammy Day

Amendment by the Conservative Group

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Item 7.7 – Scottish Government Consultation – New Year’s Day Trading

Committee

Amends the response to Q 1 in the draft response (Appendix 2), as follows:

“City of Edinburgh Council (the Council) can see how introducing such legislation could have some benefits, and while supporting any decision made by Parliament, the many downsides outweigh the benefits and the closure of large retailers on New Year’s Day is not supported in principle.

“Local authorities are not under a statutory duty to enforce the Act and the Council’s small Regulatory Services team currently can only deal with emergencies on New Year’s Day. The proposed New Year’s Day closure would require some enforcement at least initially, but there would be no scope for the team to proactively police the new regulations.

“However, should trading on New Year’s Day not be banned, it is imperative that legislation is introduced to protect working conditions and staff welfare, ensuring that workers are properly rewarded for public holiday working and any additional sacrifices this may entail.”

Amends the final sentence in the first paragraph of the response to Q2 in the draft response as follows:

“They may consequentially well decide not to trade on New Year’s Day either, and although this would enable more people to have time off work, it would also deny the opportunity to work for those who wished to do so. It could also mean less things to do for those not working.”

Deletes the final paragraph of the Q2 response (covered above).

Amends the final sentence of the response to Q4 in the draft response as follows:

“In addition, Edinburgh as a city is well known for the Hogmanay celebrations which attract an audience of thousands of people from all around the world, often seeing the New Year’s Day shopping as part of their Edinburgh experience. As it could take some time for the City Centre economy to recover from Covid, it would be unwise at present to support restrictions which could hamper its revival.”

Moved by: Councillor John McLellan

Seconded by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.9 – Edinburgh Response to the Mental Welfare Commissions Report – Authority to Discharge

Delete 1.1.2 and insert

1.1.2. Notes that the terms of the motion agreed at Council are not fulfilled by the information in this report and requests further report to P&S in one cycle as per the points below

1.1.3 Requests the information required in the Council motion at 2.4.1, i.e. the number, under each category included in the MWCS report, as a summary of the authorities to discharge for all patients since the start of the pandemic. For clarification covering from the 20th March 2020 to date.

1.1.4 Notes that the Chief Officer has been unable to provide confirmation that all relevant staff had received the appropriate training, and therefore requests detail of the training needs analysis, breaking down the total numbers of relevant staff and their related requirements and completion dates for training.

1.1.5 Notes that the report suggests only an audit of a small number of cases covering a short period is carried out, and requests a report in one cycle to fulfil the original motion request 2.4.3. 'Realistic and achievable timescales to carry out a proportionate review of all cases over the past 16 months...'

Moved by: Councillor Melanie Main

Seconded by: Councillor Claire Miller

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 9.1 – By Councillor Jim Campbell – Ventilation

Amend points 3 and 4 of the motion to read:

3. Committee commends council officers for having distributed carbon dioxide sensors to head teachers and requests the Chief Executive prepare an update for this committee in one cycle on indoor air quality across the most heavily used buildings in the council estate. This should include data which has been recorded with an accompanying commentary covering the methodology used and observations so far.
4. Finally, the Chief Executive is asked to indicate if advice or guidance has been provided to the council on a level of carbon dioxide concentration in high use indoor council settings above which members should be concerned that an unreasonable risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission exists.

Moved by: Councillor Claire Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Melanie Main