

Emergency Motion by the Coalition

Transport and Environment Committee

19 August 2021

Edinburgh cycle hire scheme

Committee:

Notes with great regret that the Edinburgh Bike Hire Scheme will close from September 17 at the end of the contract with Serco through Transport for Edinburgh.

Notes that this will be an unwelcome development for many regular users of the scheme.

Notes that, despite this being created originally as a scheme with no local authority funding expectations, a budget allocation of £1.8m was made to help sustain the bike hire scheme and that further external funding was also secured to help overcome operational issues.

Recognises that a successful bike hire scheme in this city is a welcome addition to sustainable transport options for residents and visitors, encouraging more people to enjoy the benefits of fast, sustainable journeys by bike.

Requests a report to the November Transport and Environment Committee outlining options for new possible schemes which can deliver those benefits to as many people as possible.

Moved by Cllr L Macinnes

Seconded by Cllr K Doran