

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

14th October 2021

Item 9.1 - Motion by the Green Group

Committee

Agree Para 1 and 2

Replace para 3 and 4 with:

3. Notes and is concerned that the Communal Bin Enhancement plan appears to produce a significant increase in capacity for waste and recycling disposal but that it was impossible to assess the impact of proposed changes and therefore their impact on the World Heritage Site at the time the decision was made because no plans showing the number and location of bins were available, and that whether residents use gull proof sacks or communal bins there is overwhelming concern about adding more bins into the World Heritage Site;

4. Notes that paragraph 3.10 of the Report on the purchasing of the corrals for the Communal Bins hubs to the Finance and Resources Committee it was stated that “ The approach to be taken in the World Heritage Site (part of phase four) will be subject *to a further options appraisal, which will include consultation with Edinburgh World Heritage and engagement with residents.*”

5. Notes that the Scottish Government is due to make an announcement on a date for the introduction of the Deposit Return Scheme, but given that no TROs have been advertised for the World Heritage Site it is unlikely that bins could be placed much ahead of the introduction of the scheme which could significantly reduce the requirement for bins on the streets especially if the introduction of the DRS was accompanied by clear messaging about changes in waste collection and therefore to take into account the great significance of the World Heritage Site agrees:

- (i). to recognise that without having details of what is going to be put on the street the Council and Councillors cannot fully consider the impacts on the World Heritage Site;
- (ii). to pause work on the introduction of bin hubs in the World Heritage Site until such time as there is an announcement on the start date for a DRS;
- (iii). once the start date for DRS is announced review the bin capacity to determine whether there is still a requirement for additional bins in the World Heritage Site and bring a costed report back to Committee for determination – such costs to include the relative costs of collecting gull proof sacks and communal bins which the response to FOI 33356 is clear cannot currently be compared as the implementation plan for the communal bins has yet to be agreed;

(iv). and a plan to demonstrate how the any changes will improve the environment in the World Heritage Site; and

(v). the outcome of the further options appraisal and the engagement with residents.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Stephanie Smith