



Business bulletin

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 11 November 2021

Virtual Meeting, via Microsoft Teams

Transport and Environment Committee

Convener:	Members:	Contact:
<p>Councillor Lesley Macinnes (Convener)</p>  <p>Councillor Karen Doran (Vice-Convener)</p> 	<p>Councillor Eleanor Bird Councillor Maureen Child Councillor Gavin Corbett Councillor Graham Hutchison Councillor David Key Councillor Kevin Lang Councillor Claire Miller Councillor Stephanie Smith Councillor Iain Whyte</p>	<p>Alison Coburn Operations Manager</p> <p>Veronica MacMillan Committee Services</p> <p>Taylor Ward Committee Services</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>Goldenacre Steps and Road Adoption</p> <p>At the Council meeting on 26 August 2021, an adjusted motion from Councillor Mitchell was approved. Council agreed that any outstanding issues preventing the effective repair of the Goldenacre Steps and any other affected areas would be resolved and that the Transport and Environment Committee should be updated on the resolution.</p> <p>Goldenacre Steps were inspected on 1 October 2021. Defects were identified on the steps and the repairs were completed week commencing 1 November 2021.</p>	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>Sean Gilchrist Transport Manager (Asset and Performance)</p> <p>Wards affected: All</p>

The approved motion also acknowledged that the 'City Development' account was now obsolete and required to be updated.

Initial investigations into the City Development account has identified 100 locations where the details state "Council (NOT Maintained by Rd Serv)" adoption status. These include several asset types at the various locations including verges, steps, footways and parking areas.

In advance of updating the asset register to transfer these locations to new services, site inspections of all assets will be undertaken to assess the existing condition and any immediate repairs that may be required. Thereafter:

- Further maintenance requirements will be identified to bring the assets up to an adoptable standard;
- The cost for all required maintenance will be estimated; and
- Follow up with service areas to seek agreement on future adoption status for the assets and to agree future inspection and maintenance arrangements.

It is expected that these investigations will take between nine - 10 months to complete, with work due to start in November 2021.

Wardie Bay Update

A meeting was held with local Councillors on 27 October 2021 to discuss the bathing water designation and progression of an agreement for the management of Wardie Bay for recreational activity.

The councillors present (Councillors Bird, Jim Campbell, and Gordon) acknowledged the demand for bathing water status and some of the challenges faced by its location but were supportive of progressing towards a management agreement. Some practical issues were discussed, such as installing signs, issues with cycle parking, managing water quality and pollution risks, and water safety.

The next steps involve discussions with each of the landowners to obtain their views on developing a management agreement that will allow an assessment of the maintenance requirements and to understand costs. There will also be engagement with the community and interest groups as part of the process. While this will delay

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Local Transport and Environment Manager

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consideration of the bathing water designation for this year, development of a management agreement is likely to help towards this aim.

Committee will be kept updated on progress with the proposed engagement.

Place – Internal Audit Actions Update

Following on from the report and discussion at Committee on 14 October 2021, a new Operations Manager started with the directorate on 1 November 2021, and will focus on Internal Audit and other governance and assurance activities. In addition, an auditor from the Council's Internal Audit team has been seconded to work with the directorate to support closure of overdue Internal Audit actions.

A comprehensive review of the open and overdue actions is underway and progress will be monitored and reported to Committee as part of the regular updates on Open and Overdue Internal Audit findings.

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[Gareth Barwell](#)

Service Director for Operational Services

Wards Affected: All

Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh to 2030

A new Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh to 2030 is currently being developed, which will replace the current [Plan](#). The new Plan will be consistent with the objectives set out in [Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030](#), as published by Transport Scotland in February 2021.

As part of this process, it is intended to undertake workshops with Elected Members and the Council's road safety partners before the end of the calendar year to inform the new Plan. These will take place following meetings with Transport Scotland that are scheduled to take place during week commencing 22 November 2021.

An report outlining the main issues covered by the new Plan will be presented to Committee on 27 January 2022, with the final Plan being presented for approval at the subsequent Committee on 31 March.

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Senior Engineer (Road Safety)

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Low Emission Zone – Update

On 26 October 2021 Transport and Environment Committee approved an amendment to Low Emission Zone – Consultation and Development report:

Officers are carefully considering the actions required and are planning to bring a further report to Committee in

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Acting Team Manager

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January. This will allow options to be examined while keeping to an appropriate timetable, given the importance and urgency of this proposal.

Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) Process

Following a period of review and a [public consultation](#) earlier this year, Scottish Ministers have confirmed that they intend to change the statutory process by which roads authorities are able to make Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs).

The Traffic Regulation Orders (Procedure) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (Scotland) Regulations 2021 have been set out in the Scottish Parliament and it is intended that the Regulations will come into force on 26 November 2021. Following that date, all ETROs should follow the new procedure.

The implications of these changes are being considered for upcoming ETRO advertisements, including the Low Traffic Neighbourhoods proposals in Corstorphine and Leith. An update on these is due to be presented to Committee in January 2022 and the impact of the Regulation changes will be incorporated into the report.

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Forthcoming activities:
