

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Committee - Transport and Environment

Date – 11th November 2021

Item 7.5 - Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme – future delivery and interim community initiatives

Replace the Recommendations with:

The Transport and Environment Committee:

1.1.1 Regrets the abrupt end of the Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme (ECHS) in September and the failure of the SNP/Labour administration to ensure continuity of service for the users of this long-awaited scheme despite a considerable budget allocation being available and considers this a failure of leadership, delivery and commercial ability by this Administration;

1.1.2 Notes with considerable frustration that any re-procurement would take a minimum of 18 months to two years and calls for a review of alternative procurement models to reduce this excessively lengthy timescale;

1.1.3 Notes the current position on the ECHS and the proposed short and medium-term mitigating measures set out in the report but agrees that spend on these should be reviewed by Committee on an annual basis in order that the budgeted funds can be maintained for the original use of a replacement, mass use cycle hire scheme;

1.1.4 Agrees to the establishment of a project team to take forward a detailed assessment of proposed objectives for a new scheme but time limits this work to six months recognising the considerable knowledge already available in this field both within TfE and in cities across the UK; The outcome of this will be reported to Committee as early as possible; and

1.1.5 Approves the funding to support the short-term mitigating measures for 2021/22 only at this stage.

Moved by: Councillor Iain Whyte

Seconded by: Councillor Graham Hutchison