

## Item no 12.1

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) How many young people who are enrolled in Edinburgh Council schools are currently out of full time education? Can this answer be broken down in those off for 0-3 months, 3-6months, 6-9months, 9-12months and those more than 12 months.

**Answer** (1) All children and young people are entitled to full time education provision. In exceptional circumstances it may be necessary to implement a package of support that could be achieved using a flexible part-time timetable. A procedure that sets out the expectations and considerations in relation to such arrangements was produced in 2019 for consistency across educational establishments to ensure that all children and young people get the best out of their education provision. All decisions to implement a flexible timetable is clearly documented within the GIRFEC child planning framework.

These flexible part-time timetables are for an agreed period of time with clear aims and conditions, recorded within the GIRFEC child planning framework and the arrangements are correctly recorded within SEEMIS to ensure an accurate attendance record. This is a work in progress and post COVID the challenges have become significantly more complex.

For the session 2021-2022 we have 179 complete SEEMIS records of flexible part-time tables. In the record we have 99 pupils engaging with flexible arrangements for 3 months, 8 for up to 6 months, 47 for up to 9 months and 18 for up to 12 months. There was a further seven pupils whose flexible arrangement went beyond twelve months. The analysis for quarter 1 is ongoing and can be provided.

- Question** (2) Can the Convener itemise the reasons the Council has on record for these pupils not being in school full time i.e. subject to bullying, illness, expulsion and other categories?"
- Answer** (2) The reasons for children and young people being on a flexible timetable is clearly documented on the GIRFEC plan. In the session 2021-2022; 46% of flexible timetables were in place to reduce the risk of exclusion relating to social, emotional and behavioural needs, 18% family issues, 15% mental health and 13% challenges relating to Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and a wide range of other needs.
- Question** (3) Is it current policy that those missing out on full time education experience can be offered digital access at home and is this an appropriate replacement to in-class learning in line with GIRFEC according to current Council policy?
- Answer** (3) The flexible timetable is a tailored package of educational opportunities and experiences that are part of a planned strategy which has as its principal purpose the successful, steady and incremental re-integration and inclusion. This tailored package is drawn from the Team Around the Learning Community. An integral part of this team is the Additional Support for Learning Service (ASLS) which offers a virtual learning environment (VLE) where appropriate, there are currently 40 children and young people engaging with this aspect of the service.
- Question** (4) What flexibility is there in Council policy to accommodate young people in exceptional circumstances in alternative full time education in other schools that meet the young person's needs for those such as illness or being subjected to bullying?

**Answer**

- (4) In some situations the GIRFEC child planning process may identify barriers that are specific to the current school environment. In these circumstances the school, their partners and the family may agree to explore the possibility of a hosting in another school. However, multiple schools during the course of a pupil's educational experience is one of several risk factors that can lead to poor outcomes. For this reason, hostings should only ever be progressed when assessment and planning through the GIRFEC planning process suggests a strong likelihood of success. Work is ongoing on the Team Around the Learning Community to meet the needs of that community, ensures that children and young people can thrive in their local school and that any flexible arrangement is an effective strategy in returning learners to full-time mainstream provision.

## Item no 12.2

### QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Mattos Coelho for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) School staff recruitment is of major importance for young person's success in their learning journey.

Can the Education, Children and Families Convener clarify why headteachers have not been able to post adverts to recruit support staff recently?

**Answer** (1) The Corporate Leadership Team approved a change to the recruitment approval process from 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, as a step to seek to manage in year costs given the projected financial position of the Council. This change, along with a high volume of recruitment particularly within Education, meant that there were delays in the approvals and recruitment process.

**Question** (2) Can the Education, Children and Families Convener clarify when will headteachers be able to post adverts to recruit support staff again?

**Answer** (2) Schools have always been able to advertise posts, however recruitment remains exceptionally busy - since the school term started on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 632 adverts have been posted on Myjobscotland for 1,152 positions (just for schools). Centralised recruitment is about to be implemented which will significantly improve the candidate experience, as well as reduce unnecessary bureaucracy.

## Item no 12.3

### QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor McVey for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) How many meetings have you had with either the Director or officers directly involved in the delivery of Christmas and Hogmanay to monitor progress on the delivery of the contract? Can the dates of the meetings be provided?

**Answer** (1) I had one meeting with officers specifically on the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas. This took place at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

In addition, the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas was discussed at the Leader's Meeting on 26 September 2022.

Finally, I attended the All Party Oversight Group (APOG) meeting on Winter Festivals on 3 October 2022.

**Question** (2) When were you first aware that parts of the contract, such as 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and Voluntary Stalls on Castle Street were not going to be delivered within the Angel contract?

**Answer** (2) As noted above, I met with officers at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022 and was briefed on the issues relating to delivery of the Edinburgh Christmas contract.

**Question** (3) When were you aware that deadlines for planning permission required to host the events were missed?

**Answer** (3) See answer 2.

**Question** (4) When were you first made aware that the financial contribution of Angel Events, which was the basis of them winning the contract, would unlikely be delivered?

**Answer** (4) See answer 2.

**Question** (5) Why did you not ensure briefings were provided to Councillors as instructed by the Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022?

**Answer** (5) As reported to Finance and Resources Committee, officers have acknowledged that they could have done more to keep Elected Members updated on the risks surrounding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas.

However, as soon as it became clear that it would not be possible to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas in the way which had been reported to Finance and Resources Committee, a briefing was set up with me, and with the Conveners of Culture and Communities and Finance and Resources. Thereafter, an APOG was set up with representatives from all political groups invited.

**Question** (6) Was there a planned briefing for Councillors, or any discussions with officers on the creation of a briefing that was not shared with other Councillors?

**Answer** (6) No. A briefing was provided by officers at the APOG on 3 October 2022.

## Item no 12.4

### QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor McNeese-Mechan for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) How many meetings have you had with either the Director or officers directly involved in the delivery of Christmas and Hogmanay to monitor progress on the delivery of the contract? Can the dates of the meetings be provided?

**Answer** (1) I had one meeting with officers specifically on the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas. This took place at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

I also attended the All Party Oversight Group (APOG) on 3 October 2022.

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However, as soon as it became clear that it would not be possible to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas in the way which had been reported to Finance and Resources Committee, a briefing was set up with me, the Council Leader and the Convener of Finance and Resources. Thereafter, an APOG was set up with representatives from all political groups invited.

**Question** (6) Was there a planned briefing for Councillors, or any discussions with officers on the creation of a briefing that was not shared with other Councillors?

**Answer** (6) No. A briefing was provided by officers at the APOG on 3 October 2022.



## Item no 12.5

### QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Macinnes for answer  
by the Convener of the Finance and  
Resources Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) How many meetings have you had with either the Director or officers directly involved in the delivery of Christmas and Hogmanay to monitor progress on the delivery of the contract? Can the dates of the meetings be provided?

**Answer** (1) I had one meeting with officers specifically on the contract for Edinburgh's Christmas. This took place at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022.

I attended the All Party Oversight Group (APOG) meeting on Winter Festivals on 3 October 2022.

**Question** (2) When were you first aware that parts of the contract, such as 3<sup>rd</sup> sector and Voluntary Stalls on Castle Street were not going to be delivered within the Angel contract?

**Answer** (2) As noted above, I met with officers at the conclusion of the Council meeting on 22 September 2022 and was briefed that Angel Events had asked to withdraw from the contract; the implication being that none of the elements would be delivered unless an alternative provider was contracted to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas.

**Question** (3) When were you aware that deadlines for planning permission required to host the events were missed?

**Answer** (3) See answer 2.

**Question** (4) When were you first made aware that the financial contribution of Angel Events, which was the basis of them winning the contract, would unlikely be delivered?

**Answer** (4) See answer 2.

**Question** (5) Why did you not ensure briefings were provided to Councillors as instructed by the Finance and Resources Committee in June 2022?

**Answer**

- (5)** The Rolling Actions Log was approved by all members of the Finance and Resources Committee on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2022. There were no outstanding actions regarding the Winter Festivals on the action log. It's unfortunate that Cllr Macinnes didn't raise her concerns about this at committee.

As reported to Finance and Resources Committee, officers have acknowledged that they could have done more to keep Elected Members updated on the risks surrounding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas.

However, as soon as it became clear that it would not be possible to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas in the way which had been reported to Finance and Resources Committee, a briefing was set up with me, the Council Leader and the Convener of Culture and Communities. Thereafter, an APOG was set up with representatives from all political groups invited.

**Question**

- (6)** Was there a planned briefing for Councillors, or any discussions with officers on the creation of a briefing that was not shared with other Councillors?

**Answer**

- (6)** No. A briefing was provided by officers at the APOG on 3 October 2022.

## Item no 12.6

### QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) On the basis of existing catchments, building capacity constraints and school roll projections, when is Queensferry High School expected to reach its maximum operating capacity?

**Answer** (1) Current projections show that Queensferry High School will reach its notional capacity in 2025. However, secondary schools can remain fully operational beyond the notional capacity. The projections are an indication of an issue, the specific year on year circumstances are monitored and addressed when necessary through the rising rolls programme.

**Question** (2) Given the draft CityPlan was published in November 2021, why did it take until September 2022 for the Council to write formally to landowners around Kirkliston regarding possible sites for a new high school?

**Answer** (2) The draft City Plan did not propose any new housing allocations in Kirkliston. All previous discussions about potential sites had been with housing developers who in turn have development agreements with landowners. The lack of housing sites in City Plan meant a new approach direct to landowners was required. This approach needed to be made by colleagues in the Estates Service and the whole process required time to be completed.

**Question** (3) Given the long-standing and pressing need to identify future high school capacity for Kirkliston, does the Convener believe it acceptable that landowners around Kirkliston were only written to formally in September 2022 regarding possible sites for a new high school?

**Answer** (3) As the informal engagement on options for learning estate infrastructure was significantly delayed due to the pandemic and is still ongoing, the approach to landowners is being carried out at an appropriate point in the overall engagement process.

**Question** (4) What is the time period which would likely be required between a new site being agreed for a new high school and it becoming open and operational, taking into account planning and construction periods?

**Answer** (4) If all the necessary elements were fully agreed for a new school (e.g., site, budget allocation, statutory consultation approval etc), then approximately 3 - 3.5 years would be required to design and build a new secondary school.

## Item no 12.7

### QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

What is the current timetable for the resurfacing of Station Road in Queensferry?

#### **Answer**

I am happy to confirm that works are currently programmed to start on 3 July 2023. The work is scheduled to take up to 3 months and will be phased around the school holidays. Undertaking the work during the summer break will reduce the risk to the children attending the schools nearby.

## Item no 12.8

### QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

In a briefing issued to councillors on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, it was stated that customers of the garden waste collection scheme would be written to with the details of compensation arising from the suspended collections during and immediately following the industrial action.

When were the customers written to with this information?

#### **Answer**

The arrangements for this have not yet been communicated to customers as officers have been evaluating the options for how this can be delivered. I have been assured, however, that the details will be communicated to service users in the next 4-6 weeks.

## Item no 12.9

### QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

On 24 June 2021, the Council decided to work with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel to explore long term replacements for the Shopping Streets schemes being removed at that time to give adequate safe space for pedestrians in our local town centres. Schemes were removed from Great Junction Street, Stockbridge, Gorgie/Dalry Road, Bruntsfield, Tollcross, Morningside, Portobello and Corstorphine.

**Question** (1) For each of these town centres, what engagement has taken place to explore long-term replacements with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel?

**Answer** (1) The 20-minute Neighbourhood Programme Team has started work to prepare a plan for Portobello and Gorgie/Dalry town centres, to coincide with planned road renewal projects. The Team will work with the local community and businesses to co-design the town centres as more 'liveable' places, with improved walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport connectivity from neighbouring communities. Living Streets and the Access Panel will both be engaged at an early stage. It is anticipated that concept designs will be prepared for consultation in 2023.

Work to develop detailed long-term plans for Stockbridge, Corstorphine, Bruntsfield and Morningside town centres is yet to progress. However, the planned engagement for the Our Future Streets framework, Active Travel Action Plan and Public Transport Action Plan in 2023 will consider these areas and feed into future detailed design work.

Engagement with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel will be part of a future engagement strategy.

Tollcross is part of the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation programme and Great Junction Street is covered by the Leith Connections project. Both projects have engaged with Living Streets, local businesses and the Access Panel throughout.

**Question** (2) When are proposals likely to be brought forward to Council committee for subsequent engagement with local residents, community councils and ward councillors?

**Answer** (2) Please refer to the answer to Question 1.

**Question** (3) If no progress has been made, when is work expected to commence?

**Answer** (3) Please refer to the answer to Question 1.



## Item no 12.10

### QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Davidson for answer  
by the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 27 October  
2022**

**Question** (1) How many families is the council currently supporting through Kinship LAC arrangements?

**Answer** (1) There are two main kinship arrangements in place in Edinburgh. There are Kinship arrangements when the children are not looked after. We call this kinship non-LAC. There are other arrangements where the child or children may still be looked after. This would tend to be where the involvement of social workers in a more formal arrangement is required to secure and support the placement. The additional terms below relate to historical arrangements or new ones in relation to continuing care.

Number of children:  
Kinship LAC – 229  
Continuing Care Kinship – 37

Kinship non-LAC – 219  
Residence Allowance – 179

Total number of supported kinship arrangements – 664

**Question** (2) How much is it estimated that these family arrangements are saving the council in other LAC costs

**Answer** (2) This is difficult to quantify as it is very much dependent on the costs of different types of alternative placements that could have been used in the absence of a kinship placement.

Below are average costs as there may be variations depending on age etc.

The cost of a CEC Foster placement is £22,600 per annum

The average cost for a residential placement in one of our young people's houses is £ 150,000 per annum.

The average cost of an external residential unit is £222,000.

The cost for a kinship arrangement is

Kinship LAC £8,600

Kinship Non LAC £8,700

Residence Allowance £8,900

The above provides an indication of potential costs for alternative placements which may be required in the absence of a kinship placement.

**Question** (3) Has the council done an analysis on the ongoing legal costs faced by Kinship Carers when facing repeated parental challenges to LAC arrangements?

**Answer** (3) There are not many cases where there are repeated parental challenges in court. We have to date not undertaken any analysis. We may cover the costs of relatively straight forward cases but will consider possible alternatives if there is likely to be a complex legal case.

## Item no 12.11

### QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for  
answer by the Convener of the  
Transport and Environment  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) In cases of road surface treatment, what is the normal scheduled time period between a road being treated and contractors returning to repaint road markings?

**Answer** (1) I have been informed that there is currently no scheduled time period between the roads being treated and the Contractor returning to replace the road markings, although it is normally expected that the work is undertaken within 4-8 weeks. However, it is worth noting that replacing road markings too soon after a surface treatment results in the markings wearing away within a matter of weeks.

**Question** (2) What monitoring is undertaken in terms of their adherence to this target time period?

**Answer** (2) As detailed above, there is no set time period for the markings to be reinstated. Council officers are in regular contact with the Contractor (including site and virtual meetings). Project managers for each site are aware of the work completed and any outstanding works to be followed up in the meetings with the Contractor.

**Question** (3) Are records held of the time taken between surface treatments and the subsequent painting of road markings for individual surfacing projects?

**Answer** (3) No records are held on the time taken to lay the treatment and the painting of the road markings. On the completion of each treatment, built drawings are provided, but these only record the date, extent and type of new road surface laid.

## Item no 12.12

### QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

To ask the Convener of Transport & Environment Committee, pursuant to the answer given to question 5(2) at the June 2022 meeting of the Council;

**Question** (1) Which of the school travel plans listed were formally signed off in August as expected?

**Answer** (1) None. This was due to the time taken to arrange meetings with the school management teams and parent councils. Officers are actively engaging with schools and parent councils to finalise and sign off the School Travel for the 35 schools that had temporary measures put in place under the Spaces for People programme.

**Question** (2) For those schools travels plans which have been signed off, when will they be published on the Streets Ahead Edinburgh website and shared with ward councillors as promised?

**Answer** (2) As the plans are uploaded onto the Streets Ahead website, notification of this will be sent to all Transport and Environment Committee members and relevant ward Councillors.

## Item no 12.13

### QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

- Question**
- (1) How many Community Councils in Edinburgh are:
- a) currently active, according to the definition on the Directory of Community Councils on the council's website?
  - b) How many have become inactive in the last five years?
  - c) How many, and which, of those active Councils are at risk of becoming inactive?
- Answer**
- (1) a) 44 out of 46 Community Councils were initially active following the 2019 Community Council elections. Two did not receive sufficient nominations to be established during the election process.
- Seven out of the 44 established Community Councils have not submitted their annual accounts in order to receive their 2022-23 grant. Of those seven, one is known to be dormant, one is yet to submit their accounts but has engaged with the Council and we have been unable to contact the remaining five. As a result, we are still trying to ascertain if they are active.
- b) Before the 2019 elections two Community Councils were inactive. During the covid pandemic and lockdown, seven community councils have become minimally active.
- Determining the active status of community councils has been based on feedback provided following a survey of Elected Members in the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2022 and the Council's interactions with individual Community Councils over the five year period.
- c) Officers are not aware of any of the active Community Councils being at risk of becoming inactive based on the minutes and communications received from them.

**Question** (2) What support and resource has been made available to date for those at risk of becoming inactive, outside of the block grant?

**Answer** (2) In addition to the annual grant, Community Councils have the power, as independent bodies, to raise additional funds and can apply for specific additional grant monies from the Council.

During the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown, guidance was provided on the steps that could be taken by Community Councils to remain active, how to hold virtual meetings and support was made available in obtaining or using the necessary software.

For those at risk of becoming inactive for reasons other than financial, officers from the Community Empowerment & Engagement Team can provide practical advice and support in generating local interest in Community Councils.

**Question** (3) What advice and resources, outside of the block grant, are being made available to support at risk Community Councils to avoid them folding?

**Answer** (3) Officers from Governance and Community Empowerment and Engagement Teams have consulted with Elected Members to support these Community Councils to maintain or return to active status.

## Item no 12.14

### QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Osler for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) How many applications have been received in each of the last five years for dropped kerb road occupation permits?

**Answer** (1) The number of applications for each of the last five years is shown in the table below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of applications</b>
2017	130
2018	126
2019	98
2020	97
2021	157

There have 112 to the end of September 2022.

**Question** (2) What is the target turnaround time for the applications for dropped kerb road occupation permits in terms of an application being received and a decision being issued?

**Answer** (2) There are currently no target turnaround times for processing applications for dropped kerb road occupation permits. This is because many sites are complicated by the presence of lampposts, parking bays, etc.

**Question** (3) What percentage of applications have been handled within this target turnaround time?

**Answer** (3) As noted above, there is no target turnaround time for processing applications.

## Item no 12.15

### QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Davidson for answer  
by the Convener of the Education,  
Children and Families Committee at a  
meeting of the Council on 27 October  
2022**

#### Question

What is the current policy position with respect to school foreign trips and is this policy subject to any periodic review?

#### Answer

The Council in common with other local authorities continues to be unable to access 'school journeys' insurance that caters for COVID-19 cancellation, which has now widened to 'communicable diseases'. Many providers offer so-called group travel guarantees/assurances however these vary significantly in their breadth and depth of cover.

The Council has taken an incremental approach to restarting residential visits, including a prompt reintroduction of UK camping expeditions and visits to UK outdoor education centres. The latter includes 5773 young people visiting the Council's Benmore and Lagganlia outdoor centres during the 2021/22 academic year and an innovative COVID-19 approved residential provider list, which has allowed this Council to negotiate additional/comprehensive financial protection for families, third parties and the Council. This work is sector leading and has been shared nationally. Each step has required considerable planning to support schools in delivering high quality outcomes to all young people.

The policy to review educational outings is under review with a working group of Headteachers and officers and will be presented to ECF within 2 cycles.



## Item no 12.16

### QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** When he became aware of plans to install a cycle lane on Maybury Drive?

**Answer** I became aware of these plans when it was raised with me by the Lord Provost.

**Question** (2) When were ward councillors and residents made aware of these plans?

**Answer** (2) A notification letter was sent on 11 May 2022 to all the local Councillors and residents advising them that the works were due to commence. In line with the Council's approach to notification of roadworks, this letter did not include details of each element of the scheme.

It is important to note that there is currently no requirement to consult on changes to road markings that do not require changes to or a new Traffic Order. In the case of Maybury Road, there was no requirement to consult on the changes, but I accept that recent history in the area means that Ward Councillors could have benefited from being notified of the planned changes.

**Question** (3) Under which Council Policy the decision to install a cycle lane was made?

**Answer** (3) The installation of Cycle Lanes is in line with Edinburgh Street Design Guidance (ESDG) and fact sheets (C1 and C2). The ESDG is the first point of reference for all street designs whether it is for renewals schemes, improvements to existing streets or new streets, (including urban paths), in Edinburgh.

**Question** (4) Whether there are any other road layout changes planned in East Craigs at present?

**Answer** (4) At the current time, officers do not have any planned road layout changes in East Craigs.

**Question**

**(5)** What he will do, going forward, to ensure that communication with residents takes place as clearly and openly as possible?

**Answer**

**(5)** Going forward, when new cycle lanes are introduced, officers will include this information in our pre-start notification letters to residents. Also ward Councillors will be sent plans showing the details of the works before construction begins.

## Item no 12.17

### QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Caldwell answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

In July 2022, the City of Edinburgh Council started rolling out sensors to automatically report full bins with a planned 11,000 rolled out by Summer 2023.

Can the Transport and Environment convener please;

**Question** (1) Provide an updated list of streets or parks, broken down by ward, where sensors onto bins have been rolled out, since inception of the scheme?

**Answer** (1) Table 1 below shows the list of locations where bin sensors have been rolled out, broken down by ward.

**Question** (2) Confirm the total of how many times the smart communal bins in Pitt Street have reported themselves as full, broken down by month?

**Answer** (2) As we are in a testing phase, this information is currently not available. The dashboards for recording and reporting data are currently being development. I anticipate this work will be complete by June 2023.

**Question** (3) Confirm how many reports have been made via the public 'Report an overflowing communal bin' portal of overflowing communal smart bins in Pitt Street since the initial rollout?

**Answer** (3) There have been no reports for this location since 29 July 2022.

**Question** (4) Confirm the total of how many times the smart litter bins in the Meadows have reported themselves as full, broken down by month?

**Answer** (4) See answer 2 above.

**Question** (5) Confirm the total of how many times the smart litter bins on West Lanark Road have reported themselves as full, broken down by month?

**Answer** (5) See answer 2 above.

**Table 1**

<b>Serial Number of Sensor</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Ward</b>
524C6209CBC7D339	A8000 - Kirkliston To South Queensferry	01-Almond
55966E90A7C239C5	A90 - Cramond Bridge to Dalmeny	01-Almond
72AD20CF09EC8C0E	Ashburnham Gardens	01-Almond
9612D643AF5AABDE	Bankhead Road	01-Almond
6C3AD49A6809A9D8	Barnton Avenue	01-Almond
B02338582DFEBA34	Barnton_005	01-Almond
4263E4ACA7330A66	Bo'Ness Road	01-Almond
BC7B36465222CF8F	Bo'Ness Road	01-Almond
91F9AFA7F3906F36	Bo'Ness Road	01-Almond
EFB75D0AFB0ADD66	Braehead Drive	01-Almond
32AF141180C77698	Bridge Street	01-Almond
9372E9C3AAE4D1AD	Bridleway - Port Edgar To Dalmeny	01-Almond
839CEEEB5CDE26C1	Builyeon Road	01-Almond
042F3316EED2FDF4	Burgess Road	01-Almond
7B78D0F2AF77D6E3	Caddell's Row	01-Almond
662DBD967F5C11B9	Cammo Road	01-Almond
B529DFB9988BAD4A	Cammo Walk	01-Almond
4AD90905CF178038	Cammo Walk	01-Almond
4F51D88BCAB861B2	Canmore Street	01-Almond
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## Item no 12.18

### QUESTION NO 18

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 27 October 2022**

On 11 November 2021, the Council approved a process of engagement with stakeholders to further refine proposals for carer parking permit schemes.

**Question** (1) What progress has been made to engage with stakeholders on these proposals?

**Answer** (1) Background research and benchmarking exercises have been completed and a full stakeholder engagement exercise is planned.

**Question** (2) If no progress has been made on engagement, why not?

**Answer** (2) Please see answer 1 above.

**Question** (3) When is this process expected to commence?

**Answer** (3) Stakeholder engagement is expected to commence in November 2022.

**Question** (4) When might a report be presented to councillors with refined proposals for carer parking permit schemes?

**Answer** (4) A report is planned for the Transport and Environment Committee in Spring 2023.

## Item no 12.19

### QUESTION NO 19

**By Councillor Campbell for answer  
by the Convener of the Housing,  
Homelessness and Fair Work  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 27 October 2022**

The financial pressure of homelessness services on the council budget is well documented, but more importantly the human and social cost is exceptionally high.

#### Question

**(1)** Can the convener confirm if she has met any of the following organisations since taking on her role:

- Shelter
- Crisis
- The Centre for Homelessness Impact
- Simon Community
- Bethany
- Rock Trust
- Cyrenians
- Social Bite
- SHAPE

#### Answer

**(1)** The Convener has met with;

- Simon Community
- Cyrenians
- SHAPE
- Chief Executive of Homeless Network
- Chief Executive of Scottish Refugee Council

A planned meeting with Shelter is in the process of being rearranged at Shelter's request.

The Convener is due to meet with representatives from Bethany, Rock Trust, Simon Scotland and Cyrenians on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Spokes persons for Housing have also received an invitation to this meeting.

There are scheduled meetings to take place in early November with Crisis, The Centre for Homelessness Impact and Social Bite.

**Question** (2) Once again can I ask if the convener intends to reconvene the Homelessness Task Force which is an essential forum for bringing together the council and third sector partners to discuss joint solutions to the challenges around homelessness in our city?

**Answer** (2) As Councillor Campbell is aware the re-establishment of this important task force has been caught up in the Political Management Arrangements discussions.

However, because the issues are so urgent and because there can be no doubt that we need to continue to work in close partnership with the third sector and others I have asked Committee Services to present a report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which will seek committee approval to formally re-establish the task force.

In the meantime, I have arranged for an informal meeting with the relevant partners and elected members. Councillor Campbell received her invitation on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

**Question** (3) Can the convener give a timeframe for doing so?

**Answer** (3) If the task force is agreed by Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, I would look to have a meeting arranged for early January 2023.

## Item no 12.20

### QUESTION NO 20

**By Councillor McFarlane for answer  
by the Leader of the Council at a  
meeting of the Council on 27 October  
2022**

**Question** (1) Has the Leader of the Council followed up with BT as promised at the Full Council meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September and when is the next of his meetings scheduled to occur?

**Answer** (1) I met with BT on 21 September and agreed to meet with them every three months. The next meeting will be in two months' time.

**Question** (2) On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Full Council meeting and in answer to my question the Leader of the Council stated that only 13 out of 55 jobs by BT in the supposed 'EH1 Post Code Clean-up' had not been completed.

- How many have been completed now?
- Does he agree with the public perception that post 'cleanup' EH1 phone boxes are still covered with graffiti, missing receivers or badly damaged?

**Answer** (2) BT have confirmed all jobs have now been completed.

I appreciate members of the public may not be happy with the look of the phoneboxes. BT are aware that it is likely payphones will be subject to damage. They encourage councillors and the public to report any issues with boxes and welcome this information.

**Question** (3) On the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022 Full Council meeting in answer to my supplementary question the Leader of the Council stated that he was hopeful some of the applications for BTs new 'phone hubs' would be approved.

What assurances has he had from BT that their new offer will not simply degrade and be as badly maintained as current BT assets are?

**Answer** (3) BT have a maintenance management plan in place for Street Hubs that will be implemented should they be approved. I'm happy to provide details of the relevant members of staff at BT who can assist councillors directly with any questions they have.

**Question** (4) Does the Leader of the Council agree that if there is more than one phone box in an area within 400 meters' walking distance from the next public phone box, and if it doesn't meet one of Ofcoms additional criteria blocking its removal that the surplus should be removed by BT immediately?

**Answer** (4) BT are a private company and the Council has limited powers to instruct them to undertake work or removals. The Council can however make requests for the removal of phoneboxes if required.

## Item no 12.21

### QUESTION NO 21

**By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

What delay to the process of adopting City Plan 2030 does the Planning Convener understand would be caused by reconsidering the principles it sets out for development of purpose-built student accommodation, with regard to defining and tackling overconcentration of purpose-built student accommodation in particular areas of the city?

#### **Answer**

The proposed policy on student accommodation seeks to maximise opportunities for mixed use development including housing and affordable housing, to complement mixed communities.

Change to the proposed policy would trigger potential consultation and representation processes. This could result in the City Plan needing to be restarted under new legislation. The result would be a very significant delay to the eventual adoption of City Plan.

## Item no 12.22

### QUESTION NO 22

**By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

- Question**            (1) In relation to the oversubscription at James Gillespie's High School (JGHS):
- a) What discussions has the Convener had with James Gillespie's High School (JGHS) about the increasing school roll?
  - b) Has the Convener had any discussions with JGHS's parent council? What was the resulting outcome?
- Answer**            (1) There have been not direct discussions with JGHS or the parent Council but an annexe project has recently been completed to provide the additional capacity required by the school. The school and officers have communicated frequently with parents about this project as it has encountered delays due to the pandemic and the current economic challenges.
- Question**            (2) The Convener has previously answered that two secondary schools and seven primary schools were oversubscribed for new residents in their catchment areas.
- a) What are the names of these schools?
  - b) Has the convener had discussions with these schools? What was the resulting outcome?



**Answer**

**(2)** (a) Response as of 21 September

**Initially (prior to start of session) – Primary Schools**

Broughton Primary – 2 late catchment applications - one has since been granted since start of session the other no longer wants the place.

Craigour Park- initially two children on the waiting list at the start of session- both have since been granted to the school

Fox Covert ND- initially two late catchment applications – both children have since been granted to the school

Gylemuir - initially two late catchment applications – both children have since been granted to the school

James Gillespie's Primary – initially one late catchment application which was turned down and one child is still on the waiting list

Kirkliston – one late catchment application – who remains on the waiting list

Towerbank – initially three late catchment applications– one child has been granted and the other two children are still on the waiting list

**Initially (prior to start of session) – Secondary Schools**

Boroughmuir High – initially 18 late catchment applications were turned down. Five were granted on late appeals. There are 13 children on the catchment waiting list

James Gillespie's High – initially seven late catchment applications were turned down. There are now six late catchment children on the waiting list. One was granted on appeal to Boroughmuir.

- b) These issues are discussed at Convener Meetings with officers and whilst the Convener hasn't met with these schools specifically, officers are in regular contact with head teachers.

## Item no 12.23

### QUESTION NO 23

**By Councillor Key for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### Question

The Council Report Schedule dated 19/10/22 does not list any agenda items at all for the meeting of the Education, Children and Families Committee on 15th November 2022.

Every other Committee scheduled in that paper between October and December has a comprehensive list of agenda items.

Has the Convener taken her eye off the ball again, does she need a Vice-Convener to help with the volume of work, and will her Committee continue to run with no transparency and no forward planning?

#### Answer

The committee schedule was updated on the 17 October, and as stated in a previous council question there is not a specified deadline to update the schedule. Updating the schedule is the responsibility of the Council Officers for the Education and Children's Services Directorate.

## Item no 12.24

### QUESTION NO 24

**By Councillor Mattos Coelho for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### Question

The Scottish Government Young persons' (under 22s) free bus travel scheme is being very welcomed by families across the city. 51,784 cards had been issued in the CEC area by July 2022, representing 65% of those eligible and is one of the highest out of the Scottish Local Authorities.

However, can the Transport and Environment Convener clarify what is the council doing to help families where English is not their first language, do not have access to a computer or have a library close by to apply for bus passes for their children?

#### Answer

The Council is not provided with resources by the Scottish Government to provide additional support but does try to maximise uptake. The scheme is promoted by schools, colleges, universities and by public transport providers. The social work team and care workers also support individuals where it is needed.

Council officers are also actively engaging with the teams supporting refugees to ensure that they are supported to apply for these cards.

The Improvement Service are also working on improving accessibility for the online site ([www.getyournec.scot](http://www.getyournec.scot)).

## Item no 12.25

### QUESTION NO 25

**By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) Can the Convener give an update on how many young Ukrainians, who have fled Russia's illegal and immoral war, are in each Council school?

**Answer** (1)

SCHOOL	No of Ukrainian CYP enrolled
Abbeyhill PS	1
Balerno Community HS	5
Balgreen PS	2
Bonally PS	1
Boroughmuir HS	1
Broughton PS	7
Bruntsfield PS	3
Carrick Knowe PS	3
Castlebrae Community HS	32
Castleview Primary School	17
Clerminston	3
Colinton	1
Corstorphine	5
Craigtinney	1
Craigtinney EYC	1
Craiglockhart PS	4
Craigmillar EYC	3
Craigmount HS	2
Craigour Park PS	1
Craigroyston CHS	1
Cramond PS	1
Currie CHS	4
Currie PS	3
Dalmeny PS	1
Dalry PS	5
Davidson's Main PS	3
Dean Park PS	1
Drummond CHS	13
Duddingston PS	3
East Craigs PS	3
Firrhill HS	1
Flora Stevenson PS	2

Fox Covert PS	1
Gracemount PS	2
Granton PS	3
Gylemuir PS	3
Gracemount PS	2
Granton PS	3
Gylemuir PS	3
Hermitage Park PS	11
James Gillespie PS	8
Juniper Green PS	1
Leith Academy	102
Leith Primary School	16
Leith Walk PS	11
Liberton HS	1
Liberton PS	1
Lorne PS	24
Niddrie Mill PS	1
Oxgangs ELC	2
Oxgangs PS	1
Pentland PS	2
Parsons Green PS	1
Pirniehall PS	1
Portobellos HS	4
Preston Street PS	1
Queensferry Community HS	1
Roseburn PS	5
Royal Mile PS	4
Sciennes PS	5
St Andrew Fox Covert PS	1
St Augustines RC HS	3
St John Vianney PS	4
St Marys RC PS	37
St Peter's PS	7
St Thomas Aquin	4
Stockbridge PS	3
The Royal High School	4
Tollcross PS	2
Trinity Academy	19
Trinity PS	31
Tynecastle HS	14
Victoria PS	60
Victoria EYC	7
Viewforth EYC	1
Wardie PS	2
TOTAL	543

**Question** (2) Can the Convener outline how much additional resource has been paid to each Council school specifically to support the increase in school rolls and to support young Ukrainian students studying in Edinburgh primary and secondary schools?

**Answer** (2) As of the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022, no funding has yet been received. Scottish Government has not confirmed the level of funding which will be made available to temporary displaced Ukrainian children and young people. This should be confirmed shortly. Schools are currently purchasing what is required to support and will have access to funding once confirmed.

## Item no 12.26

### QUESTION NO 26

**By Councillor Mumford for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Since the Full Council in June 2022, what progress has been made to arranging additional training, focus groups and a survey on Gender Budget Analysis?

#### **Answer**

The Scottish Women's Budget Group will deliver a training session open to all elected members on 21 November, with the aim of explaining how gender budget approaches can help local authorities to meet their responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty and how councillors can use gender budgeting to address inequalities. Opportunities for complementary staff training are also currently being explored.

Feedback from the session above will inform the development of more in-depth engagement with relevant officers and elected members, including consideration of the use of surveys and focus groups.

## Item no 12.27

### QUESTION NO 27

**By Councillor Younie for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

There have been references in media that many Councils in Scotland including Edinburgh are utilising CCTV cameras supplied by HikVision, which are linked to human rights abuses in the People's Republic of China.

There are also reports that these cameras are being removed in Edinburgh.

To ask the Leader of the Council;

**Question** (1) Can he confirm that the cameras are being removed?

**Answer** (1) Following completion of the public realm CCTV upgrade project, there will be no HikVision cameras present on the public realm network.

However, there are more than 1,300 cameras which cover Council buildings. The exact number of HikVision units is not currently captured but a survey is being carried out which will identify this for the Council.

As units are being upgraded or repaired, they are being replaced with compliant equipment, in accordance with UK Government guidelines.

**Question** (2) Can he provide a timetable for their removal?

**Answer** (2) The public realm project is due to be completed by February 2023. This includes replacement of old hardware including any analogue HikVision equipment.

For Council buildings, it is not possible to provide a timetable for removal at this point.

**Question** (3) Can he provide updates when each action on said timetable is completed?



**Answer**

- (3)** I have asked officers to update Culture and Communities Committee on the public realm project is completed.

On completion of the survey of Council buildings, the total number of HikVision units will be reported to Finance and Resources Committee.

## Item no 12.28

### QUESTION NO 28

**By Councillor Younie for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Many Day Centres having closed, especially in the West of the City, with little provision made for those in need.

To ask the Chair of the Edinburgh Integrated Joint Board;

**Question** (1) How many Day Centres were closed over the last 5 years?

**Answer** (1) **Disability Services** - The Partnership has not closed any Day Support centres in the last 5 years.

**Older People Day Opportunities** - As part of the Older People Day Opportunities Review in 2018/19, it was agreed that all mainstream day opportunity places would, appropriately, be provided by the third sector. This affected five partnership centres.

As a result of the review, associated options appraisal, and integrated impact assessment:

- older people and their families, receiving support at the five centres, were involved in individual assessments, with a suitable place, or alternative provision, being arranged for everyone;
- three partnership centres were no longer required, (North Merchiston, Portlee, Granton); and
- two partnership centres are now providing an increased level of reablement and therapeutic intervention sessions, through the Be Able service, at Drumbrae in the north, and Capelaw in the south.

As part of the Scottish Government Guidance during the Covid-19 pandemic, all day services were suspended, remobilising from spring 2022 onwards, in line with government guidance.

**Question** (2) How many people are on the waiting lists for Day Centres in Edinburgh?

**Answer** (2) **Disability Services** - We do not hold a waiting list for any Partnership Day Support centres primarily as there is a wide choice of day support available across the city.

**Older People Day Opportunities** - 17 waiting. Capacity: 1,258 block contract commissioned places. 293 additional places to accommodate range of SDS options.

**Question** (3) Would it be possible to review the covid regulations which the Day Centres are operating under?

**Answer** (3) The Scottish Government reviewed covid regulations and issues guidance on the 28 September 2022. All services are required to follow the guidance undernoted:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-adult-social-care-building-based-day-services/>

**Question** (4) When will the closed Day Centres be reopening?

**Answer** (4) The Scottish Government reviewed covid regulations and issues guidance on the 28 September 2022. All services are required to follow the guidance undernoted:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-adult-social-care-building-based-day-services/>

## Item no 12.29

### QUESTION NO 29

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Further to his supplementary answer to my question at full council of 22 September 2022, can I give the council leader a further opportunity to answer the question: what were the reasons behind his changes to the Licensing Board, as agreed by full council on 26 May 2022?

#### **Answer**

The report detailing proposals for the appointment of members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards, including the Licensing Board was presented to Council on 26 May 2022 (adjourned from 19 May 2022). The amendment to that report which outlined the political balance and membership of the Licensing Board was agreed with 32 votes.

## Item no 12.30

### QUESTION NO 30

**By Councillor Dijkstra-Downie for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) With regard to the kitchen upgrades at Trinity Primary School which started in April 2022, and which were initially due to be completed in August, but which are still ongoing, resulting in no warm lunches for pupils since 25 April 2022, what is the cause or causes of this delay?

**Answer** (1) The actual contract start date was 3 May 2022. The delays have principally been caused by previously unknown matters that were revealed when the intrusive works began, including the discovery of asbestos that had to be removed under licence; a defective roof structure over part of the kitchen area requiring the design and installation of steel beams; and the existing floor which was not expected to be removed resulting in design changes to the drainage system and installation. Works are now scheduled to complete on site by 11 November 2022.

**Question** (2) Which other schools are facing delays to kitchen upgrades?

**Answer** (2) None.

**Question** (3) What measures are being taken to ensure other schools are not facing similar delays and therefore disruptions to warm lunch provision?

**Answer** (3) While no other schools are facing similar delays, going forward, Catering Services are currently considering the use of a mobile kitchen unit to supply a limited hot service during larger projects should a similar situation arise in the future.

## Item no 12.31

### QUESTION NO 31

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

- Question**           **(1)** Currie Community high School Swimming Pool
- a) When did the swimming pool at Currie Community High School close to pupils and the local community?
  - b) What were the reasons behind the closure?
  - c) When is the pool likely to re-open?

**Answer**           **(1)** The pool closed on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 following the failure of the (asbestos clad) calorifier in the male changing rooms.

Works relating to the licenced removal of asbestos, the calorifier replacement and building fabric re-instatement will be completed by 24<sup>th</sup> October. Separately, defects to tiling around the pool, situated outside the changing room and shower area are required and due to lead times on the fabrication of the pool tiles, this is scheduled to be completed 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November.

There is also a high-level window which has been broken that will need to be replaced, this is made from toughened glass and is currently safe. There will be a requirement to clean and disinfect the pool and we would look to carry out the installation of a new window during this time.

- Question**           **(2)** Wester Hailes High School Swimming Pool
- a) When did the swimming pool at Wester Hailes High School close for maintenance on lighting?
  - b) Why is the lighting work taking so long to repair?
  - c) When is the pool likely to re-open?

**Answer**

- (2)**
- a) The pool was initially closed on 13 June 2022 for necessary lighting repairs at high level to the pool area and consisted of the replacement of lamps, and associated control equipment.
  - b) While the pool lighting has been concluded there is a separate and unconnected repair being carried out following leaks in the ceiling space affecting the male and female changing rooms. This also required licenced asbestos removal works prior to the subsequent repair and reinstatement works.
  - c) The works to the changing rooms are scheduled for completion on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

## Item no 12.32

### QUESTION NO 32

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) Please could you tell me the number of recycling/garden waste bins that have been damaged by lorries when emptying residents bins per year and per ward for the previous 3 years?

**Answer** (1) This specific level of information is not collected. The Council does, however, hold information on the total number of new and replacement garden waste and recycling bins delivered in the last three years- this is tabulated below. The total number of replacement and new garden waste bins issued in each of the three years equates to less than 1% of our garden waste customer base.

Ward	2019	2020	2021	Grand Total
01-Almond	31	42	68	141
02-Pentland Hills	24	38	39	101
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	21	22	41	84
04-Forth	12	31	15	58
05-Inverleith	16	24	27	67
06-Corstorphine/Murrayfield	22	27	63	112
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	12	20	33	65
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	28	52	64	144
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	15	13	18	46
10-Meadows/Morningside	8	13	22	43
11-City Centre	4	1	8	13



12-Leith Walk	2	5	5	12
13-Leith	4	2	3	9
14-Craightinny/Duddingston	15	22	30	67
15-Southside/Newington	17	18	18	53
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	51	44	68	163
17-Portobello/Craigmillar	25	30	53	108
<b>All Garden Waste Bins Delivered</b>	307	404	575	1,286

Ward	2019	2020	2021	Total
01-Almond	62	116	181	359
02-Pentland Hills	67	95	124	286
03-Drum Brae/Gyle	28	64	117	209
04-Forth	45	79	95	219
05-Inverleith	29	50	62	141
06-Corstorphine/Murrayfield	33	75	81	189
07-Sighthill/Gorgie	53	87	120	260
08-Colinton/Fairmilehead	48	65	86	199
09-Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	30	51	54	135
10-Meadows/Morningside	22	45	58	125
11-City Centre	6	4	5	15
12-Leith Walk	14	12	10	36
13-Leith	10	22	23	55
14-Craightinny/Duddingston	42	52	74	168
15-Southside/Newington	28	33	50	111
16-Liberton/Gilmerton	133	187	187	507

17-Portobello/Craigmillar	88	108	125	321
<b>All Recycling Bins Delivered</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1,145</b>	<b>1,452</b>	<b>3,335</b>

## Item no 12.33

### QUESTION NO 33

**By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

- Question** (1) What progress has been made in securing reliable and frequent bus services on routes 20, 63, and 68?
- Answer** (1) Contract extensions for 12 months have been secured from August 2022. A reduced frequency of service on routes 20 and 63 have been agreed to allow McGill's to operate the services more reliably within their available driver resource.
- Question** (2) It has been clear for many years that the vast majority of the residents of Ratho want a direct bus service re-instated into the centre of Edinburgh. For a lot of residents this service is essential for work and leisure. With two new large housing developments now in situ since the direct bus was stopped, what is the council doing to meet the needs of residents of Ratho in this regard?
- Answer** (2) A report on Supported Bus Services, including services 20, 63 and 68, is being prepared for Transport and Environment Committee in December.
- Question** (3) What discussions has the council had with regards to the First Bus services being sold to McGills?
- Answer** (3) I am pleased to be able to confirm that Officers have met with representatives from McGill's and have been reassured there is an ongoing commitment to fulfil the terms of the current contracts. McGill's have confirmed that they are actively working on recruitment of drivers and are keen to return the service 20 and 63 to their original frequencies as soon as resource permits.

## Item no 12.34

### QUESTION NO 34

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Given the Council's commitment to spend 10% of its Transport budget to improve cycling facilities, what efforts is the Convener making to ensure:

#### Question

- (1) Investment is directed to two of the city's best pieces of National Cycle Infrastructure; National Route 75 along the Water of Leith and Union Canal towpath; and National Route 754 along the Union Canal towpath connecting Wester Hailes to the city centre?

#### Answer

- (1) Investment in cycle infrastructure is principally aimed at making cycling a realistic travel choice for people of all ages and abilities in our city. Research has shown that lack of cycling infrastructure is one of the biggest barriers to increasing cycling uptake, and that this is particularly true where women and older and disabled people are concerned. As set out in the Active Travel Investment Programme (ATInP) report to Transport and Environment Committee in [June 2019](#), the investment programme focuses on:

- Connections into and through the city centre;
- Connections to the Gyle/Edinburgh Park area;
- Projects related to large-scale redevelopments, for example in the Granton/Muirhouse area; and
- Other strategic missing links, for example connecting the walking and cycling infrastructure planned as part of the tram extension project to the Victoria Quay/Ocean Terminal area, via central Leith.

A small section of Route 75 will benefit from our planned transformation of George Street. Routes 75 and 754 have also, however, benefitted from previous rounds of investment. There will be a chance to review this as part of the Active Travel Investment Programme which I hope will

mark a step change in our active travel ambitions as part of our plans to boost the economy, improve wellbeing, hit net-zero and cut congestion.

**Question** (2) Non segregated priority and mandatory cycle lanes across the city are being properly maintained?

**Answer** (2) All non-segregated and mandatory cycle lanes across the city are inspected on a regular basis, in line with the Council's Risk-Based Approach to Safety Inspections - (as approved by yourself at the October Transport and Environment Committee). Defects are categorised and repaired within the timescales set out in the guidance.

Cycle lane condition is determined through scanner surveys and visual assessments. Future capital investment is prioritised in line with the Council's carriageway and footway investment strategy.

**Question** (3) Secure overnight cycle parking is being provided to residents across the city, particularly those living in tenement flats?

**Answer** (3) The on-street cycle parking programme of 180 secure units, providing parking spaces for 1,080 bikes, is being delivered in phases, to co-ordinate with other planned changes to parking restrictions and communal bin provision in the affected streets. To date, 108 units are operational and the statutory process for traffic orders required to install the next tranche of 42 units will commence shortly. All 180 units are expected to be operational by autumn 2023.

**Question** (4) More Bike racks are distributed on the streets across the city to avoid bikes locked to lamp posts or railings creating footpath obstructions?

**Answer** (4) The Council has had an ongoing programme of installing bike racks in streets and at or outside schools and nurseries across the city since 2016. This has provided 1,100 bike racks to date.

The ATInP includes a continuing programme of annual roll outs of bike racks, with a total estimated investment through to 2025/26 of approximately £182,000.

## Item no 12.35

### QUESTION NO 35

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Three bridges and two paths in the very popular Colinton and Craiglockhart Dells are now closed through lack of repair, and increasing frustrations are felt by local residents and city-wide visitors alike at the slow progress of reinstatement:

**Question** (1) What is the Convener doing to ensure these bridges and paths are repaired as a matter of urgency?

**Answer** (1) I understand the concerns of local residents and their frustration over the delay in reinstating these bridges. Council officers are progressing with the development of designs for the remediation of the Pipeline and Redhall Weir bridges. The final design of both schemes is expected to be completed in the next three months. It is expected that an award of contract will be made in this financial year (subject to there being market interest in undertaking these schemes). On award of contract, officers will update ward Councillors on the programmed completion dates.

Alongside these two schemes, interim repairs to the Redhall walled garden bridge are being planned with the aim of delivery this calendar year.

**Question** (2) In light of ongoing inflationary pressures affecting the construction industry can the Convener confirm costs for repair of the Redhall Weir Bridge and the Pipeline Bridge are still within budget?

**Answer** (2) The original budget for remediation of these two bridges was £121,000. Given the pressures in the industry, the estimate has been revised up to £180,000. This will be contained with the Parks and Greenspace capital investment programme for 2022/23.

**Question** (3) Given three years have now passed since the Redhall Bridge was closed can the Convener confirm the timescales for its re-instatement?

**Answer** (3) See answer 1 above.

**Question** (4) What steps is the Convener taking to make sure systems are put in place to avoid having so many paths and crossing points of the Water of Leith out of action at the same time.

**Answer** (4) A survey of all bridges in parks and greenspaces has recently been completed. The information from this will be used to develop plans for future repair, replacement and, if applicable, rationalisation of bridges within the estate.

Officers are prioritising the repair and reopening of the Redhall walled garden bridge in order to allow a crossing point over the Water of Leith for the local community in advance of the more significant remediation schemes to the other two bridges.

## Item no 12.36

### QUESTION NO 36

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### Question

Now that the booking system has been in place for over two years, can the Convener provide data for recycling volumes for; before the booking system was implemented; during Lockdown; and since Physical Distancing requirements ended on 9th Aug 2021?

#### Answer

The table below shows the volume of recycling for Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) before, during and after the arrangements for physical distancing were in place.

Month	Year	Tonnes Recycled	Notes
April - March	2018/19	17,744	Before the booking system
April - March	2019/20	18,269	Before the booking system
April - March	2020/21	13,010	HWRC closed April – mid June due to Covid. Booking system introduced on reopening.
April - March	2021/22	16,087	Booking system in place



## Item no 12.37

### QUESTION NO 37

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

As the proposed Workplace Parking Levy, increasing global energy prices, the City's proposed Low Emissions Zone and Net Zero 2030 ambitions puts pressure on organisations operating within the city, some are keen to turn to new Electric Vehicle fleets but a lack of clarity from the Council is holding up the procurement process.

**Question** (1) When will publicly accessible EV charging points be placed in Council facility car parks including schools, libraries and leisure centres?

**Answer** (1) I am not sure that I consider schools as suitable locations for public EV charging facilities. Several EV charging points are, however, already in place at Council facilities, with further information on their locations available [online](#).

**Question** (2) When will the Council be issuing a clear strategy for managing their Electric Vehicle charging points within the city?

**Answer** (2) The Council has an EV action plan which sets out our approach to delivering new infrastructure. Updates are regularly reported to Transport and Environment Committee on the delivery of this action, with the next update due in Spring 2023. Income received from chargers is used to fund on-going maintenance of the infrastructure, and as such I hope the Transport and Environment Committee will support me in ending the sale of cut-price electricity to EV owners.

### QUESTION NO 38

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Given that:

- There is a budgeted Carriageway and footway replacement cost of £2,260m
- The Roads and Footway Capital Investment Programme capital budget for 2022/23 is £15.178m
- At this rate of replacement/repair it would take 149 years to repair all the city's roads and pavements
- New roads have a life expectancy of 20-30 years

### Question

Can the Convener confirm the cost impact to road repairs of implementing Street Design Guidance?

### Answer

Implementing the Street Design Guidance for carriageway and footway renewals will always be a higher cost when compared with a like-for-like renewal. However, this increased cost delivers, not only an improvement in asset condition, but an improvement to the streetscape. The result of this approach can be transformative for vulnerable pedestrians.

The cost increases can vary significantly depending on the design principles/intervention applied (Basic, Standard, Innovative) to a renewal scheme. For example, applying a Basic principle to a renewal scheme may only account for a 5-10% increase compared with a like-for-like renewal.

Applying a Standard design principle which looks at significant street re-design and road space reallocation could increase the cost of a like-for-like renewal by anywhere between 25% and 300%, depending on how inadequate the existing streetscape was and the quality of the final design. Whilst the costs are significantly higher, there is often scope to recover some of this cost increase through external funding (e.g. from Scottish Government or Sustrans).

A scheme which applies an Innovative design would not normally be delivered using funding from the carriageways and footways renewal budget.

## Item no 12.39

### QUESTION NO 39

**By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

In response to increased instances of flooding across the city from extreme heavy rainfall events, and complaints from residents, the flood prevention team acknowledged the serious issue and said, in 2021:

- The Council and Scottish Water are collaborating through a drainage partnership, which also encompasses SEPA to address these issues together.
- The Council is working closely with Scottish Water to develop surface water management plans, which identify the most critical areas in this city for flooding.
- It is not feasible or practical to design road drainage or sewers to cope with extreme events until there is a better understanding of the extent of the problem across the city.

**Question** (1) When will the drainage partnership be reporting their findings to Council?

**Answer** (1) It is not currently anticipated that the Drainage Partnership will report its findings to the Council. The partnership is a forum which allows the partners to share data and identify areas of high flood risk and to work together to develop interventions.

As previously agreed by Transport and Environment Committee, an update report on the implementation of the Council's Vision for Water Management is expected to be provided to Committee in the Spring 2023.

**Question** (2) Have the most critical areas in this city for flooding been identified?

**Answer** (2) Flood risk areas across the city have been identified and mapping is being developed to better understand this. We are aware of historical flooded and at-risk areas identified by the SEPA flood maps. Whilst critical areas can be identified, this can vary depending on localised storms as has been seen over the last 4 years.

**Question** (3) What steps are being taken to understand the extent of the problem across the city?

**Answer** (3) The Council's Flood Prevention Team has been leading on the development of Surface Water Management Plans (SWMP) for the whole council area. This will identify areas of the city at particular risk of flooding and develop mitigation measures for the effective management of surface water, where practicable.

The Council has started the process of designing the above ground changes required to help lower the risk of flooding working with Scottish Water. These studies are known as 'Blue -Green Neighbourhoods' and also address the Nature Emergency, 20 minute neighbourhoods work and improvements for active travel. As yet, there is no funding for these interventions.

Scottish Water are also developing studies to analyse impact from sewer flooding. Three catchment areas have been identified as the highest risk. Studies on the first catchment area, Craigleith, has begun. Scottish Water's catchment flood managers also consider sources of flooding and wider surface water management in these areas. The other two highest risk catchments (Morningside and Oxgangs) will follow.

These studies being carried out by the Council and Scottish Water are being done in collaboration, with input from SEPA, and will be used to develop interventions for the management of flood risk.

**Question** (4) When will suggested reporting on a strategy for the Blue/Green Infrastructure in the City come before Committee or the Council?

**Answer**

- (4)** The Vision for Water Management was approved by Transport and Environment Committee on 12 November 2020. As mentioned in answer 1, an update on the Vision will be presented to Committee in Spring 2023.

## Item 12.40

### QUESTION NO 40

**By Councillor Doggart for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

- Question** (1) How many “Fitness to Teach” referrals have been made by City of Edinburgh Council in each of the last 10 years to the GTCS?
- Answer** (1) We are checking our archives given you are seeking information over the last 10 years and we will commit to bringing this information to committee members within the next week.
- Question** (2) How many “Fitness to Teach” referrals were made by members of the public to GTCS in each of the last 10 years in respect of teachers employed by City of Edinburgh Council?
- Answer** (2) We do not hold this information as it is held by the GTCS. We have requested this information from them but they are treating it as a Freedom of Information Request. Once the information is provided to us, we will ensure this is passed on to members.
- Question** (3) When will the GTCS review of the “Fitness to Teach” referral process in City of Edinburgh Council be completed and when will the results of that review be presented to the ECF Committee?
- Answer** (3) There is no such review underway. We have reached out to GTCS to discuss this.
- Question** (4) Have officers completed a review of current processes in relation to GTSC referrals and if so, when?

**Answer** (4) No formal review has been instigated. Andrew Kerr and Amanda Hatton met the Chief Executive and Registrar of GTCS on 4 February 2022 following a letter to Andrew Kerr dated 13 January 2022. There has been further correspondence between Amanda Hatton and the Chief Executive of the Care Inspectorate. It was agreed that GTCS will copy all fitness to teach information requests to Andrew and Amanda going forward. We also have development meetings with the GTCS every 4-6 months.

**Question** (5) Has City of Edinburgh Council ceased using Non-Disclosure Agreements in relation to teachers leaving the Council's employment to alleviate the GTCS's concern expressed in the Chief Executive's letter dated 16 February 2022 to the City of Edinburgh Council's Chief Executive? If so, what was the date of the last NDA

**Answer** (5) Officers are not aware of any Non-Disclosure Agreements this calendar year in relation to teachers. The Service is unable to attest or undertake to confirm that officers will not use Non-Disclosure Agreements in relation to teachers in future.



## Item no 12.41

### QUESTION NO 41

**By Councillor Jones for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) What were the Curriculum for Excellence attainment results for pupils in P1, P4 and P7 in each Primary School in Edinburgh for reading, writing, listening and talking and numeracy for 2018/2019, 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2021/2022?

**Answer** (1) A full report on Curriculum for Excellence attainment results for Primary Schools in Edinburgh will be brought to the November Education, Children and Families Committee on 15 November 2022 and will cover the timeframe mentioned above.

We will prepare a data pack with the specific information requested for each school in due course which will be circulated to councillors but do not have sufficient time for the data to be ready for this response. Note however that there is a public website which contains information about attainment for every local authority primary in Scotland which can be accessed here:

[School Information Dashboard - Primary | Tableau Public](#)

**Question** (2) How do these results compare with the Curriculum for Excellence expected levels?

**Answer** (2) Information on the attainment levels of different local authorities is available via the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) which can be found here:

[Explore the data | Benchmarking \(improvementservice.org.uk\)](#)

(note that 2021-22 is not yet available but will likely be published in December 2022).

The 2020-21 figure for City of Edinburgh Council (CEC) showing the percentage of primary school pupils meeting

the expected levels (combined P1/P4/P7) in literacy is 73.81%, which is above the national figure of 66.88%; the corresponding figure for numeracy is 80.42% which is above the national figure of 74.69%. CEC is the fourth highest local authority for both literacy and numeracy for 2020-21.

**Question** (3) What interventions were implemented to achieve the expected levels of attainment?

**Answer** (3) All learners experience a learning environment which is rich in literacy designed to extend skills in reading, writing talking and listening. Learners with identified specific needs receive targeted and personalised support. There is not sufficient space to list all interventions but these can be grouped into ones which develop skills in phonics, including multi-sensory approaches, inferential and deductive comprehension skills, writing through talk (developing metacognitive skills); Read Write Inc, Fresh Start and Toe by Toe. Specific literacy support has been provided to learners with identified gaps in learning, as a result of Covid impact. Schools have been provided with additional funding to employ additional staffing to provide targeted support, including to support transition from P5-S3.

## Item no 12.42

### QUESTION NO 42

**By Councillor Jones for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) Could the Convener provide all the information which was used to inform officers' recommendation to implement the Brunstane Road ETRO?

**Answer** (1) The information used to inform the officer recommendations has been set out in previous reports to Transport and Environment Committee. The links to the reports are provided below, including traffic surveys and consultation results in the appendices. The Committee decided at its meeting in [December 2021](#) to make the ETRO.

[11 November 2021](#) Item 7.7

[28 January 2021](#) Item 7.4

[12 November 2020](#) Item 6.1 (Business Bulletin)

**Question** (2) Could the Convener confirm when all the information regarding the 6 month review of the Brunstane Road ETRO will be made public?

**Answer** (2) Officers will bring a report to the Transport and Environment Committee in December 2022 or early 2023 to seek a decision from the Committee on whether the ETRO is progressed to a permanent TRO. This report will contain all relevant information to allow Committee to make a decision.

## Item no 12.43

### QUESTION NO 43

**By Councillor Jones for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Could the Convener confirm when the Report on improving the Placing Appeals Process will be presented to the Education, Children and Families Committee?

#### **Answer**

A meeting with the Appeals chairs is being scheduled for November. The meeting with the chairs will be used to get their views on the option appraisal undertaken and then the report will come to the Education, Children and Families Committee once the date for the next committee after November committee has been confirmed.

## Item no 12.44

### QUESTION NO 44

**By Councillor Gardiner for answer by the Convener of the Development Management Sub-Committee Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convener, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

#### **Answer**

Yes, confirmed.

## Item no 12.45

### QUESTION NO 45

**By Councillor Work for answer by the Convener of the Licensing Board at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convenor, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

#### **Answer**

Yes. I can confirm.

## Item no 12.46

### QUESTION NO 46

**By Councillor Fullerton for answer by the Convener of the Licensing Sub-Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convenor, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

#### **Answer**

I can confirm that the Council Leader did not make me aware of problems with Edinburgh's Christmas prior to the withdrawal of the main contractors from the contract.

The Leader did contact me after the withdrawal of the contractor as, due to chairing Licensing Sub-Committee at the same time, I was unable to attend the All Party Oversight Group.

## Item no 12.47

### QUESTION NO 47

**By Councillor Fullerton for answer by  
the Convener of Regulatory  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 27 October 2022**

#### **Question**

Can the Convener confirm that the Council Leader at no time alerted them, in their role as a relevant Convener, to the problems and issues he was aware of regarding the delivery of Edinburgh's Christmas?

#### **Answer**

Yes, confirmed.



## Item no 12.48

### QUESTION NO 48

**By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

Small local shops and customer-facing businesses are vital to Edinburgh, contributing monies and employment to our Gross Added Value. They are a cornerstone for our town centres and communities in the draft City Plan 2030.

In 2020, we saw more Edinburgh businesses close than open for the first time and now they're feeling the effects of the Cost-of-Living Crisis. 3 out of the 5 independent cafes in Bonnington have closed in the last six months alone.

Can the convener please confirm;

**Question** (1) What steps are being taken by the Council to ensure our town centre businesses are being supported and can continue serving their communities?

**Answer** (1) The Council is engaging with town centre businesses through the Business Champions Network to encourage collaboration and collate feedback on issues affecting businesses across the city. There is also an Internal Business Champions Network to identify any areas of challenge for local businesses engaging with the Council.

Business support is also available through the Edinburgh Guarantee with initiatives such as Edinburgh's Employer Recruitment Incentive, which funds the cost of recruitment and employment.

The Council also uses a variety of promotional activities including:

- Signposting to the Find Business Support - Cost of Doing Business webpage, a one stop shop of all current advice and support;
- Free to access Business Gateway advisers to advise and signpost to initiatives such as DigitalBoost (supporting local businesses to find new ways of doing

business through free to access digital consultancy support);

- Promotion of the town centres through a series of neighbourhood promotional films ([www.edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods](http://www.edinburgh.org/neighbourhoods)) which include an overview of the area, shopping, food and drink, things to do and accommodation;
- Produced and shared a 'Neighbourhoods' album for businesses to use in their own promotional activity [Neighbourhoods | Flickr](#);
- Distributed editorial and advertorial content on town centres (including publications such as *The Skinny* and *Daily Record*); and
- Continued focused on Edinburgh's town centre 'neighbourhoods' this winter.

**Question** (2) What discussions has the Scottish Government's Minister for Businesses, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise had with the Council regarding support for small shopfront businesses and has the Minister offered any support?

**Answer** (2) Council officers have had no direct conversations with the Scottish Government's Minister for Business, Trade, Tourism and Enterprise with the Council on support for small shopfront businesses in Edinburgh.

There is ongoing dialogue with Scottish Government through the Scottish Cities Alliance which is focused on a range of measures needed to support City Centres. These discussions may result in changes to support packages or legislation in order to support small business (although the measures being discussed are City Centre focused only).

**Question** (3) Will the Policy and Sustainability Convenor write an open letter to this month's Chancellor to underline the importance of a stable economy for Edinburgh and its diverse culture and communities?

**Answer** (3) Yes, I'm happy to write to the Chancellor

## Item no 12.49

### QUESTION NO 49

**By Councillor Heap for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 27 October 2022**

**Question** (1) How many times since May 2022 have Council representatives met representatives from LOVE to LOVE Gorgie Farm?

**Answer** (1) There has been one meeting since May 2022.

**Question** (2) What the Council is doing to support Gorgie Farm?

**Answer** (2) Gorgie Farm representatives provided a business statement which seeks to re purpose some of the site. Council Officers have verbally asked Gorgie Farm to articulate what support they require.

They advised there is an issue with damage to the roof of one of the buildings the lease and the Council legal team have confirmed the Council has no liability to fund the repair.