

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 15 December 2022

Present:

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

COUNCILLORS

Scott Arthur
Danny Aston
Jule Bandel
Alan C Beal
Marco Biagi
Chas Booth
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Jack Caldwell
Lezley Marion Cameron
Kate Campbell
Christopher Cowdy
James Dalglish
Euan R Davidson
Cammy Day
Sanne Dijkstra-Downie
Denis C Dixon
Stuart Dobbin
Phil Duggart
Katrina Faccenda
Pauline Flannery
Catherine Fullerton
Neil Gardiner
Fiona Glasgow
Margaret A Graham
Joan Griffiths
Dan Heap
Euan Hyslop
Stephen P Jenkinson
Tim Jones
David Key

Simita Kumar
Kevin Lang
Lesley Macinnes
Martha Mattos Coelho
Finlay McFarlane
Ross McKenzie
Amy McNeese-Mechan
Adam McVey
Jane E Meagher
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Jo Mowat
Alys Mumford
Marie-Clair Munro
Vicky Nicolson
Kayleigh O'Neill
Hal Osler
Ben Parker
Tim Pogson
Susan Rae
Frank Ross
Neil J Ross
Jason Rust
Alex Staniforth
Edward J Thornley
Val Walker
Mandy H Watt
Iain Whyte
Norman J Work
Louise Young
Lewis J Younie

1 Order of Business – Suspension of Standing Order 24.1 – Voting

The Lord Provost ruled that Standing Order 24.1 be suspended for this meeting and that voting be taken by a show of hands and with a clear public audit trail from vote to Member.

2 Order of Business – Statement by the Lord Provost - Doddie Weir

The Lord Provost made the following statement in regard to the Late Doddie Weir:

“On behalf of this Council, and the citizens of Edinburgh, I want to offer my condolences on the news of the recent passing of Doddie Weir. We extend our deepest sympathies to Doddie’s Family and Friends at this very difficult time.

This Council acknowledges the enormous contribution Doddie made to the City. His determination and dedication to sport, to fundraising, and some might say to fashion, is an inspiration to us all and I have no doubt that his legacy will be outstanding and enduring.

Born in Edinburgh in July 1970, George Wilson or “Doddie” Weir attended Stewart’s Melville College and the Scottish Agricultural College before his professional rugby career took off. And what a career it was.

He won championships with his two club sides, Melrose and Newcastle Falcons, and represented the British and Irish Lions on their successful tour to South Africa in 1997 - the first tour since the end of the apartheid regime and the first tour since rugby union turned professional.

Doddie was also, of course, a mainstay of the Scotland team throughout the 1990s and a firm favourite of the Murrayfield crowd. He went on to win 61 International caps for Scotland and was part of the 1999 Five Nations Championship-winning squad.

In 2017, Doddie announced that he had Motor Neurone Disease. He spoke out about his diagnosis on social media to promote Global MND Awareness Day and subsequently set up the My Name’s Doddie Foundation to raise funds for research into a cure for MND and to provide grants to people living with the condition and I’d like to ask all members to consider making a contribution to that Foundation or indeed to invite their supporters on social media to do so and I’ve asked if our media team could send a link to members so that they could encourage their supporters to do so.

As many colleagues will recall, Doddie received the Edinburgh Award in 2018. The Edinburgh Award, nominated by the public, allows us the opportunity to honour and

celebrate one outstanding individual for their contribution to our city’s reputation both at home and abroad. Doddie was undoubtedly one such individual, a larger-than-life character whose equally large hands are now preserved in the Quadrangle stone, and whose name adorns the halls of the City Chambers here.

Renowned for his tartan suits, it was a great honour that Doddie chose to wear a City of Edinburgh Council tartan suit for the presentation ceremony event itself in November 2018.

Each year, people may be aware, we invite the Edinburgh Makar to write a special poem for the presentation event, in honour of the Edinburgh Award recipient and I know you will all agree that Alan Spence’s poem for Doddie Weir, Flower of Scotland, beautifully captured the man himself and his journey, and I would like to finish by sharing the final verse:

**“We sing, When will we see your like again?
Doddie, when will we see *your* like again?”**

3 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Council of 24 November 2022 as a correct record.

4 Leader’s Report

The Leader presented his report to the Council. He commented on:

- Success of Christmas Market
- Ukrainian Community Events and Awards
- 16 Days of Action Against Gender Based Violence
- City Plan

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Aston | - | Living Rent members – 70-72 Lochend Road South |
| Councillor Lang | - | Further extensions to Edinburgh Trams - funding |
| Councillor Mumford | - | Overseas workers in the Health Service |
| Councillor Whyte | - | Chief Executive’s appraisal process |
| Councillor Meagher | - | Auditor General’s report on the underspend of the Scottish Government – potential of funding being diverted to Edinburgh |

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| Councillor McVey | - | Welcome colleagues from Kyiv |
| | - | What a Labour Government would deliver |
| Councillor Neil Ross | - | Scottish Government short term let licensing scheme delay |
| Councillor Parker | - | Council Business Plan – ecological emergency omission |
| Councillor Doggart | - | Share of £1.5billion from UK Government to Edinburgh for Education and Social Care |
| Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron | - | Advice to members convening/chairing meetings with regard to comfort breaksto support members and staff |
| Councillor Gardiner | - | Local grants scheme |
| Councillor Younie | - | Bus routes in the rural west area of Edinburgh – value for money and provision of services |
| Councillor O’Neill | - | Transphobia in universities and colleges in Edinburgh |
| Councillor Arthur | - | Commitment to climate change - funding |
| Councillor Campbell | - | Governance issue in the Administration – transparency |
| Councillor Heap | - | Warm Spaces – expansion of the scheme |

5 Appointment to Committees Boards and Outside Organisations etc

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Jenkinson to the Lothian Valuation Joint Board in place of Councillor Griffiths.
- 2) To appoint Councillor McNeese-Mechan to the Board of Imagine in place of Councillor Fullerton.

6 Appointment to Chief Officer Posts

Details were provided on the recommendations of the Recruitment Committee to appoint to the roles Executive Director of Corporate Services and Service Director, Housing and Homelessness.

Decision

- 1) To appoint Dr Deborah Smart as Executive Director, Corporate Services subject to satisfactory required pre-employment checks.
- 2) To appoint Derek McGowan as Service Director, Housing and Homelessness subject to satisfactory required pre-employment checks.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

7 Review of Political Management Arrangements 2022

Details were provided on the options for the political management arrangements of the City of Edinburgh Council. All three models were variations of the traditional committee system and the next steps for associated governance documentation and business processes were provided.

Motion

Council:

- 1) Accepts option 1 as detailed in paragraphs 4.19 - 4.20.6 of the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) Adds a recommendation at 4.20.7 of the report to 'Transfer Fair Work to the new Policy and Sustainability Committee'
- 3) Adds a recommendation 4.20.8 to the report to 'Agree to rename the Policy and Sustainability Committee to the Climate Emergency, Policy and Sustainability Committee and to rename the Housing Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to the Housing, Homelessness and Poverty Prevention Committee'
- 4) Adds a recommendation 4.20.9 to the report to 'Agree to add Economy to the remit of the Finance and Resources Committee and rename to the Finance and Economy Committee.'

- 5) Adds a recommendation 4.20.10 to the report to 'Agree to rename the Transport and Environment Committee to the City Mobility and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To agree to progress with the Political Management Arrangements in option 1 to come into force following Easter recess in 2023, however acknowledging the significant remit of the renamed "Transport and Neighbourhood Services", agrees that the committee cycles for this committee will be every 4 weeks (excluding public holidays), rather than 8 weeks as with other executive committees.
- 2) To agree to appoint one independent non-voting member to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.
- 3) To agree to add an additional parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4) To note that associated governance documentation and best practice guidance will be submitted to Council in February 2023.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Aston

Amendment 2

- 1) To agree option 1 as detailed in 4.19-20 of the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services and in appendix one, with regard to the political management arrangements of the Council to come into force following Easter recess in 2023 but
 - retaining the current name of the Transport and Environment Committee.
 - retaining the scrutiny of EIJB services within the remit of Policy & Sustainability Committee.
- 2) Agrees:
 - a) to appoint a vice-convenor of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.
 - b) not to appoint independent non-voting member(s) (up to two members) to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.

- 3) Agrees to add an additional parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4) To note that any changes in membership and frequency will be reflected in the governance documentation and approved in February 2023 for commencement following Easter recess in 2023.
- 5) To note that associated governance documentation and best practice guidance will be submitted to Council in February 2023.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Young

Amendment 3

Amends the recommendations in the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services in **bold/underline** as follows:

1.1.1 To agree **an amended version of Option 1 as detailed in the Appendix of this amendment (below)**, with regard to the political management arrangements of the Council to come into force following Easter recess in 2023.

1.2 Agrees to

1.2.1 **Not** appoint a Vice-Convenor to Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee from any political group

1.2.2 **Receive a further briefing and report for decision setting out in greater detail how independent non-voting members of Governance, Risk and Best Value committee would be appointed, what role description would be associated with the role, learning from other Local Authorities about whether the roles should be remunerated and further detail about the level of resourcing required to recruit / train members**

1.3 **Agrees to add** an additional parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee

Also adds in **bold/underline**:

1.5 Notes that associated governance documentation and best practice guidance will be submitted to Council in February 2023 **and agrees that a core purpose of this guidance should be to ensure that council practices are accessible to and inclusive of all elected members, and to end systemic discrimination in council practices and culture;**

- 1.6 Further notes and welcomes the intention that this work will involve engagement with all elected members and requests this engagement happens at the earliest opportunity, prior to February 2023;
- 1.7 Further notes that both the Tanner Report and the Best Value Audit Report highlighted the need for culture change within the City of Edinburgh Council, and recognises that the aforementioned best practice guidance forms part of a larger project to improve and embed a culture of inclusion and accessibility in the council, including work to remove barriers to elected office;
- 1.8 Therefore requests that the papers brought to February Full Council include an overview of all of the initiatives pertaining to equality, diversity, inclusion and culture change within CEC, their remits and how they interlink, and brings recommendations for a programme of future work to embed these principle.

Appendix: Option 1 with Green group amendments

Summary of Green group amendments to Option 1:

- At Policy & Sustainability Committee, recognise remit should be for “Sustainability, climate emergency and adaptation policy, strategy and governance” not “Sustainability and climate change, governance, policy and strategy”
- Adding Participatory Budgeting to Culture & Communities
- Health (not including EIJB services) moved to Education, Children & Families from Culture & Communities
- Renaming “Transport and Neighbourhood Services”, “Transport, Active Travel and Neighbourhood Services” committee
- Adding Active Travel explicitly to the remit of Transport, Active Travel and Neighbourhood
- TROs retained at Transport, Active Travel and Neighbourhood Services committee, not moved to Regulatory

Proposed Committee remits in full with changes **highlighted in bold/underline** below:

Committee	Remit
Policy & Sustainability	Council objectives Corporate policies including HR Best Value Sustainability, <u>climate emergency and</u>

	<p><u>adaptation</u> policy, strategy and governance Equality and diversity Major economic policy and strategy and cross-cutting regeneration Oversight of City Region Deal</p>
Culture & Communities	<p>Community safety Cultural development, festivals and events Sport and Recreation Arts and Museums Libraries and Community Centres Parks and Green Spaces Community and Locality planning Community Councils Community empowerment Community asset transfers Police and Fire scrutiny 20 Minute neighbourhood <u>Participatory budgeting</u></p>
Education, Children & Families	<p>Education, Children and Families services Lifelong Learning Major capital programmes or projects, asset planning and facilities management for Education, Children and Families services <u>Health (not incl IJB services)</u> Scrutiny of EIJB Council services Criminal and community justice</p>
Finance & Resources	<p>Council's revenue and capital budgets Council's expenditure and budget policy Monitoring the Council's Treasury Management policies and practices Council's long term financial plan Procurement and contracts Monitoring of Council debt and debt recovery Common Good Fund Human resources (not including policy) ICT Disposal and development of Council owned property and land transactions All charitable and other trust funds vested in the Council except where the Council has expressly made other arrangements</p>
Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work	<p>Housing Homelessness and housing support Employability and fair work Economic development projects and</p>

	<p>policies that are not reserved to the Policy and Sustainability Committee</p> <p>External relations and inward investment</p> <p>Inclusive growth</p>
<p>Transport, <u>Active Travel</u> and Neighbourhood Services</p>	<p>Strategic Transport Planning</p> <p>Traffic management, roads and parking</p> <p>Public transport</p> <p><u>Active travel</u></p> <p>Public Realm Projects</p> <p>Flood prevention</p> <p>Waste services</p> <p>Street cleaning and open space maintenance</p> <p><u>Traffic Regulation Orders (statutory process)</u></p>
<p>Planning</p>	<p>Exercise the functions of the Council as planning, building standards and statutory addressing authority</p> <p>Development frameworks including public realm for place making</p> <p>Strategic Infrastructure</p> <p>Non-statutory planning guidance</p> <p>Designate and review conservation areas</p> <p>Management plans for world heritage sites</p>
<p>Regulatory</p>	<p>Exercise the functions of the Council as Licensing authority under the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982</p> <p>Exercise the functions of the Council on all licensing functions which are not reserved to the Council, its officers or delegated to another Committee</p> <p>Road construction consent</p> <p>Table and chairs on footways</p> <p>Environmental health and trading standards</p>

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment 4

Council:

- 1.1 Agrees option 2 as detailed in 4.21 -24 of the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services and in appendix one, but without the change to membership outlined in 4.29.1, with regard to the political management arrangements of the Council to come into force following Easter recess in 2023.

- 1.2 Notes that there has not been a skills audit of the current GRBV Committee and until this has been undertaken any skills gap amongst members is unknown; that consideration needs to be given as to whether any external members of the Committee would be remunerated and what costs this would involve or, alternatively, whether this role could be filled by expert advisers on specific subject areas.

Therefore agrees:

- a) in the first instance to complete the skills audit;
 - b) that prior to deciding on the need for external membership/advisers that a short report be brought forward in one cycle detailing what the estimated costs of a recruitment and appointment process would be for each and from which budget any costs would be met;
 - c) that any decision on whether there should be a Vice Convener of GRBV should be delayed until the report above has been prepared so that there is full information about the costs and interactions with the Committee's work before decisions are taken;
- 1.3 Agrees NOT to appoint an additional parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee;
- 1.4 Notes that any changes in membership and frequency of Committees will be reflected in the governance documentation and approved in February 2023 for commencement following Easter recess in 2023;
- 1.5 Notes that associated governance documentation and best practice guidance will be submitted to Council in February 2023

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Whyte

At this point in the meeting Councillor Lang withdrew his Amendment (Amendment 2)

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendments 1, 3 and 4 were adjusted and accepted as amendments to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendments 2, 3 and 4 were adjusted and accepted as amendments to Amendment 1.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 4 was adjusted and accepted as an amendment to Amendment 3.

Voting

First Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	13 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	31 votes
For Amendment 3 (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
For Amendment 4	-	8 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Cameron, Dalglish, Day, Faccenda, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Meagher, Pogson, Walker and Watt.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Aston, Beal, Biagi, Caldwell, Campbell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Nicolson, Osler, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Thornley, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 3 (as adjusted): Councillors Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Heap, Miller, Mumford, O'Neill, Parker, Rae and Staniforth.

For Amendment 4: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

There being no overall majority, Amendment 4 fell and a second vote was taken between the Motion, Amendment 1 and Amendment 3.

Second Vote

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	13 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	31 votes
For Amendment 3 (as adjusted)	-	10 votes
Abstentions	-	8

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Cameron, Dalglish, Day, Faccenda, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Meagher, Pogson, Walker and Watt.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Aston, Beal, Biagi, Caldwell, Campbell, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho,

McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Nicolson, Osler, Frank Ross, Neil Ross, Thornley, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 3 (as adjusted): Councillors Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Heap, Miller, Mumford, O'Neill, Parker, Rae and Staniforth.

Abstentions: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted amendment by Councillor McVey:

- 1) To agree to progress with the Political Management Arrangements in option 1 in the report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services to come into force following Easter recess in 2023, however acknowledging the significant remit of the renamed "Transport and Neighbourhood Services", agree that the committee cycles for this committee would be every 4 weeks (excluding public holidays), rather than 8 weeks as with other executive committees "but
 - retaining the current name of the Transport and Environment Committee.
 - retaining the scrutiny of EIJB services within the remit of Policy & Sustainability Committee.
- 2) To note that there had not been a skills audit of the current GRBV Committee and until this had been undertaken any skills gap amongst members was unknown; that consideration needed to be given as to whether any external members of the Committee would be remunerated and what costs this would involve or, alternatively, whether this role could be filled by expert advisers on specific subject areas.
- 3) To therefore agrees:
 - a) in the first instance to complete the skills audit;
 - b) that prior to deciding on the need for external membership/advisers that a short report be brought forward in one cycle detailing what the estimated costs of a recruitment and appointment process would be for each and from which budget any costs would be met;
 - c) that any decision on whether there should be a Vice Convener of GRBV should be delayed until the report above had been prepared so

that there was full information about the costs and interactions with the Committee's work before decisions were taken.

- 4) To agree to add an additional parent representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 5) To note that associated governance documentation and best practice guidance would be submitted to Council in February 2023 and agree that a core purpose of this guidance should be to ensure that council practices were accessible to and inclusive of all elected members, and to end systemic discrimination in council practices and culture.
- 6) To further note and welcome the intention that this work would involve engagement with all elected members and request this engagement happen at the earliest opportunity, prior to February 2023;
- 7) To further note that both the Tanner Report and the Best Value Audit Report highlighted the need for culture change within the City of Edinburgh Council, and recognised that the aforementioned best practice guidance formed part of a larger project to improve and embed a culture of inclusion and accessibility in the council, including work to remove barriers to elected office.
- 8) To therefore request that the papers brought to February Full Council include an overview of all of the initiatives pertaining to equality, diversity, inclusion and culture change within CEC, their remits and how they interlinked, and bring recommendations for a programme of future work to embed these principles remove barriers to elected office.

(Reference – report by the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

7 Council Business Plan 2023-23

(a) Deputation – Unite

The deputation expressed concern at the outline proposal for a future Council which was for “a smaller, leaner organisation with fewer, better building meeting service needs” as they felt that this could mean the loss of Council jobs and that if the Council wished to end poverty this could not be achieved. They also expressed concern at the proposal for opportunities for volunteer and community groups participation in green spaces management and maintenance which they saw as Council jobs being taken over under the guise of community involvement.

The deputation indicated that they would like to be involved in future workings of the business plan and also asked that mechanisms of informing unions and

the workforce of procurement exercises which could affect them be put in place.

b) Report by the Chief Executive

Details were provided on an updated Council Business Plan for agreement by Council which had been developed as an evolution of the existing Council Business Plan, updated to incorporate new cross party strategic objectives agreed by Council, alongside officer assessment of approaches needed to meet budgetary and other pressures facing the Council.

It was proposed that progress against delivery of this business plan would be considered through an annual report to committee, following approval of an updated Council Planning and Performance Framework in February 2023.

Motion

- 1) To note the work undertaken by officers to prepare an updated Council Business Plan aligned to existing Council commitments and the shared political priorities agreed by Council in June 2022.
- 2) To agree the Council Business Plan for 2023-27, subject to any amendments required following approval of the Council Budget in February 2023.
- 3) To agree to bring forward proposals to bring inhouse contracts which are delivered externally, currently amounting to approximately £600m. Proposals should consider best value and affordability.
- 4) To note the Council currently operates in a cycle of struggling to deliver essential services under the pressure of real term budget cuts from the Scottish and UK governments; and recognises there are opportunities to end this by harnessing and focusing on our local wealth through the application of community wealth building principles.
- 5) To note the Council's commitment to creating a more equal and diverse council and supporting the wider equalities agenda.
- 6) To agree to initiate a project to look closely at procurement spend, where that money goes, what local jobs are created and what benefits are delivered for our community, and to work with local anchor institutions such as the NHS and Universities to progress similar aims.
- 7) Furthermore, to request a report to the Finance and Resources Committee to look at how our communities can benefit financially in a more direct and substantial way from tourism and festival spend in Edinburgh.

- 8) To re-affirm our intention to work with RSL and other partners to meet the commitments outlined in the City Plan; and our ambition to deliver 25,000 council owned affordable homes by 2032.
- 9) To commit to an annual review of the Business Plan to reflect budget settlements and any additional revenue /powers that may impact on the plan and delivery (e.g. - TVL)

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) Thanks officers for their engagement and agrees that officers will amend the business plan according to the changes set out in points 2-4.
- 2) Agrees that the democratic decisions of Council budget setting are respected. These decisions are based on the available resources, priorities being set and decided by all Councillors in good faith and in accordance with different parties' priorities and nothing in the business plan will undermine these democratic principles or prejudice these decisions.
- 3) On Section 5 priorities:
 - a) Agrees the business plan's 3 strategic priorities for the Council and agrees that each of will have a named senior officer and senior councillor to take responsibility for the coordination and delivery of these broad outcomes.
 - b) Further agrees the need to make anti-poverty work consistent across the Council and with partners across the City and therefore aligns "Create good places and live and work" and "End poverty in Edinburgh" with the three priorities in the community plan 2018- 2028 to improve consistency of language and approach:

Enough money to live on

Access to work, learning and training opportunities

A good place to live
- 4) On Section 5 outcomes:
 - a) At Outcome 1:

Add "f: Ensure the needs of older people are met by creating a plan to tackle social isolation, food poverty and fuel poverty. This should include community planning at local level and through work with third

sector, our community centres and council services i.e. housing officers, social work and by strong partnership working with the NHS and H&SC partnership.”

Add “g: Ensure that the new National Care Service is shaped to meet the needs of our residents and deliver the very best care possible, replacing privately run for-profit services with publicly owned services running for the public good and ensuring that provision in Edinburgh promotes good health while addressing poor health”

Add “h: Increase publicly-owned provision of care homes, including new council owned facilities

Add “i: Address the pressures on our social care workforce by funding enhanced pay and conditions to incentivise those already working in social care to keep doing so and promote an improved focus on apprenticeships and career progression to encourage more people to choose it as a career”

b) At outcome 2:

Add at the end of a: “ensuring citywide approaches are inclusive, both digitally and for those with additional language and other barriers.”

Add “d: Set up an employment rights hub to support gig economy workers. Work with Trade Unions to provide additional support to gig economy workers through their hub and identify other support that could be provided through existing council structures.”

Add “e: Embed a consistent approach to diversity and inclusion by ensuring that proper analysis and monitoring is undertaken of any grants and contracts awarded to ensure organisations supporting disadvantaged and minority groups are able to access funding, with targets set to improve equality of funding. This will include ensuring that any funding panels include minority representation and people with lived experience.”

Add f: “Develop business cases for delivering council owned temporary accommodation on small council owned sites, which will provide better quality temporary accommodation with lower revenue costs to the Council and which can be turned into social housing when it is not needed as temporary accommodation in the future.”

c) At outcome 3:

Add “d: Shift allocation of resources for street cleaning and maintenance against SIMD information to properly account for the need to keep placemaking standards equally high across the City.”

d) At outcome 4:

Add “d: Work with NHS and Police services through co-location to improve access of services locally and improve health and community safety by making accessing services easier.”

Add “e: Ensure that equality impact assessments are included in all 20-minute neighbourhood projects which must include assessment of all barriers individuals face to ensure that accessibility is universal.

e) At outcome 5:

Amend a to read: “Increase supply of affordable housing, work with COSLA and the Scottish Government to increase funding for social housing delivery with a strategy to build 2,000 homes a year, double the build-rate of new Council houses and set an overarching 25,000 affordable target.”

Replace c with: “Deliver improvements to the council housing repairs service, increase tenant satisfaction, improve capital planning in line with data on repeat repairs relating to structural deficiencies in buildings, improve the complaints handling process, reduce void-properties and improve operational efficiency through increasing in-house repairs teams”

Replace d with “Continue to invest in ensuring that all Council owned homes will be brought up to EESH2 standards, with an investment plan that prioritises the homes where poor energy efficiency is impacting on tenants’ health and well-being, based on the stock condition survey and repairs data”

Add “e: Improving planning performance and a refresh of the Local Housing Strategy to expedite delivery of private sector housing, working with industry to tackle issues like labour supply and construction material shortages caused by Brexit and soaring inflation in the sector and for residents looking to buy and rent.”

Add “f: Aggressively pursue rent controls to keep rents fair for tenants and landlords while stripping out exploitations and improving affordability”.

f) At outcome 6:

Amend a to read: Deliver inclusive education that supports children to develop a love of learning and go on to positive destinations with priority given to understanding and reducing the attainment gap, prioritising actions to break down barriers among pupil cohorts, including those with ASN, and “decolonising” the curriculum.

Amends e to read: “Ensure that investment in our learning estate is targeted to areas of deprivation and areas of new demand due to city growth, delivering 4 new high schools, 8 new primaries, 9 new nurseries and a standalone Gaelic Medium Education secondary - all to passivhaus standards.”

g) At outcome 7:

Add at the end of a: “... prioritising actions to connect Edinburgh’s blue-green spaces, from the Forth to the Pentland Hills by safe active travel routes.”

Add “f: Establish an Accessibility Commission to examine how our whole transport, housing and planning systems can better meet the needs of disabled people.”

Add “g: Progress a Workplace Parking Levy and a Congestion Charge and lobby the Scottish Government to raise the limits on parking fines to further shift the incentive to public transport and active travel and increase funds for project delivery.”

Add “h: cutting road deaths and serious injuries to zero, and improving accessibility for all pedestrians, including disabled people, while reducing vehicle use throughout the city.”

h) At outcome 8:

Removes d, to be covered in new point 12 a

Add “e. Subject to future decisions by Pentland Hills Regional Park Joint Committee, provide support for Pentland Hills National Park application to Scottish Government”

i) At outcome 9

Add “f: Support emerging sectors, linking the strong career options they can deliver with schools to maximise home-grown opportunities.

j) At outcome 10:

Add “d: Expand publicly owned service provision by establishing a “Tayside Contracts” model council-owned company capable of delivering services currently outsourced and improving efficiency of some further Council services while retaining public ownership and the best working terms and conditions for staff.”

Add “e: Implement a Gender Budget Analysis to improve gender equality across council decisions and tackle structural inequalities.”

Add “f: Support sustainable and effective third sector delivery of key services by moving all funding to 3-year awards, including but not limited to rape crisis services, women’s aid centres, homelessness support services and community centres.”

Add “g: Recognises the importance of local revenue raising powers, especially as we enter a period of renewed commitment to austerity from the UK Government and commits to continuing to investigate all areas where additional funding could be raised locally to tackle inequality so that all residents can benefit from the wealth within the city.

5) Adds 2 further outcomes:

11. Equalities and Wellbeing:

- a) Work with management committees to strengthen community capacity around community centres and develop a best practice framework where learning from community centres that have been thriving can be shared with all management committees.
- b) Increase youth work capacity across the city.
- c) Tackle the root causes of antisocial behaviour with a joint strategy between the council, police and local community and a new Family and Household Support approach which takes a more proactive role, drawing on learning from tried and tested strategies in other towns and cities.
- d) Promote work to make Edinburgh more equal across characteristics by implementing the recommendations of the Edinburgh Slavery and Colonialism Legacy Group, creating a curator of slavery and empire for Edinburgh Museums and increasingly commemoration of women in the city.

12. Climate Justice

- a) “Develop a city-wide heat and energy masterplan including plans to expand renewable energy generation in the city with the aim of retrofitting at least 120,000 homes by 2030.
 - b) Create a dedicated and resourced climate emergency team to drive delivery across projects and service areas.
 - c) Expand the City’s blue/green neighbourhoods from the waterfront to the Pentland Hills, focusing on areas of SIMD 1-4 to improve local wellbeing of all communities.”
- 6) Agrees to postpone the approval of the delivery plan until March 2023, following the budget, to give officers the ability to put realistic measures on progress for the following financial year.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Campbell

Amendment 2

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 - Renumber current 9d and 9e accordingly.

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- 5) Recognises how the failure of the Scottish Government to properly fund the Council and the prospect of further damaging year-on-year cuts severely restricts what the council can deliver and means difficult choices must be made.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment 3

Key: **Bold Underlined** clauses reflect additions, ~~red strikethrough~~ text reflects deletions.

Maintaining a democratic decision-making process:

- 1) Council understands the necessity for a medium-term financial plan, but further notes that the budget is set through an annual, democratic process and believes that to agree deliverables for the next 1-2 years runs the risk of undermining or setting up conflicts with this process.

1.1 Council therefore: deletes Appendix 1 and instructs officers to prepare a delivery plan following the agreement of the council budget in February, and annually thereafter.

1.2 Additionally, makes the following amendments to the report:

- a) Amend 4.6 to: To meet these three strategic priorities, the business plan **will** also identifies the specific outcomes, objectives, and actions that Council services will deliver during 2023-27. A full detailed analysis of these actions, including timescales for delivery during the budget year and indicative timescales thereafter, ~~is provided in Appendix 1 to the plan.~~ **shall be prepared by officers following the council budget process and approved by members at a subsequent meeting of the Full Council.**
- b) Delete 4.7 ~~(In doing so, the plan is explicitly aligned to the Council Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan. Indeed, it is proposed that the strategic priorities in this plan are used to~~

~~guide and inform resource allocation, including implementing service reductions in areas of lower impact and strategic priority, and exploring options to deliver all services differently.)~~

- c) Amend 4.10 to: Reflecting the overall pressure on resources and capacity, **it is recommended that** any further new initiatives proposed in the future, would need to be assessed for the specific impact they will have on the delivery of the outcomes detailed in the Business plan. If they are accepted by elected members as being both impactful and of greater relative importance than those actions/ initiatives already agreed in the plan, then the business plan deliverables would need to be reassessed and potentially rephased to accommodate the new workload and resourcing implications.
 - d) Amend 5.7 to: **It is recommended that** any new initiatives proposed in the future, would need to be assessed for the specific impact they will have on the delivery of the outcomes detailed in the Business Plan. If they are accepted by elected members as being both impactful and of greater relative importance than those actions/ initiatives already agreed in the plan, then the business plan deliverables would need to be reassessed and potentially rephased to accommodate the new workload and resourcing implications
 - e) Amend 6.3 to: Reflecting the overall pressure on resources and capacity, **it is recommended that** any further new initiatives proposed in the future, would need to be assessed for the specific impact they will have on the delivery of the outcomes detailed in the Business plan. If they are accepted by elected members as being both impactful and of greater relative importance than those actions/ initiatives already agreed in the plan, then the business plan deliverables would need to be reassessed and potentially rephased to accommodate the new workload and resourcing implications.
- 2) Amends 5.6 to add: **“This report should also include proposals for the strengthening of community/stakeholder impacts to reflect the guiding principles of climate and social justice, with particular reference to the use of Integrated Impact Assessments.”**
- 3) Additionally: Instructs officers to provide further information on how new initiatives proposed in the future can be meaningfully assessed against the outcomes detailed in the business plan, as proposed in the clauses set out above.

A Business Plan which recognises the urgent need for climate and social justice

4) Council agrees to make the following amendments and additions to the report:

a) Insert at 4.4:

Council recognises that though the 3 core, strategic priorities of ending poverty, creating good places to live or work and becoming a Net Zero city by 2030 are laudable and should be represented as priorities in the Business Plan, these are unobtainable without tackling the dual crises of i) the climate and nature emergencies and ii) widening inequality, which sit above these.

Therefore, Council agrees that the guiding principles through which the Business Plan is delivered are climate justice and social justice, and that these principles should be represented throughout the Business Plan delivery, and as part of any performance management.

b) Amend 5.5 to read:

“Subject to its approval, it is proposed that progress towards delivery of this Business Plan will be reported to Council on an annual basis. Progress will be measured across **four** perspectives:

5.5.1: How our commitment to the guiding principles of climate justice and social justice is being embedded in the Council’s approach.

And renumber accordingly

5) Instructs officers to edit “Delivering the Council Business Plan A proposed approach to performance monitoring” at page 182 to reflect the guiding principles of climate justice and social justice.

6) Council agrees to make the following amendments and additions to the Business Plan:

a) Amend Introduction, Paragraph 10 to read:

Throughout all of this, we recognise the dual crises of the climate and nature emergencies, and widening equality must underpin all our efforts. Our guiding principles for Edinburgh Council, therefore, are climate justice and social justice; principles which must be reflected in all of the decisions we make as elected members over the next five years.

With this lens in mind, this Council Business Plan sets out three **strategic** priorities

- We will concentrate our efforts on creating good places to live and work across Edinburgh,
- We will take the local actions needed to end poverty in this city,
- We will work to deliver a net zero city by 2030

b) Amend “2. Our Future Council”, Paragraph 11 to read:

This all means that the future council ~~will~~ **may** need to work from fewer, but better local buildings.

Change:

~~A smaller, leaner organisation with fewer, better buildings meeting service needs~~

To

A more efficient organisation with the right buildings in the right places to meet service needs.

c) Amend “5. Our priorities for 2023 to 2027” final paragraph to read:

~~In doing so, these priorities represent a single programme of work to drive climate justice in Edinburgh. The actions set out here represent the infrastructure, cultural and behaviour changes needed to become a net zero city, alongside the economic and social changes needed to make sure that transition~~

In order to be successful, these priorities must be delivered through the lens of climate and social justice. The actions set out here represent some of the infrastructure, cultural and behaviour changes needed to become a net zero city by 2030, end poverty in Edinburgh, and create good places to live and work, but we recognise that they require significant investment and commitment to make the change we know is needed.

d) Amend the diagram on Page 13 to reflect the two guiding principles of climate and social justice.

e) Add two additional priorities at positions 1 and 2:

- **Edinburgh recognises that we are in a climate and nature emergency and becomes a city of climate justice**

- Invest in council skills and capacity to deliver the 2030 Climate Strategy, including expertise in transitioning to low carbon energy
- Adequately resource activity to meet forthcoming statutory requirements from the Scottish Biodiversity Strategy including development of a Nature Network and progress towards achieving the 30x30 target to protect Edinburgh’s natural habitats and biodiversity
- Help people in Edinburgh to measure and reduce their climate impact through circular economy initiatives, just transition employability programmes, and supporting community climate action
- People in Edinburgh are happier, more equal, and free from discrimination
 - Create and implement a wellbeing economic strategy for Edinburgh, and invest in community wealth building and participatory budgeting initiatives
 - Remove barriers to disabled people participating fully in public life through an accessibility commission to examine how our transport, housing and planning systems and wider culture can better meet the needs of disabled people.
 - Implement the recommendations of Edinburgh’s Gig Economy Taskforce including setting up an employment rights hub to support gig economy workers,
 - Close the council’s gender pay gap and set targets for the council’s diversity pay gaps to be closed, benefiting council workers and setting a positive example to employers in Edinburgh which need to narrow and close their pay gaps
 - Improve our Integrated Impact Assessment processes to ensure we are understanding the equality impacts of the decisions the Council takes

f) Amend priority 10 (now 12) to read:

~~We have the capacity, skills, and resources to deliver our priorities efficiently, effectively and at lower cost – we will:~~

We have the capacity, skills, and resources to deliver our priorities effectively and make long-term, sustainable financial decisions primarily to progress our guiding principles of climate and social justice:

- a. Modernise ~~and streamline~~ the Council's core business processes to deliver better outcomes for citizens, and a more secure and efficient organisation
- b. Support and equip the Council workforce with the skills and enabling culture needed to deliver safely these Council Business Plan priorities and our wider statutory duties
- c. Ensure that spending decisions are focused on the long-term achievability of our priorities including understanding of the costs of inaction, and seek alternative solutions before removing services**
- d. Use our voice to lobby national governments in Scotland and the UK for funding which will enable us to fulfil our duty of care to people and the planet.**
- g) Insert to all priorities:
- “We will be mindful of the climate justice and social justice impacts of everything we do to progress this priority”**
- h) After Paragraph 6 in “our Finances”:
- “Within this context we, recognise that failure to invest in climate emergency mitigation measures, and in the wellbeing of Edinburgh’s residents now will only lead to greater costs in future. Both in terms of the devastating impacts of climate change and injustice, but in financial costs too – prevention is better than cure and we simply cannot afford to keep tackling these problems as they emerge rather than at the root. This requires a long-term financial analysis to ensure that Edinburgh Council’s spending decisions reflect best value for money and the best outcomes for Edinburgh and its people.”**
- i) Amend "The Medium Term Financial Plan" (Page 16), to read:
- Organisational Efficiency - Improving our use of technology will be a key enabler to drive organisational efficiency, while refresh of our core business systems is also critical to making sure we can meet our responsibilities in key services such as social care and our wider workforce. This workstream will ensure we use technology more effectively, moving more services on-line, simplifying and automating business processes, embedding new, post-covid ways of working and delivering the Organisational Reform priorities set out in this Business Plan. **Throughout this, our priority will be in making our**

organisation better for staff, workers, service users and residents, and decisions will be made with these priorities in mind.

- Service Design and External Spend - This workstream will focus on improving contract management, seeking efficiencies across a range of spend categories and identifying different ways of designing and delivering services.
- ~~Delivery Optimisation – Making services more accessible to residents, but delivered through fewer, better buildings is a key priority of this Business Plan. This workstream will seek to rationalise the Council's property holdings, alongside creating opportunities to ensure citizens can access a wider range of services from within high quality multi-purpose settings.~~
- **Delivery Optimisation - Making services more accessible to residents is a key priority of this Business Plan. This may involve making changes to the Council's property holdings, alongside creating opportunities to ensure citizens can access a wider range of services from within high quality multi-purpose settings. This workstream will consider options around the Council's buildings, with the guiding principle being that people should be able to access good quality, local services when and where they need them, and in the way which works best for them.**
- Prevention and Partnership Working - This workstream will focus on designing and rolling out new ways of working that help prevent and mitigate the harm and costs associated with poverty, homelessness, and family crisis through more efficient partnership working across Council services, other public bodies, and community organisations.

j) Amend “8. Managing performance”:

After “These performance indicators and milestones are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they remain the most appropriate for monitoring performance.” insert: **“We recognise that in order to measure progress to long-term goals of climate and social justice may require new and innovative approaches to performance review and we are committed to following international best practise and learning from others to ensure that we are able to effectively measure how our commitment to the guiding principles of climate justice and social justice is being embedded in the Council's approach.”**

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 4

Council:

- 1) Notes the work undertaken by officers to prepare an updated Council Business Plan aligned to existing Council commitments and the shared political priorities agreed by Council in June 2022.
- 2) Notes that not all the wider Council Strategies referenced are deliverable through the Business Plan either because they involve longer term change, are unfunded or do not yet have a practical delivery pathway (e.g. the City Mobility Plan, City Centre Transformation Plan and Edinburgh Climate strategy 2030).
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8) Further agrees that the Outcomes and Actions should be enhanced to ensure that:

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- b) the actions at item 3. “Edinburgh is a cleaner, better maintained city that we can all be proud of” are prioritised so that the required revenue and capital funding necessary are available, within the lifetime of the Business Plan, to provide:
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9) With these changes included, agrees the Council Business Plan for 2023-27, subject to any amendments required following approval of the Council Budget in February 2023.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the Motion and Amendment 3 and 4 were adjusted and accepted as amendments to the Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendments 1 2 and 4 were adjusted and accepted as addendums to Amendment 3.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted) - 34 votes
For Amendment 3 (as adjusted) - 29 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 3 (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work.)

Decision

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- 3) To agree to bring forward proposals to bring inhouse contracts which were delivered externally, currently amounting to approximately £600m. Proposals should consider best value and affordability.

- 4) To note the Council currently operated in a cycle of struggling to deliver essential services under the pressure of real term budget cuts from the Scottish and UK governments; and recognise there were opportunities to end this by harnessing and focusing on our local wealth through the application of community wealth building principles.
- 5) To note the Council's commitment to creating a more equal and diverse council and supporting the wider equalities agenda.
- 6) To agree to initiate a project to look closely at procurement spend, where that money goes, what local jobs were created and what benefits were delivered for our community, and to work with local anchor institutions such as the NHS and Universities to progress similar aims.
- 7) Furthermore, to request a report to the Finance and Resources Committee to look at how our communities could benefit financially in a more direct and substantial way from tourism and festival spend in Edinburgh.
- 8) To re-affirm the Council's intention to work with RSL and other partners to meet the commitments outlined in the City Plan; and our ambition to deliver 25,000 council owned affordable homes by 2032.
- 9) To commit to an annual review of the Business Plan to reflect budget settlements and any additional revenue /powers that may impact on the plan and delivery (e.g. - TVL)
- 10) To recognise that, following the election of the most politically balanced council in Edinburgh's history, it was impossible to have a business plan that was fully aligned to the views of any one political party.
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- 16) To further recognise that not all the strategies or actions approved by the Council had universal support across political groups either in part or their entirety. For instance, the Conservative Group did not support the entirety of the City Mobility Plan, the proposal for a Transient Visitor Levy (Tourist Tax) or the overly onerous nature of the Short Term Let licensing scheme.
- 17) To recognise that, in order to create a collaborative Council, all political groups must acknowledge issues where there was a majority in favour within the Council regardless of their own principled position. The Conservative Group therefore recorded its willingness to work with others on an overall agreed Business Plan while expressing any necessary opposition to individual items as these came before Committee or Council for decision.
- 18) To therefore, agree that the ten Outcomes and the associated Actions for Delivery represented a good starting point to provide a focussed Council delivery programme that could help prioritise budget decision making and was broadly in line with several political priorities shared across the Council.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

8 Response to Motion by Councillor Mumford – Operation Unicorn

In response to a motion by Councillor Mumford, details were provided on the full costs of Operation Unicorn to the Council, including but not limited to officer time, costs associated with queuing and crowd management including sanitisation, policing and security and details of overspend for Operation Unicorn, including costs incurred due to unplanned elements of Operation Unicorn.

Motion

To note the information provided in response to part 4 (paragraph 3.1.4 in the report by the Executive Director of Place) of the adjusted motion by Councillor Mumford, which was approved by the Council on 27 October 2022, on Operation Unicorn.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Amendment

- 1) To note the information provided in response to part 4 (paragraph 3.1.4 in the report by the Executive Director of Place) of the adjusted motion by Councillor Mumford, which was approved by the Council on 27 October 2022, on Operation Unicorn.
- 2) To agree that the outcome of the claim for the costs incurred should be communicated via a members' briefing.

- moved by Councillor Lang seconded by Councillor Beal

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the information provided in response to part 4 (paragraph 3.1.4 in the report by the Executive Director of Place) of the adjusted motion by Councillor Mumford, which was approved by the Council on 27 October 2022, on Operation Unicorn.
- 2) To agree that the outcome of the claim for the costs incurred should be communicated via a members' briefing.

(Reference – Act of Council No 4 of 27 October 2022; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Whyte declared a non-financial interest as Chair of the March Riding Association.

9 Support for Roseburn Businesses

(a) Deputation – Roseburn Traders

The deputation indicated its concern that mistakes which the Council had made during recent work in the area should be rectified and stressed that there had been no signage for alternative parking in the area during the works. They indicated that since the work had begun, trading in the area had decreased by 50% - 70% and felt that the length of time that work was taking to be completed was having incredibly detrimental impact on businesses.

The deputation stressed that this was an opportunity for the Council to show support for small businesses in the area.

b) Deputation – Murrayfield Community Council

The deputation indicated that Roseburn Terrace was unique in being an arterial route which was also a shopping street and as part of a cross-city route, assistance would also be needed for the transition to be incorporated as part of the city cycle route. They urged the Council not to deny the traders in Roseburn Terrace the help they required.

c) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Following on from consideration of a report by the Finance and Resources Committee, details were provided on the criteria appropriate for a consideration of a business support scheme for a discretionary transport project along with fuller costings and an assessment of whether this might apply to the CCWEL project.

A proposed discretionary business support scheme for Roseburn Terrace including the resource required; the budgetary implications; and how it could potentially be funded was set out together with information on how any discretionary business support for future infrastructure projects could be assessed; the resource required; the budgetary implications; and how it could be funded moving forward.

Motion

To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- moved by Councillor Arthur, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) Acknowledges that the Trams to Newhaven project had many factors which makes it a unique set of circumstances - including its duration, the scale of works involved, and the history of the works. However also notes that the business support elements of the project have contributed to the discussion about support for other businesses affected by significant projects elsewhere in the city.
- 3) Notes that the motion to Council on 22 September 2022 agreed that ‘the report will establish the principles by which all potential future schemes to compensate businesses for disruption from infrastructure projects could operate’ but that the report states the opinion that it is ‘not feasible to draft a “one size fits all” business support scheme for all Council projects’.
- 4) Notes that at 4.8.3 there is a residual amount of £257,000 from the Scottish Government’s Discretionary Business Support Fund and agrees that this sum is used to provide support to the affected businesses at Roseburn which have evidenced that they are at imminent risk of failure, in line with the criteria used in relation to the Trams to Newhaven project, and that the remainder of this sum is then assigned to supporting businesses affected by future infrastructure projects.
- 5) Agrees that as well as the criteria set out in 4.5.1 (with the addition of Murrayfield Place” at the first bullet point), requirements for judging whether future infrastructure projects will trigger support for businesses at imminent risk of failure will include:
 - The project to be policy-driven and not to be the result of statutory requirements or routine or emergency footway, cycleway, tramway or carriageway maintenance
 - A minimum disruption period of 24 monthsAnd will exclude projects where the principal focus is improvement of public realm.
- 6) Further agrees that the overall business support package will not exceed 0.3% of the overall budget of each project and that only businesses which have evidenced imminent risk of failure will be eligible for payment of support, in addition to the criteria set out at 4.5.

- moved by Councillor Frank Ross, seconded by Councillor Hyslop

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) Council recognises that:
 - a) that works on Roseburn Terrace, and Murrayfield Place have taken eleven months to complete. This includes delays in the first phase of works due to the discovery of asbestos.
 - b) that this work began in the immediate aftermath of a series of lockdowns due to the Covid pandemic. These lockdowns had a particularly severe impact on small businesses.
 - c) that a request by ward councillors and traders that the work continue as one block through the summer period, providing a clear period in the run up to the festive season, to encourage economic activity in the area was declined.
 - d) that some of the promised business support measures such as signage for loading bays took over six months to implement, undermining their effectiveness.
 - e) Roseburn Terrace is a particularly narrow street with works on one side of the road impacting access to both sides.
- 3) Therefore, Council affirms that several factors mean that the situation on Roseburn Terrace and Murrayfield Place has had a particularly negative impact which merits economic development funding.
- 4) In light of the above Council chooses to adopt the criteria set out in 4.5 and 4.6 of the report and utilises some of the funding detailed in 4.8.3 “Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund” to support an economic development fund for Roseburn Businesses.
- 5) Council resolves that the implementation of future large scale infrastructure schemes will learn from the experiences of the delivery of the CCWEL (City Centre West to East Link) works to ensure that support and communication with small businesses is improved.

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Beal

Amendment 3

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) Notes positive financial effects, such as increases in the 'pedestrian pound', which are realised by active travel projects, and notes the stakeholder engagement during the lead in period to the CCWEL works during which stakeholders could plan for the changes being delivered.
- 3) Notes the significant legal and financial implications that might follow from introducing a discretionary support scheme for Roseburn businesses as outlined in the report.
- 4) Agrees that no discretionary support scheme should be set up for businesses as part of the CCWEL works.
- 5) Notes the Council's existing position that there is no legal entitlement to business support for transport infrastructure projects and that disruption mitigations should continue on a project-by-project basis.
- 6) Therefore agrees that no discretionary business support scheme should be set up as standard for future Council funded transport infrastructure projects.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Miller

Amendment 4

Council recognises and regrets that a major Council infrastructure project has resulted in a group of independent businesses receiving limited support for hardship occurring as a result of the works yet the affected traders in Roseburn have received little tangible support in recognition of the disruption caused by the work on CCWEL. Given that, and only because, the works have been ongoing at the same time Council considers this inequity should be addressed by creating a similar hardship fund for the traders in Roseburn and elsewhere on the CCWEL route with the following criteria:

Businesses must be:

- 1) Situated on or directly adjacent to the route and directly affected by works;
- 2) Operational for 12 months prior to the start date for construction at this location;
- 3) Affected by works within 10 metres of their door, for at least three months;
- 4) Derive the majority of their revenue from customer footfall; and

- 5) Independent retailers, with a maximum of four branches.
- 6) Information detailed at paragraph 4.5.2 at the report is required to claim a hardship payment.

Funding for the payment of these hardship payments to come from Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund.

Council further instructs the Executive Director of Place to report to the Finance & Resources Committee within three cycles providing options for potential compensation schemes for small businesses affected by future Council infrastructure projects. Such a report should include a framework for a scheme that would ONLY make compensatory payments where the Council fails to complete the project on time.

- moved by Councillor Munro, seconded by Council Doggart.

At this point in the meeting the following composite motion was submitted by the Liberal Democrat and Conservative Groups in place of their Amendments 2 and 4:

Composite Amendment by the Liberal Democrat and Conservative Groups

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) Council recognises that:
 - a) that works on Roseburn Terrace, and Murrayfield Place have taken eleven months to complete. This includes delays in the first phase of works due to the discovery of asbestos.
 - b) that this work began in the immediate aftermath of a series of lockdowns due to the Covid pandemic. These lockdowns had a particularly severe impact on small businesses.
- 3) Therefore, Council affirms that several factors mean that the situation on Roseburn Terrace and Murrayfield Place has had a particularly negative impact which merits economic development funding for effected independent traders and businesses.
- 4) In light of the above Council chooses to adopt the following criteria for a discretionary support scheme for the CCWEL project:
 - a) Situated on or directly adjacent to the route and directly affected by works;
 - b) Operational for 12 months prior to the start date for construction at this location;

- c) Affected by works within 10 metres of their door, for at least three months;
 - d) Derive the majority of their revenue from customer footfall; and 5. Independent retailers, with a maximum of four branches. 6. Information detailed at paragraph.
- 5) Funding for the payment of these hardship payments to come from Edinburgh Discretionary Business Support Fund.
- 6) Council resolves that the implementation of future large scale infrastructure schemes will learn from the experiences of the delivery of the CCWEL (City Centre West to East Link) works to ensure that support and communication with small businesses is improved.
- 7) Council further instructs the Executive Director of Place to report to the Finance and Resources Committee within three cycles providing options for potential compensation schemes for small businesses affected by future Council infrastructure projects. Such a report should include a framework for a scheme that would ONLY make compensatory payments where the Council fails to complete the project on time.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to the Motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the Composite Amendment.

Voting

Vote 1

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	23 votes
For Amendment 1	-	19 votes
For the Composite Amendment (as adjusted)	-	21 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Dalgleish, Day, Faccenda, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, O'Neill, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Staniforth, Walker and Watt.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Nicolson, Frank Ross and Work.

For the Composite Amendment (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cowdy, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Flannery, Jones, Lang, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

There being no overall majority, Amendment 1 fell and a second vote was taken between the Motion (as adjusted) and the Composite Amendment (as adjusted).

Vote 2

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	23 votes
For the Composite Amendment (as adjusted)	-	21 votes
Abstentions	-	19

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Arthur, Bandel, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Dalgleish, Day, Faccenda, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Jenkinson, McKenzie, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, O'Neill, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Staniforth, Walker and Watt.

For the Composite Amendment (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cowdy, Davidson, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Flannery, Jones, Lang, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Whyte, Young and Younie.

Abstentions: Councillors Aston, Biagi, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Nicolson, Frank Ross and Work.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Arthur:

- 1) To note the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note positive financial effects, such as increases in the 'pedestrian pound', which were realised by active travel projects, and note the stakeholder engagement during the lead in period to the CCWEL works during which stakeholders could plan for the changes being delivered.
- 3) To note the significant legal and financial implications that might follow from introducing a discretionary support scheme for Roseburn businesses as outlined in the report.
- 4) To agree that no discretionary support scheme should be set up for businesses as part of the CCWEL works.

- 5) To note the Council's existing position that there was no legal entitlement to business support for transport infrastructure projects and that disruption mitigations should continue on a project-by-project basis.
- 6) To therefore agree that no discretionary business support scheme should be set up as standard for future Council funded transport infrastructure projects.

(References – Act of Council No 3 of 22 September 2022; Finance and Resources Committee, 10 November 2022 (item 1); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10 Forth Green Freeport

(a) Deputation – Unite

The deputation welcomed the move towards decarbonisation that the proposals brought and the diversification of the industrial sectors in Edinburgh's economy. They expressed concern however at the freeport model and how this would be used particularly with regard to deregulation and the impact of health and safety of workers within freeport sites, issues around the loss of national tax revenue, the difference this will make to the model of local government funding, the rights of workers within freeports and the different models of freeports.

The deputation also wanted to ensure that there was full transparency in the operation of freeports. They asked the Council to follow Dumfries and Galloway's example and exclude DP World from any freeport bid.

(b) Report by the Executive Director of Place

Support was sought from the Council for the it's participation in the Forth Green Freeport (FGFP) bid and details of the next steps to be taken, should the bid be successful were outlined.

Motion

- 1) To support the Forth Green Freeport (FGFP) bid.
- 2) In the event that the bid is successful:
 - a) To note that Falkirk Council would act as the Accountable Body for the disbursement of development funding, within the constraints of the bid parameters;
 - b) To agree that officers would continue engagement with Falkirk and Fife Councils, as well as private sector partners, to develop the Outline

Business Case (OBC) and Full Business Case (FBC), including formal arrangements for the Council's role in the FGFP governance structure;

- c) To agree that the Service Director, Sustainable Development would represent the City of Edinburgh Council on the Interim Board;
 - d) To agree that an elected member sounding board, with cross-party representation, should be established for ongoing liaison during the preparation of the OBC/FBC; and
 - e) To note that summary reports of the OBC and FBC would be submitted to Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval prior to submission to UK and Scottish Governments.
- 3) To recognise the Green Freeport bids are intended to deliver a net-zero economy and a "Fair Work First" approach, while supporting innovation, trade and inclusive growth.
- 4) To agree that the Council leader should confirm the City of Edinburgh Council's position to Forth Ports, Scottish and UK Governments, and that this should include:
- Confirmation that any bid must commit to the fair work ambitions
 - Confirmation that employers will support a unionised workforce and access to unions on site and consider Trade Union representation on relevant structure.
 - Support for a wide community benefits programme where a share of profits returned to city objectives/priorities.
 - Plans to deliver quality jobs, apprenticeships, and training opportunities
 - Any Green Freeport development being required to provide to the Council or a nominated RSL, the same percentage of land for affordable housing as would be expected for a residential development based on current planning policy.
 - Requests of Forth Ports to work with the Council to look at allocating some land for much needed local housing.
 - Green Freeports must adhere to UK health and safety, and environmental protection legislation.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) Council declines to support the Forth Green Port bid, due to the case not being made around additionally of the Edinburgh component of the bid, and the need to maximise the economic tax base during the current economic challenges.

Notes that broader concerns have been raised over the Freeport approach such as control risks of introducing duty-free areas, risks associated with the guarantee of regulatory controls, and risks that investors encouraged by tax-breaks leave once those tax-breaks expire.

- 2) In the event that the bid is successful:
 - a) To note that Falkirk Council would act as the Accountable Body for the disbursement of development funding, within the constraints of the bid parameters;
 - b) To agree that officers would continue engagement with Falkirk and Fife Councils, as well as private sector partners, to develop the Outline Business Case (OBC) and Full Business Case (FBC), including formal arrangements for the Council's role in the FGFP governance structure;
 - c) To agree that the Service Director, Sustainable Development would represent the City of Edinburgh Council on the Interim Board;
 - d) Agrees that all decisions and discussions for Edinburgh Council in relation to the bid are a matter for the Policy and Sustainability Committee with no exceptions. Council expressly withholds any delegated or urgency provisions in relation to any aspect of decision-making on Green Freeports and agrees the ability to make decisions will rest with Councillors through open and transparent committee decisions;
 - e) To note that summary reports of the OBC and FBC would be submitted to Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval prior to submission to UK and Scottish Governments.
- 3) Agrees that Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee will receive a further report including:
 - a) information on the date each constituent Council in the bid sent letters of support to the Scottish and UK Governments.
 - b) information, in detail, on the circumstances that led to Edinburgh prematurely submitting a letter of support.

- c) information on what checks were made by officers and the Council Leader on the timeline's other authorities were working to.
- d) information on dates the when the bid's content was publicly available.
- e) dates and outcomes of any other council committee meetings that took place before the "deadline" which was used to justify the urgency decision. This should identify opportunities that could have been taken for Councillors to decide to support the bid or not.
- f) the letters from the Council Leader and Chief Executive to both governments as instructed by November's Policy and Sustainability committee stating Edinburgh's position was premature, including any replies from the respective Governments should also be attached to the report.

- moved by Councillor McVey, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Amendment 2

- 1) To support the Forth Green Freeport (FGFP) bid.
- 2) In the event that the bid is successful:
 - a) To note that Falkirk Council would act as the Accountable Body for the disbursement of development funding, within the constraints of the bid parameters;
 - b) To agree that officers would continue engagement with Falkirk and Fife Councils, as well as private sector partners, to develop the Outline Business Case (OBC) and Full Business Case (FBC), including formal arrangements for the Council's role in the FGFP governance structure;
 - c) To agree that the Service Director, Sustainable Development would represent the City of Edinburgh Council on the Interim Board;
 - d) To agree that an elected member sounding board, with cross-party representation, should be established for ongoing liaison during the preparation of the OBC/FBC; and
 - e) To note that summary reports of the OBC and FBC would be submitted to Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval prior to submission to UK and Scottish Governments.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

Voting

The voting was as follow:

For the Motion	-	23 votes
For Amendment 1	-	30 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes
Abstentions:		1

(For the Motion: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Caldwell, Cameron, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Lang, Meagher, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Parker, Rae, Staniforth and Work.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.

Abstentions: Councillor Frank Ross.)

Second vote

The voting was as follow:

For the Motion	-	32 votes
For Amendment 1	-	30 votes
Abstentions	-	1

(For the Motion: Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Doggart, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 1: Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, O'Neill, Parker, Rae, Staniforth and Work.

Abstentions: Councillor Frank Ross.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

11 Support for Ukrainian Refugees - Motion by Councillor Day

The following motion by Councillor Day was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes:

- The exemplar work of Council colleagues in providing support to Ukrainian displaced persons; and
- The outstanding work by The Hub at Gogar and The Advice Shop on the High Street in providing support, advice and access to benefits.

Council also recognises the sterling effort of Volunteer Edinburgh in staffing the airport arrivals hub, providing a warm welcome and support.

Council further thanks the third sector, AUGB, Nat West and private businesses for their support across the city.

Notes the Scottish Government have over 1200 Ukrainian people on the ship Victoria and over 350 people in hotels and/or apartments across Edinburgh.

Notes the Council is awaiting clarification from COSLA on the funding for the education of Ukrainian refugee children, this should be confirmed on 6th December.

Calls for an update report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in early 2023 on:

- Scottish Government plans for onward housing;
- Access to health provision and public health plans on the ship; and
- Costs incurred to date and costs reimbursed by the UK and Scottish Governments.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To replace paragraph five of the motion by Councillor Day starting with “notes the council is awaiting...” with:

“Notes the change in approach adopted by COSLA which should enable UK Government’s Department of Education funding to start being paid to support Ukrainian pupils’ education from early 2023 and commits to ensuring the Council passes any payments it receives onto schools in a timely manner.

- 2) To add at the end of the first bullet point in the motion:

“setting out a clear timeline of when Ukrainian Families currently on ships without cooking facilities and other essential amenity will either have access to housing which meets their needs, or if the temporary housing on ships is forecast to continue for months further, how all essential amenity- as defined and requested by the community currently living on these ships- can be accommodated and accessed during these temporary arrangements.”

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechan, seconded by Councillor McVey

Amendment 2

To delete para 6 in the motion by Councillor Day, ‘notes the Council is awaiting clarification from COSLA.... and replaces with:

“Welcomes the General Tariff Funding of £10,500 per person and that the Department for Education Funding is in addition to this - £3,000 per Early Years Place, £6,580 and £8,755 respectively for primary and secondary places - as per the Scottish Government website.

Notes that people in temporary accommodation, including those on MS Victoria, will be eligible for the additional Department for Education funding from day one of arrival, but will not qualify for General Tariff funding.

Asks that the necessary resettlement process is handled quickly, particularly as the MS Victoria contract has been extended thereby extending people’s temporary status, and as a consequence, will deny them eligibility for General Tariff Funding.”

- moved by Councillor Flannery, seconded by Councillor Davidson

Amendment 3

After line 6 in the motion by Councillor Day, “*Notes the Council is awaiting [...]*” and before line 7, “*Calls for an update report [...]*” insert the following:

“Council also:

- a) Notes concerns raised by Ukrainians onboard, Edinburgh residents, elected members and third sector organisations who describe difficult or uncomfortable living situations that are impacting on physical and mental wellbeing;
- b) Notes concerns around long-term support for Ukrainians who are reaching the end of their six-month placement with host families;
- c) Commits to supporting refugees who have been forced to leave their country due to war, persecution, or other violence.”

- moved by Councillor O'Neill, seconded by Councillor Rae

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as amendments to the motion and Amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the exemplar work of Council colleagues in providing support to Ukrainian displaced persons
- 2) To note the outstanding work by The Hub at Gogar and The Advice Shop on the High Street in providing support, advice and access to benefits setting out a clear timeline of when Ukrainian Families currently on ships without cooking facilities and other essential amenity would either have access to housing which met their needs, or if the temporary housing on ships was forecast to continue for months further, how all essential amenity- as defined and requested by the community currently living on these ships- could be accommodated and accessed during these temporary arrangements.
- 3) To recognise the sterling effort of Volunteer Edinburgh in staffing the airport arrivals hub, providing a warm welcome and support.
- 4) To further thank the third sector, AUGB, Nat West and private businesses for their support across the city.
- 5) To note the Scottish Government had over 1200 Ukrainian people on the ship Victoria and over 350 people in hotels and/or apartments across Edinburgh.
- 6) To note the change in approach adopted by COSLA which should enable UK Government's Department of Education funding to start being paid to support Ukrainian pupils' education from early 2023 and commit to ensuring the Council passed any payments it received onto schools in a timely manner.

- 7) To welcome the General Tariff Funding of £10,500 per person and that the Department for Education Funding was in addition to this - £3,000 per Early Years Place, £6,580 and £8,755 respectively for primary and secondary places - as per the Scottish Government website.
- 8) To note that people in temporary accommodation, including those on MS Victoria, would be eligible for the additional Department for Education funding from day one of arrival, but would not qualify for General Tariff funding.
- 9) To ask that the necessary resettlement process was handled quickly, particularly as the MS Victoria contract had been extended thereby extending people's temporary status, and as a consequence, would deny them eligibility for General Tariff Funding.
- 10) To note concerns raised by Ukrainians onboard, Edinburgh residents, elected members and third sector organisations who describe difficult or uncomfortable living situations that were impacting on physical and mental wellbeing.
- 11) To note concerns around long-term support for Ukrainians who were reaching the end of their six-month placement with host families.
- 12) To commit to supporting refugees who had been forced to leave their country due to war, persecution, or other violence.
- 13) To call for an update report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in early 2023 on:
 - Scottish Government plans for onward housing;
 - Access to health provision and public health plans on the ship; and
 - Costs incurred to date and costs reimbursed by the UK and Scottish Governments.

12 Fair Work and Procurement - Motion by Councillor Watt

a) Deputation – Unite

The deputation welcomed the continuing work with the Charters and gave their support to the motion by Councillor Watt.

b) Motion by Councillor Watt

The following motion by Councillor Watt was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Notes Council’s continuing commitment to Edinburgh being a Fair Work and Living Wage City and our continuing commitment to the Hospitality, Festivals and Construction Charters.

Asks that the Sustainable Procurement Report to Finance and Resources Committee (26 January 2023) includes a timetable for updating procurement policy to implement for all UK procurement contracts:

- 1) All the recommendations for contracting authorities contained in the Procurement schedule of the Fair Work Convention Construction Inquiry Report 2022;
- 2) The Real Living Wage;
- 3) A presumption against zero hours contracts; and
- 4) Workers’ rights, including Trade Union access to workplaces.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Watt.

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Griffiths

Amendment

To add to the motion by Councillor Watt:

- “5) Evidence of a commitment to minimising Pay Gaps for protected characteristics in companies contracted
- 6) Evidence of a commitment to supporting the Council to meet climate targets as set out in the 2030 Climate Strategy and Council Emissions Reduction Plan.”

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Watt:

- 1) To note Council's continuing commitment to Edinburgh being a Fair Work and Living Wage City and the continuing commitment to the Hospitality, Festivals and Construction Charters.
- 2) To ask that the Sustainable Procurement Report to Finance and Resources Committee (26 January 2023) include a timetable for updating procurement policy to implement for all UK procurement contracts:
 - a) All the recommendations for contracting authorities contained in the Procurement schedule of the Fair Work Convention Construction Inquiry Report 2022;
 - b) The Real Living Wage;
 - c) A presumption against zero hours contracts;
 - d) Workers' rights, including Trade Union access to workplaces;
 - e) Evidence of a commitment to minimising Pay Gaps for protected characteristics in companies contracted; and
 - f) Evidence of a commitment to supporting the Council to meet climate targets as set out in the 2030 Climate Strategy and Council Emissions Reduction Plan.

13 Community Drug Checking - Motion by Councillor McFarlane

The following motions by Councillors McFarlane was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council:

- 1) Notes with interest the Scottish Government Drug Deaths Taskforce's research and development into a Scottish drug checking programme, which is due to end in March 2023. This study aims to build evidence for and facilitate the development of a service in Dundee, Glasgow and Aberdeen.
- 2) Understands the study involves the lived experience of people who use drugs, affected family members and a range of health professionals with the aim of assessing the key opportunities and barriers to providing a city-based drug checking service.

- 3) Notes that drug checking services are increasingly viewed as an important public health intervention, with a global review in 2018 finding 31 drug checking services across 20 countries. 23 of which are in Europe, with others in South and North America, and Australasia.
- 4) Understands that drug checking can be a tool to connect those who use drugs with relevant support and services to help them stop using drugs, or to reduce the harm experienced from using drugs. It can act as a linking point to substance use, housing, harm reduction, and a range of other services. Drug checking can also provide important benefits which extend beyond those who use the service. Furthermore, it provides opportunities for public health bodies to get a clearer picture of the drugs market and to tailor public health messages and approaches accordingly. In the event where particularly dangerous substances are detected, health warnings can be communicated to people who use drugs - both directly and via services working with the client.
- 5) Agrees that drug checking services would increase Scotland's capacity to identify dangerous substances in circulation and would provide targeted warnings.
- 6) Recommits to a public health and social care harm reduction approach to drug use in the city.
- 7) Requests a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee on the publication of findings from the study exploring the implementation of an Edinburgh Drug Checking Service at the earliest possibility."

- moved by Councillor McFarlane, seconded by Councillor Younie

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McFarlane.

14 Eurovision 2023 Bid - Motion by Councillor Biagi

The following motion by Councillor Biagi was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

"Council:

- Notes that on 11th August 2022 the Council Leader announced publicly that the City of Edinburgh Council had submitted a bid to host 2023 Eurovision Song Contest, following calls from across the political spectrum in the capital.

- Notes this publicised bid sadly did not result in Edinburgh being shortlisted for consideration.
- Recognises the importance of public scrutiny to the bid, while unsuccessful, to allow public and councillors to scrutinise the strength of the bid in order to learn for future opportunities to deliver inspiring events to the city.
- Agrees that the bid will be published in full and be presented for noting to the next Policy and Sustainability Committee, or, should commercial confidentiality prevent full publication, be presented to the next Policy and Sustainability Committee as a B agenda item.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Biagi.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Aston

Amendment 1

To insert in the first paragraph of the motion by Councillor Biagi after 2022 – “after discussing with all group leaders” to read:

“Notes on 11th August 2022, after discussing with all group leaders, the Council Leader announced publicly that the City of Edinburgh Council had submitted a bid to host 2023 Eurovision Song Contest, following calls from across the political spectrum in the capital.”

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Walker

Amendment 2

To delete Bullet Points 3 and 4 in the motion by Councillor Biagi and insert;

- recognises that, despite being a major international city of culture, Edinburgh has a fundamental weakness in not having an indoor arena of sufficient size that can accommodate major events.
- believes it is unrealistic to expect the city to succeed in securing international events like Eurovision so long as this weakness remains.
- recognises this challenge cannot be easily solved in the short term and requires cross party working, external partnerships and a long term strategic plan, as has been delivered successfully in other cities.
- therefore agrees that officers should bring a scoping paper to the Culture & Communities Committee in three cycles which seeks to use the experience

from other cities and sets out options on the necessary stakeholder engagement and possible funding models for delivering the kind of new arena which would be required to deliver major events.

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Thornley

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendments 1 and 2 were accepted as addendums to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 2.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	28 votes
Amendment 2 (as adjusted)	-	34 votes

(For the Motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Parker, Rae, Frank Ross, Staniforth and Work.

For Amendment 2 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Duggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Biagi:

- 1) To note that on 11th August 2022, after discussing with group leaders, the Council Leader announced publicly that the City of Edinburgh Council had submitted a bid to host 2023 Eurovision Song Contest, following calls from across the political spectrum in the capital.
- 2) To note this publicised bid sadly did not result in Edinburgh being shortlisted for consideration.
- 3) To recognise that, despite being a major international city of culture, Edinburgh had a fundamental weakness in not having an indoor arena of sufficient size that could accommodate major events.

- 4) To believe it was unrealistic to expect the city to succeed in securing international events like Eurovision so long as this weakness remained.
- 5) To recognise this challenge could not be easily solved in the short term and required cross party working, external partnerships and a long term strategic plan, as had been delivered successfully in other cities.
- 6) To therefore agree that officers should bring a scoping paper to the Culture and Communities Committee in three cycles which sought to use the experience from other cities and set out options on the necessary stakeholder engagement and possible funding models for delivering the kind of new arena which would be required to deliver major events.

15 Energy Efficiency Taskforce - Motion by Councillor Dalgleish

The following motion by Councillor Dalgleish was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council Notes:

- That this winter and beyond will be extremely difficult for many people across Edinburgh, with a worrying amount of our residents, community groups and businesses facing financial challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis and pay not keeping pace with inflation. As a result of increased costs of gas and electricity bills, individuals may have to turn off their heating this winter.
- That both council officers and elected members do their utmost as a matter of urgency to help our residents and communities during this winter period and beyond.

Council Supports:

The call for a freeze on energy prices for the next six months, an end of the premium paid by nearly half a million households who have pre-paid meters.

Council Requests:

A report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in one cycle which seeks to establish a “Energy Efficiency Taskforce” with the aim of working alongside other relevant partners and stakeholders to give residents/owners, community groups and businesses information about insulation and energy efficiency renovations, including planning and building warrant requirements, as well as general advice regarding energy efficiency. The report should outline ongoing work related to this and detail clear objectives for the Taskforce.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Dalglish.

- moved by Councillor Dalglish, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment 1

To delete all after “Council Requests” in the motion by councillor Dalglish and replaces with:

“A report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee in one cycle which seeks to establish a “Energy Efficiency Taskforce”. This should set out the existing advice and information already provided by other parties including Home Energy Scotland and Changeworks.

The aims of the task force should include:

- Analysing the information already available and ensuring that it is accessible and well signposted to through a ‘no wrong door approach’.
- Ensure that all relevant staff groups are trained to signpost to enable the above approach
- Review where there is a need for energy efficiency support but no resources available, by engaging with third sector and people with lived experience
- Review the approach outlined in the council’s own net zero strategy and the Scottish Governments Heat in Building strategy
- Produce an energy efficiency action plan with council specific outcomes which are achievable and do not duplicate the work of any other third party organisations

A report should come back to HHFW which sets out a realistic plan and deliverable outcomes before the task force is established. Any actions from the task force must be approved at the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee, or other relevant executive committees.”

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Kumar

Amendment 2

- 1) To insert a third point in the motion by Councillor Dalglish under 'Council Notes;'

- “• that Council has a primary duty of care as a landlord to assist Council house tenants and Council property users in ensuring their surroundings are comfortable and that any new support initiative must take that into account.

2) To add at the end of the motion, remove full stop and insert:

“and outline the feasibility of the City of Edinburgh Council formally joining and/or working with Citizens Advice Edinburgh’s ‘EMPOWER’ (Specialist Energy Advice) partnership which has established outreach and expertise in all localities.”

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Younie

Amendment 3

To add at the end of the motion by Councillor Dalgleish:

"also agrees that this report will set out:

- a) the proposed membership of the taskforce, which should include at least one representative from each political group on the council;
- b) the remit of the taskforce and the relationship between the taskforce and key partners and stakeholders in the fight against fuel poverty, including but not limited to Changeworks and Home Energy Scotland;
- c) the progress to date on developing a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy for the city, and what the potential role of the taskforce could be with that development;
- d) the current measures to target energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation at those in the greatest need, and what the potential role of the taskforce could be with ensuring energy efficiency is affordable to everyone and free to those on the lowest incomes;
- e) the potential for the council to support the creation of local advice and collective purchasing co-operatives such as Loco Home Retrofit in Glasgow, and what role the taskforce could play in that.”

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was adjusted and accepted and Amendments 2 and 3 accepted as addendums to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Dalglish:

- 1) To note that this winter and beyond would be extremely difficult for many people across Edinburgh, with a worrying amount of the residents, community groups and businesses facing financial challenges due to the cost-of-living crisis and pay not keeping pace with inflation. As a result of increased costs of gas and electricity bills, individuals may have to turn off their heating this winter.
- 2) To note that both council officers and elected members did their utmost as a matter of urgency to help the residents and communities during this winter period and beyond.
- 3) To note that Council had a primary duty of care as a landlord to assist Council house tenants and Council property users in ensuring their surroundings are comfortable and that any new support initiative must take that into account.
- 4) To support the call for a freeze on energy prices for the next six months, an end of the premium paid by nearly half a million households who have pre-paid meters.
- 5) To request a report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee in one cycle which sought to establish a “Energy Efficiency Taskforce” with the aim of working alongside other relevant partners and stakeholders to give residents/owners, community groups and businesses information about insulation and energy efficiency renovations, including planning and building warrant requirements, as well as general advice regarding energy efficiency. The report should outline ongoing work related to this and detail clear objectives for the Taskforce. and outline the feasibility of the City of Edinburgh Council formally joining and/or working with Citizens Advice Edinburgh’s ‘EMPOWER’ (Specialist Energy Advice) partnership which had established outreach and expertise in all localities.
- 6) This Taskforce should set out the existing advice and information already provided by other parties including Home Energy Scotland and Changeworks.

The aims of the task force should include:

- Analysing the information already available and ensuring that it is accessible and well signposted to through a ‘no wrong door approach’.
- Ensure that all relevant staff groups are trained to signpost to enable the above approach.

- Review where there is a need for energy efficiency support but no resources available, by engaging with third sector and people with lived experience.
 - Review the approach outlined in the council's own net zero strategy and the Scottish Governments Heat in Building strategy.
 - Produce an energy efficiency action plan with council specific outcomes which are achievable and do not duplicate the work of any other third party organisations.
- 7) To agree a report should come back to HHFW which set out a realistic plan and deliverable outcomes before the task force was established. Any actions from the task force must be approved at the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee, or other relevant executive committees.
- 8) To also agree that this report will set out:
- a) the proposed membership of the taskforce, which should include at least one representative from each political group on the council;
 - b) the remit of the taskforce and the relationship between the taskforce and key partners and stakeholders in the fight against fuel poverty, including but not limited to Changeworks and Home Energy Scotland;
 - c) the progress to date on developing a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy for the city, and what the potential role of the taskforce could be with that development;
 - d) the current measures to target energy efficiency and heat decarbonisation at those in the greatest need, and what the potential role of the taskforce could be with ensuring energy efficiency is affordable to everyone and free to those on the lowest incomes;
 - e) the potential for the council to support the creation of local advice and collective purchasing co-operatives such as Loco Home Retrofit in Glasgow, and what role the taskforce could play in that.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Booth made a transparency statement as a former employee of the Association for the Conservation of Energy.

16 Self-Directed Support - Motion by Councillor Nicolson

The following motion by Councillor Nicolson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Notes the benefits of the Direct Payments scheme which empowers people who have been assessed as requiring critical social care support to achieve their independent living outcomes other than by traditional services.
- 2) Notes that many across the city already access these payments in lieu of community care or children’s services, at a scale of approx. 1400 individuals across the city being in receipt of Direct Payments.
- 3) Notes that care and support services appear to be so broadly defined in legislation that in practice the Council is near sole arbiter of what constitutes support, for which these payments are surrogate.
- 4) Notes that many cannot find the support they critically need as a consequence of staff shortages, largely due to Brexit impacts, which can cause delayed hospital discharge, increased hospital admissions and other stresses for individuals and unpaid carers.
- 5) Further notes this results in underused Direct Payments being ‘clawed back’ by the council despite the criticality of unmet need affecting so many.
- 6) Agrees that the parameters of use are made as broad as statutory guidance encourages, by delivering care and support through the widest means possible including options to support people with the cost-of-living crisis.
- 7) Therefore, agrees to immediately suspend the clawback of underused resources allocated to those in critical need.
- 8) Further agrees that the Policy and Sustainability Committee will receive a report in 3 cycles to confirm that clawbacks have been suspended, and with information on the impact on outcomes for people in need - and the scale of clawbacks prior to the suspension.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Nicolson

- moved by Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor Key

Amendment

To delete paragraphs 7 and 8 in the motion by Councillor Nicolson and replace with:

- “7) Agrees that Council will receive a report in 1 cycle outlining the Council’s approach to self-directed support clawbacks including:
- a) The operational approach to determining if those in critical need have underspent;
 - b) The impact on outcomes for people in need of removing allocated support;
 - c) The budget setting process and financial impacts;
 - d) The total value of clawbacks each year for the last 5 years.”

- moved by Councillor Kumar, seconded by Councillor McVey

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Nicolson:

- 1) To note the benefits of the Direct Payments scheme which empowered people who had been assessed as requiring critical social care support to achieve their independent living outcomes other than by traditional services.
- 2) To note that many across the city already accessed these payments in lieu of community care or children’s services, at a scale of approx. 1400 individuals across the city being in receipt of Direct Payments.
- 3) To note that care and support services appeared to be so broadly defined in legislation that in practice the Council was near sole arbiter of what constituted support, for which these payments were surrogate.
- 4) To note that many Council not find the support they critically needed as a consequence of staff shortages, largely due to Brexit impacts, which could cause delayed hospital discharge, increased hospital admissions and other stresses for individuals and unpaid carers.
- 5) To further note this resulted in underused Direct Payments being ‘clawed back’ by the council despite the criticality of unmet need affecting so many.
- 6) To agree that the parameters of use were made as broad as statutory guidance encourages, by delivering care and support through the widest

means possible including options to support people with the cost-of-living crisis.

- 7) To agree that Council would receive a report in 1 cycle outlining the Council's approach to self-directed support clawbacks including:
 - a) The operational approach to determining if those in critical need have underspent;
 - b) The impact on outcomes for people in need of removing allocated support;
 - c) The budget setting process and financial impacts;
 - d) The total value of clawbacks each year for the last 5 years.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Key made a transparency statement as his family was in receipt of self-directed support.

17 Planter-based Protection on Leith Walk - Motion by Councillor Caldwell

The following motion by Councillor Caldwell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council;

Notes:

- 1) Pavements and segregated cycle infrastructure are respectively there to protect the most vulnerable in the transport hierarchy.
- 2) The cycle lane on Leith Walk is closed until the legacy lamp-posts are removed.
- 3) That pavement parking can still be legal in certain conditions until the Council are delegated powers from the Scottish Government in The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 by 2024.

Understands:

- 1) Pedestrians and cyclists may be at risk by vehicles driving on a busy pavement to park and/or unload.

- 2) Street furniture should be sparse where possible, serve multiple purposes where present and shouldn't be necessary until there is evidence of need.
- 3) Town centres are enhanced by greenery such as plants and trees and planter positioning options are being explored by Trams to Newhaven.

Requests collaboration between Place and Trams to Newhaven:

- 1) To identify pavement parking 'hotspots' along Leith Walk as a matter of priority.
- 2) To identify appropriate areas for planters to be installed between the cycle way and main carriageway, as well as moving any new signage poles which could be moved from the main pavement to the land between the cycle lane and main carriageway.
- 3) The findings of this review are to be published in two cycles in the Transport and Environment Committee business bulletin, and whether outcomes can be standardised for other areas where pavement parking is a known issue."

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Caldwell.

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Dalglish

Amendment

To add in a new sub-point to the motion by Councillor Caldwell, after "main carriageway":

- "3) To identify planting options that enhance the biodiversity of the area and provide for pollinators in line with the Council's Biodiversity Action Plan and to support climate adaptation while also allowing for relative ease of maintenance."

- moved by Councillor Bandel, seconded by Councillor Parker

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Caldwell:

- 1) To note that pavements and segregated cycle infrastructure were respectively there to protect the most vulnerable in the transport hierarchy.

- 2) To note the cycle lane on Leith Walk was closed until the legacy lamp-posts were removed.
- 3) To note that pavement parking could still be legal in certain conditions until the Council were delegated powers from the Scottish Government in The Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 by 2024.
- 4) To understand that pedestrians and cyclists may be at risk by vehicles driving on a busy pavement to park and/or unload.
- 5) To understand that street furniture should be sparse where possible, serve multiple purposes where present and shouldn't be necessary until there was evidence of need.
- 6) To understand that town centres were enhanced by greenery such as plants and trees and planter positioning options were being explored by Trams to Newhaven.
- 7) To request collaboration between Place and Trams to Newhaven:
 - a) To identify pavement parking 'hotspots' along Leith Walk as a matter of priority.
 - b) To identify appropriate areas for planters to be installed between the cycle way and main carriageway, as well as moving any new signage poles which could be moved from the main pavement to the land between the cycle lane and main carriageway.
 - c) To identify planting options that enhanced the biodiversity of the area and provided for pollinators in line with the Council's Biodiversity Action Plan and to support climate adaptation while also allowing for relative ease of maintenance.
 - d) The findings of this review to be published in two cycles in the Transport and Environment Committee business bulletin, and whether outcomes could be standardised for other areas where pavement parking was a known issue"

18 Peaceful Assemblies - Motion by Councillor Rae

The following motion by Councillor Rae was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes the newly published Scottish Government Report on Facilitating Peaceful Assemblies and the implications within that report that impact both Council and the City. Council therefore requests a briefing for members, specifically those in

Licencing and Policy and Sustainability, on the report and the challenges it presents in February 2023.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Rae.

- moved by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Bandel

Amendment

To adjust the motion by Councillor Rae as follows:

- 1) After “Scottish Government”, insert “appointed independent working group”.
- 2) Before “impact”, insert “could”.
- 3) Delete “Licensing” and insert “Regulatory”.
- 4) Delete “in February 2023” and insert “once the Scottish Government has normally responded to the working group recommendations

- moved by Councillor Lang, seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Rae:

To note the newly published Scottish Government appointed independent working group Report on Facilitating Peaceful Assemblies and the implications within that report that could impact both Council and the City. To therefore request a briefing for members, specifically those in Regulatory and Policy and Sustainability, on the report and the challenges it presented in February 2023.

19 Maximise - Motion by Councillor Campbell

The following motion by Councillor Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council notes the outstanding work of Maximise! as a holistic, whole family resource, addressing need, risk and vulnerability through income maximisation and advice (including debt advice), employability and family support.

Council notes the need to continue this work to ensure residents get access to the holistic support they need, and the importance of this work in tackling poverty.

Council notes that Maximise! is not funded strategically through multi-year award which would give certainty of service and the issues this is causing to the ability for the service to continue.

Council therefore agrees then officers will immediately engage with Maximise! to offer any support available to protect these vital services for residents through winter.

Council also agrees to receive a report to the next Full Council meeting, with options presented for decision on any further support, including direct financial support, required to ensure the continuation of these services for families across the City.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Campbell.

- moved by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Mattos Coelho

Amendment 1

To replace the final paragraph of the motion by Councillor Campbell with:

“Council agrees to engage with Maximise! as part of the welfare advice service review and to provide a briefing to members on the anti-poverty sectors contribution towards income maximisation for consideration as part of the budget 23/24 setting process.”

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 2

Council notes the content of the motion by Councillor Campbell and the valuable work of Maximise!.

Council further notes the work already underway through the End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan and the comprehensive review of advice services underway through the Edinburgh Partnership.

Council therefore agrees that any officer engagement with Maximise! should be undertaken in a way that works within this agreed multi-agency approach to avoid duplication and in line with evidence based practice to achieve common outcomes.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an amendment to the motion.

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to Amendment 1.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	27 votes
For Amendment 1 (as adjusted)	-	34 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Councillors Aston, Bandel, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Campbell, Dixon, Dobbin, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Heap, Hyslop, Key, Kumar, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Parker, Rae, Staniforth and Work.

For Amendment 1 (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors. Arthur, Beal, Bruce, Caldwell, Cameron, Cowdy, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Duggart, Faccenda, Flannery, Graham, Griffiths, Jenkinson, Jones, Lang, McKenzie, Meagher, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Osler, Pogson, Neil Ross, Rust, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Whyte, Young and Younie.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Amendment 1 by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the outstanding work of Maximise! as a holistic, whole family resource, addressing need, risk and vulnerability through income maximisation and advice (including debt advice), employability and family support.
- 2) To note the need to continue this work to ensure residents got access to the holistic support they needed, and the importance of this work in tackling poverty.
- 3) To note that Maximise! was not funded strategically through multi-year award which would give certainty of service and the issues this was causing to the ability for the service to continue.
- 4) To therefore agree then officers would immediately engage with Maximise! to offer any support available to protect these vital services for residents through winter.
- 5) To agree to engage with Maximise! as part of the welfare advice service review and to provide a briefing to members on the anti-poverty sectors contribution towards income maximisation for consideration as part of the budget 23/24 setting process.
- 6) To note the valuable work of Maximise!.

- 7) To further note the work already underway through the End Poverty Edinburgh Delivery Plan and the comprehensive review of advice services underway through the Edinburgh Partnership.
- 8) To therefore agree that any officer engagement with Maximise! should be undertaken in a way that worked within this agreed multi-agency approach to avoid duplication and in line with evidence based practice to achieve common outcomes.

20 Drum Brae Care Home - Emergency Motion by Councillor Graham

The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Council to give early consideration to this matter.

The following motion by Councillor Graham was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Notes the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board has provided updates on the status of the property to the Board and request these are shared with all elected members.
- 2) Requests the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Chief Officer produces a report within one cycle on how this facility came to sit empty for over a year.
- 3) Requests the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board consider the recommissioning of appropriate care services at Drumbrae Care Home as soon as practically possible.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Graham.

- moved by Councillor Graham, seconded by Councillor Pogson

Amendment 1

- 1) To amend paragraph 1 of the motion by Councillor Graham to read:
 - “1) Notes the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board has not provided full updates on the status of the property to the Board and requests they do so for all elected members”

- 2) To add additional paragraphs to the motion as follows:
- “4) Calls for a report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee into the Council's actions leading up to the closure and post closure, in particular actions to move forward with the lease to NHS Lothian or identify and resolve any problems, in order to identify any potential lessons learned.
- 5) Calls for a briefing to elected members, outlining the actions that would be required if the Council is directed to recommission 60 care beds at Drumbrae by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB), along with associated costs, an estimate of how long this would take, and any other significant considerations that may inform a decision by the EIJB.”

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Parker

Amendment 2

To replace in the motion by Councillor Graham the words “Integration Joint Board” with “Finance and Resources Committee”.

- moved by Councillor Mitchell, seconded by Councillor Doggart

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), Amendment 1 was accepted as an amendment to the Motion.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	52 votes
For Amendment 2	-	9 votes

(For the motion (as adjusted): Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Aston, Bandel, Beal, Biagi, Booth, Burgess, Caldwell, Cameron, Campbell, Dalgleish, Davidson, Day, Dijkstra-Downie, Dixon, Dobbin, Faccenda, Flannery, Fullerton, Gardiner, Glasgow, Graham, Griffiths, Heap, Hyslop, Jenkinson, Key, Kumar, Lang, Macinnes, Mattos Coelho, McFarlane, McKenzie, McNeese-Meechan, McVey, Meagher, Miller, Mumford, Nicolson, Osler, Parker, Pogson, Rae, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Thornley, Walker, Watt, Work, Young and Younie.

For Amendment 2: Councillors Bruce, Cowdy, Doggart, Jones, Mitchell, Mowat, Munro, Rust and Whyte.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Graham:

- 1) To note the Chief Officer of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board had not provided full updates on the status of the property to the Board and request they do so for all elected members.
- 2) To request the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board Chief Officer produce a report within one cycle on how this facility came to sit empty for over a year.
- 3) To request the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board consider the recommission of appropriate care services at Drumbrae Care Home as soon as practically possible.
- 4) To call for a report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee into the Council's actions leading up to the closure and post closure, in particular actions to move forward with the lease to NHS Lothian or identify and resolve any problems, in order to identify any potential lessons learned.
- 5) To call for a briefing to elected members, outlining the actions that would be required if the Council was directed to recommission 60 care beds at Drumbrae by the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board (EIJB), along with associated costs, an estimate of how long this would take, and any other significant considerations that may inform a decision by the EIJB.

21 Edinburgh Filmhouse - Emergency Motion by Councillor Walker

The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Council to give early consideration to this matter.

The following motion by Councillor Walker was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17 and verbally adjusted in terms of Standing Order 22.5:

“Council:

Notes that the Administrators deadline was set for Wednesday 7th December.

Requests an urgent report to the next meeting of the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group updating members on;

- the outcome of the successful bids for the Edinburgh Filmhouse Building and its assets;

- what plans are underway to preserve the Edinburgh International Film Festival; and
- what funding is available to support Film Festival activity.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Walker.

- moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Meagher

Amendment

To insert a new bullet point at the end of the motion by Councillor Walker as follows:

“What the Council is doing to ensure the future of cultural cinema in Edinburgh.”

- moved by Councillor Heap, seconded by Councillor Mumford

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Walker:

- 1) To note that the Administrators deadline was set for Wednesday 7th December.
- 2) To request an urgent report to the next meeting of the Festival and Events All Party Oversight Group updating members on;
 - the outcome of the successful bids for the Edinburgh Filmhouse Building and its assets;
 - what plans were underway to preserve the Edinburgh International Film Festival;
 - what funding was available to support Film Festival activity.
 - what the Council was doing to ensure the future of cultural cinema in Edinburgh.

22 Liberton High School - Schools for Young Carers 2022 Award Winner - Motion by Councillor Mattos Coelho

The following motion by Councillor Mattos Coelho was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

Recognises and congratulates Liberton High School for the achievement of the We Care; Schools for Young Carers 2022 Award, along with 5 other schools in Edinburgh, Stirling and Fife.

Notes that the award recognises how these schools have gone above and beyond to support young carers during really challenging times and ensured that all staff are young carer aware and feel more confident to identify and support hidden young carers.

Therefore, requests that Lord Provost writes to Liberton High School congratulating the students for their success, encouraging their achievement.”

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Mattos Coelho.

23 Questions

The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 1 to this minute.

Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 23 of 15 December 2022)

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

To ask the Convener:

Question (1) On what date he wrote to Lothian Buses regarding Bus Service Single Fares as agreed at September's meeting of Full Council?

Answer (1) Rather than writing to Lothian Buses, I placed the issue on the agenda of a meeting I had with the Managing Director in my office on the 28th of October.

Question (2) Whether he has received a response?

Answer (2) We had a constructive discussion about this issue and Lothian Buses' wider ticketing strategy. At that time the ticketing structure was being reviewed in response to the changing travel patterns people are establishing as Edinburgh transitions out of the pandemic. Although Lothian Buses continues to offer fantastic value for money, we also discussed a shared desire to avoid any fare rise as long as possible due to the cost of living crisis. It is notable, however, that ticket prices have not increased since February 2020 despite Lothian Buses making significant investments in fleet, systems and staff in that time.

We both agreed that your proposal had merits, but would add to Lothian Buses' costs in the short-term. It was agreed, therefore, to review the matter again in the future.

Subsequent to the meeting, I received this written response from Lothian Buses:

“The Lothian network and portfolio of fares and tickets are built around the principle of interchange as it has always been the case that some journeys across the city might require a connection. Our purpose is to deliver a world class, socially inclusive and sustainable public transport network within the context of the legislative and funding environment in which we operate.

As a wholly commercial business, 95% of our income is generated from our customers. As such, decisions we make on products and price points will have a significant impact on the viability of the business. In contrast, the legislative framework and funding arrangements in London, where a transfer ticket is available, are different and only 48% of income is forecast to come from customers in 2022/23.

The Lothian fares strategy reflects the reliance we have on income from our customers. Our single fare is keenly priced and continues to be amongst the lowest in the UK. Discounting is then applied on a graduated basis to those products which commit the customer to a longer period of travel with us. For frequent travellers our contactless capping and Ridacard product is typically less than a single fare, with the more journeys made, the more cost effective the product becomes. For a significant proportion of our customers, including under 22s, over 60s and those with disabilities, the Scottish National Entitlement Card enables travel at no cost to the user.

The current mix of products and prices has contributed to Lothian’s ongoing successful performance, which is in sharp contrast to the relative decline in bus travel seen in many other UK cities – including London where a transfer ticket is available. It follows that the penalty for any mistake in setting either the price of a transfer ticket or the period for which it would be valid would be severe. All that said, with every fares revision we conduct a review of the ticketing portfolio to ensure that are continuing to respond to customer demand whilst remaining affordable.

A transfer ticket could be introduced in Edinburgh, and could be equally as well managed as in London, however whether it would make economic sense to do so would be most fundamentally predicated on a change to the framework within which public transport is financed in this city.”

Question (3) Whether he will share a copy of his letter and the response received?

Answer (3) See above

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer
by the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 15
December 2022**

At the start of this new term of the Council, on 26 May and 30 June, the Council approved appointments from political groups of the members of Council committees and other bodies.

Question (1) When have any later appointments been made, to which committees/boards and by which political groups?

Answer (1) **25 August 2022**

Finance and Resources - SNP
Transport and Environment – SNP
Governance, Risk and Best Value – SNP
Pensions – SNP
Regulatory and Licensing Sub – SNP
Edinburgh and South East Scotland Region – Elected
Member Oversight Committee – SNP
SESPlan Joint Committee (South East Scotland Regional
Joint Committee) - SNP

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Governance, Risk and Best Value – SNP
SEStran - SNP

Question (2) Are there any vacancies remaining to be filled and, if so, for which committees/boards and from which political groups?

Answer (2) Regulatory and Licensing Sub - Labour

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

At its 20 June 2022 meeting, Council resolved that the agreed report on establishing a Young People's Assembly "would also cover the option of consulting with the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils (CC) on amending the 'scheme for community councils' to ensure that young people had a stronger role within CC decision making".

Question (1) Why did the report tabled in November 2022 make no mention of this or report on the work undertaken in response to this part of the agreed June 2022 motion?

Answer (1) This was included in the report to Council on 22 September 2022, where it was agreed we would explore this. The November report focused on researching and developing the model for the Young People's Assembly. As this was approved, young people's involvement in the review of the scheme for community councils and a range of other relevant issues will be taken forward.

Question (2) What work has been undertaken so far in response to this part of the June 2022 motion?

Answer (2) There is a statutory process for reviewing the Scheme, including set consultation periods. Young people's involvement will be undertaken as part of that but it's not something that could start early and outside the process. There will be a review of the scheme for community councils in 2023.

Question (3) When is it expected that the outcomes of this work will be formally reported, either to Council or a relevant executive committee?

Answer

- (3)** This will be formally reported in 2023 once the statutory process for reviewing the scheme is complete. At this stage it is not possible to give a date. This is because the length of the review can depend on the level of feedback. A scheme review tends to take nine months due to the statutory consultation periods.

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

At the Council meeting on 22 September 2022, Council resolved that "a report would come to Council in October 2022 on voting rights for religious representatives" on the Education, Children and Families Committee.

Question (1) Why has this report not yet come to Council?

Answer (1) It has taken time to secure someone to do the independent Equalities Quality Impact Assessment (EQIA). It was agreed at the Full Council Agenda Planning Meeting that a briefing note would be circulated rather than a report.

Question (2) When will the report come to Council?

Answer (2) The report will come when the impact assessment has been completed, this is likely to be March 2023 and a report will come to Full Council May 2023.

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Lang for answer by the
Convener of the Education, Children
and Families Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 December 2022**

Question **(1)** Is there currently sufficient capacity within the three primary schools - Queensferry, Echline and Dalmeny, to accommodate projected school roll numbers over the next 5-10 years from the catchments currently covered by these schools?

Answer **(1)** No.

Question **(2)** If not, would an expansion of the three schools on their existing sites be sufficient to accommodate projected school roll numbers?

Answer **(2)** Yes. However, the scale of expansion required is likely not to be acceptable from an education, cost, disruption and possibly planning perspective.

Question **(3)** How much money has or is due to be raised for educational investment as a result of each of the following Section 75 developer contributions from the following planning approvals?:

a) [16/01797](#)/PPP

b) [20/05023](#)/FUL

c) [16/06280](#)/FUL

d) [14/01509](#)/PPP

Answer (3) a) Builyeon Road 16/01797/PPP - £10,900,218 – per unit rates established in the PPP application and this figure is based on an assumed housing mix of 50% houses and 50% flats; payments are linked to AMC applications that will set out the housing mix.

b) Springfield 20/05023/FUL - £1,919,497

c) South Scotstoun (16/06280/FUL + 20/00802/FUL) - £6,026,290 (£5,287,123 + £739,167)

d) Ferrymuir Gait (14/01509/PPP) - £660,000 - the legal agreement requires £135k towards additional classrooms at Queensferry Primary School (already delivered) and £525k towards secondary school.

Question (4) How much of this money has been allocated for a new primary school at Builyeon Road?

Answer (4) £12,836,912 index linked to Q4 2017 at date of payment.

Question (5) When is work expected to a) commence and b) conclude on a draft business case for a new school at Builyeon Road in Queensferry?

Answer (5) There are some issues which require to be finalised with the developer before the legal agreement is complete and the timescale set for the transfer of the land for the new primary school to the Council. Once these legal issues are finalised the business plan for the new school will be completed. There is no definitive timescale for the legal issues being resolved and therefore an exact timescale for business plan completion can't be provided. However, the best estimate is completion during the first quarter of 2023.

QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Caldwell for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 15
December 2022**

The main works of the Trams to Newhaven extension are set to be completed by the end of December, with additional works to carry on through to June 2022 which is welcome news and the Project is to be commended. The project will be looking at adjustments, defect repairs as well as implementing essential amenity such as bins and bus stops until then.

Question (1) Does the Council leader agree with me that the coming period is a critical moment for the project to ensure adjustments and resident feedback regarding the pavement, cycle lane and traffic flow are addressed?

Answer (1) Throughout the project, the team has worked closely with local residents and businesses to make sure that resident feedback is taken into account.

Notably, prior to construction commencing, the largest public consultation that the Council had undertaken outside the budget process informed the design of the project, with 8,000 individual contributions received.

The team has built a strong working relationship with Community Councils together on Tram (CCTT) to ensure that the needs of residents and businesses are considered, and this will continue with CCTT and with ward members until the end of the project.

Of course, as the project nears completion the ability to make changes reduces, in particular because of the challenging market conditions.

Question (2) Will the Council Leader join me, fellow Leith Walk ward 12 councillors and Community Councils Together on Trams for a 'walk down the Walk', before project completion, to highlight first hand both the positives and challenges arising from the largest Council Capital project in a decade?

- Answer** (2) Yes, I would be happy to join you.
- Question** (3) What scrutiny will Councillors on the Transport and Environment committee have when infrastructure is eventually passed on from the Trams to Newhaven project to relevant departments in the Place directorate?
- Answer** (3) The infrastructure will form part of the Council's road and public transport assets. The assets will be owned and managed by the Place directorate, and by Edinburgh Trams (through the operating agreement which is in place with them). The scrutiny and oversight of the Transport and Environment committee will be the same as for any other Council owned asset.
- Question** (4) Will the Council leader join me in extending thanks to the residents and businesses on Leith Walk whose lives have been, and continue to be, disrupted by works over the last few years?
- Answer** (4) I would like to take the opportunity thank all those who have faced and continue to face disruption due to the works. I understand this is the largest major infrastructure work that has taken place in the city for the past 100 years. The project, when complete, will be of huge benefit and this wouldn't have been possible without the support of the local community and businesses.

QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 December 2022**

Residents in Corstorphine are frequently exposed to high levels of air pollution and reduced mobility due to high volumes of traffic and delays along St John's Road

Question (1) Can the convener advise what steps he is intending to take in order to reduce traffic delays along St John's Road?

Answer (1) The actions that officers are progressing for St John's Road include:

- Monitoring traffic in the area and adjusting the timing of traffic signals (which are local to each of the traffic signal controllers) to manage the traffic flow along the St John's Road corridor;
- In addition, as the corridor is capable of running the Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique (SCOOT) method of traffic signal control, procurement of new equipment is underway to enable SCOOT to operate effectively;
- Considering proposals for a new layout at the A8/ Drumbrae South roundabout as currently traffic flow into the roundabout from the other arms, especially in the peak periods, constricts the traffic flow westbound exiting from St John's Road. This then creates a bottleneck through the St John's Road corridor when traffic is queued back from this roundabout; and
- A re-design of the junction/roundabout is being developed to remove the roundabout and replace it with a signalised junction. Modelling work is still taking place to ascertain the effects of this on the network. In addition, other options are also being considered on how to manipulate the existing infrastructure at the roundabout to improve traffic flow along St John's Road.

Question (2) What steps the council is taking to address air pollution in Corstorphine?

Answer

- (2) A revised draft Air Quality Action Plan was approved for consultation by the Transport and Environment Committee on 8 December 2022.

The plan proposes action on the A8/Drumbrae South junction, which would aim to reduce vehicle emissions by introducing interventions to best managing the traffic flow on the St John's Road corridor, particularly between the junctions of Clermiston Road and Drumbrae South.

The Intelligent Infrastructure project will be completed in June 2023. This includes 10 new air quality monitoring units which feed live pollutant data on Nitrogen Dioxide, and Particulate Matter 2.5 and 10, back to the city's new Urban Traffic Management and Control (UTMC) system. This will allow high levels of pollutants to be quickly identified and will automatically (in conjunction with the SCOOT system) implement a traffic control strategy along St John's Road to improve traffic flow and reduce vehicle emissions in the vicinity of Corstorphine.

As part of the work being undertaken on the Corstorphine Connect Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN), traffic counts have been taken for all key streets in the LTN, including St John's Road, as well as air quality monitoring sites. Through this, officers will be able to accurately track changes to traffic and air quality and adapt the scheme to try and resolve any issues that occur.

Question

- (3) What steps he is intending to take to reduce the volume of traffic on St John's Road?

Answer

- (3) In conjunction with the use of Intelligent Traffic Systems (which can be utilised to prioritise active travel and public transport), the Corstorphine Connect LTN will flexibly adapt to support the reduction of private vehicles on St John's Road. I would be happy to meet Ward Councillors and Community Councils to discuss what further steps can be taken in the Corstorphine / Murrayfield Ward to help reduce car use further.

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Davidson for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 15 December 2022**

In the Deep Clean Initiative briefing note circulated to all councillors on the 24th November no streets in Ward 6 Corstorphine/Murrayfield had been deep cleaned.

Question (1) Can the Convener advise why certain wards have not been included in the Deep Clean Initiative so far?

Answer (1) The programme for the Deep Clean initiative runs for the full financial year 2022/23. The approach has been prioritised to target at the areas of most need, based on LEAMS data and visual inspections of streets, and started in the east of the city. Progress is also dependent on work required and other influences (such as car parking).

Question (2) When he expects the initiative to be carried out in Corstorphine/Murrayfield?

Answer (2) This will be dependant on progress through the areas that have been identified as most in need, with a further assessment of the Corstorphine/Murrayfield Ward being undertaken early in January. However, deep cleans have taken place in the ward by as part of the Council's normal cleansing activities in areas of high leaf fall (such as the streets around Murrayfield Avenue and Ravelston).

QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

Members in a previous Trams to Newhaven APOG agreed to a no-left-turn from Elm Row onto London Road. This no-left-turn has been repeatedly flaunted (into a green man) by drivers not bothering to use the Picardy turnback, despite initial modelling showing they would. Can the Convener please confirm;

Question (1) What actions are the administration taking to liaise with Trams to Newhaven and partners in the Police to ensure that correct road usage is being adhered to at this junction?

Answer (1) This has been discussed at the last two tram APOG meetings, one of which Ward Councillors were invited to take part in. The Trams to Newhaven project team have discussed this matter with Police Scotland, who have agreed to provide greater enforcement in the area.

Question (2) A No Left Turn may increase the amount of traffic through the densely-populated residential Brunswick Street as it is a cut-through. What alternatives are there at this stage to ensure traffic isn't encouraged to use Brunswick Street to cut the corner?

Answer (2) The project team have been asked by locally elected members to review the decision to ban this left turn. This review is ongoing and an update will be provided to Ward Councillors in the first instance when this review is complete.

Question (3) What additional resource are delegated to the Trams to Newhaven project to ensure adaptations can be made at the 'snagging' stage of the project when necessary?

Answer

- (3)** The team is resourced to deal with defects and snagging to the end of the project delivery. When the project completes, the project team will disband. Additional support is currently being considered so that the Council can manage and procure resolution of any defects that may become apparent after completion.

QUESTION NO 10

By Councillor Parker for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

Question (1) When will the permanent works to introduce a pedestrian and cycle crossing at Hermitage Drive / Braid Road / Braidburn Terrace start / finish?

Answer (1) The full works package tender for this junction (along with Braidburn Terrace, Comiston Road / Greenbank Crescent and the minor junctions with Braid Crescent, Greenbank Place and Braidburn Crescent) is due to be published by 16 December 2022, with a return date of 6 January 2023 at the latest.

The exact programmed date for this junction will be determined through discussion with the successful contractor, but the package of work is registered to commence on 30 January 2023 and is scheduled to run until the end of April 2023. However, this timeline may be impacted by delays due to extended lead-in times for signal / lighting hardware and certain natural stone products which could lead to the full package of works not being completed until May or June.

The Council will have on-site presence on a daily basis and will work with the residents, church and other key stakeholders to ensure that communication is open, access is maintained, and disruption is kept to a minimum

Question (2) When will the permanent works on Braidburn Terrace start / finish?

Answer (2) See answer 1. It is intended to commence works in Braidburn Terrace and the other minor junctions early in the programme, with the higher impact junctions programmed later when supply of materials and hardware availability is established.

- Question** (3) When will the permanent works at the traffic lights at Greenbank junction start / finish?
- Answer** (3) The full resurfacing works at the Greenbank junction have been phased later in the programme in recognition of the potential issue with the supply of materials and signals hardware.
- As this junction will have the highest impact on the traffic network and will require full closure, the resurfacing work (incorporating the new ducting for the redesigned junction layout) is scheduled for early evening / night work over the course of a week to minimise disruption to public transport and local traffic through the day. This has been discussed and agreed with the Lothian Buses.
- Once the dates for the works have been determined, these will be advertised online and on social media platforms, as well communicated locally to elected members and local residents.
- Question** (4) When will the permanent works to widen the pavement at Braid Crescent and to introduce a raised road table at the junction start / finish?
- Answer** (4) See answer 1.
- Question** (5) For each of the above (1-4), when will residents be notified of these works and via what means
- Answer** (5) As outlined in answer 3, once the dates for the works have been determined these will be advertised online and on social media platforms, as well communicated locally to elected members and local residents.
- Question** (6) What are the ETROs in place which make up the Greenbank-Meadows Quiet Route?
- Answer** (6) [TRO/21/29](#) covers the Travelling Safely South Area Experimental Order for various roads and covers the Greenbank-Meadows Quiet Route.

Question (7) For each ETRO listed in 6): i) when did the ETRO start, ii) when will it end, iii) when will public consultation for each go live and end, iv) how will the consultation be run and v) when / how will residents be informed of this?

Answer (7) i) The Order came into effect on 21 November 2022.

ii) The order is in place for up to 18 months.

iii) The statutory consultation went live on 21 November 2022 and will end on 20 May 2023.

iv) People can comment, offer support or raise an objection during the initial six months of this period, ending on 20 May 2023. Details on how to do this is included - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/32260/advert>

v) Notification, with an accompanying Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), has been sent to all statutory consultees, Councillors and Community Councils. In addition, the Council website has been updated, providing a [link](#) to the ETRO documents and details of how to submit comments or object. A press release has been issued and social media communications have been used to communicate more widely.

Street bills have also been erected along the route and these will be checked and replaced, as necessary, during the initial six month period.

Question (8) What type of monitoring will take place to review road safety in the area when Braid Road reopens (including along the Greenbank-Meadows Quiet Route), when will this monitoring occur, what information will be gathered as part of this, when / where will this information be shared and how does this link to the newly revised Road Safety Action Plan?

Answer (8) The Road Safety and Traveling Safely teams have been working closely on the re-opening of Braid Road to two-way traffic. Additional traffic surveys are scheduled for Spring 2023 to enable speeds and traffic volumes to be reviewed against the results from the surveys undertaken in March 2019. The results of both sets of speed surveys can be provided to anyone who wishes to see them.

This approach is consistent with both previous Committee decisions and the new draft Road Safety Action Plan.

Question (9) What is the outcome of the latest site investigations at Braid Road – i) south of Braid Hills Road and ii) between Riselaw Road & Riselaw Crescent – where traffic surveys previously found average speeds exceeded tolerance levels?

Answer (9) The Road Safety team undertakes bi-annual batches of traffic surveys at locations where speeding concerns have been raised. Traffic data allows resources to be directed to the locations where there is significant speed limit non-compliance.

Traffic surveys were carried out on Braid Road at two locations in March 2019:

- between Riselaw Road and Riselaw Crescent, from 8 to 14 March, when the free flow average speed recorded was 25.9mph; and
- south of Braid Hills Road, from 24 to 30 March, when the free flow average speed recorded was 27.9mph.

Following the approval of a report on the [Evaluation of the 20mph Speed Limit Roll Out](#), site investigations will be undertaken at locations where an average speed above the normal tolerance of 24mph in a posted 20mph speed limit is recorded.

A further report was presented to the Committee on 27 February 2020, titled [Approach to Extension of 20mph Speed Limits](#), which included details of the approach to be used in determining the suitability of additional speed reduction measures. These include

improved or additional signage and road markings, the periodic deployment of vehicle activated speed signs and, potentially, physical traffic calming measures.

However, the use of physical traffic calming measures will generally only be considered where there is either a significant history of speed related collisions or where average vehicle speeds remain excessively high following the use of other speed reduction measures.

There is not a history of speed related collisions in Braid Road, between its junction with Buckstone Terrace and Braid Farm Road, in the latest available 3-year period (to the end of June 2022) of personal injury collision data.

I accept, however, it is likely that there will have been some reduction in collisions in 2020 and 2021 due to reduced traffic levels arising from the Pandemic, although this has to also be seen against a longer term declining trend. However, personal injury collisions are still a major factor (although far from the only one) that we use to direct and prioritise Road Safety resources to the locations where they can provide most benefit. There were still around 500 people injured in the city's streets in each of these years. Without a significant increase in both budget and staff resources, directing more resource towards locations without a collision history is likely to result in less resources being directed to those locations that do.

Therefore, the proposals for this location will be improved or additional signage and road markings and the deployment of vehicle activated speed signs. The implementation of these additional measures should be completed by the end of the current financial year.

- Question** **(10)** What interventions do the Council plan to make at the sites listed in 9) in order to improve safety, when will consideration of this come forward, how will decisions be made about the implementation of any suggested measures identified, when / how will residents be informed about this and how does this link to the newly revised Road Safety Action Plan?
- Answer** **(10)** See answer 9. The proposals are consistent with both previous Committee decisions and the new draft Road Safety Action Plan.

QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

Question

Will the Transport and Environment Convener lay out, given his recent comments in the press about potentially implementing a congestion charge, what criteria he will use to judge whether to proceed with a congestion charge in 2025, including reference to:

- a) The increase in public transport capacity he believes is necessary.
- b) The level of congestion on Edinburgh's roads.
- c) Any other factors which he believes are relevant.

Answer

I don't feel that it falls within my remit alone to make a decision to proceed with a congestion charge. Instead, I hope to work cross-party on this issue, and consult residents and businesses whilst working in partnership with surrounding local authorities.

The City Mobility Plan (CMP) refers to the potential to explore a 'Pay as you Drive' scheme, if necessary, under Policy Measure 39, to encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel and reduce congestion.

The CMP states that the need for this tool would be considered when assessing the impact of other demand management tools in meeting this Plan's objectives. CMP has a 2 yearly review cycle, and its first formal review will be undertaken during next year with a report to Committee presented by the end of 2023. Progress against meeting CMP objectives will be a key part of the review.

**Supplementary
Question**

The convener's answer directed me to the CMP, which in turn directed to a technical note where modal change targets were set out. The target is the 30% reduction in private car km by **2030**. No intermediate target, such as a target to achieve by 2025, is stated. While I agree it is not only for the convener to determine, it is widely acknowledged that conveners have extensive 'first mover' powers and get advance sight of report and ability to shape the report schedule.

**Supplementary
Answer**

I feel that any such trigger should be developed on a cross-party basis in partnership with residents and businesses, and also using the best information available at the time, not least post-pandemic traffic data.

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Housing,
Homelessness and Fair Work
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 15 December 2022**

Question (1) To ask the convener of the HHFW if she can confirm if the stock condition surveys have taken place for Greendykes House, Wauchope House, Craigmillar Court, Peffermill Court and Coillesdene House, and if not when they are likely to be completed?

Answer (1) The stock condition surveys for Greendykes House and Wauchope House are currently scheduled to be progressed in financial year 2024/25. Coillesdene House is also scheduled for structural and condition surveys in financial year 2024/25.

The scheduling of these surveys is based on the following:

- Coillesdene House is towards the end of the survey process as this is a minority Council owned block; and
- Greendykes and Wauchope are towards the end of the survey process as they are deemed to be better condition than most other blocks.

Craigmillar Court and Peffermill Court have been excluded from the stock condition analysis as both are currently scheduled for full block upgrades in financial year 2023/24. Design proposals are currently being developed for both blocks.

Question (2) Can she provide the results of the stock condition surveys for each of these buildings, or commit to providing the results once the surveys have been undertaken and provide a timeframe for when this is likely to be?

Answer (2) As noted above, stock condition surveys have not yet been carried out. Once the surveys for Greendykes House, Wauchope House and Coillesdene House are complete, and the reports finalised, these will be shared.

Question (3) Can she provide an outline of when these buildings are likely to be included in the capital programme for significant refurbishment?

Answer (3) As noted in answer 1, work will begin on Craigmillar/Peffermill in financial year 2023/24.

It is anticipated that Greendykes, Wauchope and Coillesdene Houses will be included in the capital programme after financial year 2025/26.

The stock condition survey will help to determine any necessary reprioritisation of investment in blocks outwith those already in delivery or design development (these are May/Gunnet, Oxcars/Inchmickery, Cableswynd/Linksvie, Craigmillar/Peffermill and six Moredun blocks).

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

Question

Will the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener, in light of her answer to my question to her at the 24th November 2022 Council meeting, outline what steps she is taking to increase the number of larger (four and five bedroom) social rented properties which are being built to address the fact that no such properties have recently been let to families with overcrowding Silver priority who need them?

Answer

On 1 December 2022 Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work approved the “Strategic Housing Investment Programme” 2023-2028 (SHIP), which included a potential pipeline development programme that could deliver 11,937 affordable homes approved for site start and 11,375 completions over the next five years. However, the number, mix and proposed sizes of properties are not finalised until planning consent has been granted. In addition, the Council’s “Edinburgh Design Guidance”, requires that 20% of homes in new planning applications are for family housing, with three bedrooms or more.

As part of programme planning, the Council will seek to work with Registered Social Landlords (RSL) partners to increase the supply of larger homes. However, this is dependent upon suitable sites being available and affordability for Council and RSLs. Housing design takes place in the context of the needs identified through HNDA3; consultation with local housing teams; the individual site constraints; planning requirements; site capacity; and viability, which is more challenging for larger homes as grant funding and rents do not increase proportionally to cover the additional construction costs.

Three and four bedroom homes that are suitable for families are under construction on sites across the city and in design

development. Within the Council's own housebuilding programme there are currently 190 social rented homes that are in design or under development that have three or more bedrooms. When looking at the overall pipeline across all of the affordable tenures, it is currently projected that 933 homes will be built that will have three or more bedrooms.

The latest Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA3; July 2022), estimates that between 24,000 to 35,000 affordable homes will be required in Edinburgh between 2021-2040. The HNDA notes that although population is projected to increase overall it is driven by an ageing population and increasing numbers of smaller households. The numbers of one and two adult households are growing, while the number of larger households is increasing at a slower rate.

Supplementary Question

The convener's answer refers entirely to properties with three or more bedrooms, while my question specifically asks about four- and five-bedroom properties. Can the convener please answer my original question solely with reference to four- and five-bedroom properties?

Supplementary Answer

There are currently 12 four bedroom social rented homes under construction (six RSL homes and six Council homes).

The Council has 15 four bedroom and two five bedroom homes in design development at present. Information is not available on the housing mix of RSL homes in design development.

QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Culture and
Communities Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 15
December 2022**

The convener will be aware that I asked a question about the lifelong learning review in September to which she offered a meeting with me. I asked at that point for a briefing instead to be provided to all councillors and I have not had a response since then.

Question

To ask the Convener if she will provide a briefing for councillors on the lifelong learning, review ahead of any report going to committee alongside an update on the engagement with management committees and stakeholders?

Answer

Following on from Councillor Campbell's question, we have been in touch directly and I have provided a copy of the Community Empowerment Update report which was considered by Culture and Communities Committee on Tuesday, together with some additional information which has also been shared with Committee members.

If required we could also arrange a members briefing if there are further questions that Councillors would like to be clarified.

QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 15
December 2022**

Question

Further to his answer to my question at full council of 24 November 2022, what public health benefits, or benefits to the licenced trade, does the council leader expect will result from his changes to the composition of the licensing board?

Answer

I'm sure the persistent questions regarding the new member of the Licencing Board are not personally targeted, but I would expect all members of the Licensing Board to uphold the Licensing Objectives set out in the 2005 act, namely:

- Preventing crime and disorder;
- Securing public safety;
- Preventing public nuisance;
- Protecting and improving public health; and
- Protecting children and young people from harm.

I'm sure all board members, from a range of backgrounds and skills will do their utmost to promote the Boards agreed Policy.

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Vice-Convener of the Licensing Board at a meeting of the Council on 15 December 2022

Question

Will the Vice-Convener give an update on his recent meeting with the Licensing Forum, and what joint work between the board and the forum does he anticipate in the future in order to promote the public health agenda?

Answer

I direct Councillor Booth to my email to the Licensing Board.

The Licensing Forum met on Friday 2nd December 2022. The notice of meeting and agenda are on the Council's website.

Following my appointment as Vice-Convener, I was asked by the Convener in June, to be the Board representative at Forum meetings, once it was re-established. While the Board will still have at least one full joint meeting with the Forum over 22/23, we are keen to ensure a more regular presence at their meetings. I was pleased to attend this meeting on behalf of the Licensing Board.

Some of the meeting was procedural:

- Positions - Paul Togneri was elected by the Forum as its Convener and following a vote Annick Gaillard as Vice Convener. For the avoidance of doubt, I do not have a vote.
- Data protection – the Forum members present agreed that their email addresses could be shared with other members for the purpose of facilitating Forum business.
- Future meetings - It was agreed that Friday afternoons were a good time for Forum members to meet and that the date of the next meeting would be in Spring 2023.

For my part I introduced myself, spoke about the newly constituted Board, its membership and timing of its meetings and our willingness to meet with the Forum more than the statutorily required one meeting per year. The latter offer was gratefully received.

I explained that the policy aspect of Board discussion is presently webcast, but the applications are not and that there had been discussion about the webcasting of the entire meeting, but some caution around that too. I intimated that the Board would be interested in the Forum's views on this going ahead.

I spoke about the current consultation and explained that there was some leeway for responses beyond 20 December as the Board was keen to receive the views of all stakeholders. We discussed the fact that the consultation is a two stage process and we confirmed that individual responses from Forum members are valid, but a Forum response is also encouraged. A council officer volunteered to collate responses from Forum members and submit to the newly elected Convener of the Forum to allow an initial Forum response to be submitted. A more detailed further response will be discussed in the new year. It was noted that the Board would welcome comment on all aspects of the current policy. We went over the consultation areas in some detail aided by Mr Fraser, Depute Clerk to the Board.

This was obviously the first meeting of the new Forum with a representative from the current Board and introductory in nature, but there is a clear desire among Forum members to work collegiately with the Board and as we know as members of the Licensing Board that is reciprocated by the Board. In terms of specific topics and areas of focus, I envisage public health will be key and much will depend on the issues highlighted through the Forum's upcoming response. The exact mechanisms of that engagement, be it formal or informal, will require to be discussed with the Convener and officers.

QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Booth for answer by
the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 15
December 2022**

Question

What was the result of the Council Leader's recent meeting with Bòrd na Gàidhlig, and what actions will the council take over coming months to promote the Gaelic language?

Answer

The meeting with Bòrd na Gàidhlig was constructive and the Bòrd is keen to support the Council to continue to progress its ambitions for Gaelic in the city. Key to this is continuing to develop the cultural, social and employment opportunities which are needed for Gaelic to flourish beyond the classroom, supported by the Capital Gaelic network and wider partnership working.

In the near future, the Gaelic Implementation Group will be reconvened (pending the nomination of Elected Members from each party) with strengthened community representation from across all sectors to allow consideration of a wider remit.

A draft of the Council's third Gaelic Language Plan, covering the period 2023-2027 is nearing completion. It will be subject to public consultation in the new year and will be circulated to GIG members for comment in advance, once membership is agreed.