

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 6.1 – Business Bulletin

Committee:

Notes the update on Response to the motion by Councillor Caldwell – Planter Based Protection on Leith Walk, which was unanimously supported by Council and that the proposal was widely acknowledged as being positive both in terms of improving appearance and in terms of greening, biodiversity, and supporting bees and other pollinators.

Acknowledges however that the size and shape of planters which were installed in a number of locations on Leith Walk were too big or otherwise unsuitable, particularly in sites where these are encroaching on the cycleway and/or footway.

Requests that the potential retention of planters is examined in suitable sites on Leith Walk, replacing them, where appropriate and possible, with smaller and narrower but heavily weighted units which fit better into the spaces available but which cannot be easily moved.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Addendum by the SNP Group

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Committee:

Notes the update on the Powderhall Railway line and its potential use as an active travel link, connecting Piershill in the east of Edinburgh with the North Edinburgh Path Network, which would enormously enhance off-road connectivity for walking, wheeling and cycling.

Regrets the response from Network Rail, which appears to be unwilling to take the necessary steps to facilitate this now redundant rail line becoming a valuable and well-used link.

Ask the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee to write to the Chief Executive of Network Rail to ask him to take decisive action to ensure that the Powderhall line can be transformed from a derelict railway to a transformative active travel link as soon as possible.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 6.1 – Business Bulletin

Committee notes the update on ‘Planter Based Protection on Leith Walk’ and requests that officers provide the results of the formal monitoring, as listed in section 1, in the committee’s August business bulletin.

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.1 - Secure On-Street Cycle Parking Project – Progress Report

Adds:

- 1.1.4 Notes that the £6 monthly charge (£72pa) for secure bicycle parking was set in 2021 by the last Administration and has not risen since despite inflation over the period being 15.5%.
- 1.1.5 Notes that £72pa for secure bicycle parking in Edinburgh compares to £34.70pa - £664.70pa for a residential car parking permit, with a second car costing up to £864.10pa.
- 1.1.6 Notes that car parking for permits do not come with secure parking, nor do they guarantee a space will be available.
- 1.1.7 Notes that £36pa for secure bicycle parking in Glasgow compares to £98pa - £328pa for a residential car parking permit there.
- 1.1.8 Notes that £36pa for secure bicycle parking in Dundee compares to £21pa - £124pa for a residential car parking permit.
- 1.1.9 Agrees, therefore, that parking bands should be reviewed as part of the October Parking Action Plan report, and consideration is given to setting the lower end at £2 per week.
- 1.1.10 Welcomes the increased focus on placing secure bicycle parking in lower decile areas of SIMD.
- 1.1.11 Welcomes that once Phase 2 of the scheme is complete it will be significant in scale and income, and agrees that in the run-up to contract renewal a report should be brought to this Committee which includes the option of bringing the service in-house.
- 1.1.12 This report should also provide an update on how residents on low incomes (or registered disabled) could access the scheme at a significant reduction, funded by the income to the scheme whilst protecting the £1 levy for maintenance.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur
Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.1 - Secure On-Street Cycle Parking project – Progress Report

Adds:

1.1.4 Requests a report to the August committee detailing the methodology for the weighted ranking system that is being used to determine prospective sites for secure on-street cycle parking. Requests that there is a strong weighting applied to SIMD decile to ensure that transport inequalities are addressed through this process, Furthermore, noting that there is little or no current or proposed provision in high SIMD decile areas in the North West, South West, and East of the city, requests that work is done to establish whether provision can be improved in these areas in the current phase and to ensure that it will be in future phases.

1.1.5 Requests that this report looks at the possibility of in-housing delivery of secure on-street cycle parking upon expiry of the current contract.

1.1.6 Further requests that the report brings forward proactive proposals to increase awareness of the future roll-out of additional secure on-street cycle parking locations and the importance of expressions of interest in these being recorded to indicate the presence of demand, especially in areas which are currently distant from existing units. These will include but not be limited to including information being carried on existing units, inclusion in the Tenants' Courier newsletter (and encouragement to RSL partners to include in their equivalent updates to tenants), and via the Council's social media channels.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.1 - Secure On-Street Cycle Parking Project

Adds:

1.1.4 Recognises that current parking charges do not account for the true cost of car parking to society and the environment such as congestion, air pollution, and loss of public space, and that bike parking does not cause similar negative externalities.

1.1.5 Agrees that bike hangar charges should not exceed the cost of any resident parking permit.

1.1.6 Agrees that to encourage a modal shift from private car use to active travel, strategies to reduce bike hangar charges by raising extra revenue should focus on increasing parking charges for the most polluting vehicles.

1.1.7 Requests a report by October 2023 to

- a) Provide budget information detailing the costs of the subsidy that would be required to bring cycle hangar charges below car parking charges and how it could potentially be funded, and
- b) Explore the possibility of lowering charges by insourcing the Secure On-Street Cycle Parking project.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Addendum by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.1 – Secure On-Street Cycle Parking project – Progress Report

1.1.4

That Officers engage with Ward Councillors to agree site locations.

Moved by: Councillor Cowdy

Seconded by: Councillor Munro

Addendum by The SNP Group

Transport and Environment Committee – 18th May 2023 Communal Bin Review Update

Adds to recommendations:

1.1.6 Notes that residents in the Phase 5 area of the Communal Bin Review who live on a street of mixed provision (both communal on-street bins and gull proof bags) have observed the on-street provision reserved for properties without Gull Proof Bags being used by residents who have allocated Gull Proof Bag collections.

1.1.6.1 Understands that this can result in a lack of capacity for those without Gull Proof Bags, overflowing communal on-street bins and street litter.

1.1.6.2 Acknowledges that while there has been a great focus in the trial on those residents with Gull Proof Bag provision, residents have expressed a degree of uncertainty about what the continuation of this scheme might mean for those who presently use on-street communal provision, and how they might also benefit from the Communal Bin Review improvements.

1.1.6.3 Therefore agrees that any final recommendation in respect to Phase 5 must include details relating to mixed provision streets in Phase 5 outlining:

- How City of Edinburgh Council plans to ensure residents who do not have Gull Proof Bags will benefit from the Communal Bin Review, both in the facilitation of more local recycling options and frequency of uplift, if recommendations following the trial are no longer a full communal bin rollout as originally proposed.
- The mitigating factors applied to new communal on-street provision in Phase 5 to minimise the impact on the World Heritage Site
- How it can be effectively communicated to residents on mixed provision streets that on-street provision is provided for their neighbours who do not have Gull Proof Bags only and that using on-street provision can cause significant issues regarding capacity.

Moved by Councillor Finlay McFarlane

Seconded by

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.3 - Communal Bin Review Update

Committee

Change 1.1.3 to:

Approve the revised timeline for the delivery of the communal bin hubs roll-out (Appendix 2).

Insert:

1.1.4 recognises the concerns raised by a significant number of residents affected by new bin hub locations.

1.1.5 further recognises the concerns raised by residents about the consultation and engagement with residents on locations of bin hubs, especially in areas where bin hubs are placed outside Controlled Parking Zones.

1.1.6 notes the improvements to the revised framework and proposals for enhanced communication with residents, but believes that the revised framework in Appendix 3 does not yet provide the necessary flexibility to ensure the new bin hubs are located in the most appropriate locations possible.

1.1.7 therefore agrees the framework should be continued for two cycles to allow for discussions with elected members and further improvements to the methodology for resolving disputed locations.

1.1.8 further agrees that the planned review of bin hub locations in phase 1, 2, and A will be reported to the Transport and Environment committee when available.

Renumber existing 1.1.4 and 1.1.5 accordingly.

Moved by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Seconded by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.3 - Communal Bin Review Update

Adds after 1.1.3

1.1.4 Notes, however, the outstanding concerns of the Edinburgh Access Panel about the mechanism for resolving bin hub location conflicts, specifically that it may require residents with mobility disabilities to cross the road to access waste and recycling services without making this accessible.

1.1.5 Agrees to add a requirement to the revised framework for reviewing bin hub locations for accessible facilities such as dropped kerbs in a location that provides safe and convenient access to residents with mobility disabilities if they are required to cross a road.

1.1.6 Agrees that bin hub relocations should allow disabled people to remain as independent and self-sufficient as possible, and that measures to make a bin hub accessible should be considered before requiring them to use the Assisted Bin Collection service.

Renumber accordingly.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee -

18 May 2023

Item 7.3 – Communal Bin Review Update

Replaces 1.1.3 with

- i) Approve the revised timeline for the delivery of the communal bin hubs roll-out (Appendix 2) with the exception of Phase 3 which will be paused until an engagement and consultation exercise can be undertaken.
- ii) Approve changes to the Framework for reviewing bin hub locations (Appendix 3) to improve flexibility and align with Waste and Cleansing Service Policy Assurance Statement, as follows:

Walking Distance:

- Remove the wording *“The relaxation of the walking distance parameter cannot be used in conjunction with the relaxation on the crossing the road parameter.”*

Road Safety Requirements & Streetscape, 1st paragraph of 3rd bullet point:

- Insert the words in bold - *Bin users should **preferably** not be required to cross a road to dispose of their waste and recycling. Every effort should be made to provide bins on the same side of the road as the users’ properties, **unless a safe crossing place is nearby.***
- Remove the wording *“The relaxation of the crossing the road parameter cannot be used in conjunction with the relaxation of the walking distance parameter.”*

Moved by: Councillor Cowdy

Seconded by: Councillor Munro

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport and Environment Committee –

18 May 2023

Item 7.4 - Response to motion by Councillor Lang - Flooding in Kirkliston and the wider Almond Catchment

Committee

Delete 1.1.2 and insert;

1.1.2 the estimated £200,000 cost for a River Almond Flood Study and agrees officers should return within two cycles with options on how that start of such a study could be funded in this financial year, including whether money could be utilised from the additional £2 million allocated for flooding as set out in report 7.5.

In 1.1.4, add;

“and agrees the Convener should write to the Scottish Government to ask for a review of current national guidelines so the prevention of severe flooding of critical transport infrastructure, such as that seen in Kirkliston, can be better prioritised for government funding.”

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.5 - Response to motion by Councillor Osler - Flooding

Committee adds;

1.1.3 the decision of committee in relation to report 7.4 on flooding in Kirkliston, and that a further report will come to committee on the option of using £200,000 of the additional £2m for a River Almond Flood Study”.

Moved by: Councillor Hal Osler

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 7.7 - Under 22 Concessionary Travel on Trams

Adds:

1.1.3 Reaffirms the committee's decision of 6th October 2022 that the Scottish Government should expand U22 free travel to light rail.

1.1.4 Agrees to receive an update once the Fair Fares Review has been concluded.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 8.1 - Waste and Cleansing Service Policy

Assurance Statement

Committee deletes recommendation and inserts:

1.1 approves the updated Waste and Cleansing policies as outlined in Appendix 2 with the exception of the Litter Bin Siting Policy.

1.2 approves a temporary 3-month extension to the current Litter Bin Siting Policy pending an officer / elected member workshop which should consider:

a) whether the existing policy is too restrictive in terms of delivering the Council's policy of reducing littering and,

b) options and associated costs for expanding the criteria for the positioning of litter bins.

1.3 agrees the outcome of this workshop should be reported to a future meeting of the Transport & Environment committee along with the existing or amended litter bin siting policy for approval beyond the temporary extension.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Committee – Transport & Environment

18 May 2023

Item 9.1 – Motion by Cllr Parker- Urban Wildlife Management

Committee deletes paragraph 6) and inserts:

6) therefore requests that officers set up a verbal briefing and discussion session so interested elected members can better understand the current approach to wildlife management, with a summary and update on any actions arising from the meeting reported to committee through a future business bulletin.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 9.2 - Motion by Councillor Lang - Lothian Buses and Changes to Routes

Adds after B:

- C. That there needs to be a balance between the level of influence councillors hold in the decision-making processes about service changes and the extent to which they are expected to take on the role of communicating and explaining these changes to communities.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 9.3 - Motion by Councillor Cowdy - Better Buses for Ratho

Adds additional point 4 at end:

4. Committee acknowledges the enormous efforts made by the Ratho Bus Work Group towards finding a sustainable public transport service for the village and requests the issuing of a PIN notice to explore alternative provision prior to any formal procurement process and explore opportunities linking to local businesses and organisations, including RBS, Lost Shore and the Council-owned Edinburgh International Climbing Arena.

5. Committee further requests the seeking of a meeting with McGills composed of the Ratho Bus Work Group, council officers, Pentland Hills ward councillors, and the Transport and Environment Convener, to discuss the operational difficulties outlined and potential solutions within the framework of the current contract, with a date for the meeting to be sought before the summer recess in July.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor Norman Work

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 9.3 – Motion by Cllr Cowdy - Better Buses for Ratho

Committee

Under “Committee notes” insert;

“4. that similar issues of poor performance have arisen with respect to McGill’s services in Kirkliston, including the Council supported 63 service, which formed the basis of a major public meeting on 2 May.”

Under “Committee further notes” paragraph 3, delete first bullet and insert:

- Reviewing existing contracts awarded to McGills, including the 20 service, to ensure all services tendered to them by the Council are being delivered properly.

At end of fourth bullet, insert:

“ensuring there is no break in supported bus services between existing contracts concluding and any new contracts commencing.”

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Amendment by the Administration

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 9.4 - Motion by Councillor Meagher – Accidents in the ‘Joppa Triangle’

Replaces the final paragraph with:

Committee agrees that the June Business Bulletin should provide a concise update on any proposed speed reduction measures in the area, and likely implementation schedule.

Moved by: Cllr Scott Arthur
Seconded by:

Addendum by the SNP Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2022

Item 9.4 - Motion by Councillor Meagher - Accidents in the 'Joppa Triangle'

Add at ends:

Particular consideration will be given to permanent speed reducing measures including speed bumps/cushions. Notes that limited temporary mitigations have been implemented already in acknowledgment of the effect of Brunstane Road's closure to vehicles and agrees that permanent mitigations to reduce speed must be part of the overall approach to traffic management in Joppa and Coillesdene.

Moved by Councillor Danny Aston

Seconded by Councillor

Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

Transport & Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 9.4 – Motion by Cllr Meagher - Accidents in the ‘Joppa Triangle’

Committee

After “in the area”, insert “based on the Council’s current road safety policies and established criteria for traffic calming”.

Moved by: Councillor Kevin Lang

Seconded by: Councillor Sanne Dijkstra-Downie

Addendum by the Green Group

Transport and Environment Committee

18 May 2023

Item 9.4 - Motion by Councillor Meagher - Accidents in the 'Joppa Triangle'

Adds:

3. Notes the decision by the committee at its meeting on 8th December to introduce sinusoidal speed humps and/or chicanes on Coillesdene Avenue.
4. Notes that it remains unclear whether these road safety measures were implemented at the time and asks for this action to be carried out immediately if it has not been completed yet.

Moved by: Cllr Jule Bandel

Seconded by: Cllr Claire Miller