

Business Bulletin

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 17 August 2023

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news	Contact for further information
<p>Trams to Newhaven</p> <p>Edinburgh Trams took over the operation of the Trams to Newhaven on Wednesday 7 June 2023. The project continues to work with the contractor on outstanding public realm works, landscaping and the snagging and defects programme. All works are scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2023. The project is finalising arrangements with colleagues in the Council on working processes once the project is formally shut down.</p>	<p>Hannah Ross</p> <p>Wards Affected –</p> <p>11 – City Centre 12 – Leith Walk 13 – Leith</p>
<p>Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Update</p> <p>Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) is the Paths for All (PfA) sustainable transport behaviour change programme.</p> <p>The Council is given an indicative allocation of funding each year. In 2022/23, the Council was awarded £455,000 and in 2023/24, the Council has been awarded £471,800. Funding of £100,000 has also been secured for SCSP Open Fund money. This funding has to be used between December 2022 and December 2023.</p>	<p>Daisy Narayanan</p> <p>Wards Affected: All</p>

The most recent update on SCSP was at Transport and Environment Committee on [3 November 2022](#), although SCSP has been mentioned in the Active Travel Action Plan and Cycle Hire Scheme reports in [2 February 2023](#) and the Interim Cycle Hire Scheme report in [20 April 2023](#).

Outcomes of 2022/23 include:

- Events - Clean Air Day and World Car Free Day
- Community including infrastructure promotion
 - Direct support and incentives for community members to encourage walking and cycling
 - Promotion of specific infrastructure improvements
- Schools - [Walk once a Week](#) in primary schools and [Bike4ever](#) in secondary schools
- Policy - Research support for 20mph and low-traffic neighbourhoods

Metric (provided by PfA)	Number
Number of people reached i.e. we are confident that the message has reached the individual	123,845
Number of people engaged i.e. two way communication/ a conversation has taken place	19,586
Number of people trained	2,566
Number of responses/engagements delivered	2,142
Number of people referred to active travel options	1,472
Number of people choosing to walk or cycle for short local journeys	1,391
Number of events run	510
Number of organisations engaged	330
Number of resources distributed	252
Number of routes improved or promoted	6

The ATAP behaviour change chapter has influenced the themes of 2023/24 which are summarised below and detailed in Appendix 1:

- Engaging with young children;

- Engaging with young adults;
- Increasing citizen choices in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas; and
- Building enthusiasm around active travel.

Update on funding award for 2023/24:

- 100% of expected SCSP funding (£471,800) was awarded to the Council on 13 June 2023.
- The Council is working with its partner organisations and will ensure a pragmatic approach to delivery, particularly around achieving targets which were set at a time when programme timescales were 12 months. Partner organisations have full support in setting out to achieve the best outcomes possible. Council officers will work with each organisation to support the creation of financially sustainable plans beyond March 2024.

A Powerpoint presentation and 12 month report are available upon request.

Secure On-Street Cycle Parking – Prioritisation Methodology

A [progress report](#) on Secure On-Street Cycle Parking was presented to Committee in May 2023. The report noted that new locations for secure on-street cycle parking had been prioritised based on population density, existing coverage, number of requests and Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) decile.

Committee requested a report in August detailing the ranking system and asked for further work to be done to improve provision in low decile SIMD areas.

The ranking/scoring system starts from either requests, or data on waiting lists for existing units and indicates the highest demand sites. Requests are received by email directly to officers, via the Council's cycle security and storage website or through Elected Members and MSPs.

The scoring system is summarised in the table below, with two example scores.

A small number of other sites have been selected on a discretionary basis due to specific factors (e.g. requests from people with disabilities).

[Daisy Narayanan](#)

Wards Affected: All

	Score	SIMD e.g. 1 in Leith	e.g. 2. Non- SIMD
Demand – 5 or more requests (by street)	3		3
Demand – 10 or more requests (by street)	4	4	
Demand – top 10 highest waiting lists	4		
Very low phase 1 provision and high population density (Gorgie/Dalry)	3		
Low phase 1 provision and high population density (Leith)	2	2	
Equity – SIMD decile 1	4		
Equity – SIMD decile 2 – 3	3	3	
Equity – SIMD decile 4 – 5	2		
Total		9	3

For future roll-outs, it is proposed to work with the Council's communications team to increase awareness of the programme (particularly in areas of the city that are distant from existing units). Channels for this are likely to include information being carried on existing units, inclusion in the Tenants' Courier newsletter and via the Council's social media channels. Further information will be provided in a future Business Bulletin.

Motion by Councillor Thornley – Parkgrove Terrace

Committee approved a motion by Councillor Thornley in respect of Parkgrove Terrace on 20 April 2023.

Since then, Road Safety officers have undertaken engagement with school communities around the Royal High cluster including the Clermiston Primary School.

[Dave Sinclair](#)

Wards Affected: 3 –
Drumbrae /Gyle

Unfortunately, the level of participation has been low, however, officers will continue to engage with school contacts when the schools (RHS and Clermiston) return after the Summer break.

In addition, speed and traffic data surveys are planned in the Parkgrove area to understand the volume, composition and speed of traffic in the round. On completion of these surveys, it will be possible to understand the magnitude of the issues described.

The report requested by Committee in response to Councillor Thornley's motion will be prepared once the above actions have been completed.

Motion by Councillor Whyte – Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Anomalies – N6 Abbeyhill and Update on the Strategic Review of Parking

This update relates to progress on the ongoing rollout of Phase 1 of the Review. It further provides an update on the process required to introduce parking controls in newly adopted roads within the new zones.

Phase 1

Implementation of Phase 1 is continuing in line with the anticipated programme. Work to implement Zones N7 and N8 is now complete, with the new zones having come into effect in early July 2023. Work is progressing in N6, and is expected to be completed in mid-August, with a "go live" date for that new zone of 4 September 2023.

Work is also expected to commence in mid to late August in Zone S6 (Gorgie/Gorgie North). (A full briefing on progress is expected to have been sent out to all Councillors in the affected wards in advance of the Committee meeting).

New Developments

At its meeting of 22 June 2023, the Council considered a Motion by Councillor Whyte. That Motion related to the process by which newly completed developments within the extents of the CPZ can be added to the Traffic Order that governs the operation and the issuing of permits.

A full report covering the actions arising from that motion will be presented to the September 2023 meeting of this Committee. However, as an update on the current position, we can confirm that the legal process to include the streets

[Gavin Brown](#)

Wards Affected:

- 4 – Forth
- 7 – Sighthill / Gorgie
- 9 – Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart
- 11 – City Centre
- 12 – Leith Walk
- 13 – Leith
- 14 – Craightinny / Duddingston

in question within the forthcoming N6 zone is already well advanced, and that the proposed Order will be advertised for public consultation no later than early September 2023.

The Council's website (<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parkingreview>) will continue to be updated as the project progresses, and further reports will also to be provided to future Transport and Environment Committees.

Update on Integrated Impact Assessment for Footways and Cycleways Maintenance

[Andy Williams](#)

Wards Affected: All

An integrated impact assessment has now been completed and will shortly be published on the Council website.

Response to motion by Councillor Dijkstra-Downie – Class Bus Passes for Schools

[Claire Thompson](#)

Wards Affected: All

Lothian Buses do still offer schools the option to purchase class passes, but there are currently no plans to connect this up with the free bus travel and offer a class passes to allow a teacher to take a whole class on the bus for free. The standard class ticket is for up to 33 pupils and 4 adults and costs £25.00. According to Lothian Buses, this cost cannot be altered so depending on how many pupils already have a Young Scot/NEC card it is likely to be cheaper paying individually for the adults and any young people who don't have a Young Scot/NEC card.

The National Entitlement Card Programme Office (NECPO), who issue the Young Scot (to over 12s) and NEC (to under 12s) cards to young people, also have no plans to introduce class passes to schools to allow classes to travel together on the bus for free.

We will continue to promote the uptake of these cards with parents and young people as we rollout the bulk application process in schools, whilst being mindful of the concerns of some parents who do not want to give their child permission to travel freely around Scotland.

Leith Connections - update

[Daisy Narayanan](#)

Wards Affected:

Implementation of project works, as approved by the Committee on [2 March 2023](#), commenced during April 2023.

13 - Leith

Work to date has included prohibitions to motor vehicles to reduce non-residential through traffic on Coburg Street,

Sandport Place Bridge and Burgess Street. New seating and planting have been provided across the area at the new community spaces and at the new pavement buildouts introduced on streets around Leith Links to reduce pedestrian crossing distances.

Seventeen new or upgraded dropped crossings and tactiles have been introduced across the area and work on community inspired street artwork at three locations is underway.

As approved by Committee, the objections to Redetermination Order RSO/22/01 for the Foot of the Walk to Ocean Terminal active travel route were referred to the Scottish Government. Scottish Ministers have confirmed the Order without modification, allowing the project to proceed to construction stage.

Consideration has been given throughout detailed design stages to the conservation area within which the project sits. There are significant areas of new hard landscaping proposed along with new seating and planting within raingardens. The cycle track will be constructed of flat topped granite setts through the new high quality hard landscaped areas at Sandport Place Bridge/ Tolbooth Wynd junction and also at Yardheads on Henderson Street. In other areas asphalt surfacing will be used, (including replacing existing setts on Henderson Street, Sandport Place and Dock Street) including the use of porous asphalt paving as part of the sustainable drainage strategy for the project.

The segregation strip between the cycle track and carriageway will be formed of high-quality granite segregation kerbs. These will be used back-to-back or infilled with granite cubes, concrete flagstone or concrete with sett imprint depending on the setting and width of the segregation strip.

The next step for the Foot of the Walk to Ocean Terminal phase of the project is to undertake ground investigation to confirm ground conditions and infiltration properties to complete the Technical Design. We will shortly enter a pre-construction contract under the SCAPE Framework to confirm delivery cost and schedule.

Replacement of the vandalised Manse Road bus gate camera and pole

An Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) for Corstorphine Connections was implemented on 24 May 2023 following a Committee decision on 19 August 2021. The Order can be in place for up to 18 months, with public consultation being incorporated within the first six months of the scheme.

On the night of 22/23 July 2023 the bus gate camera pole on Manse Road (introduced as part of the measures within this ETRO) was vandalised to point of disrepair and graffiti sprayed onto a neighbouring private wall.

The Council's Roads team responded quickly to make the area safe the following morning. A police report was filed, and they have begun a criminal investigation.

On 3 August 2023 the camera and pole were reinstated, and the graffiti was removed. The cost of replacing the pole and camera was circa £6,000.

The impact of the overall scheme will be monitored during the initial six month period and this, together with any Stakeholder views will be incorporated into future reports. If more than six objections are received on the ETRO, it is anticipated that these will be reported to Licensing Sub-Committee in February 2024.

[Daisy Narayanan](#)

Wards Affected – 6
Corstorphine/Murrayfield

International Travel – Feedback

Policy and Sustainability Committee approved a small number of officer visits internationally in 2023/24, with feedback from each visit to be submitted to the relevant Executive Committee.

Appendices 2 and 3 to this Business Bulletin provides feedback from officer visits to an echarge4drivers Expert Interest Group Workshop in Barcelona and a study visit to Copenhagen to learn about their approach to Green Blue Networks.

[Steven Murrell](#)

[Julie Waldron](#)

Wards Affected: All

Target audience/ aim	Activities involving external partner organisations	External Partner Organisation	Grant-funding offered to external partners (£k)
Engaging with young children	Delivery of WOW	Living Streets	20
Engaging with young adults	Support to Unicycles , three month e-bike loans for students	University of Edinburgh	20
Increasing citizen choices in SIMD areas	Engagement platform , focus on cycling	Love to Ride	50
	Wellbeing management in North Edinburgh, focus on walking	Pilton Community Health Project	25
	Wellbeing management in South East Edinburgh, focus on cycling	Edinburgh & Lothians Greenspace Trust	25
	Cycle tuition for women in Wester Hailes	SCOREscotland	25
	Low-cost refurbished bikes	Bridgend Farmhouse	10
Building enthusiasm around active travel	Wellbeing management, focus on adaptive cycles Cargo/e-cargo bike loans, events, training	Thistle Foundation Cargo Bike Movement	75 26.25*
<i>*plus 18.75 from Council award of Open Fund = 45 in total</i>			
Subtotal			276.25
Internal costs	Promotion of active travel infrastructure Active Schools 'Bike4ever' Road safety education		195.55

	Council colleague travel planning Programme management		
		Total	471.8

Appendix 2 – International Visit Feedback Form

Event Title	echarge4drivers Expert Interest Group workshop
Event Location	BSM Headquarters Carrer de Calabria, 66 Barcelona
Event Organiser	POLIS aisbl - Rue du Trône 98 - 1050 Brussels
Date (s)	29 June 2023
Report by	Steven Murrell

Purpose of Attending	<p>Participation in the External Interest Group for the echarge4drivers project (coordinated by Polis and the EU Horizon2020 programme: Discover the eCharge4Drivers EIG workshops eCharge4Drivers) disseminates knowledge and policy specific to electric vehicle (EV) charging, and provides insight into EV charging initiatives and the interoperability of solutions being tested by select European cities (incl. Barcelona, Brussels & Berlin).</p> <p>Participation in this External Interest Group offers the Council access to expertise and best-practice innovation in the field of EV charging, something the Council does not currently benefit from unless paying for expertise through consultancy commissions. Participation also helps to broaden the Council's horizons, which is especially pertinent with central funding ending and Transport Scotland placing an emphasis on local authorities establishing innovative approaches to developing EV charging infrastructure.</p>
Key Areas which were particularly useful	<p>Presentations, Q&A and structured discussion on Barcelona's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-mobility plan and electromobility services, • overview of tariffs schemes, including short booking services (SMOU app), • smart charging solutions implemented, and • battery swapping solutions implemented.



Site visits: battery swapping/smart charging pilots.



Benefits of attending

- Access to a structured, best-practice EU funded project/framework to significantly improve the EV charging experience.
- Access to a new network of EV planning and development professionals, with a broad range of experiences, including the ability to explore shared experiences with a UK partner authority who has an existing contract with the same charge point operator that has provided most of the Council's [recent EV chargers](#).
- Admiration, inspiration and insight through learning/ experiencing how advanced Barcelona is in rolling out and enabling use of EV charging infrastructure.
- No financial cost to the Council to participate/learn.

Follow up actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This is the first of a series of External Interest Group workshops that the Council has attended. The organisers are scheduling further workshops for autumn/winter 2023/24, in which the Council aims to attend to further the learnings and dialogue.• Knowledge and insights shall be explored with the EV team and management.• Liaison specifically with one of the External Interest Group members (Milton Keynes City Council) regarding shared experiences with both Councils' current charge point operator, and operational improvement opportunities.
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Appendix 3 - International Visit - Feedback Form

Event Title	Copenhagen Climate Adaptation - Cloud Burst Project
Event Location	Copenhagen
Event Organiser	Julie Waldron (with Atkins Consultancy)
Date (s)	7 and 8 June 2023
Report by	Julie Waldron

<p>Purpose of Attending</p>	<p>The purpose of the visit was to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See firsthand, the projects that Copenhagen Council and the Danish Utility Company had completed together known as ‘Cloud Burst’ • to learn from them about the challenges of completing this type of work. • To enable the team the council to meet and further discuss joint working with Scottish Water, who also attended. <p>The Council is currently updating the Green Blue Network and taking forward the highest priority project which is in the Craigleith/Inverleith/Drylaw Catchment area. This is the same scale as the ‘Cloud Burst’ project in Copenhagen. Both projects are required to manage surface water runoff in severe storms. Current surface water flooding causes combined sewer overflows so Council is working jointly with Scottish Water on this.</p> <p>Atkins, currently the Council’s landscape architecture framework consultants, recently employed a member of the original Cloud Burst Team and he was able to co-ordinate and lead the visit.</p> <p>On day one the purpose was to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the lead manager at HOFOR , the utility company equivalent to Scottish Water, to understand the challenges from their perspective.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore the districts that has been recently refurbished
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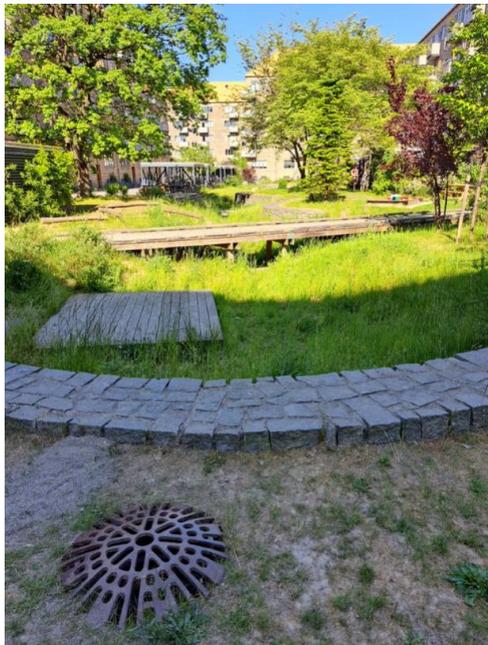
- Receive a presentation from the Climate Adaptation Manager of Copenhagen Council.

On day 2 the purpose was to:

- Receive a presentation by two other members of the team.



- Visit to pockets parks and courtyards in housing areas with another presentation



- Visit streets and squares redesigned as part of the project.
- Visit a historic park redesigned to hold water in a storm using sculptured wall, also a water feature.



- Participate in a workshop on the 'Lessons learnt, planning and implementation' led by Copenhagen Council.



- The final site visit was with a local community leader about the importance of communication to local people.
- Example of communicating sea level rise and 'play streets'



<p>Key Areas which were particularly useful</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A joint site visit with Scottish Water’s managers was key to their understanding the complexities of ‘green’, above ground interventions in the public realm and how these were built as functional spaces but are also attractive, great for wildlife and the local people. • For the Council team, as they came from different teams within the council, it was a chance to discuss the interplay between different teams in the council and to get a vision of how we could sensitively alter Edinburgh to cope with increased rainfall by working together on projects. • Funding discussions were also very informative. • Discussions around drought and irrigation and water quality were also useful as we are beginning these discussions now in the Council.
<p>Benefits of attending</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased understanding of the complexities of joint working with Scottish Water and their constraints. • Increased understanding of council’s employees different perspectives and how to effectively join up work, also the work we need to do on drought and water quality issues. • We walked around 40,000 steps over the two days which was good for the officer’s fitness levels. • We were so well received by everyone in such a friendly, welcoming manner, so we not only learnt a huge amount but came back uplifted and inspired to take action.

Follow up actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We have extended an invitation to the Head of Copenhagen Council Climate Adaptation team as she is keen to visit Edinburgh sometime in the future to see our projects.• To complete the preparation of a presentation about the trip that can be used widely within the council as an inspiration for future retrofit and new development that is adapted to climate change by handling the surface water sensitively and providing ways to green streets to help with heat waves.• Finish collating the photographs we have of the trip to be made available for design guidance documents etc for the different teams.
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