

Amendment by the Conservative Group

Transport and Environment Committee

12 September 2019

Item 7.1 – Edinburgh City Centre Transformation - Finalised Strategy

Committee: -

Deletes all and replaces with:

- 1.1 Notes the report recommendations
- 1.2 Recognises the merits of a programme to transform central Edinburgh, in particular: to improve its public realm; prioritise sustainable travel on foot, by bike and public transport; and through these changes enable a wider range of sustainable development and public health outcomes, all while seeking to make use of a joined-up approach to city centre management.
- 1.3 Nonetheless, expresses disappointment and concern at the continued lack of specifics around many elements of ECCT - many of which remain purely aspiration in nature and considers this unacceptable for what is termed a 'finalised strategy'.
- 1.4 Finds the lack of detail around bus service changes particularly concerning, given the additional pressure the council has already placed on Lothian Buses and the huge inconvenience lesser services could have on Edinburgh's working population and their families - the numbers of which cannot be catered for by a 'hopper bus'.
- 1.5 Notes that Lothian Buses has formally voiced its concerns in respect of the above and the resulting consequences for the firm's financial viability.
- 1.6 Notes that, despite assurances that full funding details would be provided, little fresh financial detail is provided, with the report acknowledging huge uncertainty around later stage projects, which are deliverable only 'as and when' funding may theoretically become available.
- 1.7 Agrees for a revised, focused and detailed plan to come back to committee which progresses with a management and operations centre and seeks to demonstrate that the Council can complete - within agreed budgets and timescales - the following flagship place making projects: George Street and First NewTown Project, a refreshed Royal Mile Action Plan and the CCEW

cycle link. All projects will include robust monitoring and impact assessments to inform future decision making.

- 1.8 Agrees that Open Streets requires to run in its current iteration for far longer to enable meaningful data gathering and stakeholder engagement which can also be used to inform future place making project decisions.

Moved by Councillor Nick Cook

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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In addition to the recommendations in section 1 of the report add

“1.1.5 Notes the requests from members of the public for clearer information about how the strategy will meet its stated principle of “inclusive and accessible”, notes that as ECCT moves forward there will be opportunities to increase inclusivity and accessibility through detailed proposals, and requests a suite of communications in a variety of accessible media and formats which consolidates all of the relevant information from the strategy about how inclusivity and accessibility will be protected and improved”

Moved by: Councillor Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Corbett

Addendum by the Liberal Democrat Group

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Add

1.1.7 agrees that the draft City Mobility Plan, due before the committee in December 2019, should detail how the ECCT commitment to prioritise public transport will be delivered. Specifically, this plan should;

- (i) address how bus connections running to, from and through the city centre will be maintained and
- (ii) preserve the accessibility of such bus services within the city centre.

Moved by: Councillor Lang

Seconded by:

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Item 7.7 – Strategic Review of Parking – Review Results for Areas 4 and 5 and Proposed Implementation Strategy

Committee

Deletes the full stop at 1.1.4 and inserts:

while also reiterating Committee's agreement that the introduction of any new parking controls must be seen to command the support of local residents within each proposed zone

Moved by Councillor Nick Cook

Seconded by Councillor

Addendum by the Green Group

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In addition to the recommendations in section 1 of the report add:

“1.2 Further, Committee

1.2.1 Recognises that the work carried out in areas 1-5 constitutes a significant level of independent analysis of parking pressures which demonstrates the needs for action in many areas to improve residents’ quality of life, reduce congestion and improve road safety;

1.2.2 Recognises that delivery on the timeline outlined in appendix 8 will require robust project management and therefore agrees that a further report before the end of the year set out arrangements for project oversight, officer capacity and resources needed;

1.2.3 Agrees that, in parallel with the programme set out in this report and to complete the strategic overview, further analysis should be commissioned of factors affecting the underlying demand for the volume and location of parking and how key plans such as the City Mobility Plan and City Plan 2030 impact on that.”

Moved by: Councillor Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Corbett

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Item 7.7 – Strategic Review of Parking – Review Results of Areas 4 and 5 and Proposed Implementation Strategy

Replace 1.1.4 with

1.1.4 approves the detailed recommendations that are listed in paragraphs 4.32 - 4.64 with the following exceptions:

- a) Committee does not yet agree with the Area 5 conclusion with respect to Davidson's Mains and therefore instructs officers to engage with the Davidson's Mains and Silverknowes Association and ward councillors on the possible introduction of priority parking within parts of the zone and to report back to the committee through the business bulletin within two cycles.
- b) Committee agrees that, in light of the specific risk of parking displacement to Blinkbonny Crescent and to the northern end of Craigleith Crescent, that these streets should be incorporated into the B5 Controlled Parking Area as soon as feasible.
- c) Committee notes the high probability of parking displacement to Murrayfield and therefore agrees to include this area as part of the phase 2 A8 Corridor investigation area.
- d) Committee agrees that, within Blackhall East, streets north of Hillhouse Road / Queensferry Road should be included in the phase 3 Fettes/B3/B4/B5 investigation area, with remaining streets in Blackhall East designated for further monitoring.

Moved by: Councillor Lang

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.8 – Appointments to Working Groups

2019/2020

Appoint Councillor Miller to the Transport Forum in place of Councillor Booth, as a change to the membership of working groups detailed in Appendix 1 to the report

Moved by: Councillor Miller
Seconded by: Councillor Corbett

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Item 7.8 - Appointments to Working Groups 2019/20

Add

1.4 To replace Cllr Gloyer with Cllr Lang on the Central Edinburgh Development Working Group; the All-Party Tram Oversight Working Group; the Transport Forum, and the Single Use Plastics Working Group.

Moved by: Councillor Lang

Seconded by:

Emergency Motion by Councillor Macinnes

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Subject: Summer Festival Advertising

That Committee:

Notes the significant positive impact that the ban on temporary on-street advertising structures has had on the accessibility, safety and amenity of the city's streets since its implementation in November 2018.

Acknowledges that an exemption to the ban was agreed for the summer Festival period to enable official event-related signage to be displayed as part of the Council's management plan to tackle unauthorised flyposting in partnership with Out of Hand Ltd. Before managed advertising was implemented, unauthorised flyposting had a significant detrimental impact on the city's amenity and on the Council's resources.

Acknowledges that the contract with Out of Hand Ltd provides a managed service for venues, promoters, and acts associated with the Edinburgh Fringe, the world's largest arts festival. In addition, that the income from the contract supports additional services, such as street cleaning and environmental enforcement, during the summer festival period.

Notes that throughout the Festival season the Council works closely with event organisers to ensure event advertising meets with public safety requirements.

Recognises that, during this year's Festival, some concerns have been raised about event-related advertising, particularly around its impact on pedestrian accessibility.

Agrees that the Council will review the concerns raised with Out of Hand Ltd post Festival, and the outcome of this will be summarised in the '12-month review of the ban on A Boards and other temporary advertising structures' report, which is scheduled to be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in December.

Notes that the committee report will also set out the possible consequences of any changes to the Festival advertising strategy.

Moved by Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by Councillor Karen Doran