

Addendum by the Green and SNP Groups

Finance & Resources Committee

21st November 2023

Item 7.1 - Revenue Monitoring Month 5 position

Adds:

- Welcomes that an underspend is still projected, after allocating an additional in-year contribution to the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board of up to £14.2m
- Recognises the potential need to meet in-year pressures including the local authority pay deal, but also recognises that the Council's budget should be for elected members to decide and have democratic oversight of
- Therefore, requests that – should there still be an underspend projected by January - a report is brought to the January F&R committee with costings and other considerations for its allocation on effective measures including:
 - Specific in-year pressures that are being recommended for underspend allocation;
 - Meeting CEC's Local Authority Pay responsibilities;
 - The payment and backdating of the Real Living Wage to Edinburgh Leisure staff;
 - Making a cost-of-living direct payment of £100 or £200 to every child in the city in receipt of free school meals and school clothing grant;
 - Following the service review ensuring that funding is made available for the continuation of the Educational Welfare Officers' function and the retention of staff in their roles;
 - Reintroduction of the Tenant Grant Fund, and
 - Awarding funding Community Climate Fund bids which were unsuccessful previously due to over-subscription of the fund.

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by: Cllr Lesley Macinnes

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Item 7.4 Sustainable Capital Budget

Committee:

- Notes that working to deliver a net zero city by 2030 is one of three key aims in the Council Business Plan;
- Further notes that the forthcoming Climate Ready Edinburgh plan includes references to embedding climate risks across the organisation including through routine infrastructure and asset management works in order to reflect the needs of the changing climate and ensure that the Council can continue to deliver services in the face of these risks;

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Committee therefore:

- Deletes 1.1 and replaces with:

“1.1 Agrees that, in line with the priorities outlined in its Business Plan, the council should mainstream spending to address the climate and nature emergencies by meeting some of the costs of delivering a Net Zero City by 2030 from its capital budget, and therefore this should become a Capital Expenditure Priority”

1.2 Agrees that this should be set out in the updated report brought to the Finance & Resources Committee in January

1.3 With this addition, notes the priorities for capital expenditure outlined in this report which are aligned to the Council Business Plan;”

- And renumbers accordingly

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by:

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Item 7.5 - Revenue Budget Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/29 – progress update

Add the word 'provisional' to 1.1.5 so it reads:

1.1.5 note the development of *provisional* budget setting principles and the continuing development of the change programme to address the significant incremental annual MTFP gaps beyond 2024/25; and

Adds:

1.1.6 Requests officers hold a cross-party workshop to discuss budget principles to guide budget setting over the life of the MTFP, before bringing these back to the January F&R Committee meeting for approval;

And renumbers accordingly.

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by:

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 7.7 – Non-Domestic Rates – Empty Property Policy

Delete 1.1 and replace with:

1.1 Agrees that the empty property policy will be 50% relief for 3 months only.

1.2 Approves that the above will come into operation from 1 April 2024

Moved by:

Seconded by:

Amendment by the SNP Group

Finance & Resources Committee

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Item 7.13 - Award of Contract for Pre-Development Services for the proposed Granton Heat Network

Replaces recommendations with:

1.1 Agrees not to proceed with the award of contract and agrees instead that this contract be considered as an opportunity for the Council-owned ESCO to derive the highest level of public benefit.

1.2 Agrees to expedite options for deliver models of the ESCO to facilitate this as quickly as possible, including progressing an option for a joint venture.

1.3 Requests a short report to committee in January on how fast progress can be made on considering these issues to ensure that there are no negative implications for the Granton redevelopment project.

Moved by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Seconded by: Councillor

Amendment by the Green Group

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Item 8.5 - Award of Framework Agreement for the supply and distribution of fresh fruit, vegetables, bakery products and eggs

Deletes recommendations and inserts:

Committee:

1. Notes that the Sustainable Food Strategy will be brought to the Policy & Sustainability Committee for approval in January 2024;
2. Therefore, agrees to defer this decision until the January Finance & Resources meeting to enable Councillors to ensure that it is in line with this strategy.

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by:

Emergency Motion by the Green Group

Finance & Resources Committee

21st November 2023

Emergency Motion - Freeport OBC scrutiny

Committee:

- Notes that the Outline Business Case was not made available for scrutiny in a Council Committee, as a result of the 17th November submission deadline which was deemed inadvisable to miss;
- Further notes that, in fact, due to technical issues Edinburgh CEC was subsequently offered a 7 day extension to the submission of the OBC, meaning that there could have been an opportunity for it to be scrutinised by the Finance & Resources Committee;
- Regrets that there has been no opportunity for Councillors to scrutinise the Outline Business Case in a Committee with public webcasting.
- Therefore requests:
 - o A data room exercise for scrutiny of the OBC before January, acknowledging that this will come after submission, but may inform the Full Business Case.
 - o A note circulated to all parties setting out all future dates relating to submission of reports or key milestones for the Freeport, and which Committees will be given the opportunity to scrutinise them.

Moved by: Cllr Alys Mumford

Seconded by: