

Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 2 November 2023

Present:

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Robert Aldridge

COUNCILLORS

Scott Arthur
Danny Aston
Jule Bandel
Alan C Beal
Fiona Bennett
Marco Biagi
Chas Booth
Graeme Bruce
Steve Burgess
Jack Caldwell
Lezley Marion Cameron
Kate Campbell
Christopher Cowdy
James Dalgleish
Euan R Davidson
Cammy Day
Sanne Dijkstra-Downie
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
Jane E Meagher
Claire Miller
Max Mitchell
Jo Mowat
Alys Mumford
Marie-Clair Munro
Vicky Nicolson
Adam Nols-McVey
Kayleigh O'Neill
Hal Osler
Ben Parker
Tim Pogson
Susan Rae
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 Statement by the Lord Provost – Middle East

Before we move on to the formal agenda, I thought it important to say a few words about the horrific events in the Middle East.

I know many people in the city will be personally impacted by the appalling loss of life or injury, or suffering experienced by Israelis and Palestinians over recent weeks and our thoughts and prayers are with them along with our hope for a fair resolution and an end to violence.

Edinburgh, thankfully, is a safe and secure city which welcomes people from many different backgrounds and faiths in a spirit of friendliness and respect. In a time of tension, it is of course an important and fundamental basis of democracy that people should be allowed, and indeed encouraged to express different views with passion, but also, that they do so with respect.

Edinburgh also remains a city with zero tolerance of antisemitism, of Islamophobia, or any other hate crime.

I know there will be residents in many different communities who feel less safe than they did a few weeks ago. I want them to know that we are there with and for them.

I am sure everyone in the Chambers calls on all parties involved in the terrible events to respect international law and for those who breach it to be brought to justice.

In the meantime, I know we are all in shock at the brutality of the treatment of Israeli and Palestinian civilians caught up in the horror.

And so as a mark of respect to all the victims, I would invite the Chamber to join me in standing, if they are able, in 1 minute's silence.

2 Deputations

**a) Unison, Unite and EIS
(in relation to item 7.4 on the agenda – Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 -
Month Three Report - referral from the Finance and Resources
Committee)**

The deputation were concerned that the potential deletion of the Education Welfare Officer (EWO) service was deeply flawed and based on a misunderstanding of their role. They believed that this would impact the Council's ability to meet statutory commitments and leave some of the city's most vulnerable children and families without vital support. The deputation asked that the EWO review be halted until the wider inclusion services review had been concluded.

The deputation indicated that there were no comparable posts within the Council and were concerned at the potential impact on other workers and pupils who required the service. They stressed that there was no capacity within schools to take on the work currently carried out by the EWOs and that it was important that this service be retained.

(see item 10 below)

**b) Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee
(in relation to item 8.3 on the agenda – Motion by Councillor Watt – 16 Days of Action on Gender-based Violence)**

The deputation indicated that, as a Committee, in the last couple of years they had been actively involved in feeding into the revision of the equally safe strategy which was due to be released by the end of 2023 and that they would be delighted to organise an event to introduce the partners and the revised strategy in the spring of 2024.

The deputation stressed that the work of the Equally Safe Committee Partners, was more essential than ever and the recommendations made in the independent review of funding and commissioning of violence against women and girls services, if accepted, would bring about considerable change in supporting and consolidating the public protection remit of violence against women and girls partnerships throughout Scotland. They indicated that until violence against women and girls and the attitudes that perpetuated were a thing of the past, the Equally Safe Committee's work remained essential and life-saving.

The deputation thanked the Council for its commitment to supporting them and recognising the immensity of the work undertaken by them and welcomed the opportunity to engage with the Council directly to share more about their work and plans for the future.

**c) Edinburgh Women's Aid
(in relation to item 8.3 on the agenda – Motion by Councillor Watt – 16 Days of Action on Gender-based Violence)**

The deputation indicated that the issue of violence against women and girls within the city was all too real and that why partnership working with other agencies was so vital in continuing to raise awareness about the issue, providing practical and emotional support, and to develop a service that they were already providing.

They stressed that the support of the Council was vital to them and they were very proud of the partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council. Through the support of the Council, the partnerships and dedicated staff team, they felt that

they could continue to grow as an organisation to make sure that they were eradicating domestic abuse and keeping women and children of the city safe.

(see item 13 below)

**d) Shelter Scotland
(in relation to item 8.4 on the agenda – Motion by Councillor Meagher – Housing Emergency)**

The deputation indicated that Scotland was in the grip of a housing emergency that was devastating lives on a scale in Edinburgh that wasn't seen in other parts of Scotland. They felt that Edinburgh was really suffering the brunt of the housing emergency which every day was getting worse and devastating more lives for city's residents.

The deputation were seeing people being failed by a broken system and the Council's own frontline staff being let down by the system, where staff felt that they were unable to do their jobs, unable to help people, unable to find accommodation for people who had nowhere else to go, and felt that the official statistics really reflected this.

The deputation felt that there had been decades of underinvestment in social housing in Edinburgh, as well as in the rest of Scotland, which had been exacerbated by impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, etc and that the real structural solution would be to increase the supply of social housing. They stressed that it was about making sure that the Council could clear the backlog in temporary accommodation, but also make sure that everyone, no matter what their income was, no matter what their status in life, they had the decency of a home that they could afford to live in and in which they and their families could thrive.

The deputation urged the Council to come together, declare a housing emergency, and take the action needed to respond to this emergency situation.

(see item 14 below)

3 Minutes

Decision

- a) To approve the minute of the Special Meeting of the Council of 28 September 2023 as a correct record.
- b) To approve the minute of the Council of 28 September 2023 as a correct record.

4 Leader's Report

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

- Events around the City in the past month
- Islamophobia Awareness month
- Emissions reduction plan
- Short Term Lets – Council's current position
- Congratulations to the Tram Team – Light Rail Award - Project of the Year
- Welcome Chief Officer IJB and thanks to Mike Massaro-Mallinson
- Death of former Councillor Paul Nolan

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Nols-McVey | - | Conflict in the Middle East |
| | - | Democracy in the Council – late publication of Council and Committee papers |
| Councillor Lang | - | Conflict in the Middle East |
| | - | Council Tax proposals – SNP Group |
| Councillor Mumford | - | Calls for cease fire and support for humanitarian aid for Gaza |
| Councillor Whyte | - | Use of City Chambers for party political imprint |
| Councillor Graham | - | Resolution to current strike action by COSLA |
| Councillor Biagi | - | Support for Council Tax freeze |
| Councillor Bennett | - | Funding for Social Care in the City |
| Councillor Parker | - | 2023 State of Nature Report – budget discussions |
| Councillor Cowdy | - | Dog fouling complaints |
| Councillor Lezley Marion Cameron | - | Scottish Tourism Alliance - discussions |
| Councillor McFarlane | - | Place Directorate budget – Edinburgh's Christmas Festivals |
| Councillor Younie | - | Sexual Entertainment Venues - policy |
| Councillor Bruce | - | Trams – planned maintenance |

Councillor Aston	-	ASN children – advice to stay home on strike day
Councillor Ross	-	Association of Scottish Self Caterers – attendance at regional meeting
Councillor O’Neill	-	Council Tax levels
Councillor Nicolson	-	Proposed Tram extension – North Edinburgh path network
Councillor Heap	-	Launch of Joseph Rowntree Foundation report - Extreme form of poverty – social security
Councillor McNeese-Mechan	-	Stolen property from Nelson Monument

5 Appointment to Committees etc

Decision

To appoint Councillor Dalglish to the Short Term Lets Working Group.

6 Response to Motion – Cooperative Councils

In response to a motion by Councillor Day, details were provided on the next steps for the Council to join the Co-operative Councils’ Innovation Network (CCIN).

Motion

- 1) To note the cost associated with becoming a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.
- 2) To agree that officers should work with CCIN to establish cost of full annual membership.
- 3) To agree that the final decision to join CCIN should form part of the budget setting process at February Council.
- 4) To agree that once the Council had joined, officers would respond to additional actions agreed by elected members.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the cost associated with becoming a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.
- 2) To agree that officers should work with CCIN to establish cost of full annual membership.
- 3) To agree that the final decision to join CCIN should form part of the budget setting process at February Council.
- 4) To agree that should the Council join, officers would respond to additional actions agreed by elected members.
- 5) Agree that prior to the Council's budget being set, officers include a summary of the benefits that flowed to the Council and therefore on to the citizens of Edinburgh when the Council was a paid member.

- moved by Councillor Dobbin, seconded by Councillor Aston

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the cost associated with becoming a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.
- 2) To agree that officers should work with CCIN to establish cost of full annual membership.
- 3) To agree that the final decision to join CCIN should form part of the budget setting process at February Council.
- 4) Agrees that should the Council join the CCIN following the 2024 budget process officers will respond to the additional issues raised in the motion approved by Council in August 2023.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Doggart

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Day:

- 1) To note the cost associated with becoming a member of the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network.

- 2) To agree that officers should work with CCIN to establish cost of full annual membership.
- 3) To agree that the final decision to join CCIN should form part of the budget setting process at February Council.
- 4) To agree that should the Council join the Co-operative Councils Innovation Network following the 2024 budget process, officers would respond to the additional issues raised in the motion approved by Council in August 2023.
- 5) To agree that prior to the Council's budget being set, officers include a summary of the benefits that flowed to the Council and therefore on to the citizens of Edinburgh when the Council was a paid member.

(References – Act of Council No 17 of 31 August 2023; report by the Executive Director of Corporate Service, submitted)

7 Revision of Polling Districts due to Creation of New UK Parliamentary Constituencies

The Boundary Commission for Scotland's 2023 Review of UK Parliament Constituencies had made several revisions to the boundaries of the five UK constituencies that covered the City of Edinburgh Council area which cut across existing polling districts.

Details were provided on proposed minor revisions to polling districts across the city to reflect these new boundaries which would allow the Electoral Registration Officer to publish the electoral register based on the new constituencies on 1 December 2023, in preparation for the next UK Parliamentary General Election.

Decision

- 1) To note that The Boundary Commission for Scotland had proposed new UK Parliament constituencies for the constituencies which lay within the City of Edinburgh Council area.
- 2) To note that these new boundaries required minor revisions to the current polling districts across the City of Edinburgh Council area.
- 3) To approve the revised Polling Districts for the City of Edinburgh as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- 4) To note that a full review of polling arrangements with public consultation, as required on a five year cycle by statute, was planned for early 2024 which would include a review of polling stations.

(Reference: report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, submitted)

8 Millerhill Energy from Waste Plant Heat Offtake Unit

Approval was sought for additional prudential borrowing relating to capital works for the construction of a Heat Interchange Unit (HIU) at the Millerhill Energy from Waste (EfW) facility to provide heat to the Midlothian Energy Heat Network.

Motion

- 1) To note that the total cost to construct a Heat Interchange Unit (HIU) at Millerhill Energy from Waste (EfW) facility had increased to £7.9m,
- 2) To note that the Council previously approved expenditure of £5.2m to meet the cost of the HIU on 22 September 2022.
- 3) To note that, under an Environmental Permit (PCC) regulated by SEPA, the site was required to connect to a heat network within seven years of first operation, unless there was no network available.
- 4) To note that the cost of prudential borrowing (including the increased cost) could be met from the Council's share of income generated by the facility, as outlined in paragraph 6.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) To refer the report to the next Finance and Resources Committee and delegate the decision on the increase in prudential borrowing to that Committee.
- 6) To note that Midlothian Council were also being asked to approve their share of the additional costs (20%).

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Arthur

Amendment 1

- 1) To note that the total cost to construct a Heat Interchange Unit (HIU) at Millerhill Energy from Waste (EfW) facility had increased to £7.9m,
- 2) To note that the Council previously approved expenditure of £5.2m to meet the cost of the HIU on 22 September 2022.
- 3) To note that, under an Environmental Permit (PCC) regulated by SEPA, the site was required to connect to a heat network within seven years of first operation, unless there was no network available.
- 4) To note that the cost of prudential borrowing (including the increased cost) could be met from the Council's share of income generated by the facility, as outlined in paragraph 6.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- 5) Notes that Policy and Sustainability Committee will consider the Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in December 2023, and that this will be a key document which sets out the detail of the strategic context of provision of heat networks across the city.
- 6) Notes that, in October 2023, Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed that there is a need for the Council to develop a clear financial strategy to finance actions to deliver net zero within the Council, and considers that approval of additional, ad hoc borrowing to finance the project at Millerhill with no information received about its strategic importance or how this additional borrowing might impact upon the Council's ability to borrow for other projects, does not represent a strategic approach.
- 7) Therefore, agrees to defer the decision until the next Finance and Resources Committee, and requests that the report is updated to include information about linkages from this spending proposal to the LHEES and wider picture of the Council's borrowing plans / 'spend to save' proposals to deliver net zero.
- 8) Notes that Midlothian Council are also being asked to approve their share of the additional costs (20%).

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Amendment 2

- 1) To note that the total cost to construct a Heat Interchange Unit (HIU) at Millerhill Energy from Waste (EfW) facility had increased to £7.9m,
- 2) To note that the Council previously approved expenditure of £5.2m to meet the cost of the HIU on 22 September 2022.
- 3) To note that, under an Environmental Permit (PCC) regulated by SEPA, the site was required to connect to a heat network within seven years of first operation, unless there was no network available.
- 4) To note that the cost of prudential borrowing (including the increased cost) could be met from the Council's share of income generated by the facility, as outlined in paragraph 6.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) Approves the approach set out in this report and the increase in prudential borrowing to meet the additional costs (£2.7m).
- 6) To note that Midlothian Council were also being asked to approve their share of the additional costs (20%).

- 7) That a report is provided to GRBV to allow scrutiny of the increase in costs to date and that reports on the future progress of this project are made to GRBV every six months.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Doggart

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Watt:

- 1) To note that the total cost to construct a Heat Interchange Unit (HIU) at Millerhill Energy from Waste (EfW) facility had increased to £7.9m,
- 2) To note that the Council previously approved expenditure of £5.2m to meet the cost of the HIU on 22 September 2022.
- 3) To note that, under an Environmental Permit (PCC) regulated by SEPA, the site was required to connect to a heat network within seven years of first operation, unless there was no network available.
- 4) To note that the cost of prudential borrowing (including the increased cost) could be met from the Council's share of income generated by the facility, as outlined in paragraph 6.3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) To refer the report to the next Finance and Resources Committee and delegate the decision on the increase in prudential borrowing to that Committee and request that the report be updated to include information about linkages from the spending proposal to the LHEES and wider picture of the Council's borrowing plans / 'spend to save' proposals to deliver net zero.
- 6) To note that Midlothian Council were also being asked to approve their share of the additional costs (20%).
- 7) To note that the Policy and Sustainability Committee would consider the Council's Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES) in December 2023, and that this would be a key document which set out the detail of the strategic context of provision of heat networks across the city.
- 8) To note that, in October 2023, the Policy and Sustainability Committee agreed that there was a need for the Council to develop a clear financial strategy to finance actions to deliver net zero within the Council, and considered that approval of additional, ad hoc borrowing to finance the project at Millerhill with no information received about its strategic importance or how this additional

borrowing might impact upon the Council's ability to borrow for other projects, did not represent a strategic approach.

- 9) To agree that a report be provided to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee (GRBV) to allow scrutiny of the increase in costs to date and that reports on the future progress of this project be made to GRBV every six months.

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

9 Forth Green Freeport – Outline Business Case – referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee

The Policy and Sustainability Committee had referred a decision on the Forth Green Freeport – Outline Business Case, to the City of Edinburgh Council for approval.

Motion

- 1) To note the overall progress in establishing the proposed Forth Green Freeport (FGF), with operational commencement expected in spring 2024.
- 2) To note the forthcoming request for Elected Member representation on the FGF Governance Board.
- 3) To agree to support the submission of the Outline Business Case (OBC) based on the parameters set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place and the Executive Summary (Appendix 1 of the report), subject to the full OBC being circulated to all Committee members prior to submission to ensure compliance with the terms of this report.
- 4) To note that a summary of the Full Business Case was planned to be presented to Committee in early 2024, with a data room provided for members prior to committee.
- 5) To request that the interim governance board should have a place for the trade unions.
- 6) To agree that the planned annual update report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee should also be submitted to the cross party elected member sounding board and should include full details of any reported non-compliance against the Investment Principles and any variance in the NDR revenue received against forecast.
- 7) To agree that the "Social Impact Key Performance Indicators" due to be set by the Forth 'Green' Freeport Board will be shared with Committee via a Business Bulletin update as soon as they are agreed, and that the annual update report

to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee also included performance measures against these.

- moved by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Watt

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the overall progress in establishing the proposed Forth Green Freeport (FGF), with operational commencement expected in spring 2024.
- 2) To note the forthcoming request for Elected Member representation on the FGF Governance Board.
- 3) Notes that members have not had the opportunity to view the full outline business case and therefore cannot agree to support the business case at this time due to the amount of unanswered questions and missing information.
- 4) Agrees that when the full business case comes in front of councillors for final approval, it must be available in full for members to read two weeks ahead of any committee or council meeting.
- 5) Agrees that the full business case must include detailed criteria that investors must meet to prove that they are aligned to the fair work and sustainability objectives.
- 6) Further agree, there must be clear KPIs and performance monitoring in place that go beyond annual self-assessment, and these should be reported in the final business case.
- 7) Agrees that there should be trade union representative and an employee representative on the Freeport Board.
- 9) To request that the interim governance board should have a place for the trade unions.
- 10) To agree that the planned annual update report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee should also be submitted to the cross party elected member sounding board and should include full details of any reported non-compliance against the Investment Principles and any variance in the NDR revenue received against forecast.
- 11) To agree that the “Social Impact Key Performance Indicators” due to be set by the Forth ‘Green’ Freeport Board will be shared with Committee via a Business Bulletin update as soon as they are agreed, and that the annual update report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee also included performance measures against these.

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

Amendment 2

- 1) Notes the overall progress in establishing the proposed Forth 'Green' Freeport (FGF), with operational commencement expected in spring 2024.
- 2) Notes the forthcoming request for Elected Member representation on the FGF Governance Board;
- 3) Notes that the Outline Business Case (OBC) will be submitted, based on the parameters set out in these recommendations, report and Executive Summary (Appendix 1), and subject to the full OBC being circulated to all Committee members prior to submission to ensure compliance with the terms of this report.
- 4) Notes that a summary of the Full Business Case is planned to be presented to Committee in early 2024.
- 5) Requests a specific paper on the proposals relating to Non-Domestic Rates to be brought to the next Finance and Resources Committee on 21st November, and that an officer briefing session arranged before November 17th to enable Councillors to contribute in more depth before submission of the OBC.

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

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

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

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Day.

(References: Policy and Sustainability Committee of 24 October 2023; referral from the Policy and Sustainability Committee, submitted.)

10 Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 - Month Three Report - referral from the Finance and Resources Committee

Point of Order

In terms of Standing Order 18(1), Councillor Nols-McVey requested that the confidential briefing on this item, which had been circulated to members earlier in the day, be ruled not restricted in order that members could have a full open debate on the matter.

Decision

To agree that the document could be referred to during the debate although members were reminded to refrain from using any names listed in the document and that the relevant information could be redacted when published.

Report

The Finance and Resources Committee had referred a report on the projected Council-wide revenue budget position for the year to the City of Edinburgh Council to ratify use of the Spend to Save fund to support preparatory work for the Edinburgh Visitor Levy.

Motion

- 1) To agree the use of underspend in 2022/23 to address the in year overspend.
- 2) To agree the use of the Spend to Save fund to support preparatory work for the Edinburgh Visitor Levy.
- 3) Notes that the review of Education Welfare Officers (EWOs) is due to conclude on 12th November and Affirms our commitment to inclusion and high attendance in our schools and that the skills and experience of our EWOs should be retained within our inclusion work, as set out in the original budget proposal details.
- 4) Confirms that there will be no loss of EWO roles before full scrutiny of the outcome of the review.

- moved by Councillor Watt, seconded by Councillor Pogson

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the updates provided in the report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services and that an in-year overspend of £14.0m was now being forecast.
- 2) To note that, without the identification of additional mitigating actions, even full application of the unallocated 2022/23 underspend would leave a residual in-year pressure of £0.8m, as well as giving rise to recurring underlying pressures in future years.
- 3) To note, in the absence of any improvement to the projected position reported to the meeting on 21 September, the continuing recommendation that no new commitments be taken on at this time pending a further update to the Committee's next meeting on 21 November.
- 4) To note, additionally, the potential for further expenditure pressures to emerge during the remainder of the year and thus the need for all existing pressures, savings delivery shortfalls and risks to be fully and proactively managed within Directorates and the Health and Social Care Partnership to ensure a balanced position was achieved by the year-end.
- 5) To refer, the above notwithstanding and recognising the importance of achieving in- and future years' financial balance, any recommendation on allocation of the 2022/23 underspend to Council for ratification.
- 6) To ratify use of the Spend to Save fund to support preparatory work for the Edinburgh Visitor Levy.
- 7) To refer the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for noting as part of its work programme.
- 8) To ask officers to pro-actively engage with Edinburgh Leisure to consider all possible options towards paying the real living wage and making it sustainable going forward, in recognition of the contribution that Edinburgh Leisure's staff make to the health and wellbeing of Edinburgh's residents and visitors.
- 9) To affirm the commitment to inclusion and high attendance in our schools and that the skills and experience of our EWOs (Education Welfare Officers) should be retained within our inclusion work, as set out in the original budget proposal details.
- 10) To recognise the deeply concerning 2023/24 financial position of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board's (EIJB's) Health and Social Care Partnership, with the Council being expected to fund a budgeted overspend of £14.2m.

- 11) To note the unpublished, EIJB special measures proposals that could be needed to break even in the current year. And further note that such measures could require extensive cuts to social care packages and critical services, with related impacts on staff, affecting a range of vulnerable service users and their carers.
- 12) To agree
 - i) it was essential for the adequate provision of social care services in Edinburgh that the EIJB's Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) was brought back on track; and
 - ii) that the cuts to essential social care services, proposed in the EIJB's special measures plan, were to be avoided.
- 13) To call on NHS Lothian to provide an annual financial contribution, in recognition of NHS costs saved, towards the cost of the EIJB's preventative spending to reduce delayed hospital discharges and allow elderly and disabled people to return to their communities.
- 14) To request greater oversight by the Council's Finance and Resources Committee (F&R) of the implementation of the EIJB's MTFS and instructs officers to ensure that F&R had an update to every meeting for as long as necessary, outlining MTFS progress and setbacks that affected the Council, and input to the EIJB's annual budget process with a view to setting a balanced budget for the Council's share of proposed EIJB spending in 2024/25.
- 15) Agrees to immediately allocate £10.177m of the 22/23 underspend to the EIJB to meet immediate pressures as well as the actions and distribution contained in the report. Notes the acting Director confirmed on the 23rd of October that this would mean the EIJB would not trigger the complete recovery plan, as currently outlined and that any residual budget gap within services would be looked at "quite differently" to the proposed service reductions outlined in the recovery plan. Recognises that decisions about the nature of any consequent service reduction/changes would be the responsibility of the EIJB board.
- 16) However noting this leaves a relatively small projected overspend, requests that officers include consideration of this in the ongoing financial monitoring reports to confirm any additional corporate actions, including additional financial help, that could be given to the EIJB if this projected gap remains as the financial year progresses to ensure service provision is protected.
- 17) Notes that conversations are ongoing with the NHS about their financial contributions to the EIJB deficit and therefore approves use of up to £4m in

additional funding in principle from unallocated reserves throughout the 23/24 financial year to meet vital service delivery should this be required.

- 18) Agrees that the remaining underspend should be allocated as:
 - a) £1.9m to repeat the 2022/23 cost of living direct payment for every child in the city in receipt of free school meals and school clothing grant, at the sum of £200;
 - b) £1m to reintroduce payments through the Tenant Grant Fund, providing direct payments to individuals and families who are in rent arrears and at risk of homelessness or eviction;
 - c) £473k to Edinburgh Leisure as a one-off additional payment to cover the immediate implementation of the living wage for workers for this financial year;
 - d) £150k to reinstate the Council's Education Welfare Officers and reversing the cuts to this service, and reinstating this service, noting that the report recognises that any 'savings' found from this cut have now been reduced by £250k.
- 19) To note concern at the additional expenditure pressures at this stage of the financial year and recognise the need to reform the delivery of Council services to reduce the likelihood of future year pressures.
- 20) To express deep concern about the situation facing the IJB and note that to undertake any actions within the proposed recovery plan risked damage to staff and service users as well as the financial sustainability of health and social care in Edinburgh.
- 21) To acknowledge the work done to date on the Medium-Term Financial Plan for the IJB, and that continuation of this must be the priority going forward.
- 22) To agree that in order that this situation should not arise again:
 - a) IJB funding including updates on the deficit and progress on the Medium-Term Financial Plan should be added as a standard item on the agenda for Finance and Resources meetings going forward;
 - b) Council officers should work with IJB officers to see how budget timings and processes could be brought into closer alignment including ensuring that IJB budgets were available for Councillors to take into consideration when setting CEC budgets. An initial report on this should be brought back to the next F&R Committee Meeting;

- c) Updates on spending and allocation of the underspend should be brought to all Finance & Resources Committee meetings for the remainder of the financial year.

23) To firmly believe the NHS should also contribute to the projected overspend and therefore instruct CEC officers and the Chief Executive to continue to ask the NHS to contribute more funding to the IJB in recognition of the integrated nature of health and social care and that care costs allocated to the Council be preventative, contributing to a reduction in overall NHS spend.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment 2

Agrees the position reached at the Special Meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee on 23 October 2023, with the addition of an allocation of £150k from reserves to reinstate the Council's Education Welfare Service, reversing the cuts to the service and ensuring there are no job losses in this service.

- moved by Councillor McKenzie, seconded by Councillor Staniforth

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion	-	33 votes
For Amendment 1	-	27 votes
For Amendment 2	-	2 votes

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

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

For Amendment 2: Councillors Faccenda and McKenzie.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Watt

(References: Finance and Resources Committee of 23 October 2023 (item 1); referral from the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Parker made a transparency statement as a trustee of the Edinburgh Garden Partners.

11 By Councillor Davidson - Sexual Health Services in Edinburgh

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

“Council

Notes:

- 1) In response to Question 25 at the meeting of the Council on 31 August 2023 it was confirmed that only 11-13% of online requests for sexual health testing kits were met by Lothian Sexual & Reproductive Health Services (LSRHS).
- 2) LSRHS have resumed face to face testing for those without symptoms in response to these concerning figures.
- 3) That the online ordering was part of a national pilot which ended in August.

Agrees

- 4) Access to sexual health testing should be available and accessible to everyone that wants it within a short period of time.
- 5) That ideally online ordering of tests will continue but this option should only be pursued if it is properly resourced and available.

Requests:

- 6) That in light of the review following the end of the national pilot a briefing note should be provided to Council Integration Joint Board representatives and members of the Policy and Sustainability Committee within the next three months on the availability of tests and appointments within Lothian Sexual & Reproductive Health Services (LSRHS).”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Davidson.

- moved by Councillor Davidson, seconded by Councillor Bennett

Amendment 1

- 1) To amend point 5 in the motion by Councillor Davidson to read:

“Agrees that failing to provide service requests for up to 89% of patients requesting them represents serious service failure, a risk to public health and a failure to resource cheaper, preventative healthcare which will lead to higher-cost crisis care for more residents in Edinburgh. Therefore, requests the EIJB and NHS Lothian prioritise resources to meet demand for testing, as other health boards in major cities have done.”

2) To add to the motion:

“7) Agrees that Edinburgh’s EIJB has retained oversight of sexual health services delivered within Edinburgh despite any changes to the NHS structure of service provision. Therefore, requests the EIJB to consider directing the NHS to invest in preventative care which will support residents more effectively and save precious resources by avoiding increased crisis care and treatment costs to more residents.”

- moved by Councillor Nicolson, seconded by Councillor McFarlane

Amendment 2

To add to the motion by Councillor Davidson:

“6.1 Requests that this note includes information on how disabled people are supported by LSRHS including assistive equipment such as hoists, information in alternative formats, and staff training on disability and sexuality.”

- moved by Councillor Mumford, seconded by Councillor Miller

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

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Davidson:

- 1) To note in response to Question 25 at the meeting of the Council on 31 August 2023 it was confirmed that only 11-13% of online requests for sexual health testing kits were met by Lothian Sexual & Reproductive Health Services (LSRHS).
- 2) To note that LSRHS had resumed face to face testing for those without symptoms in response to these concerning figures.
- 3) To note that the online ordering was part of a national pilot which ended in August.
- 4) To agree that access to sexual health testing should be available and accessible to everyone that wanted it within a short period of time.

- 5) To agree that failing to provide service requests for up to 89% of patients requesting them represented serious service failure, a risk to public health and a failure to resource cheaper, preventative healthcare which would lead to higher-cost crisis care for more residents in Edinburgh. Therefore, to request the EIJB and NHS Lothian prioritise resources to meet demand for testing, as other health boards in major cities had done.
- 6) To request that in light of the review following the end of the national pilot a briefing note should be provided to Council Integration Joint Board representatives and members of the Policy and Sustainability Committee within the next three months on the availability of tests and appointments within Lothian Sexual & Reproductive Health Services (LSRHS).

To request that this note include information on how disabled people were supported by LSRHS including assistive equipment such as hoists, information in alternative formats, and staff training on disability and sexuality.
- 7) To agree that Edinburgh's EIJB had retained oversight of sexual health services delivered within Edinburgh despite any changes to the NHS structure of service provision. Therefore, to request the EIJB to consider directing the NHS to invest in preventative care which would support residents more effectively and save precious resources by avoiding increased crisis care and treatment costs to more residents.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Mumford made a transparency statement as a former employee of Engender.

12 Future Relationship with EIJB – Motion by Councillor Macinnes

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

“As a result of a prolonged discussion on uses of the Council's underspend during September and October in committee, during briefings and in elected member meetings the finance spokespeople of all 5 parties represented in this chamber have agreed to bring forward a joint, all-party motion.

This concentrates on a recalibration of the relationship between the Council and the IJB, including NHS Lothian. It became apparent during Finance & Resources committee proceedings that we shared common concerns about a lack of clarity and information on the Council share of financial responsibilities within the IJB and what implications this has for the delivery of both social care in the city and for other Council activities. These issues are not new, but this year's particular budget

pressures have highlighted more than ever the need for an exploration of what can be changed going forward.

We recognise that changing processes and expectations of our relationship with the IJB will not be achieved by a single officer report but that we are clearly signalling that elected members wish to stay closely involved with this process. We do not wish to face the same situation as we did this year.

Council:

- 1) Welcomes the new Chief Officer of the IJB and looks forward to a positive and productive working relationship, and hopes this all-party motion will be seen as a reflection of our desire to recognise the shared aspirations for a functional, effective and sustainable health and social care system for Edinburgh;
- 2) Recognises:
 - a) That we jointly have a deep concern about the financial and service delivery situation facing the IJB and that we need to move beyond the short termism which has resulted in us providing all of the Council's unexpected underspend to fill the gap in the IJB's budget.
 - b) That we do not want the financial situation to develop again where a £14.2mbudget gap was brought to us as a CEC responsibility without sufficient clarity on why and how this had occurred.
 - c) That we have since had more detailed briefings and a greater opportunity to scrutinise the current financial position of the EIJB and gain a better understanding of managerial challenges within the provision of health and social care.
 - d) That Finance and Resources Committee agreed that Council officers should work with IJB officers to see how budget timings and processes can be brought into closer alignment including ensuring that IJB budgets are available for Councillors to take into consideration when setting CEC budgets, among other measures to improve scrutiny and governance;
 - e) That decisions made in other areas of the Council can have knock-on impacts on health and social care – both positive and negative – and similarly that decisions taken by the IJB do not sit in isolation, but can impact on other areas of council operations;
 - f) That there is a need to recalibrate the relationship that the City of Edinburgh Council has with the Edinburgh Joint Integration Board and NHS Lothian.

- 3) Council therefore requests:
- a) That CEC officers closely examine the IJB Scheme of Delegation and all partnership arrangements and produce a report for the January meetings of both Policy & Sustainability Committee and Finance & Resources Committee, highlighting key issues and recommendations on:
 - i) How to increase financial transparency for both CEC officer selected members, and the public for the future.
 - ii) Whether changes are required to the original integration scheme to create better understanding of where all responsibilities lie, why that is so and where the financial responsibility for services lie.
 - iii) How governance can be structured to benefit all parties and to permit this kind of dialogue. Also, how the Council can make its collective voice heard on IJB matters.
 - iv) Detailed lists of which services fall under the responsibility of CEC or NHS Lothian and why.
 - v) Proposals for more effective reporting into CEC committees (F&R in particular but not exclusively).
 - vi) How Council can support IJB to develop and implement the medium term financial plan, but also a general shift away from short terms thinking and into a system-analysis model of prevention and investment.
 - vii) How we can better recognise the positive impacts of Council social care and other expenditure on measures that reduce NHS costs and therefore the contribution to IJB outcomes.
 - viii) How to develop an effective, ongoing 2 way conversation between Council including elected members and the IJB.
 - ix) Recommendations on whether, and how, the Scheme of Delegation or other process documents needs to be updated.
 - b) That in producing this report there should be full engagement with elected members, IJB, trade unions and with NHS Lothian.

We do not wish to face the same situation again next year as we did this year.”

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doggart

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

13 16 Days of Action on Gender-based Violence – Motion by Councillor Watt

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

“Recognises the significant work carried out by the organisations that make up the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee campaigning for equality and championing gender justice, in supporting victims and survivors of gendered violence and their children, and helping to bring perpetrators of such violence to justice.

Commits its ongoing support to these organisations and to implementing Equally Safe across Edinburgh.

Acknowledges the recommendations in the June 2023 report on the Independent Strategic Review of Funding and Commissioning of Violence Against Women and Girls Services, which, if accepted by Scottish Government, will bring about significant changes to how services are commissioned, and will provide a statutory footing to local Violence Against Women and Girls Partnerships, such as the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee.

Further notes that Equally Safe: Scotland’s strategy for preventing and eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls is currently under review, with a renewed iteration expected by early 2024.

Council therefore asks relevant officers to work together with COSLA and the Improvement Service to organise an event for elected members, the Council’s corporate leadership team, service directors and relevant heads of services and senior managers in the spring of 2024 to introduce the reviewed Equally Safe strategy and the services that constitute the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee.

Council further asks that two members from each political group attend the event as nominated representatives, with other elected members invited to attend if they are available.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Watt.

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

Amendment 1

- 1) To insert after the first paragraph in the motion by Councillor Watt:

“Understands that Gender Based Violence affects people of all genders.

Notes that the Four Principles of the Equally Safe Strategy are:

- i) Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect, and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls;
- ii) Women and girls thrive as equal citizens – socially, culturally, economically and politically;
- iii) Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people;
- iv) Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls, and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.”

- 2) To insert after the final paragraph in the motion:

“Requests a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee in three cycles detailing the results of the event and collating what work is being done across the Council.”

- moved by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Younie

Amendment 2

To change “two” to “one” in the final paragraph of the motion by Councillor Watt

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Rust

In accordance with Standing Order 22(12) the Motion was adjusted and Amendment 1 adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the Motion.

At this point in the proceedings, Amendment 2 was withdrawn.

Decision

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Watt:

- 1) To recognise the significant work carried out by the organisations that made up the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee campaigning for equality and championing gender justice, in supporting victims and survivors of gendered violence and their children, and helping to bring perpetrators of such violence to justice.

- 2) To understand that Gender Based Violence affected people of all genders.
- 3) To note that the Four Principles of the Equally Safe Strategy were:
 - i) Scottish society embraces equality and mutual respect, and rejects all forms of violence against women and girls;
 - ii) Women and girls thrive as equal citizens – socially, culturally, economically and politically;
 - iii) Interventions are early and effective, preventing violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people;
 - iv) Men desist from all forms of violence against women and girls, and perpetrators of such violence receive a robust and effective response.
- 4) To commit its ongoing support to these organisations and to implementing Equally Safe across Edinburgh.
- 5) To acknowledge the recommendations in the June 2023 report on the Independent Strategic Review of Funding and Commissioning of Violence Against Women and Girls Services, which, if accepted by Scottish Government, would bring about significant changes to how services were commissioned, and would provide a statutory footing to local Violence Against Women and Girls Partnerships, such as the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee.
- 6) To further note that Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy for preventing and eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls was currently under review, with a renewed iteration expected by early 2024.
- 7) To therefore ask relevant officers to work together with COSLA and the Improvement Service to organise an event for elected members, the Council's corporate leadership team, service directors and relevant heads of services and senior managers in the spring of 2024 to introduce the reviewed Equally Safe strategy and the services that constituted the Equally Safe Edinburgh Committee.
- 8) To further ask that each political group decide how many of its members attend the event as nominated representatives, with other elected members invited to attend if they were available.
- 9) To request a Business Bulletin item to the Policy and Sustainability Committee in three cycles detailing the results of the event and collating what work was being done across the Council.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor McFarlane made a transparency statement as a member of the Men and Boys Coalition, Edinburgh.

14 Housing Emergency – Motion by Councillor Meagher

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

“Council acknowledges Shelter Scotland’s call to declare a Housing Emergency by both Devolved and Local Authorities.

In response, Council notes:

- 1) The acute nature of Edinburgh’s homelessness crisis, with approximately 5000 households in temporary accommodation, the highest number in Scotland.
- 2) The severe shortage of social rented homes, with approximately 200 bids for each property advertised through Edindex and additional pressures for accessible and family homes.
- 3) The increasing pressure within the private rental sector, with the highest rental inflation in the United Kingdom at 13.7%.

This is despite the range of Council efforts to tackle structural pressures including, but not limited to:

- 1) The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan
- 2) Development of an Affordable Housing Policy
- 3) Development of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan
- 4) Lobbying Scottish government for additional, and targeted, funding

Council notes the importance of collaborative working, and further notes the importance of engaging with tenants’ organisations and third sector groups involved with homelessness support in order to take a human rights-based approach to future work.

Council, therefore, agrees to declare a Housing Emergency; agreeing to work with, Council Officers, existing third sector partners, external organisations such as SHAPE, Shelter Scotland and Cyrenians, with the goal of establishing a Housing Emergency Action Plan to build on and consolidate existing actions.

Requests progress monitoring regarding the efficacy of the Housing Emergency Action Plan comes to the Housing, Homelessness, and Fair Work Committee through regular updates.

Requests that the council leader writes to the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, the housing minister, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, outlining the actions council is taking to address the housing emergency, and seeks additional resources to help meet the severe challenges.

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor Meagher

- moved by Councillor Meagher, seconded by Councillor Pogson

Amendment 1

Agrees as well as the actions outlined in the motion by Councillor Meagher, to address some of the issues the Council also needs to address significant issues including the 41% drop in the affordable home construction pipeline recorded in the last year, the Council's decision to remove £1.3 billion of investment from the Council House building programme as part of the 2023-24 Council budget and the 10% increase in empty Council properties under the last year with nearly 1,500 Council homes still empty that could have been used to house residents in need.

- moved by Councillor Key, seconded by Councillor Dobbin

Amendment 2

Council:

- 1) Inserts in the motion by Councillor Meagher after "existing actions.":
 - Notes that other RSL partners are experiencing difficulties, and Council expresses its concern at recent media reports that Harbour Homes (formerly Port of Leith Housing Association), which is a landlord of over 3,000 properties and partner of strategic importance, are halting new development and examining other ways to control costs due to rising costs and high rates of interest and inflation.
 - Invites contributions from Registered Social Landlords and the Planning directorate to participate, as well as any relevant input from the Planning Convener, Housing Convener, and members of both committees.

- 2) Inserts in the motion after "the housing minister,":

“The Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants Rights,”

- moved by Councillor Caldwell, seconded by Councillor Flannery

Amendment 3

- 1) Adds at the end of Section 1), point 2) in the motion by Councillor Meagher after the words "... and family homes":

"Also notes the impact the lack of accessible homes has on other service areas within the Council, including Health and Social Care."

- 2) Adds in Section 2) of the motion at paragraph 2) after the words "... and the Cyrenians":

", and Health and Social Care partners."

- 3) Adds in Section 2 of the motion at paragraph 3) after the words "... through regular updates":

"and agrees that the structure and reporting schedule of this additional Plan will be discussed in a workshop environment with the Housing, Homelessness & Fair Work committee to ensure that the Action Plan does not duplicate existing strategies or reporting."

- 4) Adds at the end of the current text of the motion:

"Additionally:

- a) **Reaffirms that Edinburgh should be a safe and welcoming place for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.**
- b) **Recognises that, owing to the climate crisis and war and conflict across the world, there will be an increase in the number of people seeking asylum, and that the UK has a moral duty to welcome people fleeing their homes.**
- c) **Recognises that adequate resourcing needs to be in place within the Council to ensure that we can continue to support refugees and asylum seekers to find a safe home in the city.**
- d) **Understands that UK and Scottish Government policy regarding refugees and asylum seekers will impact on the number of homeless presentations the Council may experience, and that additional resources will be required to accommodate this.**
- e) **Therefore, agrees that the needs of refugees and asylum seekers must be integrated in the Action Plan.**

- f) **Also agrees that, in writing to the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, the housing minister, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, the Council Leader also asks that guaranteed resources are made available to accommodate the current unfunded consequences of UK / Scottish Government immigration and asylum policy and outlines the need for a coherent partnership approach to be taken to manage humanitarian programmes going forward.**

- moved by Councillor Parker, seconded by Councillor Mumford

Amendment 4

Adds after point 3 (The increasing pressure within the private rental sector....) of the motion by Councillor Meagher:

- “4) That the rent cap within tenancies is exacerbating rent inflation for new private rental tenancies, as fewer properties are available with landlords leaving the sector due to increasing regulation and higher borrowing costs, the shortage of supply pushing up the market rate.
- 5) Additional pressures on the social and private rental sector from the increased demand in accommodating refugees from conflicts around the world, many of these conflicts becoming long term with refugees unable to return home and rightly seeking and being provided with permanent accommodation.
- 6) Increased demand from the removal of the local connection rules meaning that anyone in Scotland and in certain circumstances, people elsewhere in the UK can present themselves as homeless in Edinburgh.
- 7) The pressures on the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sector, with RSLs report finding themselves unable to develop future housing due to the financial constraints of the rent cap and increasing interest rates, meaning that it is impossible for them to set out a rental business plan that would increase future rents in line with costs.”

- moved by Councillor Bruce, seconded by Councillor Whyte

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

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the Motion (as adjusted)	-	51 votes
For Amendment 4	-	8 votes
Abstentions	-	1

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

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

Abstentions: Councillor Jones.)

Decision

To approve the following adjusted Motion by Councillor Meagher:

- 1) To note the acute nature of Edinburgh's homelessness crisis, with approximately 5000 households in temporary accommodation, the highest number in Scotland.
- 2) To note the severe shortage of social rented homes, with approximately 200 bids for each property advertised through Edindex and additional pressures for accessible and family homes.
- 3) To also note the impact the lack of accessible homes had on other service areas within the Council, including Health and Social Care.
- 4) To note the increasing pressure within the private rental sector, with the highest rental inflation in the United Kingdom at 13.7%.
- 5) To note additional pressures on the social and private rental sector from the increased demand in accommodating refugees from conflicts around the world, many of these conflicts becoming long term with refugees unable to return home and rightly seeking and being provided with permanent accommodation.

- 6) To note the increased demand from the removal of the local connection rules meaning that anyone in Scotland and, in certain circumstances, people elsewhere in the UK could present themselves as homeless in Edinburgh.
- 7) To note the pressures on the Registered Social Landlord (RSL) sector, with RSLs report finding themselves unable to develop future housing due to the financial constraints of the rent cap and increasing interest rates, meaning that it was impossible for them to set out a rental business plan that would increase future rents in line with costs.

This was despite the range of Council efforts to tackle structural pressures including, but not limited to:

- a) The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan
 - b) Development of an Affordable Housing Policy
 - c) Development of the Strategic Housing Investment Plan
 - d) Lobbying Scottish government for additional, and targeted, funding
- 8) To note the importance of collaborative working, and further note the importance of engaging with tenants' organisations and third sector groups involved with homelessness support in order to take a human rights-based approach to future work.
 - 9) To therefore, agree to declare a Housing Emergency; agreeing to work with, Council Officers, existing third sector partners, external organisations such as SHAPE, Shelter Scotland and Cyrenians and Health and Social Care partners, with the goal of establishing a Housing Emergency Action Plan to build on and consolidate existing actions.
 - 10) To note that other RSL partners were experiencing difficulties, and to express concern at recent media reports that Harbour Homes (formerly Port of Leith Housing Association), which was a landlord of over 3,000 properties and partner of strategic importance, were halting new development and examining other ways to control costs due to rising costs and high rates of interest and inflation.
 - 11) To invite contributions from Registered Social Landlords and the Planning directorate to participate, as well as any relevant input from the Planning Convener, Housing Convener, and members of both committees.
 - 12) To request progress monitoring regarding the efficacy of the Housing Emergency Action Plan to come to the Housing, Homelessness, and Fair Work Committee through regular updates and agree that the structure and reporting schedule of this additional Plan would be discussed in a workshop

environment with the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee to ensure that the Action Plan did not duplicate existing strategies or reporting.

- 13) To request that the council leader write to the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, the housing minister, the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel, and Tenants Rights and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, outlining the actions council was taking to address the housing emergency, and seek additional resources to help meet the severe challenges.
- 14) To also agree that, in writing to the First Minister, the Deputy First Minister, the housing minister, and the Cabinet Secretary for Social Justice, the Council Leader also ask that guaranteed resources be made available to accommodate the current unfunded consequences of UK / Scottish Government immigration and asylum policy and outline the need for a coherent partnership approach to be taken to manage humanitarian programmes going forward.
- 15) To agree as well as the actions outlined above to address some of the issues the Council also needed to address significant issues including the 41% drop in the affordable home construction pipeline recorded in the last year, the Council's decision to remove £1.3 billion of investment from the Council House building programme as part of the 2023-24 Council budget and the 10% increase in empty Council properties under the last year with nearly 1,500 Council homes still empty that could have been used to house residents in need.
- 16) To reaffirm that Edinburgh should be a safe and welcoming place for migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers.
- 17) To recognise that, owing to the climate crisis and war and conflict across the world, there would be an increase in the number of people seeking asylum, and that the UK had a moral duty to welcome people fleeing their homes.
- 18) To recognise that adequate resourcing needed to be in place within the Council to ensure that it could continue to support refugees and asylum seekers to find a safe home in the city.
- 19) To understand that UK and Scottish Government policy regarding refugees and asylum seekers would impact on the number of homeless presentations the Council might experience, and that additional resources would be required to accommodate this.
- 20) To therefore, agree that the needs of refugees and asylum seekers must be integrated in the Action Plan.

15 Mobility Aid Donation – Motion by Councillor O’Neill

The following motion by Councillor O’Neill was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council

Notes:

- 1) Conflict disproportionately affects disabled people as they face the lack of accessible shelter and inclusive evacuation plans, and the loss of life-affirming or lifesaving equipment and support.
- 2) Mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walking frames, crutches and accessories for bathing and cooking are often not provided for those who need them, especially where there are high levels of poverty, social stigma, and conflict; outside of conflict areas 1 in 10 people who need a wheelchair do not have access to one.
- 3) Organisations and groups based in Scotland are currently working alongside groups in England, Poland, Germany, and the West Bank to transport mobility aids to those in need in or around Ukraine and Gaza.
- 4) Volunteers, medical professionals, and aid workers have expressed concern about the rise in need of such items – along with hospital beds, dressings, first aid kits, painkillers, and blankets – and note the barriers being faced in terms of transport costs, border checks and importing in or through the European Union.

Further notes:

- 5) Processes and information regarding ‘returning and reusing’ mobility aids across multiple NHS Boards are not yet consolidated which unfortunately sees several aids going to landfill when they could be re-used in the UK or abroad;

Therefore requests that officers:

- 6) Organise a roundtable meeting with relevant organisations, elected members at all levels, NHS Lothian, and Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership to establish:
 - a) How we can immediately respond to calls for donations of mobility aids to Ukraine, Gaza, and other areas affected by conflict;
 - b) How we can work with existing organisations and groups to support disabled people with our stock where the medical need is greater due to conflict.

- c) How we can further encourage residents to return old or used mobility aids to a relevant health partner, thus reducing landfill waste and ensuring people who need items can get them.
- 7) An update back to the relevant committee as soon as possible that details the outcome of the meeting and any agreed actions or relevant information for elected members.”

Motion

To approve the motion by Councillor O’Neill.

- moved by Councillor O’Neill, seconded by Councillor Heap

Amendment

At end of 6c) of the motion by Councillor O’Neill, add:

“while recognising the sensitivity of the issue given the return of mobility aids and equipment can often come at a distressing time; and that the process for both arranging and administering collections should be as quick and easy as possible.”

- moved by Councillor Bennett, seconded by Councillor Davidson

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 O’Neill:

Notes:

- 1) To note that conflict disproportionately affected disabled people as they faced the lack of accessible shelter and inclusive evacuation plans, and the loss of life-affirming or lifesaving equipment and support.
- 2) To note that mobility aids such as wheelchairs, walking frames, crutches and accessories for bathing and cooking were often not provided for those who needed them, especially where there were high levels of poverty, social stigma, and conflict; outside of conflict areas 1 in 10 people who needed a wheelchair did not have access to one.
- 3) To note that organisations and groups based in Scotland were currently working alongside groups in England, Poland, Germany, and the West Bank to transport mobility aids to those in need in or around Ukraine and Gaza.

- 4) To note that volunteers, medical professionals, and aid workers had expressed concern about the rise in need of such items – along with hospital beds, dressings, first aid kits, painkillers, and blankets – and note the barriers being faced in terms of transport costs, border checks and importing in or through the European Union.
- 5) To further note that processes and information regarding ‘returning and reusing’ mobility aids across multiple NHS Boards were not yet consolidated which unfortunately saw several aids going to landfill when they could be re-used in the UK or abroad.
- 6) To therefore request that officers organise a roundtable meeting with relevant organisations, elected members at all levels, NHS Lothian, and Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to establish:
 - a) How to immediately respond to calls for donations of mobility aids to Ukraine, Gaza, and other areas affected by conflict;
 - b) How to work with existing organisations and groups to support disabled people with our stock where the medical need was greater due to conflict.
 - c) How to further encourage residents to return old or used mobility aids to a relevant health partner, thus reducing landfill waste and ensuring people who needed items could get them while recognising the sensitivity of the issue given the return of mobility aids and equipment could often come at a distressing time; and that the process for both arranging and administering collections should be as quick and easy as possible.
- 7) To request an update back to the relevant committee as soon as possible that detailed the outcome of the meeting and any agreed actions or relevant information for elected members.

16 Euan’s Guide Access Survey – Motion by Councillor O’Neill

The following motion by Councillor O’Neill was submitted in terms of Standing Order 17:

“Council:

- 1) Notes Euan’s Guide is an Edinburgh based award-winning disabled access charity founded in 2013 by Euan MacDonald MBE, a powerchair user, and his sister Kiki after Euan was diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease (MND).

- 2) Further notes that EuansGuide.com is a leading disabled access review website where disabled people, their families, friends, and carers can find and share accessibility of venues around the UK and beyond.
- 3) Commends the work of Euan's Guide team, board and Ambassadors who all play an integral role in championing accessibility and making it easier for disabled people to find great places to go.
- 4) Highlights that the 2023 Access Survey, supported by Motability Operations, is open now until the end of November; the survey takes about 15 minutes to complete and is also available in Word, Audio, Easy Read and British Sign Language (BSL) formats.
- 5) Further highlights that the 2022 Access Survey results showed:
 - 72% of respondents have found accessibility information on a venue's website to be misleading, confusing or inaccurate
 - 74% of respondents have experienced a disappointing trip or having had to change plans due to poor accessibility
 - 51% of respondents said reviews from other disabled people improve their confidence when visiting new places
 - 46% of respondents have visited somewhere new after reading a review on EuansGuide.com
 - 91% of respondents said they try to find disabled access information about a new place before visiting
 - 58% of respondents said they avoid going to a venue if it has not shared its disabled access information because they assume it's inaccessible
 - Respondents said that the top accessible facilities needed to improve confidence to visit new places were accessible parking (80%) and accessible toilets (76%)
- 6) Lord Provost congratulates Euan's Guide for its continued work on improving accessibility for all and requests that the survey is shared to help a wide reach across Edinburgh with the following messaging:
 - a) For disabled people - please share your experiences of disabled access at venues and businesses in and around the city so they can improve their welcome to other disabled people.
 - b) For businesses and venues - please make sure that you're promoting your disabled access information on EuansGuide.com, 58% of Euan's

Guide Access Survey respondents said that they would actively avoid visiting a venue if it has not shared its disabled access information because they assume it's inaccessible."

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor O'Neill.

17 Capital Theatres – Motion by Councillor McFarlane

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

"Council:

Congratulates Fiona Gibson and her team at Capital Theatres on winning the UK Theatre Award for Excellence in Inclusivity.

Understands that this recognises their pioneering and ambitious programme to nurture a dementia-friendly environment.

Further understands that this success comes even before the refurbishment of the Kings Theatre is unveiled, which will go even further to ensure a fantastic and accessible experience to those with disabilities who visit, work, or perform in the theatre.

Agrees that Capital Theatres is a shining example of an organisation in the city that is meeting the Citywide Culture Strategy but specifically:

- AIM 1. ALL EDINBURGH RESIDENTS CAN EASILY ACCESS CULTURAL EXPERIENCES THAT THEY FIND MEANINGFUL IN THEIR LOCAL AREA, AND EVERYONE HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SHAPING LOCAL CULTURAL PROVISION
- AIM 2. EDINBURGH IS A WELCOMING AND SUPPORTIVE CITY IN WHICH A BROAD SPECTRUM OF CREATIVE AND CULTURAL PRACTITIONERS CHOOSE TO DEVELOP THEIR CAREERS

Agrees that the Lord Provost should mark this achievement in an appropriate way."

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor McFarlane.

18 Biology Teacher Hardeep Kaur wins GTC Scotland Saroj Lal Award – Motion by Councillor Griffiths

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

“Council:

- 1) Congratulates Hardeep Kaur, a biology teacher at Portobello High School, for winning this year’s GTC Scotland Saroj Lal Award;
- 2) Understands the Saroj Lal Award celebrates the efforts of GTC Scotland registered teachers who challenge adversity in a bid to promote and facilitate a culture and ethos of equality and diversity;
- 3) Recognises the equalities work Hardeep has undertaken at Portobello High School with both staff and learners including:
 - a) training focusing on microaggressions and the importance of pronouncing the names of black and minority ethnic (BAME) learners correctly.
 - b) leading a Standing Together campaign which involved placing posters around the school that include QR codes which allow learners to discreetly report racist incidents when they happen.
 - c) establishing guidance in the school and writing a policy for managing racist incidents.
- 4) Applauds Hardeep’s pioneering spirit and leadership of anti-racist programmes and policies in her school which has created a safe space for understanding and learning in Portobello High School;
- 5) Thanks Hardeep for all her hard work and wishes all the best going forward.

Requests the Lord Provost celebrates this achievement in the appropriate manner.”

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Griffiths.

19 Carlton Under 15s Cricket Club – Motion by Councillor Kumar

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

“Council:

- 1) Congratulates Carlton’s under-15 boys’ Cricket Club on their historic win as National Champions lifting the ECB Vitality Under 15 club cup trophy. They became the first Scottish youth cricket team to play at Lord’s Cricket Ground and the first Scottish team to win the title.
- 2) Notes that the brilliant team achieved this by playing through four rounds of cricket in Scotland followed by another four regional rounds in England before progressing to the final at Lord’s and a victory over Surrey Club, Banstead, who have a history of producing England internationalists.
- 3) Recognises the work of Team Coach, Charles Stronach and his team of talented young players; and wishes them every success in the future as they continue their journey.
- 4) Acknowledges this achievement and asks that the Lord Provost celebrates the UK Champions.”.

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Kumar.

20 Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club – Motion by Councillor Jenkinson

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

“Council:

Notes that on the 5th of November 2023 Clovenstone Amateur Boxing Club celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Recognises the valuable contribution the club has made to promote the sport of boxing in Wester Hailes and commends its work to improve the health and wellbeing of its members of all ages.

Asks that the Lord Provost finds an appropriate way to mark this significant achievement for the club.”

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

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Jenkinson.

21 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 21 of 2 November 2023)

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Parker for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

- Question** (1) In the past year, how many people who presented as homeless were put in temporary accommodation outside CEC?
- Answer** (1) 87 households on 95 occasions.
- Question** (2) On average, how long were people placed in temporary accommodation outside CEC?
- Answer** (2) Seven days
- Question** (3) In the past year, what was the longest time people were staying in temporary accommodation outside CEC boundaries?
- Answer** (3) 22 days
- Question** (4) On average, how far away were the placements from CEC boundaries?
- Answer** (4) 38.6 miles
- Question** (5) What was the furthest placement from CEC boundaries?
- Answer** (5) 120 miles (Durham)
- Question** (6) How were people supported to travel to temporary accommodation outside CEC boundaries?
- Answer** (6) Taxis were provided by the Council for people to travel to temporary accommodation outside the Council's boundaries.

Once accommodation was identified within the city, a taxi was provided to return to accommodation in Edinburgh.

- Question** (7) What were the demographics of the people placed in temporary accommodation outside CEC. Specifically:
- a) How many were women
 - b) How many were children, and how many of those were with a lone parent
 - c) How many identified as disabled and what was the nature of their disability or disabilities (physical, mental, learning, other)
- Answer** (7) Please see table below. On presentation, people are asked about any support needs they have and this is recorded as a physical, mental health or learning disability support need.
- Question** (8) If known, what were the reasons for the placements outside CEC boundaries?
- Answer** (8) People were provided with temporary accommodation outside the Council's boundaries when there was no suitable alternative accommodation in Edinburgh
- Supplementary Question** On questions 2 and 4, I asked her to give me an average, can she confirm what average she used for her answers, mode medium or mean, thank you.
- Supplementary Answer** Thank you, Councillor Parker, for your supplementary. The brief answer is no, but I'm very glad that in your contribution to debate earlier you commented on the fact that this is a highlight of the extent of the problem that we face, but so great for bringing this forward as an illustration and I will get the information for you as quickly as possible that you need. thank you.

Household Type		No of Placements	No of Adult Women	No of Children	No with a Physical Support need	No with a Mental Health Support Need	No with a Learning Disability Support Need
Single Person	Female	12	12	0	0	3	1
	Male	38	0	0	4	8	1
Single Parent	Female	12	12	20	0	5	0
	Male	1	0	3	0	0	0
Couple - No Children		4	4	0	1	0	0
Couple with Children		15	15	32	1	4	0
Other - No Children		3	0	0	0	0	0
Other - with Children		10	17	21	0	1	0
Total		95	60	76	6	21	2

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Beal for answer by the
Convener of the Transports and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 2 November 2023**

Question

What is the plan across the city to remove weeds on pavements and roads in each Ward?

Answer

Transport and Environment Committee received a [report](#) on the treatment of weeds in the city. The report also outlined the approach to the management of weeds from 2024.

It is important to report where weeds are creating a trip hazard or are damaging roads, pavements or kerblines so that these can be followed up for inspection and removal.

**Supplementary
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost. I'd just like to ask the Convener because I and the constituents in my ward want to know when weeds will actually be cleared in the ward, not in 2024, but in the next few months if you can answer that please, thanks.

**Supplementary
Answer**

So your Ward should already have had at least one pass this year, it does depend on when, in the growing cycle it comes but if you e-mail me I'll be happy to pass that on to officers and we can let you know exactly when they appeared in your ward, thank you.

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Thornley for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

To ask the Convener:

Question (1) How many sites across the city, where speed surveys have shown a free-flow average speed above normal tolerance, are currently on the waiting list for a site investigation?

Answer (1) Out of the 132 locations there are 110 locations, with free-flow survey results noted over the speed tolerance, on the list for further site investigation.

The Road Safety team are currently assessing these results and considering the most appropriate schemes and interventions for the 2024/2025 delivery programme. This will be approved by the Transport and Environment Committee following the 2024/25 budget setting.

Question (2) For a list of those sites, broken down by ward.

Answer (2) See table below:

Supplementary Question Thanks Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for his answer. How are the 110 sites, sorry, being prioritised for site investigations?

Supplementary Answer So it is pretty clear in Edinburgh in terms of the road safety programme, the reasonable aspirations of residents in the city aren't met by the available budget, so we did prioritise the current year's budget in the Transport Committee in October and included that in some speedy schemes and then what we've asked for is as soon as possible after the next budget we then look at how that's prioritised. So yes, it will be a matter for members on the Committee, but I think officers at the Committee did say that what they hoped to do is look for where some of the most concerning speeds can be grouped together, and so we can do schemes as groups rather than just one individual road, so I think that makes sense, thank you.

Location	Ward	Update
Whitehouse Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Main Street, Davidsons Mains	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Scotstoun Avenue	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Lennymuir	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Quality Street	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Turnhouse Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Turnhouse Farm Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Stirling Road, Kirkliston	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Cammo Gardens	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craigs Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Corbiehill Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Cammo Gardens	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Kirkliston Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
High Street, Kirkliston	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Station Road - High Street	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Main Street, Kirkliston	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
B800 - Flyover	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Silverknowes Road East	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Cammo Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Builyeon Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Glasgow Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Glasgow Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Queensferry Road, Kirkliston B800	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Whitehouse Road	Almond	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Queen Street	City Centre	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Chester Street	City Centre	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Great King Street	City Centre	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Douglas Gardens	City Centre	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Woodhall Road	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan

Swanston Road	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Mounthooly Loan	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Bridge Road	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Westgarth Avenue	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Colinton Mains Drive	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Oxgangs Road North	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Colinton Mains Drive	Colinton / Fairmilehead	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Murrayfield Road	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Ladywell Road	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Campbell Avenue	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Ravelston Dykes	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Ellersly Road	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Saughton Road North	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Kinellan Road	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Queensferry Terrace	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Orchard Road South	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craigleith Drive	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Ravelston Dykes	Corstorphine / Murrayfield	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Wakefield Avenue	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Restalrig Avenue	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craigentinny Road	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Sleigh Drive	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Marionville Avenue	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete for future delivery plan
Fillyside Road	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Craigentinny Avenue	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Lochend Road	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Restalrig Road South	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Lochend Road (A8)	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craigentinny Avenue	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Marionville Road	Craigentinny / Duddingston	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan

Queen's Drive	Craigtinny / Duddingston	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Drum Brae Drive	Drum Brae / Gyle	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Clermiston Road	Drum Brae / Gyle	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Clermiston Road	Drum Brae / Gyle	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Maybury Road Southbound	Drum Brae / Gyle	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Drum Brae North	Drum Brae / Gyle	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Drum Brae North	Drum Brae / Gyle	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Lower Granton Road	Forth	Investigation ongoing for 23/24 delivery plan
Starbank Road	Forth	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Granton Road	Forth	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Slateford Road (3 survey sites)	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	Road markings have been refreshed. Future interventions may be considered if Traveling Safely scheme retained
Kingsknowe Road South	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Greenbank Drive	Fountainbridge / Craiglockhart	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craigcrook Road (west)	Inverleith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Fettes Avenue	Inverleith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
East Fettes Avenue	Inverleith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Inverleith Row	Inverleith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Inverleith Place	Inverleith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Strachan Road	Inverleith	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
March Road	Inverleith	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Strachan Road	Inverleith	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
East Hermitage Place	Leith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Claremont Park	Leith	Investigation complete on 23/24 delivery programme
Rodney Street	Leith Walk	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Pilrig Street	Leith Walk	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Gilmerton Station Road	Liberton / Gilmerton	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Polwarth Gardens	Morningside	Footpath resurfacing to be undertaken by the Transport Infrastructure team in early 2024. 20mph roundels will be placed on the road and road markings will be refreshed.
Morningside Drive	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craighouse Road	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan

Braid Hills Road	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Hermitage Drive	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Braid Avenue	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Midmar Drive	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Balcarres Street	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Falcon Road West	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craighouse Gardens	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Myreside Road	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Myreside Road	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Marchmont Road	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Braid Road	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Hermitage Drive	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Midmar Drive	Morningside	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Wilkieston Road	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Westburn Avenue	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Freelands Way	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Harlaw Road	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Curriehill Road	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Dalmahoy Road (New proposed junction)	Pentland Hills	New speed limit installed - speed survey to be undertaken
Ravelrig Road	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Freelands Road	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Somerville Road	Pentland Hills	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Joppa Road	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Mountcastle Drive South	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Brunstane Road South	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Milligan Drive	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Portobello High Street/Abercorn Terrace	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Mountcastle Drive South	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Marionville Avenue	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Duddingston Row	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan

Greendykes Road	Portobello / Craigmillar	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Stevenson Drive (20s section)	Sighthill / Gorgie	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Robertson Avenue	Sighthill / Gorgie	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Stevenson Drive	Sighthill / Gorgie	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Mayfield Road	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Beaufort Road	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Blackford Avenue	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Kilgraston Road	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Grange Road	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Prestonfield Avenue	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Whitehouse Terrace/ Grange Loan	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
East Mayfield	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Holyrood Park Road	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan
Craigmillar Park	Southside / Newington	Investigation to be undertaken for future delivery plan

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor McKenzie for answer
by the Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 2 November 2023**

A decision to delete the Education Welfare Service was made in the Budget of 23 February 2023. A formal consultation began on 4 September 2023 and will conclude on 3 November 2023.

Question (1) How and when was the Budget decision first communicated to Education Welfare Officers (EWOs)?

Answer (1) Following Full Council budget setting on 23rd February, a meeting was held with the Education Welfare Officers and their line manager on 10th March where the impact of the decision was discussed and reassurance given that the Council would then initiate the Managing Change policy and review process, within the broader review of Inclusion. An Early Engagement session was subsequently held with the review project team and the EWOs on the 10th May.

An Administration Addendum to the 'Revenue Monitoring 2023/24 – month three report' at the Finance and Resources Committee (Special Meeting) of 23 October 2023 states "the skills and experience of our EWOs should be retained within our inclusion work, as set out in the original budget proposal details"

Question (2) Can the Convener signpost to anything in the consultation documentation stating that EWOs will be "retained within our inclusion work"?

Answer (2) This is not explicitly stated in the consultation documentation which I questioned when I was made aware of it. Despite the disconnect between the budget decision and the published terms of reference of the consultation, I have been told that a joint decision to not change the consultation documentation was agreed by all parties who attended the service review midpoint meeting, given the potential for positive outcomes following the review, including updated job descriptions which better reflect the crucial work EWOs contribute to schools, families and communities.

- Question** (3) How and when was the intention to retain EWOs “within our inclusion work” communicated to EWOs?
- Answer** (3) I don’t think that it was communicated as clearly as it should have been, given that the budget proposal said: “An organisational review will be implemented in accordance with the Council's Managing Change procedure. It is anticipated that opportunities will be available to redeploy relevant staff into similar roles”.
- Question** (4) Can the Convener provide more details of the “inclusion work” posts that will be offered to EWOs, including information on when these posts will commence?
- Answer** (4) Consultation will be concluded on the 10 November 2023, therefore no decision has been made on the way forward at this time. A report on options and recommendations for a way forward will be brought to Education, Children and Families Committee as soon as possible.
- An ‘Attendance Roles Review – mid-point presentation’, added to the Orb on 10 October 2023, states that voluntary redundancy packages will be offered to EWOs at the end of the consultation period, with an enhanced package available to those who accept the offer within 2 weeks.*
- Question** (5) Will EWOs be given details of the “inclusion work” posts being offered to them before they are offered any redundancy packages?
- Answer** (5) Please see Q4 response.
- Question** (6) Will the Convener apologise to EWOs for the way they have been treated throughout this process?
- Answer** (6) As Convener of Finance and Resources, operational reviews of Education Department Services aren’t within my remit.
- That said, I’ve engaged with the EWOs’ representatives, including meeting with them, and by waiving the deputation restrictions at the October special Finance & Resources Committee. The EWO’s representatives know that they have my support regarding the issues they’ve raised on behalf of their members.

**Supplementary
Question**

Question 4, if EWOs will be given details of the inclusion work posts that will be offered to them before they are offered any redundancy packages, can the Convener confirm that the education welfare service will be fully funded for the remainder of the financial year, that no offers of redundancy will be made during this financial year, and that the funding required to stop this cut will not be taken from the existing education budget?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Can I thank Councillor McKenzie for his supplementaries, it was actually three questions rather than one, but I'll do my best to answer them. So the EWOs are fully funded through to the end of this year, it's not coming from any other education budget, indeed the education budget has been expanded and it's currently offset by income that was higher than expected regarding offers of voluntary redundancy, the process is set out in managing change in the order that things are done, if individuals make an approach themselves, proactively ask about it, nobody can stop them doing that, but it will go through the managing change process, assuming that any changes are going to be made following the presentation of the recommendations to the Education, Children and Families Committee. I think that answered all three parts of it, thank you.

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor McKenzie for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 2 November 2023**

Controlled Parking Zone S6(E) came into operation on 23 October 2023. The 'Strategic Parking Review: Update' that came to the Transport and Environment Committee of 24 September 2023 stated that details of the 'live date' would be "circulated via a leaflet delivery direct to addresses within the affected area".

- Question** (1) Can the Convener confirm which leaflet distribution company was procured for this work?
- Answer** (1) This service was commissioned by the Council's parking contractor, but understand the company they appointed was Edinburgh's Out of Hand Scotland.
- Question** (2) Did the Council consider the terms and conditions of the leaflet distributors as part of the procurement exercise?
- Answer** (2) This service was commissioned by the Council's parking contractor and the contractual arrangement therefore the Council has not reviewed the terms and conditions as part of the procurement of this activity.
- Question** (3) Were the leaflet distributors employed on 'zero hours contracts'?
- Answer** (3) See answer to Question 2.
- Question** (4) Were the distributors asked to deliver the leaflet to affected businesses in S6(E)?
- Answer** (4) Yes
- Question** (5) Can the Convener share the leaflet distribution GPS data that he referred to at the Transport and Environment Committee of 12 October 2023, along with an opinion on whether it is possible to deduce that all properties received the leaflet based on this data?

Answer (5) As was explained at the Transport and Environment Committee, no problems were noted with the leaflet delivery. Indeed, I have only received one complaint from a local resident/business on the issue.

The 'Strategic Parking Review: Update' that came to the Transport and Environment Committee of 24 September 2023 stated that "The western extent of S6 is temporarily on hold as further work is carried out to determine the level of migration from S6(E), S5 and S7 into S6(W)"

Question (6) When and how was the decision made to put S6(W) on hold?

Answer (6) This decision was made by the Transport and Environment Committee in September 2023, I received no comments from you on this matter.

Question (7) How was this decision communicated to affected residents and businesses in S6(W)?

Answer (7) Only those properties in the eastern part of S6 were sent the initial leaflet advising of the implementation works and the subsequent leaflet advising about the CPZ controls and the go-live date. Similar leaflets will be issued to properties in the western part of S6 should a decision be made to implement controls in this area.

Question (8) Will the results of the work to determine the level of migration into S6(W) be shared with Committee before a final decision on if/when/how to proceed?

Answer (8) Committee agreed that the decision should be delegated to Officers following an assessment of the monitoring results, and that those results would be discussed with Ward Councillors prior to a final decision being taken. At that meeting, local Councillors would have an opportunity to discuss leaflet design and distribution.

Question (9) Will the options for final implementation in S6(W) include 'priority parking'?

Answer (9) No. The legal process for the entirety of S6 has been concluded and the approved approach for S6 was the introduction of CPZ.

Supplementary Question

Yes, I'd like to state, firstly, my huge admiration for Councillor Arthur's communication skills and I really mean that

Comment by the Lord Provost

I do require a supplementary question rather than admiration.

Supplementary Question

It's really important context. I mean it's about trying to find clarity on how he judges an issue to be worthy of his attention. In answer 5 he states no problems were noted with the leaflet delivery, indeed, I have only received one complaint from a local resident/business on the issue. Well, I haven't received any complaints about traffic on Comiston Road, but if you tell me it's there, I'll believe you, the point being.....

Comment by the Lord Provost

It's a question I'm looking for here

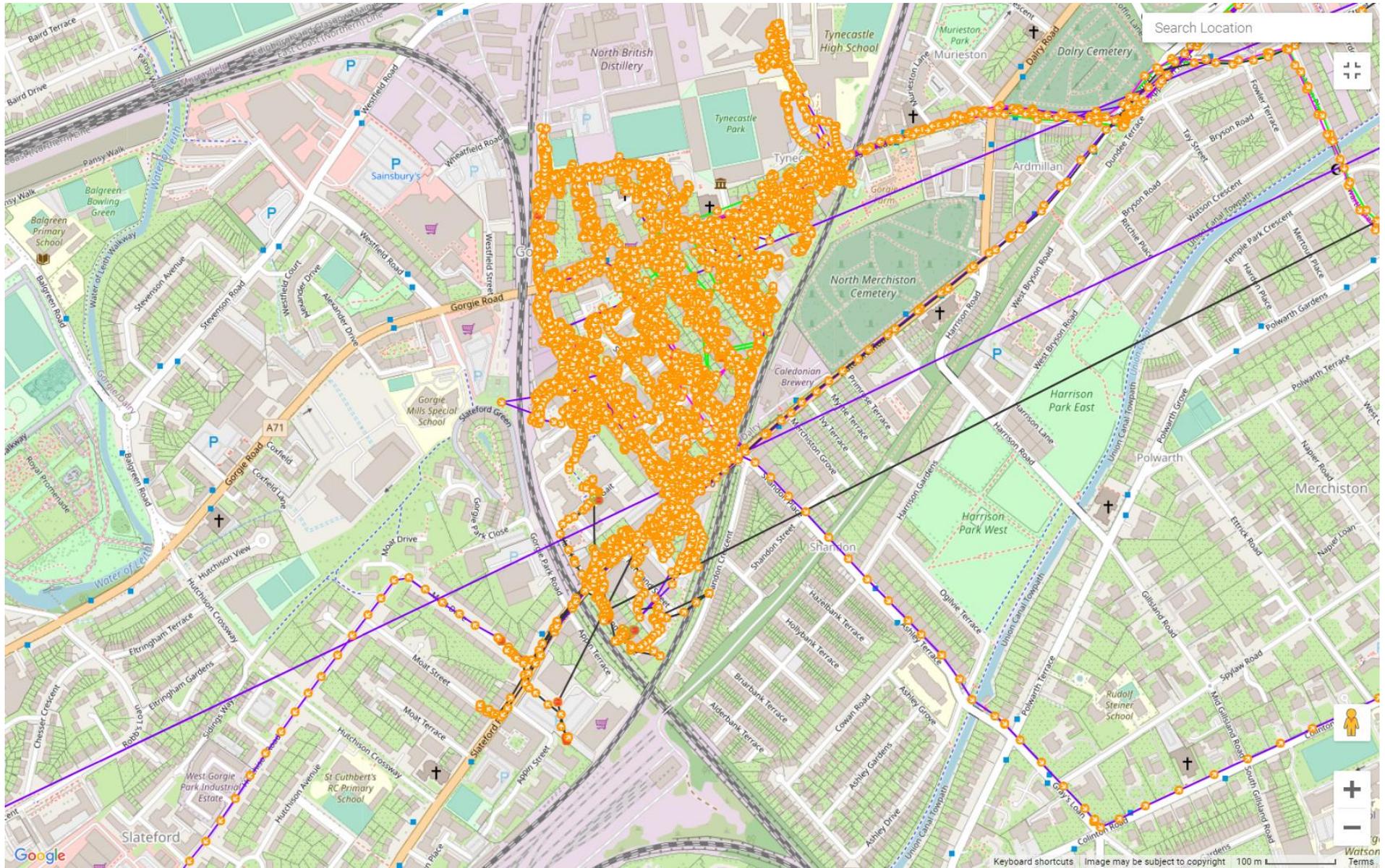
Supplementary Question continued

The question Lord Provost, does the Convener recognise that different parts of the city have different attitudes to the Council, different ways of communicating with councillors, so will he take a step back, stop denying that there are issues to be addressed with the way the CPZ has been implemented in Gorgie?

Supplementary Answer

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you, Councillor McKenzie. So the leaflets that Councillor McKenzie is referring to were delivered by a sub-contractor to the council contractor called "Out of Hand", the person who delivered those leaflets had a GPS tracker on them which showed the route that person took and it showed they reached every address point. Now I really regret the way this person undertook their job which has been questioned and is being questioned in the public domain like this rather than Councillors simply approaching council staff to get information about what happened. Council officers were very clear at the last Committee meeting about what the GPS data showed and the fact that the contractor reported back that there was no missed deliveries. Now I appreciate that residents in my ward might not be contacting Councillor

McKenzie about transport issues in my ward, but the reality is that people right across the city do contact me about transport issues and one person contacted me about the leaflet delivery in Councillor McKenzie's ward and in fact I was copied into another response from a resident of Councillor McKenzie being highly critical of his attempts to delay this scheme because of the benefits that person saw coming towards his community, he was highly critical of Councillor McKenzie's attempts to delay it and Councillor McKenzie is well aware of that e-mail because he was copied into it. Thank you Lord Provost.



QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Transports and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Question (1) In light of the DfT's recommendations of 6.1s of green man (and 2023 proposals for 7.3s), what is Edinburgh Council's own recommended or ideal time for a green man to display (excluding buffer) on both two lane and four lane carriageway for pelican and junction crossings respectively?

Answer (1) Within the DFT guidance, the walking speeds that are being referenced are for the pedestrian clearance time and not the pedestrian green man time.

In Edinburgh, an absolute minimum of 6 seconds is used at signal-controlled junctions when installing new junctions. The actual value is calculated based of half the width of the road divided 1.2m/s plus an additional 2 seconds to get pedestrians beyond the halfway point. If the value calculated is below 6, then the minimum of 6 is used. If above 6 then that value is used.

At PUFFIN and Toucan crossings there is a slightly different criteria for the green man time, as these have near sided display units. These use 4/5 seconds green man as once pedestrians have established themselves on the crossing the green man is no longer visible. Consideration is given based on the criteria below if there is a requirement to increase the green man further up to a maximum of 9.

At these crossings again it is the clearance time that allows pedestrians to clear the crossing area. Above ground detection is used to detect pedestrians on the crossing varying the clearance time in accordance with demand. Again, this clearance time is based on the width of the road.

Question (2) How can residents, councillors and stakeholders such as Living Streets feed into City Mobility Plan action W10 (*Longer Crossing Opportunities*) and W11 (*Increased Green Man Call Opportunities*) to ensure their local crossing lights can be assessed?

Answer (2) A three-month consultation was undertaken earlier this year on City Mobility Plan draft Action Plans, with the results of this consultation reported to Transport and Environment Committee on 12 October. The final version of the Active Travel Action Plan is currently scheduled to be considered by Committee on 1 February 2024 and will include further information on how it is proposed to take these actions forward.

Question (3) Edinburgh Street Design Guidance (G7) recommends that any tactiles on continuous footways run both parallel (aligned with buildings) and perpendicular to the road carriageway (aligned with ramp). What is the reasoning behind this?

Answer (3) The reasoning behind this recommendation is that pedestrians entering the continuous footway area, either along the main street or from the side street, are alerted to its presence. Council officers would be happy to provide Councillors with more information on this if requested.

Question (4) How does the Council monitor and engage with communities after the installation of continuous footways, such as in Roseburn and Leith, to examine issues and ensure pedestrians and drivers are both aware pedestrians have right of way?

Answer (4) Continuous footways are designed to send a clear visual message about priorities and have been used in Edinburgh for many years. Nevertheless, [a video](#) has been added to the City Centre West East Link (CCWEL) website and information has been provided in Newsletters and on social media about how to use the new junctions and continuous footways safely. Officers have also responded to any issues regarding continuous footways at community meetings and other engagement events.

Supplementary Question Lord Provost, thank you. It's a supplementary in regards to the Convener's third answer, as I don't still understand why there's a continuous footway that requires tactiles to be parallel with buildings rather than straight onto the crossing itself, and neither do members of the Edinburgh Access

Panel that I've spoken to, so my question would be, could the Convener please put the relevant officer in touch myself, the Edinburgh Access Panel and RNIB as a matter of urgency, for blind and partially sighted communities, thank you.

**Supplementary
Answer**

I am very happy to and I'm very grateful you haven't asked me to explain how tactiles work around continuous crossings, thank you.

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Caldwell for answer by the Convener of the Transports and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

- Question** (1) What was the reasoning during the initial Trams to Newhaven installation to replace the whinstone heritage kerbing in the Leith Conservation Area (outwith the exception of the World Heritage Site) with concrete?
- Answer** (1) As part of the detailed design, it was a requirement to install kerbside drainage and as such whinstone kerbing could not be used for this. However, to keep the aesthetics from changing along the route, it was agreed to re-use the whinstone kerbing within the heritage area and pre-cast concrete (PCC) along Leith Walk.
- Question** (2) What consultation was done with the community regarding stone types before the final plans approved to change it?
- Answer** (2) The design for Leith Walk was developed in close consultation with the community and stakeholders during 2018 to allow residents, businesses, pedestrians and cyclist to co-exist with buses and trams.
- Question** (3) In line with our sustainability policies, what was done with the now-removed whinstone heritage kerbing?
- Answer** (3) All removed whinstone kerbs were re-used within the world heritage area as part of Edinburgh Trams York Place to Newhaven works.
- Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost. In response to Answer 2, I'm afraid this one isn't as collegiate, what part of the 2018 consultation process did residents consent for the public realm of Leith Walk to be stripped away and reused in a world heritage area, thank you.

**Supplementary
Answer**

As you will appreciate Councillor Caldwell, I wasn't directly involved in those communications to stakeholders, but I think what we've seen both in the recent discussions around the public realm on Elm Row etc. I think there are questions to be asked about how would that information that was collected from stakeholders how they were used to inform designs. So again, if you want to e-mail me, I can pass on your e-mail to the appropriate person or of course you are very welcome to do that yourself, thank you.

QUESTION NO 8

By Councillor Aston for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Question (1) What is the average time from a complaint being submitted about a hedge or similar overgrown vegetation blocking a footpath or carriageway to the issuing of a letter to the responsible household(s) warning of possible enforcement?

Answer (1) The average time taken is 9.21 days.

Question (2) How many such letters have been issued in the last reported year?

Answer (2) In 2022/23, 373 first letters were issued.

Question (3) How many such letters have resulted in:

- a) Escalation due to lack of action on the part of the responsible household, broken down by further action?
- b) Referral to Garden Aid or similar source of assistance?

Answer (3) As an escalation, a further 116 second letters were issued. Unfortunately, the data is not held in a format to provide a breakdown of further action or assistance.

Note: The information provided is based on the data for financial year 2022/23

Supplementary Question Thanks Lord Provost and thank you to the Convener for his response. Does the Convener think that the current system is working, given the number of hedges blocking the number of pavements and roads across the city, and what is he going to do about it?

Supplementary Answer So this is something that really frustrates me, actually, it's one of my growing number of pet hates, is overgrown hedges in the city and I do wish that the Council had the resources to undertake a more proactive approach and systematically survey the city and deal with this issue, but that is perhaps something we can think about in the next

budget round. But what I would say is it is really simple to report an overgrown hedge and quite often those hedges, not too often, but occasionally those hedges do actually belong to the Council and are reported to the Council and it is relatively easy to do and I would encourage all Councillors here to share that link with their constituents in their newsletters or on their Facebook page etc just to encourage people to report these overgrown hedges as much as possible and then the Council can take steps to deal with them, because I think what the recent City Mobility Plan consultation showed is one of the most important things for residents in the city, is clutter free footpaths, and hedges are a big part of that, and it's such a simple thing by and large for residents to deal with, so let's get residents reporting it and the Council can take enforcement action if needed.

**Comments by
the Lord
Provost**

Before I move on to the next one, could I just remind members that Supplementary Questions are for seeking clarification of the content of an answer rather than bringing up any new matter.in

QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Campbell for answer
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee at a
meeting of the Council on 2
November 2023**

Question (1) Can the convener please set out the contract spend within the Children, Education and Justice Services directorate on counselling and other direct mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people including details of how much is spent overall, which organisations are funded and what they are expected to deliver for that funding?

Answer (1) Funding from Scottish Government of circa £1m per annum is spent to provide 23 school counsellors in each of the 23 learning communities. This work is stipulated by Scottish Government to work with children and young people from 10 years of age.

The Community Mental Health contracts deliver eight projects across localities and additional citywide projects. One of the contracts is currently being reviewed as one project is unable to fulfil the requirement. The contracts awarded and the value can be found on the contract register published on City of Edinburgh Council website.

Contracts are also awarded for specific therapeutic input, for example for children affected by bereavement and children affected by parental substance use. The contracts awarded and the value can be found on the contract register published on City of Edinburgh Council website.

Play Therapy for younger children is provided through the Care Experienced Fund. This funding is provided by Scottish Government annually.

Additional mental health provisions and wellbeing interventions are also funded via schools' devolved budget. Schools call off existing framework contracts to address the local need identified by the Head Teachers and the team around the child. The details of providers on each active

frameworks can be found on the contract register published on City of Edinburgh Council website. The spend is linked to the need and not in the public domain.

Commercially sensitive information and details of individual contracts can be shared in public only with the consent of the providers.

Question (2) Can the convener confirm how many children and young people access counselling services directly funded by council contract spend within C,E&JS?

Answer (2) This information is supplied by each provider to their contract manager as part of the contract monitoring process. Information will be collated manually and provided as soon as available.

Contract Management procedures are being reviewed by CEJS and will continue to be a priority to ensure the data informs the service in a timely and comprehensive manner.

Counselling and wellbeing interventions contract opportunity is currently live on Public Contract Scotland, which will support contract monitoring, data reporting and compliance.

City of Edinburgh Council counsellors have supported 841 children and young people during last academic year (funded by Scottish Government) Details below.

Total number of children accessing counsellors	841
Number accessing in-person provision	793
Number accessing provision virtually	148 had some virtual alongside in person counselling. <i>None had virtual only</i>
Number of female pupils accessing provision	530
Number of male pupils accessing provision	311

Stage specific data	<i>P5s – 8</i>
Number of children in P6	69
Number of children in P7	129
Number of children in S1	78
Number of children in S2	124
Number of children in S3	163
Number of children in S4	126
Number of children in S5	97
Number of children in S6	66

- Question** (3) Can the convener please set out the details as above but specifically in relation to:
- a) Children and young people at risk of or experiencing homelessness
 - b) Children and young people in families where a parent or carer has issues with addiction or substance misuse?

Answer (3) The Council has a joint contract with EADP to address the specific need of children affected by parental substance use. The volume of referrals and interventions is discussed during contract monitoring activities. Information will be collated manually and provided as soon as available.

The Council does not gather the details of each referral, which remain confidential to the referrer or to the young people if self-referring. Scottish Government does not require this categorisation either when reporting on outcomes.

The Council is actively taking action to enhance its contract management processes across the Children, Education and Justice Services Directorate.

- Question** (4) How much of this spend, if any, is statutory?

Answer (4) We have school counsellors in all our Learning Communities funded by the Scottish Government through statutory funding to Local Authorities. Counsellors work with P6/7 learners from the associated primaries and students in the secondary school. A school counsellor also works across two of our special schools.

Our team of Educational Psychologists and Additional Support for Learning service support schools with meeting the needs of children through GIRFEC (getting it right for every child) planning.

The third party spend addresses a critical requirement that flows from population need and individual strategies directed to local intervention in the learning communities, in addition to the in-house delivery of statutory services.

Question (5) When are these contracts up for review?

Answer (5) The details can be found on the contract register published on City of Edinburgh Council website.

Supplementary Question Thank you Lord Provost and I definitely need to seek clarity on this, because actually my question was not answered so, to thank the Convener for putting some information down, but actually I asked about the contract spend and the answer I was given was the contracts awarded and the value can be found on the contract register published on the website, which they can be, but there is not enough information on the website for someone like me,

Comment by the Lord Provost What is the information you're requiring?

Supplementary Question continued So that's what I'm trying to explain Lord Provost. I can't discern the answer to the question because I can't discern which contracts are relevant to the question that I asked, which is why I asked it of the Convener

Comment by the Lord Provost I'm waiting for your question

**Supplementary
Question
continued**

So I'm wondering if the Convener will commit to providing that information, I'm very much seeking clarification on the point of the question Lord Provost because the question was not answered, so will the Convener provide that information, later on in the answer it said, information will be collated manually and provided as soon as available, in answer to another part of the question, can she give a date that that information will be available and can she commit to answering the question ahead of the next full Council meeting please.

**Supplementary
Answer**

The answer is yes, I will commit to giving you that information, if you've not received it or if it's not clear enough and I think you've just gave yourself the date before the next committee.

QUESTION NO 10

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Question (1) Can the Convener confirm the number of pupils (and the breakdown per school year in Edinburgh who require teaching in BSL?

Answer (1) Can the Convener confirm the number of pupils (and the breakdown per school year in Edinburgh who require teaching in BSL?

Mainstream School (n=10, total pupils = 55, 000)	
Nursery/EYC	5
P2	1
P6	2
S1	1
S4	1

Specialist Provison (n=7, total pupils = 738)	
P4	2
P6	1
P7	1
S2	2
S4	1

Question (2) What is the Convener’s opinion of possibly bringing all children and young people with BSL under one space for teaching, learning, and socialising?

Answer (2) The delivery of educational provision for deaf learners is currently under review as part of the wider inclusion review. We recognise the increasing population and complexity of need of this group of learners and the challenging capacity to support and deliver effective services including the delivery of BSL teaching and support. Relatively, the

number of children and young people in the City of Edinburgh requiring BSL support is small. However, the number of children and young people requiring support from the Deaf Support Service is increasing in number and complexity part the consequences of the NHS paediatric audiology failures. In taking forward a review of the supports for deaf learners in Edinburgh consideration will be given to developing an in-reach model (such as a school or a dedicated base) and we would welcome engagement with wider stakeholders on this development as we progress through the inclusion review. It should be noted that all Deaf learners are individuals in terms of factors such as their need, their access to the curriculum and there need for appropriate peer groups and would not always be appropriate to group them together.

QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Vice Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Notes that Edinburgh is facing unprecedented shortages of Social Workers and that recruitment should be prioritised

- Question** **(1)** How many
- a) adult social workers and
 - b) children social workers
- have been recruited/retained by CEC in the last year?
- Answer** **(1)** a) Adult social workers – 37 FTE
- b) 41 distinct New Starts recruited (Oct 2022 to Sep 2023)
- 219 (distinct Headcount) retained (as at end of Sep 2023).
- Question** **(2)** How many social workers are needed to supplement current staffing levels.
- Answer** **(2)** a) Within adult social work, as of the 30 September 2023 we had 26.6 FTE social worker vacancies. This level of vacancy is mitigated somewhat by the employment of 16 FTE agency colleagues. We currently have 5 Social Workers going through preemployment checks.

- b) Within Children’s Social Work, as of the 30 September 2023 we had 10.47 FTE Social Worker vacancies. Whilst this level of vacancy is mitigated somewhat by the employment of 7 agency colleagues.

As part of our Improvement Strategy, we are looking at service remits and structures through our Change Management process, this will inform decision making around what required staffing levels are required going forward. There is some urgency around realigning the child protection resource, which we are currently actively progressing.

Question (3) How long does it currently take for a social worker to be recruited? i.e. time period from advert to starting role.

- Answer** (3) a) Within adult social work the current average time to recruit is 4.1 months for external candidates.
- b) Children’s Social Work - This varies dependent on individual circumstances, generally takes around four months.

Question (4) What conversations, if any, has the Convener had with Capital City Partnerships and other recruiters to accelerate recruitment.

- Answer** (4) a) Adult Social Work - Capital City Partnership supports EHSCP with publicising the social care workforce jobs and is specifically focused on entry level roles in Care Homes, Home Care and Reablement and Disability Services.

EHSCP don’t work with any other recruiters.

- b) Children's Social Work - We work closely with HR to support recruitment and circulate vacancies across several communication platforms including My Job Scotland, the national recruitment portal for local government. Recruitment events have been held in Waverley Court and attended by interested candidates and students undertaking social work qualifications.

The Council has a contract with Pertemps and framework under Scotland EXcel for the supply of agency workers which include Social Workers. There is currently an active ongoing search to recruit to permanent vacancies.

We are also progressing a 'grow your own' scheme where we are supporting social work assistants through social work training to qualification.

QUESTION NO 12

By Councillor Kumar for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Notes that the Council secured funding in the region of £2.1M for Multiply via the UK Shared Prosperity Fund but that an underspend of £545,000 was reallocated to People and Skills project.

Question (1) When was the Convener first made aware of this underspend and what mitigations, if any, was made to ensure delivery of Multiply could continue?

Answer (1) Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee have been kept updated on UK Shared Prosperity Fund, including Multiply, regularly since it was introduced nationally. In the report presented to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee on [9 May 2023](#), it was confirmed that the 2022/23 Multiply allocation had not been utilised due to capacity issues, and that permission to carry forward the full allocation had been requested from the UK Government.

The report to Committee on [8 August 2023](#) confirmed that permission had been granted to carry forward this funding for one year, and that reallocation to People and Skills projects would be permitted, if required.

As the funding carried forward must be utilised in 2023/24, to allocate all of this to the Multiply programme would have meant that the 2023/24 programme could not be sustained in future years. For this reason, it was agreed that the funding carried forward should be allocated to People and Skills delivery due to its close alignment with the Multiply outcomes.

Question (2) What was the role of the Lifelong Learning staff in delivering Multiply?

Answer (2) The initial plans were developed by the Lifelong Learning service. The Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning Service are leading on implementation of the programme, working closely with a national network of Multiply Leads and have developed innovative additions to the original programme plans.

Question (3) Does the Convener envisage further underspend in future years spending?

Answer (3) There are no underspends anticipated in 2023/24 or 2024/25.

Question (4) What discussions, if any, has the Convener had with Lifelong Learning staff and managers about this?

Answer (4) Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee have been kept updated on Multiply within the context of the overall UK Shared Prosperity Fund however I have had no direct discussions with the Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning service team on the Multiply programme specifically.

Question (5) What impact, if any, has the Lifelong Learning Review of staff had on delivery of this service.

Answer (5) While the organisational review was in progress, the retirement of a Lifelong Learning Manager in August 2022 meant it was not possible to backfill this position until the review concluded. This impacted on the start of the Multiply programme in 2022/23.

However, feedback received through the recently formed national network of Multiply leads, has highlighted that many local authorities have experienced a delay in the programme starting and officers have confirmed to me that the initial delay will not impact the overall delivery.

Notes:

Multiply Programme

- The Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning Service was established following the completion of the Lifelong Learning Review.
- The initial Multiply plans were developed by one of the Lifelong Learning Managers in the service in August 2022. This Manager subsequently retired, and no replacement was appointed until May 2023 when the Lifelong Learning Review concluded.
- In May 2023, two Wider Achievement and Learning Managers (adult and family learning) were confirmed in post. Along with a Wider Achievement Development Officer, they have reviewed the original plans, engaged in a national network for Multiply Leads, developed innovative additions and have begun implementing the programme.
- The structure of the new Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning service provides more management and capacity for adult learning. The mitigation for the initial delay lies in the now increased capacity to deliver Multiply in this and the next financial year.

Actions completed to date:

- Full time development officer (adult and family learning in Wider Achievement and Lifelong Learning) co-ordinating Multiply since August 2023
- Networking with local authorities, Education Scotland and Numeracy networks
- Engaged with Capital City Partnership colleagues to ensure compliance with funding requirements and progress HELIX training with key staff
- Engaged with partners to develop integrated delivery plan for Multiply
- Schedule training and upskilling (Mathos on Toast and Learning Link Scotland)
- Attendance at National Multiply Leads network meetings, the first of which was 27th September 2023
- Identified staff groups who would benefit from Multiply programme
- Identified target groups and scoped out ways to target and engage

QUESTION NO 13

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Following the recent approval of the City Mobility Plan there are concerns about the possible impacts of diverted traffic encroaching into residential communities, many of whom have been trying to engage with the Council to discuss this to ensure that they see benefits from the City Mobility Plan rather than negative impacts. There is no clear route for Street and Residents' Associations and Community Councils to work collaboratively with the Council to address these issues or bring forward ideas on local delivery of the City Mobility Plan.

Question

Can the Convener detail the route by which community organisations can work with the Council to deliver local improvements in line the City Mobility Plan?

Answer

The City Mobility Plan (CMP) sets out strategic objectives and policy measures which will help the Council to meet its agreed targets including car kilometre reduction and net zero. As the Council's approved local transport strategy, projects and proposals should accord with CMP.

Engagement with communities and stakeholders remains a key part of the Council's process at the detailed project/proposal stage to enable collaboration and feedback on local issues and impacts which will, alongside data gathering and technical evidence, shape final project outcomes.

Council officers have been engaging with Community Councils and the Edinburgh Association of Community Councils on a regular basis to support discussion and collaboration and will continue to do so. In addition, for individual projects/proposals, Street and Residents' Associations have made contact directly with Council officers on local concerns and issues and officers welcome this continuing.

The Circulation Plan, once approved, will provide a strategic framework to identify and deliver travel mode priorities across key corridors, town centres and the city centre. This will include reducing intrusive through-traffic within neighbourhoods and the city centre where potential impacts are identified. The Circulation Plan will be presented to Transport and Environment Committee in February 2024.

Major strategic projects such as the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) and public realm works including the transformation of George Street build in monitoring and evaluation processes to help review and mitigate impacts both pre and post-delivery. For LEZ, traffic surveys and modelling have and will continue to form part of Council's understanding on how to mitigate potential traffic displacement and network changes to help manage those potential impacts will be completed before LEZ is enforced from 1 June 2024. Annual monitoring thereafter will enable further understanding of impacts and any further mitigations that may be required.

**Supplementary
Question**

Yes, thank you, Lord Provost. I wanted to thank the Convener for his both the answer to my questions and the answer, the questions that he answered that came up at a community meeting we were both that last week, which is helpful and to seek clarification in what form that the monitoring will take, will the locations and information gathered be publicly available, and when is the baseline monitoring being gathered, so that extent of displaced traffic can be accurately measured and will local communities be consulted about where the monitoring devices are to be placed?

**Supplementary
Answer**

Thank you again, Lord Provost. Are you referring to the CBZ and the George Street work – I'll get details of that to you, thank you.

QUESTION NO 14

By Councillor Bruce for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

The pothole killer arrived in March of this year and was initially rented for 6 months.

Question (1) How many potholes have been fixed using this new machine since its arrival?

Answer (1) The recording of the data for the pothole pro been by square meterage (**m²**) rather than individual pothole. As at 24 October 2023, **7,270m²** has been achieved.

Question (2) Please give a breakdown of potholes fixed per ward since the pothole killer arrived?

Answer (2) The data has been recorded on a locality basis, rather than by ward. The breakdown by locality is as follows:

North East – **1,680m²**

North West – **1,604m²**

South East – **2,870m²**

South West – **1,116m²**

Question (3) What is the highest number of potholes it has fixed in one day?

Answer (3) As noted in answer 1, this information is not recorded. The highest (**m²**) for a day was **140m²**

Question (4) Has it been operational each working day since arrival and if not, how many working days has it not been operational?

Answer (4) The Pothole Pro has been operational for **94 days** and not in use for **48 days** (holidays, sickness, events etc.)

It has also been in operation on **16 Sundays** for work in traffic sensitive roads, which are not suitable for Monday – Friday working.

Question (5) What has been the cost so far in renting this Pothole Killer and what will be subsequent costs be going forward should we decide to continue with this machine?

Answer (5) The hire costs to date are £41,250, with ongoing hire costs of £5,416.67 per month. If a new Pothole Pro were to be purchased, it would have an approximate cost of £195,000.

Question (6) Has the rental of the pothole killer come to an end or will/has the pothole killer been rented for a further 6 months?

Answer (6) Officers have requested a six month extension to the Pothole Pro lease, while the fleet replacement programme is developed.

Question (7) Will there be a report assessing the Pothole Killers performance along with detailing its pros and cons at the next Transport & Environment Committee?

Answer (7) Officers will continue to utilise the Pothole Pro whilst monitoring its output and suitability. A Business Bulletin update will be prepared for Committee at the end of the full lease period. This will include details of outputs, pro's and con's.

Supplementary Question Can I thank the Convener for his answers as well. I was a bit surprised and disappointed that there was only a thousand square metres that were dealt with in south-west, and it looks like the pothole killer was posted missing in the Pentland Hills ward, but there we go, it is what it is, taking all the costs for hiring this vehicle, the materials used along with the employee costs and the square metreage of potholes covered, how does this compare to our normal costs when filling potholes manually with tar out of the back of a lorry for the same time period?

Supplementary Answer Thanks again. So I'm really grateful for you asking the question actually, because it has been really good to put some of this information in the public domain, because I know there is a lot of interest about what this machine is doing, but these are questions which will come up as part of

the review. Obviously, this is a team that we need and want to invest more into the city, so it's not that this is instead of staff, but this is in addition to the existing staff group and whilst the costs are non trivial in a lot of ways, I do think it's probably cheaper than the old way of doing it, which would need more staff and take longer and actually use more materials because one of the secret strengths of this machine is it cuts out just the right size of hole, both in terms of area and depth, so we use less material, so we're saving cash on that and we're also saving carbon on that, but the questions you ask will be answered as part of the review of the machine going forward. thank you.

QUESTION NO 15

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Question

What is the Education department doing to promote financial education in secondary schools across the city?

Answer

Summary of Response

The Edinburgh Learns Development Officer for Numeracy and Mathematics works with school staff to improve the provision of numeracy and mathematics, including financial education. Currently he is providing a wide range of professional learning and support. The current offer is set out below, including webinars from [Financial Education Scotland](#) (taking place authority wide in January), resources and workshops that are currently available and promoted across the high school maths curriculum lead network.

The DO is also in negotiation with [MyBnK](#) (a UK wide Financial Education Charity who deliver workshops for 7-25 years olds) on 27/10/23 with the aim to strategically work in partnership with them to advertise their courses to high school maths leads across the authority.

Webinars

Organiser:

Young Enterprise Scotland

Course Title: Scotland's Financial Schools

Session 1 – Introducing financial education across the curriculum.

Session 2 – Embedding financial education through IDL.

Target Audience:

Secondary (sessions are tailored to specific sector)

Dates:

Sector	Session 1	Session 2
Secondary	24.01.24	30.01.24

Time:

All sessions will run from 16:00 – 17.00 (Webinars on TEAMS)

Staff Delivering:

Gillian Darroch (Project Manager) & Ross Gibson (CEC - Numeracy Development Officer)

Subject(s): Financial Education, Skills based learning, Learning for Sustainability, Developing the Young Workforce

Course Overview: Young Enterprise Scotland aims to equip all young people with the skills to thrive in life, learning and work. Our Scotland's Financial Schools programme is designed to support teachers build their confidence in delivering financial education learning experiences to ensure our young people are equipped with appropriate financial skills. The course consists of two CLPL sessions and we would ask practitioners attend both.

Session 1 – Introducing financial education across the curriculum.

- To raise awareness of what financial education is and why it is essential for developing skills for life, learning and work.
- Learning for Sustainability contextualisation with links the Sustainable Development Goals, DYW agenda, Career Education Standards 3-18, Curriculum Entitlements and the Attainment Challenge.
- To encourage a cross curricular approach to financial education going beyond numeracy and maths
- Overview of 'Scotland's Financial Schools' website – includes access to free lesson plans, a whole school reflections tool and a Financial Education Scottish Progression Pathway which is linked to Curriculum for Excellence
- Overview of financial workshops delivered by our SFS team

Session 2 – Embedding financial education through IDL.

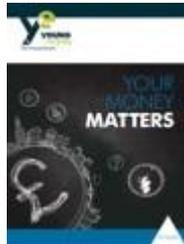
- Encouraging a sustainable approach to embedding financial education into teaching and learning
- Examples of delivering financial education through interdisciplinary learning opportunities
- Examples of case studies to inspire and motivate.
- A practical session to encourage collaboration and the sharing of examples and ideas.

Cost

All our training and resources are free.

Universal offer of resources and workshops Young Enterprise

Your Money Matters Textbook



The Scottish version of Your Money Matter Textbook was developed by Money and Pensions Service and YE Scotland along with a donation from Martin Lewis in order to provide a concrete resource for schools. It is aimed at S4 – S6 pupils and the content is very varied and goes beyond just money calculations. It looks at financial terminology, potential funding for further education, managing debt and problems that can arise with it, fraud, scams and risk and reward. Every Scottish secondary school received 75 hard copies in April 2021 and YE Scotland continue to promote and support the textbook through our pupil workshops.

Pupil Workshops



My Money Talks (S6 and S4&S5 leavers)

This programme consists of two workshops (Making the Most of your Money and Borrowing) which cover themes that develop essential financial skills for pupils moving on from school. They are in line with the '**Your Money Matters**' textbook which has been endorsed by **Money Saving Expert, Martin Lewis**. The workshops last approximately 50 minutes, to accommodate school timetables. If you wish to read more, please visit our website [What We Do | Young Enterprise](#)

[Scotland \(yes.org.uk\)](http://yes.org.uk)

Learn to Earn (S3 pupils)



This year we are piloting our updated Learn to Earn programme for S3 pupils. This programme lasts a double period (although

h can be adapted to suit timetables) and focuses on the reality of earning money and what you would prioritise when spending, setting goals for the future, keeping to a budget and saving. It also links to the world of work by looking at payslips and tax and NI. If you wish to read more, please visit our website [What We Do | Young Enterprise Scotland \(yes.org.uk\)](http://What We Do | Young Enterprise Scotland (yes.org.uk))

Current Activity in Edinburgh City Council

Pupil workshops (to date) booked in:

- Forrester High School
- James Gillespie's High School
- Leith Academy
- Liberton High School
- Portobello High School
- Queensferry High School

Supplementary Question

Thank you Lord Provost and Convener of Education, thank you for your answer about financial education being rolled out through schools. You said that Young Enterprise Scotland are providing webinars to teachers and workshops to pupils' but what is not clear is the extent of that. The workshops I think, have only been delivered to six schools so far, is the plan for that to be delivered. To all of the schools and likewise the webinars to the teachers, are they going to be provided to all teachers in all schools?

Supplementary Answer

Thank you for raising this. It's actually a really good question because I think again for our young people getting information on finance and how they manage their finances is something I think that is probably been lacking over the years, and it's something that we should be doing much more of. I'm not sure about the roll-out, but I'll find out for you and get back to you

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor Cowdy for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 2 November 2023

Question

How many cycle trips have been taken in each of the segregated cycle lanes across the city, set out on a weekly basis since installation?

Answer

The Council has a network of 58 walking and cycling counters located around the city. Of these, four are located within segregated cycle lanes that are currently in place on an experimental basis, as part of the Travelling Safely programme. These counters are located at:

- Dundee Street/Fountainbridge;
- Dean Bridge;
- Crewe Road South; and
- Mayfield Road.

Information about the counters, including the data recorded by them, can be viewed on the Council's website via the following link:

[Walking and Cycling Statistics – The City of Edinburgh Council](#)

The average annual daily trips at each location before Covid (mean from 2015-19) and in 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 so far are shown in Table 1 below.

Cycling Scotland also has a cycling counter within a segregated cycle lane at Picardy Place. Data from this is available to view via the following link:

<https://usmart.io/org/cyclingscotland/>

Cycling Scotland also conduct biannual counts including at several locations throughout Edinburgh where segregated cycleways have been installed: Comiston Road; Lanark Road; Old Dalkeith Road; York Place and Pennywell Road. The results can be found here [Edinburgh Traffic Survey Results | Flourish](#) and the count data from the most recent count in May 2023 is summarised in Table 2 below (results are from 48hrs continuous count):

As part of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan that has been developed for the Travelling Safely programme, seven-day surveys are being undertaken to establish the numbers of people cycling in the experimental segregated cycle lanes. The results of these surveys will be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in due course.

Table 1 – Average Annual Daily Cycle Traffic

Average Annual Daily Cycle Traffic					
Site	Mean 2015-2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Dundee Street/ Fountainbridge	270	381	375	No data	No data
Dean Bridge	335	414	476	514	355
Crewe Road South	191	211	367	394	396
Mayfield Road	2,221	1,119	1,596	1,192	1,257

Table 2 – Edinburgh Traffic Survey Results

Survey Site	Cyclists	All modes	Cycling mode share
Comiston Road	999	37788	2.64%
Lanark Road	420	21448	1.96%
Old Dalkeith Road	1596	31721	5.03%
York Place	853	39680	2.15%
Lothian Road	3097	71256	4.35%
Pennywell Road	191	16634	1.15%
Great Junction Street	1592	54126	2.94%

Supplementary Question

Thank you very much, Lord Provost, and to the Convener of Transport, thank you for your very full answer as well. You said that there were counters on 4 experimental segregated lanes only and for the rest of them the plan was for seven days surveys, so what I'm not clear about is why there were not counters on all of the experimental segregated cycle lanes, given the significance of them and how divisive the issue has been.

Supplementary Answer

so thank you for your question and obviously these were decisions taken before I was Transport Convener, but I'll endeavour to get an answer for you, thank you.