

Addendum by the Administration

Policy and Sustainability Committee

15 December 2023

Item 5.1 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan for Consultation

To note the eight priority areas highlighted in the Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan.

To request the Planning Committee review the actions noted under the priority heading *Planning and the Built Environment* against current planning policy to ensure climate change adaption is embedded throughout. To request a report back to Policy and Sustainability Committee on this work and any adjustments required.

Moved by: Cllr Jane Meagher

Seconded by: Cllr Mandy Watt

Amendment by the SNP Group

Policy and Sustainability Committee

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Item 5.1 - Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan for Consultation

Replaces points 1.1.1 and 1.1.3 with:

1.1.1 Agrees the Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan 2024-2030 can move forward to public consultation;

1.1.3 Agrees that following a 12-week consultation on the draft plan, the final plan back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee for approval in Spring 2024 with the ability to make further changes and improvements at that point.

Moved by: Councillor Adam Nols-McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

Addendum by the Green Group

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Item 5.1 – Draft Climate Ready Edinburgh Plan for Consultation

Adds:

1.1.4 In recognition of the fact that climate adaptation sits across all areas of the Council, requests a Business Bulletin update to all other Executive Committees as well as Planning committee and Regulatory committee promoting that the Climate Ready Edinburgh plan is out for consultation and highlighting its relevance for each Committee.

1.1.5 Notes with concern Appendix 4 which outlines a large number of “red” vulnerabilities relating to climate adaptation. Therefore, requests a report to Governance, Risk and Best Value committee after the consultation responses have been reviewed to set out how these vulnerabilities align with the Council’s risk appetite, and to outline a proposal for regular Committee monitoring of how these risks are being managed within all relevant service areas going forward, either as a standalone item or within the Council’s current risk reporting framework.

1.1.6 Notes from the report that “[a]dapting the city will require the Council to ensure it uses our existing funds effectively” and that “[the Council] will also have to look at using funds differently”. Therefore, requests a briefing session is arranged with Party finance leads, the Chief Financial Officer and other relevant officers to discuss how adaptation planning is adequately profiled in the Medium-Term Financial Plan and future Council Budget setting processes.

1.1.7 Notes with concern the significant risks to public health from climate change, and the alarming lack of detail in the draft plan around how this is being addressed within health and social care strategy. Therefore, requests a briefing session is arranged, inviting Party Health & Social Care spokespeople, Public Health, the Chief Officer of the EIJB, relevant officers in the Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership and NHS

Lothian to discuss how adaptation planning will factor into Edinburgh's health and social care strategy going forward.

1.1.8 Requests specific engagement with Edinburgh's Community Climate Action Network and the Community Climate Hub as part of the 12-week consultation.

Moved by: Cllr Ben Parker

Seconded by:

Amendment by the SNP Group

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Item 5.2 – Edinburgh Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Delivery Plan

Replaces recommendations with:

1.1.1 Approves the Edinburgh Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (LHEES), attached as Appendix 1 with the changes below;

1.1.2 Approves the Delivery Plan, attached as Appendix 2 taking account of the changes in the following points;

1.1.3 Approves the formation of a LHEES Office, as set out in the Delivery Plan to develop and present to delivery options to Councillors;

1.1.4 Agrees that the LHEES Office will lead on work to develop heat networks in Edinburgh on behalf of the Council, each heat network must have a publicly-owned or part publicly-owned option presented to Councillors to assess against private-owned alternatives of delivery of projects. This will ensure Councillors can make an informed choice about which option derives the greatest public benefit;

1.1.5 Agrees that a further phase of public consultation will be carried out on the Edinburgh LHEES and Delivery Plan including the need to derive public benefit through public-ownership or part public-ownership; and

1.1.6 Notes delivery models of heat projects will rely on strong business cases to borrow for projects which create a payback and therefore avoiding strain on the public purse and create public benefit.

Moved by: Councillor Adam Nols-McVey

Seconded by: Councillor Lesley Macinnes

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Item 5.2 – Edinburgh Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy and Delivery Plan

Adds:

Budget

1.1.7 Welcomes the LHEES and the opportunities it offers to the city, recognising the strategic importance of decarbonising heat and improving energy efficiency for delivering the aims of the Business Plan to end poverty and tackle the climate emergency; therefore, notes with concern that there is no dedicated budget for its delivery beyond that set out in 5.1 of the officer report.

1.1.8 Requests a briefing note setting out possible costs for expansion of the proposed LHEES office beyond the resourcing of one Council Energy Officer and £75k of annual Scottish Government funding.

1.1.9 Also requests a briefing note on the findings of the Green Heat Finance Taskforce once they are published.

Energy efficiency

1.1.10 Requests a report in 3 cycles to Policy & Sustainability committee to set out how the Council could work with partners to deliver small grants and support for installing low-cost energy efficiency measures (such as draught excluders, curtains, rugs and carpets) within the private rented sector as a programme of work within the LHEES office in line with Action 76) in the Delivery Plan, including information about how this could dovetail with other anti-poverty initiatives in the Council.

1.1.11. Also requests a briefing note to explore if there might be a role for the Council's Shared Repairs Service to support private homeowners to complete community-led retrofitting work, or whether the Council can gain learning from that service to develop a Shared / Community Retrofitting and Energy Efficiency service within the LHEES office.

Heat networks

1.1.12 Welcomes Action 41) in the Delivery Plan about co-ordinating excavation works for heat networks with other infrastructure works and requests a Business Bulletin update at Policy & Sustainability committee in 3 cycles to outline how soon this might be practicable as part of routine asset management works in the Council, and what steps are needed to make this so.

1.1.13 Reaffirms that there is a clear role for Energy for Edinburgh in delivery of heat network projects at all stages of the LHEES once approved, and that this should be built on co-operative and community wealth building principles.

1.1.14 Recognises the challenge around workforce development and planning in order to deliver the LHEES and therefore requests the next stage of consultation includes a roundtable event with Trade Unions, employability / training services and other relevant organisations to gather views and identify outstanding concerns or questions that these groups may have on deliverability of the LHEES in the context of workforce planning, with a view to developing a joined-up action plan / partnership approach to heat network delivery across the city.

Community engagement

1.1.15 Notes that this is a complex and technical document which is not easily accessible to members of the public who may be interested in understanding the benefits / impact of the LHEES. Therefore, welcomes Actions 11) and 12) in the Delivery Plan around stakeholder engagement and requests that the draft engagement plan cited is discussed at the Sustainability and Climate and Nature Emergencies APOG before publication, and is developed in consultation with the Edinburgh Community Climate Action Network / "Community Climate Hub".

Governance

1.1.16 Requests that a dashboard update monitoring the 76 actions under the LHEES Delivery Plan is reported to Committee on an annual basis.

1.1.17 Notes a number of outstanding questions for the Scottish Government highlighted at 4.4.10 of the LHEES and requests that the Council Leader writes to the Minister for Zero Carbon Buildings, Active Travel and Tenants Rights to seek answers to these questions.

1.1.18 Agrees to refer this report to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee and Planning committee.

Moved by: Cllr Ben Parker

Seconded by: