

# Minutes

## The City of Edinburgh Council

Edinburgh, Thursday 19 September 2019

Present:-

### LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable Frank Ross

### COUNCILLORS

Robert C Aldridge  
Scott Arthur  
Eleanor Bird  
Chas Booth  
Mark A Brown  
Graeme Bruce  
Steve Burgess  
Lezley Marion Cameron  
Ian Campbell  
Jim Campbell  
Kate Campbell  
Mary Campbell  
Maureen M Child  
Nick Cook  
Gavin Corbett  
Cammy Day  
Alison Dickie  
Denis C Dixon  
Phil Duggart  
Scott Douglas  
Catherine Fullerton  
Neil Gardiner  
Gillian Gloyer  
George Gordon  
Ashley Graczyk  
Joan Griffiths  
Ricky Henderson  
Derek Howie

Graham J Hutchison  
Andrew Johnston  
Callum Laidlaw  
Lesley Macinnes  
Melanie Main  
John McLellan  
Amy McNeese-Mechan  
Adam McVey  
Claire Miller  
Max Mitchell  
Joanna Mowat  
Rob Munn  
Gordon J Munro  
Hal Osler  
Ian Perry  
Alasdair Rankin  
Cameron Rose  
Neil Ross  
Jason Rust  
Stephanie Smith  
Alex Staniforth  
Mandy Watt  
Susan Webber  
Iain Whyte  
Donald Wilson  
Norman J Work  
Louise Young

## 1 **Edinburgh Transformation - referral from the Transport and Environment Committee**

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### a) **Deputation- Spokes**

The deputation were supportive of the Council's proposed city centre transformation and felt that it was a programme for people with benefits for all. They stressed that it would revolutionise the city centre and make it a place that people would want to be and could be truly proud of.

The deputation felt that the programme needed to be progressed swiftly and asked that more clarity be provided on key roads to be included in the strategy. They also looked forward to the introduction of secure on-street bike storage facilities.

The deputation urged the Council to speed up delivery of the programme and to consider expanding it more widely across the city.

### b) **Report by the Transport and Environment Committee**

The Transport and Environment Committee had referred a report on the finalised strategy for the programme to transform central Edinburgh with an aim to improve its public realm; prioritise sustainable travel on foot, by bike and public transport; and through these changes enable a wider range of sustainable development and public health outcomes, to the Council for consideration.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the outcome of public consultation on Edinburgh City Centre Transformation's (ECCTs) Proposed Strategy and draft Environmental Report and how this had influenced the finalised strategy.
- 2) To note the proposed outcome-based performance measures included in the finalised strategy and the development of a ten year Programme Delivery Plan (PDP) including a funding strategy and resourcing requirements.
- 3) To note the early actions in the PDP, in particular those to implement selected traffic free streets in the Old Town, to reduce traffic displacement and to strengthen alignment between city centre projects.

- 4) To note the funding award of £0.520m from Sustrans Scotland's 'Places for Everyone' grant scheme in order to progress the following projects identified in the PDP:
  - i) To support creation of a pedestrian priority zone in the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh by undertaking a feasibility study of filtered permeability for vehicle traffic.
  - ii) To develop outline concept designs for street space re-allocation on Lothian Road to create a multi-modal boulevard.
  - iii) To explore options for routing a new pedestrian and cycle bridge across the Waverley valley.
- 5) To approve the finalised ECCT Strategy and PDP to guide the future design, operation and management of the city centre.
- 6) To agree that progress updates would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee every six months with key gateway PDP reviews in years 3, 5, 7 and 10.
- 7) To note the requests from members of the public for clearer information about how the strategy would meet its stated principle of "inclusive and accessible".
- 8) To note that as ECCT moved forward there would be opportunities to increase inclusivity and accessibility through detailed proposals.
- 9) To request a suite of communications in a variety of accessible media and formats which consolidated all of the relevant information from the strategy about how inclusivity and accessibility would be protected and improved.
- 10) To agree that the draft City Mobility Plan, due before the committee in December 2019, should detail how the ECCT commitment to prioritise public transport would be delivered. Specifically, this plan should address;
  - (i) The importance of bus connections running to, from and through the city centre.
  - ii) The accessibility of such bus services within the city centre.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Arthur

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the report recommendations.

- 2) To recognise the merits of a programme to transform central Edinburgh, in particular: to improve its public realm; prioritise sustainable travel on foot, by bike and public transport; and through these changes enable a wider range of sustainable development and public health outcomes, all while seeking to make use of a joined-up approach to city centre management.
- 3) To nonetheless express disappointment and concern at the continued lack of specifics around many elements of ECCT - many of which remained purely aspiration in nature and consider this unacceptable for what was termed a 'finalised strategy'.
- 4) To note the lack of detail around bus service changes particularly concerning, given the additional pressure the council had already placed on Lothian Buses and the huge inconvenience lesser services could have on Edinburgh's working population and their families - the numbers of which could not be catered for by a 'hopper bus'.
- 5) To note that Lothian Buses had formally voiced its concerns in respect of the above and the resulting consequences for the firm's financial viability.
- 6) To note that, despite assurances full funding details would be provided, little fresh financial detail was provided, with the report acknowledging huge uncertainty around later stage projects, which were deliverable only 'as and when' funding might have theoretically become available.
- 7) To agree for a revised, focused and detailed plan to come back to committee which progressed with a management and operations centre and to seek to demonstrate that the Council could complete - within agreed budgets and timescales - the following flagship place making projects: George Street and First New Town Project, a refreshed Royal Mile Action Plan and the CCEW cycle link. All projects would include robust monitoring and impact assessments to inform future decision making.
- 8) To agree that Open Streets required to run in its current iteration for far longer to enable meaningful data gathering and stakeholder engagement which could also be used to inform future place making project decisions.

- moved by Councillor Nick Cook, seconded by Councillor Hutchison

## **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	39 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

(For the motion: The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rankin, Neil Ross, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson, Work and Young.

For the amendment: Councillors Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Rose, Rust, Smith, Webber and Whyte)

## **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes:

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 12 September 2019 (item 6); referral from the Transport and Environment Committee, submitted)

## **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Arthur declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of Spokes.

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### **Decision**

To approve the minute of the Council of 22 August 2019 as a correct record.

## **3 Questions**

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The questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 1 to this minute.

## **4 Leader's Report**

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

- Fire in Fountainbridge – thanks to Council officers for their response
- Edinburgh Festival and filming in the City
- Tourism Levy
- Saughton Park – improvements
- Climate Change march
- Congratulations to Councillor Laidlaw on his recent marriage

The following questions/comments were made:

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| Councillor Whyte         | - Riding of the Marches – Purple Poppy day<br>- External Auditors – Long term financial strategy             |
| Councillor Main          | - Block of the use of Princes Street for climate change march – reassurance of no arrests                    |
| Councillor Aldridge      | - Advantages of an SNP led Council Administration with an SNP led Scottish Government                        |
| Councillor Bird          | - EU Nations - Registrations   |
| Councillor Munro         | - Request for meeting with Scottish Government - response  |
| Councillor Jim Campbell  | - Financial settlement from Scottish Government for investment in schools                                    |
| Councillor Staniforth    | - Funding for replacement schools  |
| Councillor Neil Ross     | - Filming in City Centre – re-imbursment   |
| Councillor Kate Campbell | - Edinburgh’s retail strength  |
| Councillor McLellan      | - Transport issues – Lothian buses   |
| Councillor Wilson        | St Nicholas Church/Sighthill Parish Church – congratulations for 80 years involvement in the local community |
| Councillor Fullerton     | Council officer response times to members enquiries  |
| Councillor Johnston      | Police Scotland – spend levels   |
| Councillor Bruce         | Currie High School   |
| Councillor Webber        | Scottish Government support  |
| Councillor Hutchison     | Coalition financial long term strategy   |
| Councillor Brown         | Community centres activity arrangements within the city  |
| Councillor Doggart       | Delays at the opening of the new Sick Children’s Hospital  |

## 5 Appointments to Outside Organisations etc

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Appointments were required for a number of outside organisations and a Council Committee.

### Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Mitchell as a member of the Board of the Edinburgh Police Fund for Children in place of Councillor Graczyk.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Watt in place of Councillor Cameron on Edinburgh Living LLP.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Griffiths in place of Councillor Cameron on the Personnel Appeals Committee.
- 4) To appoint Councillor Watt in place of Councillor Cameron on the Corporate Body for Housing LLP

(References: Act of Council No 8 of 29 June 2017; report by the Chief Executive, submitted)

## 6 Appointment to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh

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There were currently two vacancies of the Board for Non-Executive Directors and approval was sought for the appointment of Dr George Hazel OBE to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh with effect from 30 September 2019.

### Decision

To approve the appointment of Dr George Hazel OBE to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh with effect from 30 September 2019 for a period of three years.

(References – Act of Council No 6 of 2 May 2019; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### Declaration of Interests

Councillors Laidlaw and Miller declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Transport for Edinburgh.

## **7 Amendments to Shareholder Agreement and Articles of Association: Transport for Edinburgh Ltd and Edinburgh Trams Ltd**

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Details were provided on proposed changes to the Shareholder Agreement between the Council and Transport for Edinburgh and the Articles of Association of each of Edinburgh Trams and Transport for Edinburgh, which would allow each of the companies to issue ordinary B shares. This was required following to changes to the Operating Agreement between the Council and Edinburgh Trams which had been approved by the Transport and Environment Committee on 6 December 2018.

### **Decision**

- 1) To authorise the amendments to the Shareholder Agreement and the Articles of Association of Transport for Edinburgh Ltd (TfE) allowing the company to issue non-voting ordinary B shares.
- 2) To authorise amendments to the Shareholder Agreement and the Articles of Association of Edinburgh Trams Ltd (ET) allowing the company to issue non-voting ordinary B shares.

(References: Transport and Environment Committee 6 December 2018 (item 19); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Macinnes declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Chair of Transport for Edinburgh.

Councillors Laidlaw declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of Transport for Edinburgh.

## **8 Blue Badge Scheme – Motion by Councillor Whyte**

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The following motion by Councillor Whyte was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

- 1) Welcomes the decision by the UK Government’s Department of Transport on 30th August 2019 to extend the eligibility criteria for Blue Badges to those people who have non-visible conditions, such as autism, dementia, Parkinson’s and arthritis.
- 2) Instructs the Director of Place report back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within one cycle detailing how the Council will implement these



changes locally within the Blue Badge Scheme and how it can assist in publicising these positive changes to those who are now eligible.“

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Whyte

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Johnston

### **Amendment**

Council:

Accepts paragraph 1 of the motion by Councillor Whyte and welcomes these recent developments, while acknowledging that the Department of Transport policy changes refer to the position in England and Wales from 30 August 2019.

Acknowledges that Transport Scotland recognised the need to widen the eligibility criteria for the Scottish scheme to those with a wider definition of disability, including cognitive disability, and that they ran a successful pilot scheme in 2016.

Acknowledges that the eligibility criteria were then reviewed and our policy was amended in 2018.

Acknowledges that CEC administer this scheme but works with the EIJB to deliver assessments of eligibility where required.

Agrees to request the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to further publicise the wider eligibility criteria in Edinburgh.

- moved by Councillor Bird, seconded by Councillor Day

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

- 1) To welcome the decision by the UK Department of Transport on 30th August 2019 to extend the eligibility criteria for Blue Badges to those people who had non-visible conditions, such as autism, dementia, Parkinson's and arthritis and welcome these recent developments, while acknowledging that the Department of Transport policy changes referred to the position in England and Wales from 30 August 2019.
- 2) To acknowledge that Transport Scotland recognised the need to widen the eligibility criteria for the Scottish scheme to those with a wider definition of

disability, including cognitive disability, and that they ran a successful pilot scheme in 2016.

- 3) To acknowledge that the eligibility criteria were then reviewed and the Council's policy amended in 2018.
- 4) To acknowledge that the City of Edinburgh Council administer this scheme but works with the Edinburgh Integrateion Joint Board to deliver assessments of eligibility where required.
- 5) To request the Chief Officer, Edinburgh Health and Social Care Partnership to further publicise the wider eligibility criteria in Edinburgh.

## **9 Greening the Fringe - Motion by Councillor Rae**

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The following motion by Councillor Rae was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

Notes:

That though the city's festivals have been focussing on reducing the environmental damage they cause, several specific environmental issues remain including the use of single-use plastics, using gas fuel at pop-up venues, increased vehicle use and a lack of recycling facilities in public spaces.

That some venues are unaware that it is entirely legal and safe for them to refill a customer's personal, reusable pint glass or equivalent as long as taps do not touch the glass.

Therefore:

Calls on the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to write to the relevant Scottish Government ministers to encourage the introduction of a charge on single-use plastic cups similar to the plastic bag charge.

Will produce a good practice guide for licensed premises explaining how they can incorporate personal reusable cups/glasses and deposit schemes into their operation.

Calls for officers to investigate the possibility of hardwired power in public spaces to allow pop-up venues to use reusable electric energy instead of having to opt for gas power and report back to the Culture and Communities Committee within three cycles.

Asks waste services to reconsider the level of recycling provision in public spaces, during festival season in particular. Calls for a report on how the council can encourage car sharing schemes during the primary festival season in August to return to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Rae.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Miller

### **Amendment**

To accept the motion by Councillor Rae with the following amendments:

Paragraph 1 – replace the word ‘cause’ with ‘can exacerbate’ and remove the word ‘remain’

Paragraph 4 – replace with the following:

“The letter to the Scottish Government should include a request to investigate production of a good practice guide for licensed premises explaining how they can incorporate personal reusable cups/glasses and deposit schemes into their operation, so Scotland can lead the way in reduction of global plastic waste.”

Paragraph 5 – replace with the following:

“Calls for officers to investigate the possibility of hardwired power in public spaces to allow pop-up venues to use energy from renewable sources instead of having to opt for gas power and report back to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles.”

- moved by Councillor McNeese-Mechann seconded by Councillor Wilson

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was adjusted and accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Rae:

- 1) To note that though the city’s festivals had been focussing on reducing the environmental damage they could exacerbate several specific environmental issues including the use of single-use plastics, using gas fuel at pop-up venues, increased vehicle use and a lack of recycling facilities in public spaces.

- 2) To note that some venues were unaware that it was entirely legal and safe for them to refill a customer's personal, reusable pint glass or equivalent as long as taps did not touch the glass.
- 3) To call on the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to write to the relevant Scottish Government ministers to encourage the introduction of a charge on single-use plastic cups similar to the plastic bag charge. The letter to the Scottish Government should include a request to investigate production of a good practice guide for licensed premises explaining how they could incorporate personal reusable cups/glasses and deposit schemes into their operation, so Scotland could lead the way in reduction of global plastic waste.
- 4) To produce a good practice guide for licensed premises explaining how they could incorporate personal reusable cups/glasses and deposit schemes into their operation.
- 5) To call for officers to investigate the possibility of hardwired power in public spaces to allow pop-up venues to use energy from renewable sources instead of having to opt for gas power and report back to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles.
- 6) To ask waste services to reconsider the level of recycling provision in public spaces, during festival season in particular.
- 7) To call for a report on how the council could encourage car sharing schemes during the primary festival season in August to return to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Mitchell declared a financial interest in the above item as an employee at a fringe venue.

## **10 Scottish Hockey - Motion by Councillor Doggart**

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The following motion by Councillor Doggart was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

- 1) Congratulates Scottish Hockey on the achievements of its teams over the summer from Under 15 to Over 55;
- 2) Recognises the dedication and unseen hard work of players, coaches, umpires and other support staff that lies behind the successful achievements;

- 3) Applauds, in particular, the contribution of those selected for national teams who have learned, or ply, their hockey skills in Edinburgh;
- 4) Accepts responsibility for not doing as much for hockey in the City as could be done, due to the lack of pitches that meet the highest standards for top level hockey;
- 5) Recognises the contribution of Edinburgh University and Fettes College in providing such pitches and offering their use to clubs around the city.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Doggart

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Webber

### **Amendment**

To accept paragraphs 1-3 and 5 of the motion by Councillor Doggart and delete paragraph 4.

- moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor McNeese-Mechan

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	22 votes
For the amendment	-	34 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Aldridge, Brown, Bruce, Jim Campbell, Cook, Doggart, Douglas, Gloyer, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, McLellan, Mitchell, Mowat, Osler, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Webber, Whyte and Young.

For the amendment: The Lord Provost, Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Kate Campbell, Mary Campbell, Child, Corbett, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Howie, Macinnes, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Main, Miller, Munn, Munro, Perry, Rankin, Staniforth, Watt, Wilson and Work.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following amendment by Councillor Wilson:

- 1) To congratulate Scottish Hockey on the achievements of its teams over the summer from Under 15 to Over 55;

- 2) To recognise the dedication and unseen hard work of players, coaches, umpires and other support staff that lies behind the successful achievements;
- 3) To applaud, in particular, the contribution of those selected for national teams who have learned, or ply, their hockey skills in Edinburgh;
- 4) To recognise the contribution of Edinburgh University and Fettes College in providing such pitches and offering their use to clubs around the city.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Bruce, Dixon, Osler, Staniforth and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Edinburgh Leisure.

## **11 Sports Pitches - Motion by Councillor Doggart**

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The following motion by Councillor Doggart was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

- 1) Recognises the benefit of organised physical activity provided by sports clubs for adults and children;
- 2) Appreciates the health of the city is improved by the operation of the clubs;
- 3) Values the many hours of unpaid effort by coaches, parents and players;
- 4) Understands it has a responsibility to the clubs and participating residents to provide the paid for facilities in as good a condition as possible;
- 5) Accepts responsibility for marking pitches to ensure fixtures can be completed; removing all grass cuttings from, and adjacent to, sports pitches and cutting grass to an appropriate length to enable fixtures and training to proceed;
- 6) Instructs officers to provide a report to the Culture and Communities Committee within one cycle setting out the following:
  - a) the extent to which pitches have not met playing standards in the winter sport seasons up to the date of the report;
  - b) establishing an action plan to prevent future standards falling below those required by the playing clubs; and
  - c) a feasibility study into providing a “trusted keyholder” system for clubs.”

## **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Doggart

- moved by Councillor Doggart, seconded by Councillor Brown

## **Amendment 1**

To welcome the motion by Councillor Doggart and add:

Notes further the Green budget proposal of February 2018 to allocate £90k a year for grounds maintenance equipment to reduce the time lost in repair workshop and seeks a progress update.

Recognises that, as well as condition of pitches, availability is also a major concern, both for playing and training, and notes that Edinburgh's independent schools sector has considerable scope to open up fuller access to playing fields and sports facilities for wider community benefit; and so, agrees that the feasibility study in 6c above be extended to look at how private schools can work in partnership to improve access to their playing and training facilities.

- moved by Councillor Staniforth, seconded by Councillor Corbett

## **Amendment 2**

To accept paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of the motion by Councillor Doggart and replace paragraphs 4,5 and 6 with the following:

- 4) Understands it has a responsibility to the clubs and participating residents who use Council owned and/or operated facilities to provide those facilities to an acceptable playing standard, including marking pitches to ensure fixtures can be completed; removing all grass cuttings from, and adjacent to, sports pitches and cutting grass to an appropriate length to enable fixtures and training to proceed;
- 5) Instructs officers to provide a report in relation to the Council owned and/or operated facilities referred to above to Culture and Communities within one cycle setting out the following:
  - (a) the extent to which pitches have not met playing standards in the winter sport seasons up to the date of the report;
  - (b) establishing an action plan to prevent future standards falling below those required by clubs; and
  - (c) a feasibility study into providing a “trusted key-holder” system for clubs.

- moved by Councillor Osler, seconded by Councillor Neil Ross

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11) the motion was adjusted at Paragraphs 5 and 6a), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion and Amendment 2 was withdrawn.

## **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Doggart:

- 1) To recognise the benefit of organised physical activity provided by sports clubs for adults and children;
- 2) To appreciate the health of the city was improved by the operation of the clubs;
- 3) To value the many hours of unpaid effort by coaches, parents and players;
- 4) To understand it had a responsibility to the clubs and participating residents to provide the paid for facilities in as good a condition as possible;
- 5) To accept responsibility for marking council operated pitches to ensure fixtures could be completed; removing all grass cuttings from, and adjacent to, sports pitches and cutting grass to an appropriate length to enable fixtures and training to proceed;
- 6) To instruct officers to provide a report to the Culture and Communities Committee within one cycle setting out the following:
  - a) the extent to which council operated pitches had not met playing standards in the winter sport seasons up to the date of the report;
  - b) establishing an action plan to prevent future standards falling below those required by the playing clubs; and
  - c) a feasibility study into providing a “trusted keyholder” system for clubs.
- 7) To notes further the Green budget proposal of February 2018 to allocate £90k a year for grounds maintenance equipment to reduce the time lost in repair workshop and seek a progress update.
- 8) To recognise that, as well as condition of pitches, availability was also a major concern, both for playing and training, and note that Edinburgh's independent schools sector had considerable scope to open up fuller access to playing fields and sports facilities for wider community benefit; and so, agree that the feasibility study in 6c) above be extended to look at how private schools could work in partnership to improve access to their playing and training facilities.



## **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Bruce, Dixon, Osler, Staniforth and Wilson declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of Edinburgh Leisure.

## **12 Parking in the City Chambers Quadrangle - Motion by Councillor Miller**

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The following motion by Councillor Miller was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council:

- 1) Notes that drivers routinely use the quadrangle of City Chambers to park vehicles for prolonged periods of time.
- 2) Agrees that vehicle usage of the quadrangle should be restricted and that, as of a date not later than 1 November 2019, motorised vehicles will no longer be permitted to park in the quadrangle.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Miller

- moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Corbett

### **Amendment 1**

Council:

Accepts paragraph 1 of the motion by Councillor Miller.

Replaces paragraph 2 of the motion as follows:

“Instructs officers to provide a report to Finance and Resouces Committee recommending a policy to cover the continued parking for appropriate vehicles as well as an update on the review of Councillors free parking passes from 14 March 2019 Council.”

- moved by Councillor Rankin, seconded by Councillor Cameron

### **Amendment 2**

Accepts point (1) of the motion by Councillor Miller, and point (2) up to “restricted” then replaces the rest so that it reads:

- 2) agrees that vehicle usage of the quadrangle should be restricted to legitimate and reasonable use, and asks council officers to prepare a report for CP&S on the following:
  - a) What criteria exist to permit vehicle access to the quadrangle and, if different, the criteria to be allowed to park there;
  - b) To what extent the quadrangle is being used for long periods (i.e. more than 1-2 hours) or on a regular basis (i.e. more than once a week) by particular categories of users; and
  - c) Proposals on how access and parking could be better managed/restricted to ensure only legitimate and reasonable use.

- moved by Councillor Young, seconded Councillor Aldridge

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), Amendment 1 was withdrawn and Amendment 2 was adjusted.

### **Voting**

For the Motion - 7 votes  
For Amendment 2 (as adjusted) - 47 votes

(For the motion: Councillors Booth, Burgess, Mary Campbell, Corbett, Main, Miller and Staniforth)

For Amendment 2 (as adjusted): The Lord Provost, Councillors Aldridge, Arthur, Bird, Brown, Bruce, Cameron, Ian Campbell, Jim Campbell, Kate Campbell, Child, Cook, Day, Dickie, Dixon, Doggart, Douglas, Fullerton, Gardiner, Gloyer, Gordon, Graczyk, Griffiths, Henderson, Hutchison, Johnston, Laidlaw, Macinnes, McLellan, McNeese-Mechan, McVey, Mitchell, Mowat, Munn, Munro, Osler, Perry, Rankin, Rose, Neil Ross, Rust, Smith, Watt, Webber, Whyte, Wilson, Work and Young.)

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted Amendment 2 by Councillor Young:

- 1) To note that drivers routinely used the quadrangle of City Chambers to park vehicles for prolonged periods of time.
- 2) To agree that vehicle usage of the quadrangle should be restricted to legitimate and reasonable use, and asks council officers to prepare a report for the Finance and Resources Committee on the following:
  - a) What criteria existed to permit vehicle access to the quadrangle and, if different, the criteria to be allowed to park there;

- b) To what extent the quadrangle was being used for long periods (i.e. more than 1-2 hours) or on a regular basis (i.e. more than once a week) by particular categories of users; and
- c) Proposals on how access and parking could be better managed/restricted to ensure only legitimate and reasonable use.
- d) The report to include an update on the review of Councillor free parking passes as requested at the March Council meeting.

### **13 Council Welfare Accreditation - Motion by Councillor Main**

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The following motion by Councillor Main was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes that:

- 1) Council officers have estimated that there is roughly £82 million of UK welfare benefits that are unclaimed by Edinburgh residents in one year.
- 2) The Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers 2009 provides a framework for accreditation at three levels: signposting, case work and representation.
- 3) Edinburgh Council is not accredited under the national scheme, and there is therefore no assurance that best practice is in place across Council departments offering advice to citizens.

Therefore Council agrees to receive a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee within 2 cycles laying out the current status, and options and timetable for receiving full accreditation for the Council under the Scottish Standards.”

#### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Main.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Booth

#### **Amendment**

To agree paragraphs 1) and 2) of the motion by Councillor Main.

To replace paragraph 3) with the following:

- “3) Edinburgh Council is not accredited under the national scheme currently, but has been in contact with Scottish Legal Aid board to seek accreditation.

Edinburgh Council is on a waiting list for auditing and is likely to be audited in Spring 2020.”

To add 4 as follows:

- “4) Notes that all staff are fully trained to a high standard and able to fulfil the tasks and responsibilities of their role. This is monitored through supervision and internal auditing of cases.”

To refer to Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee

- moved by Councillor Kate Campbell, seconded by Councillor Watt

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Main:

- 1) To note that Council officers had estimated that there was roughly £82 million of UK welfare benefits that were unclaimed by Edinburgh residents in one year.
- 2) To note that the Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers 2009 provided a framework for accreditation at three levels: signposting, case work and representation.
- 3) To note that Edinburgh Council was not accredited under the national scheme currently, but had been in contact with Scottish Legal Aid board to seek accreditation. Edinburgh Council was on a waiting list for auditing and was likely to be audited in Spring 2020.
- 4) To note that all staff were fully trained to a high standard and able to fulfil the tasks and responsibilities of their role. This was monitored through supervision and internal auditing of cases
- 5) Therefore Council agrees to receive a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee within 2 cycles laying out the current status, and options and timetable for receiving full accreditation for the Council under the Scottish Standards and thereafter refers the report to the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee.

## 14 National Adoption Week - Motion by Councillor Mary Campbell

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The following motion by Councillor Mary Campbell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Council notes that National Adoption Week 2019 will take place from the 14th to 20th October. This annual campaign aims to find adoptive homes for those children who need them.

The focus for 2019 will be on the adopter, and the campaign plans to use real life stories to highlight the qualities and attributes that make a great adopter and the joys and challenges they face.

Council agrees to mark National Adoption Week through promotion of the Edinburgh fostering and adoption service on social media channels and asks the Lord Provost to consider marking the week in an appropriate fashion.”

Councillor Mary Campbell adjusted her motion as submitted in paragraph 2 to amend the wording “great adopter” to “forever families”.

- moved by Councillor Main, seconded by Councillor Booth

### **Decision**

To approve the following adjusted motion by Councillor Mary Campbell:

To that note that National Adoption Week 2019 would take place from the 14th to 20th October. This annual campaign aimed to find adoptive homes for those children who needed them.

The focus for 2019 would be on the adopter, and the campaign planned to use real life stories to highlight the qualities and attributes that make forever families and the joys and challenges they faced.

To agree to mark National Adoption Week through promotion of the Edinburgh fostering and adoption service on social media channels and ask the Lord Provost to consider marking the week in an appropriate fashion.

## 15 Boroughmuir Rugby Club Centenary - Motion by Councillor Cameron

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The following motion by Councillor Cameron was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Boroughmuir Rugby Club was established 100 years ago, playing their first match in the autumn of 1919.

Boroughmuir’s first XV have been Scottish League Champions three times; and have won the Scottish Cup four times.

The club has become a thriving sports club within the community, with thousands of adults and children pursuing sports activities at Meggetland. Neighbours and visitors are also welcome into the clubhouse seven days a week.

Boroughmuir Rugby Club teams have played on City of Edinburgh Council owned facilities throughout the club’s existence.

To mark the centenary of Boroughmuir Rugby Club, its achievements and the contribution to promoting the health and wellbeing of adults and children, Council agrees to the hosting of a Civic Reception to take place before the end of 2019.”

- moved by Councillor Cameron, seconded by Councillor Day

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Cameron.

## Appendix 1

(As referred to in Act of Council No 3 of 19 September 2019)

### QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Webber for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 September 2019 (this was continued from the meeting on 2 May 2019 to allow the information to be compiled)**

Can the Convener please confirm;

- Question** (1) Council expenditure on taxis for each Elected Member since May 2017 to date?
- a) Of this what has been deemed personal use and therefore repaid via salary deduction/payroll by each Elected Member during this period?

**Answer** (1) See table below

- Question** (2) For each Elected Member how many journeys during this period were from home address to City Chambers?

**Answer** (2) See table below

**Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost. I'm trying to find the answer and it's taken a while to get the answer as you know, so thank you for that. It's unsurprising that I do have a supplementary but first of all I'd just like to read a extract - there will be a question but to context the question you need to understand this bit here thank you. We've waited a number months for this so I think you can give me the opportunity "entitlement to use of taxis - elected members are authorised to use a taxi where no public transport is reasonably available it should not be regarded as a normal means of transport and a contract taxi must be used for Council business purposes only and not for personal travel due to the personal tax implications for benefits in kind" and just by HMRC and ICAS Institute, I used to work as a Director of tax at ICAS, personal use is from home to your

place of work which would count as the city chambers. So what appears to be what I would suggest as our questionable record keeping, given its taking so long to get this and the clearly varied interpretation of the Council's policy, specifically for elected Members, as some seem to have repaid, some haven't, some have more use than others for many different reasons that I have been lobbied about over the last few days, it certainly led to this complexity of collating information and the months in delay in its production. So we have in front of us some quite interesting data. Would the Convener be minded to scrap the current arrangements and instruct all councillors to pay for every taxi journey and claim back via their expenses where it was a relevant and appropriate journey thank you.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you very much Lord Provost and I thank Councillor Webber for her supplementary. There has been a review in terms of putting the data all in one place where, and thanks to your question, that's something which has now happened and I am grateful for that, and that's the way that this data will be continued to be collated in future, at one source, and the sort of information you have in front of you now will be available in future should anybody wish to see it. I don't think this is quite the time to go for something as radical as you suggest, I'm not going to say that this is something I would commit to off the top of my head in a meeting at the moment. I think there is scope for discussion around this certainly and I understand that the payroll team are already looking at revising the guidance for elected members on these expenses and better guidance will be provided to elected Members, providing additional clarity in due course. So once everyone gets to see that, I think that would be the time to have a further discussion if that's what you wish to do and for the proposal that you mentioned to be considered further.

**Comments by  
Councillor  
Booth**

Point of Order Lord Provost, in terms of item 14 in Standing Orders, could the Lord Provost clarify, I understand what Councillor Webber just said is factually incorrect, that for the purposes of our place of work as councillors, that is regarded as our home. Could the Lord Provost rule on that please?



**Response by  
the Lord  
Provost**

I have been advised by officers that that is in fact correct, for councillors the place of work is identified as your home.

## Elected Members' Taxi Expenditure Table: 1 May 2017 - 31 March 2019

Councillor	Total Expenditure £	Salary Deductions £	Home Address to City Chambers Journeys
Eleanor Bird	22.67	22.67*	0
Claire Bridgman	11.59		0
Steve Burgess	60.20		0
Lezley Marion Cameron	1,449.74		12
Ian Campbell	876.38		48
Jim Campbell	12.44		0
Kate Campbell	5.57		0
Cammy Day	53.17		0
Alison Dickie	374.72	307.64*	0
Phil Duggart	38.43		0
Catherine Fullerton	75.24		2
George Gordon	524.53		3
Ashley Graczyk	2.30		0
Joan Griffiths	144.72		3
Derek Howie	1,052.56		2
Callum Laidlaw	17.77		0
Lesley Macinnes	7.81		0
Amy McNeese-Mechan	241.74		0
Adam McVey	39.85	26.22*	0
Ian Perry	378.12	7.22	4
Susan Rae	814.09		37
Alasdair Rankin	32.25		0
Frank Ross	34.63		0
Jason Rust	49.48		0
Mandy Watt	18.72		0
Susan Webber	22.27		1
Iain Whyte	12.21		0
Donald Wilson	151.84		0

\*indicates where members chose to reimburse the Council for business journeys through salary deduction

**QUESTION NO 2**

**By Councillor Neil Ross for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 19 September 2019**

**Question** (1) The Budget for this year included a proposal to cut £250,000 from the current maintenance spend on staffing public toilets with the objective of improving public toilets. Has this proposal been implemented and, if so, what is the impact on the daily maintenance of public toilets in the city?

**Answer** (1) The budget proposal was to change the way in which public toilet services were staffed in 2019/20, alongside investigating options to extend the Community Toilet Scheme and to look at other opportunities for public convenience provision in the city which would continue into 2020/21. To implement the staffing changes, a formal consultation has recently concluded and the management proposal for the future of this service is being to be revised to take account of the feedback received from staff. Once this has been finalised, the changes to the staffing arrangements will be implemented.

**Question** (2) If it has not yet been implemented, what plans are being drawn up with a view to implementation?

**Answer** (2) As described above the resourcing proposal is being revised following consultation with the affected staff. Once the proposal has been refined to take account of the feedback received, implementation will begin. Alongside this, work is ongoing on the potential to extend the Community Toilet Scheme and to investigation alternative opportunities for public convenience provision in the city.

**Question** (3) In what ways has this proposal led to improvements to public toilets in the city?

**Answer** (3) The proposal for 2019/20 was to realign the staffing arrangements for the maintenance of existing public conveniences. Improvements in the provision of public conveniences in the city are anticipated to be progressed in 2020/21.

**Question** (4) There was also a related proposal to increase the uptake of the Community Toilet Scheme. Has any progress been made with this and, if so, what?

**Answer** (4) We are still investigating the feasibility of extending the Community Toilet Scheme, whereby businesses receive an annual payment for allowing customers to use their facilities and looking at alternative models of public toilet provision.

**Question** (5) When will a report on the above matters be made to the relevant committee?

**Answer** (5) It is expected that a report on these matters will be presented to the Transport and Environment Committee in Spring 2020.

**Supplementary Question** Thank you Lord Provost and I'd like to thank the Convener for the answers to the four-part question. By way of supplementary question, for clarification, given that the intention of the proposal is to save £250,000 in this financial year, and we are now almost half way through the year, how you propose to achieve the savings envisaged?

**Supplementary Answer** Thank you Councillor Ross, I share your concern about it, but I will point out that it's actually the responsibility of senior officers to make that saving having been given the instruction from here. Clearly however there is opportunity to roll that forward, you've seen from the detailed response here about the actions that have been taken towards achieving that aim. I have instructed senior officers to put the foot on the gas, if you'll excuse a further motoring reference and I am looking forward to seeing some degree of progress on that, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 September 2019**

**Question**

To ask the Convener of Transport and Environment what discussions the Council has had with the Chief Executive, Chairman our Operational Director of Lothian Buses about

- a) the number of tour buses operated by Lothian Buses,
- b) the frequency of these buses in the context of discussions about reducing congestion in the city.

**Answer**

Any licensed bus operator can register a service and operate from any bus stops they choose on the public road network, including tour buses (which are also registered services). The local authority (or authorities in which the service will operate) will review the proposal and check that it does not have any fundamental errors such as operating through an area where buses are not permitted, wrong way running on a one-way street, or where we may need to create new stops or implement parking restrictions. However, without any major error or issue, the Council has no authority to intervene or delay the registration process. The Council can, however, highlight concerns.

In the case of tour buses operating from Waverley Bridge officers have met with both the Traffic Commissioner's office and the tour bus operators using on Waverley Bridge. The operators agreed to work together to minimise the impact of the recent increase in the number of buses operating at this location.

Lothian Buses have been involved in the development of the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation proposals and will continue to be involved in the on-going development of the Low Emission Zone and City Mobility Plans.

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you for the answer, which talks more about the context than addressing. Can I just ask that, in the context of the last debate we've just had which is all predicated upon a 30% reduction in vehicular traffic coming into the city which feeds into your last paragraph about the development of city centre transformation proposals and the low emission zone and city mobility plan, are you looking for a concomitant reduction on tour buses of 30%?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Do you actually expect me to make and business decisions on behalf of operators in this Chamber doesn't seem likely. What sits within the city centre transformation, indeed some of the wider transportation policies, is a general desire to achieve those kinds of levels of vehicle reduction. How we reach there will be the subject of very many conversations and certainly will not be incorporated in an answer to a single council question, thank you.

**QUESTION NO 4**

**By Councillor Johnston for answer  
by the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 19 September 2019**

**Question**           **(1)** What discussions has the Transport Convener had with Edinburgh Trams regarding their recent (welcome) announcement to scrap the minimum card spend at ticket machines?

**Answer**           **(1)** This is an operational matter which did not require any formal discussion between the Convener and Edinburgh Tram. It is a welcome development which will no doubt benefit the public.

**Question**           **(2)** Can the Transport Convener advise if this change will have an impact on Edinburgh Trams running costs and what the potential implications are?

**Answer**           **(2)** As a commercial matter it would be for Edinburgh Tram to ascertain and to understand after a period of implementation.

**QUESTION NO 5**

**By Councillor Mitchell for answer by  
the Convener of the Regulatory  
Committee at a meeting of the  
Council on 19 September 2019**

Please could the Convener confirm:

- Question**           **(1)** How much the Licensing Department has charged in fees related to taxis and PHCs -
- (i) so far this year, and
  - (ii) over each the previous five years?

- Answer**           **(1)** (i) The information for 2019/20 has not yet been collated. This information will not be available until the end of this financial year.
- (ii) See table below:

2013/14	£1,055,149
2014/15	£1,150,126
2015/16	£1,405,278
2016/17	£1,716,236
2017/18	£1,772,797
2018/19	£2,042,642

- Question**           **(2)** How much the Licensing Department spent in relation to enforcement of taxis and PHCs -
- (i) so far this year, and
  - (ii) over each the previous five years?

- Answer**           **(2)** The Licensing Service does not separate an individual cost of enforcement within its budget breakdown. There has never been an operational requirement to do so as all roles in Licensing and the Cab Office undertake operational and enforcement duties and are not accounted for by time.



- Question** (3) How many enforcement actions have been taken in relation to taxis and PHCs -
- (i) so far this year, and
  - (ii) over each the previous five years?

**Answer** (3) The Licensing Service does not maintain a record of the number of enforcement actions taken and has interpreted 'enforcement action' as number of complaints.

Records can be provided for the number of complaints received against taxi and private hire drivers and operators in the current and previous financial year.

Period	Total
1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019	1,184
1 April 2019 – 31 August 2019	662
Total	1,846

- All complaints are rigorously investigated by Police Scotland and Council officers by working in partnership on a daily basis.
- The increase in complaints against PHC can be directly attributed to complaints made from the taxi trade.
- The increase in complaints against the taxi trade can be attributed to those received from members of the public.

A sample of these the above has been taken and identified as the most serious categories of complaints.

Category	PHC	Taxi	Total
Aggressive behaviour	139	150	289
Mobile Phone Use	8	20	28
Sexual	6	8	14
'Seagulling'	157	0	157

**Supplementary  
Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you very much Convener for the answer. I'm not one to indulge myself Lord Provost, but hopefully you might indulge me on this occasion when I seek clarity, although it may sound like separate questions. In your response Convener, you say that you don't register enforcement actions and I was wondering if you could maybe clarify why and I think in doing that it would be clear on how those are then followed up and how you do enforce them, and I have other questions that maybe I'd get to with you another time.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you Councillor Mitchell for your supplementary. I will provide you with the information, in fact I'll give you a one to one session on enforcement. Enforcement is the whole lot of the Licensing Sub-Committee from the application right through to the end result, but we'll go through that. I'm disappointed however that you didn't come to me as Convener, or even ask the Committee for answers to your questions. I think perhaps you maybe need to go back and get some more training, as a member of the Licensing Sub-Committee you really should be au fait with all these answers, however I will arrange something.

**Comments by  
Councillor  
Mitchell**

I did ask the questions Convener, but the department didn't answer.

**Comments by  
the Lord  
Provost**

Can I just remind members not to debate with each other. Direct questions and comments through the Chair.

**QUESTION NO 6**

**By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 September 2019**

**Question**

Will the Convener please give the number of placements for homeless people in temporary accommodation that have been in breach of the Unsuitable Accommodation Order in each of the last 12 quarters?

**Answer**

No of households in Unsuitable Accommodation breach

<b>Quarter</b>	<b>Homeless Households</b>
Jul-Sep 2016	35
Oct-Dec 2016	50
Jan-Mar 2017	98
Apr-Jun 2017	134
Jul-Sep 2017	121
Oct-Dec 2017	104
Jan-Mar 2018	99
Apr-Jun 2018	167
Jul-Sep 2018	106
Oct-Dec 2018	111
Jan-Mar 2019	95
Apr-Jun 2019	60

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and I thank the Convener for her answer. Will the Convener clarify that what we are talking about by unsuitable accommodation, is bed-and-breakfast hostels for homeless people and families, which is the most expensive and provides the least support for homeless families. Does she agree these breaches are unacceptable, and what further action is the Council taking to end them?.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Thank you very much Councillor Booth for your question and for your supplementary. Unsuitable accommodation orders or breaches are when we are placing a household in accommodation that is unsuitable for meeting their needs, so in the vast majority of cases that will be where a family becomes homeless and we would look to what would be considered appropriate accommodation for them. Suitable would be a temporary furnished flat and as you know, because of the pressures on the service, there are times we're not able to do that and some families would be placed in B&B and once they have been in a B&B for seven days then that would be considered a breach because we would aim to move them into suitable accommodation as soon as possible. I think for me, I mean, I found this actually a very helpful question in the way that was set out because looking at the breaches quarter by quarter actually gives us quite a good view of what's happened and for me one of the particularly shocking things was that the first quarter after we had seen the benefit cap reduced to £20,000 we saw an increase of breaches, it almost doubled from 50 to almost 100 and that trend continued to increase. I think it's quite clear, and if anyone's not certain if that's the reason, Scottish Government data shows there were around 80 households that had their benefits capped prior to the reduction to £20,000 and after that reduction, across Scotland 3,500, so it almost quadrupled and I think that shows the amount of pressure that was put upon the service. Again to back up, that that will have had an impact in terms of homelessness, the characteristics of those households, 89% have children, 77% have three or more children, 64% were lone parents and 86% were female. So I think we can see very clearly that there is a connection between the benefits cap being reduced to £20,000 and then the increased pressure on homeless services and actually the number of children in temporary accommodation doubled in the two years after that cap was introduced. So I think we understand and that's obviously against a backdrop of significant pressures on housing, increased rents, short-term lets and we understand all of these pressures. I think what's also helpful in that data is to see that where we have made interventions you can see that they have had an impact on

bringing on the 45 flats from housing, turning them into temporary furnished flats did have an impact. The 96 flats that came from Link again and the various other interventions we've made around access to mid-market rents, increasing PSL and also the rent deposit scheme, and we're going to carry on doing those things and keeping making those interventions, and they will make a difference and we can see that clearly in the data that's coming forward, but I also think we have to recognise that there are wider pressures and we need to tackle both the pressures and also find the interventions to really have a successful impact in reducing the number of breaches. Absolutely agree that we want no breaches and any number of breaches is unacceptable.

**QUESTION NO 7**

**By Councillor Burgess for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 September 2019**

**Question**

Following the decision of Education, Children and Families to grant authorised absence to children and young people to take part in the Global Climate Strike on 20th September, how did the council ensure that this information reached all parents and pupils.

**Answer**

Revised letter went to all Headteachers on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August asking them to forward to all parents and carers. We encouraged them to put the letter on the school website.

We did not communicate directly to pupils. Schools may have done this independently.

**Supplementary Question**

I thank the Education Convener for his answer. Can the Education Convener clarify whether parents and pupils from all schools have actually been informed that there is an authorised absence from school tomorrow for the Young People's global climate strike and if he can't give that assurance, is the Convener willing to ask officers to urgently today, clarify the situation for parents and pupils in writing including by e-mail or text, that tomorrow is definitely an authorised absence from school for the global climate strike.

**Supplementary Answer**

Thank you very much for that supplementary, I'm making the assumption that that's happened, nobody's come back to me in the Chamber to say it's not. If you are suggesting that has not happened in some schools, because the way we do this is to communicate to the Head Teacher, the Head Teacher then takes responsibility for the further communication, it's not done centrally, but if you have any indication that head teachers have not done this, if you speak to me after the meeting I'll make sure it's done.

**QUESTION NO 8**

**By Councillor Main for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 19 September 2019**

At recent meetings with young people at Boroughmuir High School, James Gillespies High School and James Gillespies Primary School, they shared common concerns about schools being too hot, schools lights being kept on when not needed and the lack of good recycling facilities and processes.

Can the Convener provide:

**Question** (1) For each primary and secondary school in Edinburgh, heating and lighting costs for the last 2 years and this year's budget, including any off-set from school renewable projects.

**Answer** (1) It is not possible to accurately separate out heating and lighting costs across schools; however, electricity and gas costs for schools can be provided as per the attached spreadsheet.

The attached cost data includes any associated metering costs and PV payments (such as to Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative).

**Question** (2) Details of the temperature that schools are heated to and how that is controlled.

**Answer** (2) It is the Council's policy to heat schools in line with best practice guidance. The current targeted temperature range for spaces in schools during the heating season is 18°-21°.

The main heating plant across the majority of Council schools are controlled via centralised control systems called Building Energy Management Systems (BEMS). These systems monitor internal temperatures and adapt the flow of heating to a space in line with temperature set points. The Council is in the process of upgrading heating controls across its estate to improve the performance, comfort and energy efficiency. Under this programme, systems that

operate on local controls are reviewed to assess the value in bringing them under central control. This is often driven by both comfort and energy efficiency objectives. As with any control system, there is a need for continued overview and maintenance. The Council's facilities management team have active programmes underway to review and improve on both internal comfort and energy efficiency. Any complaint regarding overheating is investigated.

In many of the Council's schools there will be limitations on the level of control within the properties due to either the condition or zoning of heat distribution equipment. For example, a Victorian primary school may operate as a single heating zone making it difficult to maintain uniform heat across the classrooms i.e. some areas may need to be warmer to allow other areas to reach required temperatures.

During the warmer months, unwanted heat gains, such as solar gain, can contribute to higher temperatures in schools. Unless there has been a controls failure, summer overheating is more commonly associated with building orientation and fenestration.

- Question** (3) For each primary and secondary school in Edinburgh, details of the quantity of landfill, food waste and recycling for the last two years, and the quantities to date this year.
- Answer** (3) The Council does not specifically calculate the amount of waste and recycling generated at an individual site level as number of bins, weight of bin, type of bins, and frequency of collection are all influencing factors as is the fact that schools waste is collected on the same rounds as household waste.
- Question** (4) Details of the recycling facilities in schools, what is provided for schools and how good practice in recycling is maintained.



**Answer** (4) The Council supplies external bins and collections for schools including general waste, food waste, mixed recycling and, with limited use in schools, glass collections. An audit of bins at each site is currently underway. In addition, sites can request a review of provision at any time.

Changeworks, on behalf of the Council, provide a waste education programme for schools free of charge (<https://www.changeworks.org.uk/>).

In addition, Council officers will be developing joint guidance for sites on the correct use of services and how to maximise recycling opportunities and to minimise the amount of waste sent to Energy from Waste

**Supplementary Question**

Thank you Lord Provost and thank you Convener for the responses and the detailed information. There are several points that I would like clarification on, but since these questions have come from the young people in the schools themselves, I wonder if the Convener would commit to organising for the appropriate staff to go into the schools and talk to the young people and give them the clarification themselves.

**Supplementary Answer**

Thanks very much for the supplementary, I think that's a good idea, but I think the first thing we should do is organise a meeting with the director to try and find out what is happening in schools, and then take it from there, and clearly you'll be invited to that meeting as well.

	Electricity 2017/18	Electricity 2018/19	Electricity Budget 2019/20	Gas 17/18	Gas 18/19	Gas Budget 2019/20
ABBAYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,716	£ 16,430	£ 18,353	£ 13,669	£ 15,430	£ 16,002
BALERNO COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL	£ 45,144	£ 37,744	£ 41,455	£ 63,599	£ 70,704	£ 79,546
BALGREEN NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 1,942	£ 1,638	£ 1,831	£ 2,056	£ 1,976	£ 1,915
BALGREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 14,339	£ 18,041	£ 17,830	£ 15,475	£ 18,836	£ 12,116
BLACKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 38,526	£ 28,957	£ 40,403	£ 5,022	£ 5,352	£ 5,418
BONALY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 22,880	£ 25,376	£ 27,992	£ 17,822	£ 19,012	£ 18,474
BOROUGHMUIR HIGH SCHOOL	£ 123,980	£ 114,706	£ 122,629	£ 86,874	£ 59,995	£ 61,832
BROUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL	£ 111,142	£ 123,945	£ 138,773	£ 55,071	£ 59,601	£ 59,371
BROUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 24,834	£ 24,733	£ 27,515	£ 23,380	£ 25,018	£ 21,660
BRUNSTANE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,783	£ 18,909	£ 21,075	£ 11,143	£ 11,889	£ 13,342
BRUNTSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 19,313	£ 22,741	£ 22,551	£ 24,499	£ 24,840	£ 25,283
BUCKSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 17,611	£ 15,219	£ 14,063	£ 14,323	£ 16,727	£ 19,160
BUN-SGOIL TAOBH NA PAIRCE	£ 12,575	£ 13,374	£ 14,383	£ 18,996	£ 19,816	£ 19,798
CALDERGLEN NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 3,311	£ 3,569	£ 4,097	£ 2,492	£ 3,512	£ 3,352
CAMERON HOUSE NURSERY	£ 867	£ 1,083	£ 1,029	£ 1,497	£ 1,488	£ 1,553
CANAL VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 16,891	£ 20,663	£ 22,606	£ 15,977	£ 15,848	£ 15,571
CARRICK KNOWE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 27,535	£ 29,656	£ 31,629	£ 18,536	£ 18,911	£ 19,122
CASTLEBRAE HIGH SCHOOL	£ 38,898	£ 45,629	£ 51,294	£ 44,502	£ 42,726	£ 42,852
CLERMISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 18,533	£ 30,420	£ 26,189	£ 19,737	£ 19,556	£ 19,580
CLOVENSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 17,125	£ 15,659	£ 16,150	£ 13,453	£ 13,901	£ 13,845
COLINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 9,212	£ 8,925	£ 9,256	£ 7,430	£ 7,595	£ 7,561
CORSTORPHINE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 17,386	£ 24,409	£ 24,520	£ 14,737	£ 15,593	£ 15,669
COWGATE UNDER 5 CENTRE	£ 2,401	£ 2,594	£ 2,048	£ 3,713	£ 3,529	£ 3,710
CRAIGENTINNY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 13,104	£ 11,376	£ 8,870	£ 15,946	£ 17,677	£ 19,715
CRAIGLOCKHART PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,025	£ 15,709	£ 17,765	£ 17,782	£ 19,645	£ 18,946
CRAIGROYSTON HIGH SCHOOL	£ 98,934	£ 105,345	£ 115,362	£ 52,674	£ 51,374	£ 51,910
CRAMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 16,508	£ 16,145	£ 17,414	£ 23,419	£ 25,995	£ 26,822
CURRIE HIGH SCHOOL	£ 52,764	£ 51,688	£ 55,217	£ 69,291	£ 73,507	£ 75,851
CURRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 19,767	£ 22,968	£ 22,593	£ 14,047	£ 16,145	£ 14,815
DALMENY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 8,491	£ 6,363	£ 6,960	£ 3,329	£ 4,283	£ 4,279
DALRY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,270	£ 13,825	£ 15,791	£ 16,578	£ 16,671	£ 18,507
DAVIDSON'S MAINS PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 29,494	£ 26,416	£ 25,456	£ 16,152	£ 15,634	£ 15,570
DEAN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 28,637	£ 29,727	£ 29,750	£ 22,113	£ 19,617	£ 28,300
DUDDINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 21,059	£ 19,018	£ 20,679	£ 15,704	£ 15,363	£ 16,269
EAST CRAIGS PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 8,584	£ 22,943	£ 17,334	£ 12,336	£ 13,798	£ 14,951
ECHLINE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,765	£ 15,486	£ 16,875	£ 9,045	£ 10,545	£ 11,006

FERRYHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 26,011	£ 25,584	£ 27,805	£ 10,854	£ 12,561	£ 11,734
FLORA STEVENSON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 26,057	£ 28,092	£ 27,968	£ 17,598	£ 17,758	£ 16,978
FORRESTER/ST AUGUSTINE'S HIGH SCHOOL	£ 192,519	£ 209,568	£ 233,787	£ 116,974	£ 126,925	£ 126,168
FOX COVERT ND & RC PRIMARY SCHOOLS	£ 39,359	£ 27,648	£ 24,918	£ 10,013	£ 10,858	£ 11,441
GILMERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 13,913	£ 13,351	£ 14,608	£ 16,158	£ 15,842	£ 16,653
GORGIE MILLS SCHOOL	£ 17,592	£ 20,055	£ 22,442	£ 11,808	£ 12,252	£ 12,570
GRACEMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 5,942	£ 31,486	£ 22,350	£ 19,659	£ 21,871	£ 24,850
GRANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 13,312	£ 18,879	£ 19,194	£ 16,766	£ 16,659	£ 17,253
GREENGABLES NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 3,072	£ 3,443	£ 3,271	£ 2,661	£ 3,910	£ 4,671
GYLEMUIR PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 16,840	£ 18,807	£ 21,398	£ 21,616	£ 23,254	£ 23,553
HERMITAGE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 14,728	£ 14,043	£ 15,999	£ 12,057	£ 12,394	£ 14,140
HILLWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 6,444	£ 6,820	£ 5,556	£ 12,525	£ 12,802	£ 13,701
HOLY CROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 9,945	£ 10,754	£ 11,916	£ 11,807	£ 11,547	£ 12,135
HOLYROOD HIGH SCHOOL	£ 114,993	£ 120,571	£ 131,160	£ 52,562	£ 52,238	£ 53,686
HOPE COTTAGE NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 3,033	£ 2,662	£ 2,937	£ 2,735	£ 2,987	£ 3,046
JAMES GILLESPIE'S HIGH SCHOOL	£ 117,526	£ 95,853	£ 117,430	£ 95,449	£ 100,382	£ 99,547
JAMES GILLESPIES NURSERY	£ 25,249	£ 18,252	£ 26,527	£ 1,035	£ 957	£ 11,026
JUNIPER GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 24,766	£ 27,521	£ 30,301	£ 10,147	£ 15,128	£ 13,815
KAIMES SPECIAL SCHOOL	£ 19,369	£ 20,269	£ 22,813	£ 13,236	£ 15,907	£ 15,340
KIRKLISTON NURSERY SCHOOL/KIRKLISTON COMM CENTRE	£ 13,268	£ 11,489	£ 13,145	£ 3,542	£ 2,828	£ 2,746
KIRKLISTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 32,933	£ 28,003	£ 35,570	£ 16,049	£ 15,576	£ 15,499
LEITH ACADEMY	£ 77,222	£ 76,715	£ 82,611	£ 81,449	£ 85,929	£ 85,264
LEITH PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 22,440	£ 25,336	£ 28,480	£ 20,193	£ 17,776	£ 20,241
LEITH WALK PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,821	£ 13,540	£ 14,403	£ 18,425	£ 19,409	£ 19,136
LIBERTON HIGH SCHOOL	£ 42,599	£ 49,912	£ 55,450	£ 52,247	£ 57,657	£ 57,186
LIBERTON NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 2,317	£ 2,373	£ 2,018	£ 2,776	£ 3,275	£ 3,299
LIBERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 14,747	£ 16,465	£ 17,247	£ 15,947	£ 18,730	£ 18,012
LOCHRIN NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 935	£ 1,069	£ 1,238	£ 2,934	£ 2,899	£ 2,966
LONGSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 14,160	£ 10,275	£ 9,576	£ 18,707	£ 19,306	£ 20,643
LORNE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 9,495	£ 9,517	£ 8,257	£ 11,400	£ 10,933	£ 10,955
MOFFAT EARLY YEARS CAMPUS	£ 1,844	£ 2,086	£ 2,088	£ 2,564	£ 2,797	£ 2,797
MURRAYBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 10,148	£ 10,988	£ 12,053	£ 23,036	£ 25,044	£ 26,655

NETHER CURRIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 20,183	£ 9,041	£ 20,721			
NEWCRAIGHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 6,270	£ 5,771	£ 6,174	£ 6,701	£ 6,164	£ 6,326
NIDDRIE/ST FRANCIS COMBINED PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 41,437	£ 47,135	£ 52,386	£ 20,590	£ 23,204	£ 21,438
OAKLANDS SPECIAL SCHOOL	£ 29,134	£ 37,102	£ 39,341	£ 23,546	£ 25,415	£ 25,051
PARSONS GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 52,203	£ 49,601	£ 56,053	£ 830	£ 858	£ 1,026
PENTLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 19,950	£ 22,677	£ 25,015	£ 12,730	£ 11,517	£ 13,171
PILRIG PARK SPECIAL SCHOOL	£ 11,697	£ 10,389	£ 11,719	£ 7,865	£ 8,375	£ 8,425
PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL	£ 121,553	£ 122,533	£ 134,276	£ 96,063	£ 75,163	£ 73,289
PRESTON STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 7,832	£ 6,804	£ 7,226	£ 5,925	£ 5,564	£ 6,137
PRESTONFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 26,370	£ 21,316	£ 25,471	£ 3,152	£ 513	£ 282
PROSPECT BANK SPECIAL SCHOOL	£ 6,316	£ 9,250	£ 7,978	£ 9,556	£ 13,745	£ 15,492
QUEENSFERRY HIGH SCHOOL	£ 62,537	£ 64,829	£ 71,264	£ 57,070	£ 58,465	£ 60,211
QUEENSFERRY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 17,427	£ 22,799	£ 23,720	£ 16,770	£ 16,736	£ 17,357
RATHO PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 13,575	£ 13,493	£ 14,570	£ 12,953	£ 10,995	£ 11,857
ROSEBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 11,750	£ 11,176	£ 12,234	£ 11,715	£ 12,728	£ 12,714
ROYAL HIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 13,810	£ 14,839	£ 16,597	£ 20,135	£ 16,707	£ 19,163
ROYAL MILE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 10,407	£ 9,961	£ 11,027	£ 17,396	£ 18,980	£ 19,307
SCIENNES PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 24,666	£ 20,931	£ 20,648	£ 14,804	£ 26,719	£ 25,991
SIGHTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 12,332	£ 9,960	£ 12,794	£ 13,680	£ 10,802	£ 13,591
SOUTH MORNINGSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 21,439	£ 15,279	£ 16,172	£ 13,676	£ 11,959	£ 13,502
SPINNEY LANE NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 7,859	£ 7,009	£ 7,742			
ST CATHERINE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 10,445	£ 7,287	£ 8,395	£ 7,946	£ 7,712	£ 7,472
ST CRISPINS SPECIAL SCHOOL	£ 20,433	£ 21,949	£ 24,281	£ 17,450	£ 17,672	£ 17,474
ST CUTHBERT'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 15,730	£ 11,667	£ 14,250	£ 9,555	£ 10,322	£ 9,934

Metering issues  
leading to low  
electricity charges in  
2018/19

ST DAVIDS PRIMARY SCHOOL - RSR Building Only	£ 820	£ 81	£ 24,271				
ST JOHN VIANNEY RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 11,142	£ 9,641	£ 10,312	£ 17,921	£ 18,375	£ 18,330	
ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 10,188	£ 39,499	£ 40,711	£ 8,618	£ 5,228	£ 7,181	
ST LEONARD'S NURSERY SCHOOL	£ 1,238	£ 1,393	£ 1,700	£ 3,108	£ 3,444	£ 3,615	
ST MARGARET'S PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 4,804	£ 4,639	£ 5,005	£ 8,172	£ 7,583	£ 7,755	
ST MARK'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 9,211	£ 8,136	£ 10,144	£ 7,475	£ 7,253	£ 7,276	
ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL (ELONDON)	£ 20,264	£ 8,475	£ 13,453	£ 15,408	£ 16,797	£ 16,861	
ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL (LEITH)	£ 10,740	£ 12,988	£ 14,909	£ 12,051	£ 12,517	£ 12,645	
ST NINIANS PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 10,225	£ 10,648	£ 11,720	£ 13,334	£ 15,303	£ 15,855	
ST THOMAS OF AQUINS	£ 45,139	£ 47,486	£ 53,021	£ 48,169	£ 47,199	£ 48,613	
STANWELL NURSERY (DR BELL'S)	£ 2,128	£ 2,278	£ 2,289	£ 2,509	£ 2,727	£ 2,689	
STENHOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 7,967	£ 7,721	£ 9,415	£ 17,243	£ 15,634	£ 16,605	
STOCKBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 40,449	£ 53,360	£ 53,425				
TOLLCROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 11,641	£ 11,363	£ 10,727	£ 16,548	£ 15,975	£ 15,767	
TOWERBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 17,269	£ 24,867	£ 23,172	£ 13,423	£ 15,381	£ 15,346	
TRINITY ACADEMY	£ 51,442	£ 56,306	£ 64,502	£ 69,400	£ 70,875	£ 71,249	
TRINITY PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 18,138	£ 22,318	£ 19,923	£ 873	£ 842	£ 1,024	
TYNECASTLE HIGH SCHOOL	£ 103,143	£ 101,792	£ 112,383	£ 25,753	£ 34,049	£ 37,152	

High 2019/20 budget to account for historic underbilling on electricity. Annual forecast cost circa £5k/annum

TYNECASTLE NURSERY		£ 5,859	£ 12,696			
VICTORIA PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 8,757	£ 8,701	£ 9,367	£ 9,564	£ 10,720	£ 10,834
WARDIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	£ 29,902	£ 27,783	£ 31,250	£ 16,654	£ 16,972	£ 16,803
WESTER HAILES EDUCATION CENTRE	£ 133,254	£ 99,354	£ 105,212	£ 123,991	£ 157,581	£ 150,794
WOODLANDS SCHOOL MLD	£ 14,235	£ 15,490	£ 16,751	£ 9,774	£ 9,496	£ 9,936

Nursery demolished. Now forms part of Tynecastle stadium. Utility charges have therefore changed.