

**Committee Minutes**

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**The City of Edinburgh Council**

**Year 2004/2005**

**Meeting 12 - Thursday 7 April 2005**

Edinburgh, 7 April 2005 - At a meeting of The City of Edinburgh Council.

**Present:-**

**LORD PROVOST**

**The Right Honourable Lesley Hinds**

**COUNCILLORS**

Elaine Aitken  
Rev Ewan Aitken  
Robert C Aldridge  
Donald Anderson  
Phil Attridge  
Ian J Berry  
Andrew Burns  
Robert Cairns  
Stephen Cardownie  
Maureen M Child  
Bill Cunningham  
Trevor Davies  
Jennifer A Dawe  
Michael P Dixon  
Paul G Edie  
Edward B Fallon  
William Fitzpatrick  
Sheila Gilmore  
The Hon David Guest  
Kenneth Harrold  
Ricky Henderson  
George A Hunter  
Allan G Jackson  
Shami Khan  
Douglas J Kerr  
Allan Laing  
John Longstaff

Jim Lowrie  
Gordon Mackenzie  
Kate MacKenzie  
Fred Mackintosh  
Elizabeth Maginnis  
Lawrence Marshall  
Mark McInnes  
Eric Milligan  
Gordon J Munro  
Ian Murray  
Jack O'Donnell  
Liz O'Malley  
Alastair Paisley  
Ian Perry  
Thomas V Ponton  
Frank K Russell  
Jason G Rust  
Andrew A Scobbie  
Lorna Shiels  
Kingsley E F Thomas  
Marjorie Thomas  
Susan B Tritton  
David J Walker  
Phil Wheeler  
Iain Whyte  
Chris Wigglesworth  
Donald Wilson

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## **1 Pope John Paul II**

The Council observed a minute's silence in memory of Pope John Paul II who had died on 2 April 2005.

## **2 Questions**

Questions put by members to this meeting and written answers are contained in the appendix to this minute.

### **Declaration of Interest**

Councillor Shami Khan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of the Edinburgh Mela.

## **3 Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meetings of the Council of 10 and 24 February 2005, as submitted, as correct records.

## **4 Edinburgh Film Focus – Nomination to the Board**

The Council had nominated Councillors Kerr, Munro and Edie to the Board of Edinburgh, Lothian and Scottish Borders Screen Industries Office Limited, otherwise known as Edinburgh Film Focus (EFF), for 2003/2007. EFF had now invited the Council to make an additional nomination to the Board.

### **Decision**

To nominate Councillor Elaine Aitken to the Board of Edinburgh Film Focus.

(References – Act of Council No 5 of 22 May 2003; report no CEC/179/04-05/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

## **5 Edinburgh Partnership Board – Council Membership**

### **(a) Report by the Director of Corporate Services**

The working arrangements of the two main bodies involved in the formal community planning arrangements at the city-wide level, namely the Edinburgh Partnership and the Edinburgh Partnership Executive, had been revised in order to refocus and improve support for joint working.

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The Partnership Executive would now effectively become the Partnership "Board" which would provide overall leadership and management of joint working and community engagement.

While the Partnership's membership included both elected members and community representatives, there was no elected member representation on the Executive. Accordingly, in the spirit of the community planning legislation, the Council was invited to nominate an elected member to the Board, in a similar way to nominations for other external bodies.

**Motion**

To make a nomination to the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Cunningham (on behalf of the Labour Group).

**Amendment**

- 1) To take no action on the matter at present.
- 2) To ask the Director of Corporate Services to report detailing new arrangements for community planning which took full account of the need for democratic involvement in the process of the management of the scheme.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Dixon (on behalf of the Conservative Group).

**Voting**

For the motion - 43 votes  
For the amendment - 12 votes

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Perry.

**(b) Nominations**

To nominate Councillor Anderson to the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

- moved by Councillor Cunningham, seconded by Councillor Davies (on behalf of the Labour Group).

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To nominate Councillor Whyte.

- moved by Councillor Berry, seconded by Councillor Jackson (on behalf of the Conservative Group).

**Voting**

For Councillor Anderson - 43 votes  
For Councillor Whyte - 12 votes

**Decision**

To nominate Councillor Anderson to the Edinburgh Partnership Board.

(Reference – report no CEC/167/04-05/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

**6 Lothian Buses plc: Board Appointments**

The Annual General Meeting of Lothian Buses was due to be held on 14 June 2005. Instructions were sought on appointments to the Board.

**Decision**

To support the re-appointment of:

- 1) Iain Coupar and William Devlin as Executive Directors of Lothian Buses plc;
- 2) James Dixon as Employee Director of Lothian Buses plc; and
- 3) Pilmar Smith as a non-Executive Director of Lothian Buses plc.

(References – Act of Council No 10 of 29 April 2004; report no CEC/171/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**7 Leader's Report**

The Leader presented his report to the Council. The following issues were raised in questions on the report:

- Councillor Whyte
- G8 Summit at Gleneagles
  - cost implications for Edinburgh
  - contingency arrangements for demonstrators/protestors

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Councillor Berry       | - Edinburgh Castle concerts                        |
|                        | - discussions with Historic Scotland               |
|                        | - approach to Scottish Environment Minister        |
| Councillor Cardownie   | - G8 Summit at Gleneagles                          |
|                        | - use of Meadowbank Stadium                        |
|                        | - contingency plans                                |
| Councillor Fitzpatrick | - National School Crossing Guide of the Year Award |

## **8 Spend to Save Fund: Future Capital Receipts Programme – Asset Management Plan**

The Executive had approved a proposal to enhance capital receipt generation and work on an asset management plan for non-operational property and recommended that the cost be met from the Spend to Save Fund.

### **Decision**

To meet the cost of enhanced capital receipt generation and work on an asset management plan for non-operational property from the Spend to Save Fund.

(Reference – report no CEC/168/04-05/E by the Executive, submitted).

## **9 Chief Executive's Annual Report**

The Chief Executive's 2004/05 annual report was presented. The report highlighted the Council's most important achievements of the last 12 months, outlined progress with ongoing major areas of work and identified the issues to be addressed in the coming year. Progress with the Council Review 2007 (see item 10) was also detailed and key milestones towards its completion by April 2006 were identified.

### **Decision**

To note the content of the Chief Executive's annual report for 2005 and that a number of further reports would be submitted over the coming months.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 24 June 2004; report no CEC/173/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **10 Council Review 2007: Challenge and Efficiency**

The Council had instructed that appropriate steps be taken to ensure that increased emphasis was given to improved efficiency in the delivery of Council services commensurate with the levels of savings assumed in the finance settlement.

Details were provided of the range of activities underway to improve efficiency and productivity in the context of Council Review 2007, the financial pressures faced by the Council and the Scottish Executive's Efficient Government Initiative. Proposals to strengthen these activities were set out.

### **Decision**

To note:

- 1) the substantial efforts that had been undertaken to deliver efficiency improvements within the Council;
- 2) the additional initiatives being implemented to build on and enhance these efforts; and
- 3) that an update would be submitted to the Council meeting in June 2005.

(References – Act of Council No 2 of 10 February 2005 and Executive of the Council 15 March 2005 (item 10); report no CEC/170/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **11 Director of Health and Social Care Appointment**

The Council had approved arrangements for the joint appointment with NHS Lothian to the new post of Director of Health and Social Care. The joint Selection Panel had interviewed three candidates for the post on 6 April 2005 and recommended the appointment of Peter Gabbitas.

### **Decision**

To appoint Peter Gabbitas to the post of Director of Health and Social Care.

(References – Acts of Council No 12 of 11 November 2004 and No 7 of 24 February 2005; report no CEC/184/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## 12 Child Protection in Edinburgh

### (a) Annual Report

The first annual report on the Council's role and achievements in child protection in Edinburgh and the Lothians was presented. The main areas of action by the Council in 2004 were set out together with the outcome of the external audit and review of child protection in Edinburgh.

#### **Decision**

To refer the Chief Executive's report to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.

(References – Act of Council No 10(b) of 19 February 2004; report no CEC/180/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

### (b) The Edinburgh Child Protection Committee

Following a comprehensive review of child protection arrangements, the Scottish Executive had published guidance which included the role of and the functions to be undertaken by Child Protection Committees. The main proposals contained in the guidance were outlined. Details were also given of the child protection work of the regional Executive Group.

The establishment, on an evolving basis, of a new Child Protection Committee for Edinburgh was proposed.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the publication by the Scottish Executive of the Child Protection Committee guidelines.
- 2) To note the work which had been ongoing since March 2004 at regional level.
- 3) To approve the initial proposals as detailed in paragraph 5.3 of the Chief Executive's report in relation to the establishment of an Edinburgh Child Protection Committee.
- 4) To note that a further report would be submitted to the Council meeting in August 2005.

(References – Executive of the Council 30 November 2004 (item 7); report no CEC/172/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

### **13 Local Community Planning Scheme: Revised Proposals**

A Local Community Planning Scheme, based on a pattern of local partnership and governance structures, was proposed for adoption.

#### **Motion**

- 1) To approve, in principle, the revised proposals for local governance and the further development and implementation of local community planning as detailed in the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To approve the implementation timetable as detailed in paragraph 3.32 of the Director's report subject to consideration, at the Council meeting on 12 May 2005, of a further report on the linkage of the emerging Local Government Boundary Commission proposals for multi-member wards in 2007 with the boundaries of the proposed Local Community Planning Partnerships. This would allow further consideration of the optimum boundary framework for LCPPs to be adopted in the period up to May 2007.
- 3) Noting that the proposed boundaries for LCPPs and Community Planning Areas (CPAs) could only be an interim solution prior to the 2007 local government elections and the total realignment of the wards within Edinburgh, to instruct the Director of Corporate Services to report to the Cross Party Working Group on:
  - a) The cost of introducing and operating the proposals as detailed in his report;
  - b) The cost of introducing and operating an alternative structure where –
    - i) the wards comprising the North Edinburgh, South Edinburgh and Craigmillar Social Inclusion Partnerships, Leith, West Edinburgh Community Planning Partnership and Restalrig were removed from the LDC areas in which they currently lay and were then established as stand alone LCCPs; and
    - ii) the remaining wards from each LDC were consolidated into larger LCPPs, including a city centre LCPP.
- 4) To recommend adoption of the proposals by the Edinburgh Partnership and to refer the Director's report to the Partnership for consideration.
- 5) To refer the Director's report to all Local Development Committees for detailed consideration of local implementation action.

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- 6) To note that further reports on progress in implementation would be submitted at the end of 2005/06 and 2006/07.

- moved by Councillor Wilson, seconded by Councillor Cunningham (on behalf of the Labour Group).

**Amendment**

- 1) To note the statutory requirement to implement a scheme of community planning and to agree that local community planning should be the major element of this work.

To express concern at the lack of democratic accountability in the process, especially with regard to the full voting involvement of un-elected officers of other statutory agencies.

- 2) To approve, in principle, the recommendations by the Director of Corporate Services for the further development and implementation of local community planning, given the requirement for the Council to fulfil its statutory obligations, but to agree that a review of democratic mechanisms be undertaken after a year of operation.
- 3) To note the proposals for the involvement of Community Councils in Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs) and to instruct the Director of Corporate Services to bring forward a report detailing how this could be implemented across the City, including in those areas currently covered by Social Inclusion Partnerships.
- 4) To approve the implementation timetable as detailed in paragraph 3.32 of the Director's report. However, in respect of boundaries to ask the Director of Corporate Services to report to the Council meeting in May 2005 on the linkage of the emerging Local Government Boundary Commission proposals for multi-member wards in 2007 with the boundaries of the proposed LCPPs. This would allow further consideration to the optimum boundary framework for LCPPs to be adopted in the period up to May 2007.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Dixon (on behalf of the Conservative Group).

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### **Voting**

For the motion - 43 votes  
For the amendment - 12 votes

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Wilson.

(References – Act of Council No 8 of 24 February 2005; report no CEC/177/04-05/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

## **14 Performance Management Arrangements**

As part of an ongoing programme of performance reviews, an examination of the arrangements for monitoring, reporting and reacting to performance information had been completed. Arising from this a strengthened approach and new initiatives intended to improve Council performance management across all service areas was set out.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the review of performance reporting arrangements.
- 2) To approve the Action Plan set out in the Chief Executive's report.
- 3) That when each department has identified appropriate measures, indicators and targets to improve current performance reporting, these be referred for discussion at the appropriate Scrutiny Panel.

(References – Executive of the Council 18 January 2005 (item 10); report no CEC/174/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **15 Customer Services Strategy Progress Update**

An update on progress in implementing and developing the Council's Customer Services Strategy was provided. In particular, issues raised by the 2004 Household Survey, Audit Scotland's review of the Council Contact Centre and the challenges for joined up working across the Council presented by the Gershen report were addressed.

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**Decision**

- 1) To note the improvement and performance achieved in the Contact Centre's first year of operation.
- 2) To approve the next steps in developing the Contact Centre as detailed in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of the Director of Housing's report.
- 3) To note that following this approach would address the issues of customer dissatisfaction expressed in the household survey and the efficiency and customer satisfaction issues raised by Audit Scotland.
- 4) Noting the difficulty in understanding the Director's report due to the language used, to instruct that future covering reports for items of this nature be written in comprehensible, plain English.

(References – Executive of the Council 11 February 2003 (item 8); report no CEC/178/04-05/H by the Director of Housing, submitted).

**16 Inquiry into Boundaries, Voting and Representation in Scotland (The Arbuthnott Inquiry)**

Approval was sought for the Council's response to a consultation by the Commission on Boundary Differences and Voting Systems (The Arbuthnott Inquiry). The Commission's remit was to examine the consequences of having four different systems of voting in local and parliamentary elections in Scotland and different constituency boundaries for Westminster and the Scottish Parliament.

**Decision**

To approve the response detailed in Appendix 2 of the Chief Executive's report for submission to the Arbuthnott Inquiry.

(References – Act of Council No 15 of 27 June 2002; report no CEC/169/04-05/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**17 McLeod Street Roads Depot Relocation**

Authority was sought to purchase the site of the existing Ethicon factory at Sighthill Industrial Estate for multiple use including the relocation of the McLeod Street Roads Depot.

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### **Decision**

- 1) To note:
  - a) the action taken by the Director of City Development to secure the Ethicon site for mixed use including the relocation of the roads depot from McLeod Street;
  - b) that verbal notification had been received from Ethicon Ltd that it was prepared to accept the Council's offer for the purchase of the Sighthill site;
  - c) the programming implications of constructing a new roads depot on the site; and
  - d) the planning risk associated with the new Tynecastle school and the impact on the proposals.
- 2) To authorise the Director of City Development to conclude the purchase of the Ethicon site.
- 3) To ask the Director of City Development, in consultation with the Directors of Finance and Children and Families, to report further on the specific programming, cost, contingency planning and budgetary implications.
- 4) To ask the Director of Culture and Leisure to prepare a report outlining the feasibility of establishing a centre of excellence sports facility for city-wide use on the land at Forrester/St Augustine's campus no longer required for the roads depot.

(References – Act of Council No 9 of 27 January 2005; report no CEC/183/04-05/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

## **18 Investors in People Recognition**

The Council was committed to use the Investors in People (IIP) framework which focused on improving service performance through a planned approach to setting and communicating business objectives and developing people to meet them. A "building block" approach had been developed to approach full IIP recognition.

The Council had received confirmation of Investors in People recognition in March 2005.

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**Decision**

- 1) To note and mark the Council's achievement in being recognised as an Investor in People.
- 2) To congratulate all staff for their support in preparing the individual Departments for assessment.
- 3) To congratulate particularly those staff with a direct responsibility for working with the standard for delivering such a positive result for the Council.
- 4) To endorse the continued use of the IIP framework with the means of continuously improving the knowledge and skills of all managers and staff in the Council.

(Reference – report no CEC/175/04-05/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

**19 Neighbourhood Regeneration in South Edinburgh; Gilmerton Limestone Area: Moredun Park View Compulsory Purchase Order**

The Council had made compulsory purchase orders to acquire properties at Moredun Park View and Hyvot to facilitate neighbourhood regeneration in South Edinburgh.

Approval was sought to make an amended Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire a further property at Moredun Park View.

**Decision**

To make The Edinburgh Moredun Park View Compulsory Purchase Order 2005 in terms of the amended draft (with map) annexed to the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(References – Act of Council No 10 of 24 February 2005; report no CEC/176/04-05/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

**20 Department of Children and Families – Appointment of Heads of Service**

The Recruitment Committee recommended appointments to three posts in the new Department of Children and Families.

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**Decision**

- 1) To appoint Christina Burnett to the post of Head of Support for Children, Young People and Families.
- 2) To appoint Frank McGrail to the post of Head of Operational and Service Support.
- 3) To appoint Pam Smith to the post of Head of Service Development (Social Work Services).

(References – Act of Council No 11 of 27 January 2005; report no CEC/182/04-05/RC by the Recruitment Committee, submitted.)

**21 Civic Reception – Sighthill Allstars – Motion by Councillor Russell**

The following motion by Councillor Russell was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Council congratulates the Sighthill Allstars for winning first prize in the military section of the Majorettes’ World Championship in Orlando, Florida. Council agrees to recognise this achievement by holding a civic reception in their honour.”

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Russell.

**22 Pentland Primary School – Motion by Councillor Elaine Aitken**

The following motion by Councillor Elaine Aitken was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“That this Council:

- 1) notes that the pupils at Comiston and Hunters Tryst Primary Schools are currently designing a new badge for their new Pentland Primary School and will shortly decide on new school colours;
- 2) agrees that where schools are being amalgamated, starting with Pentland Primary, funds should be provided to purchase each child currently attending the schools to be amalgamated with two sweatshirts in the new school colours.”

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**Decision**

- 1) To welcome the work of Comiston and Hunters Tryst Primary Schools staff, pupils and school communities in the amalgamation of the new Pentland Primary School.
- 2) To express the Council's full commitment to targeting support to those families in most need across the city.
- 3) To note that £1,600 had been allocated to the new school to use in relation to school uniforms and that additional support would be available to families through the clothing grant scheme.
- 4) To agree that this was the most appropriate way to support this particular primary school in relation to the introduction of a new school uniform.

**23 Forth Bridge – Motion by Councillor Longstaff**

The following motion by Councillor Longstaff was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

"To ask the City of Edinburgh Council to support the campaign to accord The Forth Bridge World Heritage Site status."

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Longstaff.

**24 Make Poverty History Campaign – Motion by the Lord Provost**

The following motion by the Lord Provost was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

"This Council congratulates all the organisations that have contributed to and promoted the success of the "Make Poverty History" Campaign.

This Council resolves to support the principles of the "Make Poverty History" Campaign and to facilitate and promote the smooth organisation and operation of its rally in July."

**Decision**

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.

## **25 The Integrity of the Electoral System – Motion by Councillor Mackintosh**

The Lord Provost ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the beginning of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency in order that it be considered timeously.

The following motion by Councillor Mackintosh was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29:

- “1) Council notes that on 4 April 2005 Election Commissioner Richard Mawrey QC upheld allegations of postal vote fraud in Birmingham.
- 2) Council notes that there has been a dramatic increase in the number of applications for postal votes in Edinburgh.
- 3) Council believes that the protection of the secrecy and integrity of the ballot process is a crucial duty of government and politicians.
- 4) Council calls upon the Chief Executive, the Electoral Registration Officer and the Chief Constable to work together to:
  - a) Ensure that electors are aware of how to protect their votes from theft, coercion and fraud.
  - b) Prevent the serious electoral offences of the type that occurred in Birmingham occurring in Edinburgh in the General Election.
- 5) Council calls upon all candidates, agents in the forthcoming General Election to respect the Electoral Commission guidance in relation to postal votes.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Mackintosh.

- moved by Councillor Mackintosh, seconded by Councillor Dawe.

### **Amendment**

- 1) To express concern about the recent instance of electoral fraud in Birmingham.

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- 2) To note the fact that recent postal ballots, in particular the Colinton by-election and Transport Edinburgh referendum, had shown that public participation in the electoral process could be greatly enhanced through the use of postal voting.
- 3) To welcome the fact that, in living memory, there had never been any instance of serious electoral fraud in Edinburgh.
- 4) To request the Returning Officer to maintain a vigilant approach to tackling any problems should they arise in the course of the General Election.
- 5) To note the overall responsibility of the Electoral Registration Officer and to ask the Returning Officer to liaise with the Electoral Registration Officer with a view to bringing forward a report on how security for postal voting could be further enhanced.

- moved by Councillor Anderson, seconded by Councillor Davies (on behalf of the Labour Group).

### **Voting**

For the motion - 25 votes  
For the amendment - 29 votes

### **Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Anderson.

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**Appendix**  
**(As referred to in Act of Council No 2 of 7 April 2005)**

**QUESTION NO. 1**

**By Councillor Paisley  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Sport, Culture and  
Leisure**

- |                 |     |                                                                                                                                                         |
|-----------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Question</b> | (1) | What is the projected shortfall on this year's Mela Festival?                                                                                           |
| <b>Answer</b>   | (1) | The Edinburgh Mela has not yet produced audited annual accounts for the 2004 Festival.                                                                  |
| <b>Question</b> | (2) | Who is responsible for this shortfall?                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Answer</b>   | (2) | The Mela Board are responsible for the financial management of the Company.                                                                             |
| <b>Question</b> | (3) | Has the Council been asked to make up the deficit?                                                                                                      |
| <b>Answer</b>   | (3) | No. However, the Council has been requested to provide an advance of funding from the Mela's 2005/06 grant.                                             |
| <b>Question</b> | (4) | Would the Directors be financially responsible for any losses?                                                                                          |
| <b>Answer</b>   | (4) | The Company is a company limited by guarantee and within the terms of the law the guarantee could be called upon if the Company went into receivership. |
| <b>Question</b> | (5) | Is this Council supporting the new company Melange, and if so by how much?                                                                              |
| <b>Answer</b>   | (5) | The Council has not received a request for financial assistance from Melange.                                                                           |

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**QUESTION NO. 2**

**By Councillor Wheeler  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Transport and  
Public Realm**

- Question** (1) In each of the financial years 2003/04 and 2004/05, how much was spent on new road markings or textured surfacing for:
- a) bus lanes, including greenways and bus stop boxes;
  - b) cycle lanes, including advance stop lines;
  - c) white markings on speed humps?

- Answer** (1) a) In 2003/04 £250,000 was spent on green textured surfacing for bus lanes and £94,000 was spent on red textured surfacing in bus boxes. There was no expenditure on this type of work in 2004/05.
- b) In 2004/05 £60,000 was spent on advance stop lines. No new cycle lane markings were installed during this period. During 2003/04 there was no work carried out on either of these categories of work.

All of the above work was funded by the Scottish Executive under the budget for Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets or the Public Transport Fund.

- c) Approximately £20,000 and £52,000 was spent on permanent markings for new speed humps in 2003/04 and 2004/05 respectively. This expenditure does not include the cost of the temporary road markings required initially to the road humps to meet road safety requirements.

The new speed humps provided by the Council are funded from the allocation in the Capital Budget for the Council's 20mph zone programme.

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- Question**
- (2) In each of the financial years 2003/04 and 2004/05, how much was spent on renewing, patching or repairing road markings or textured surfacing for:
- a) bus lanes, including greenways and bus stop boxes;
  - b) cycle lanes, including advance stop lines;
  - c) white markings on speed humps?
- Answer**
- (2) In 2003/04 and 2004/05 a total of £225,936 and £370,429 respectively was spent on renewing and repairing carriageway markings. Due to the reactive nature of these repairs and renewals, the costs for unique types of markings are not recorded separately. In most circumstances individual marking squads were employed to renew and replace all markings in an area which would include speed humps, cycle lanes and advance stop lines. Where costs are known they have been given below.
- a) In 2003/04 £23,400 was spent on textured surfacing for Greenways. No repairs were carried out to textured surfacing in 2004/05. In 2003/04 and 2004/05 the expenditure on road markings for the Greenways routes was £17,641 and £89,000 respectively.
  - b)& c) The costs for repair and renewal of all other type of carriageway markings are contained in the remaining £208,295 and £281,429 for 2003/04 and 2004/05 respectively.