

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00 am, Tuesday, 27 August 2013

Present

Councillors Hinds (Convener), Orr (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Bagshaw, Barrie, Booth, Brock, Doran, Gardner, Bill Henderson, Jackson, McInnes, Mowat and Perry.

1. Deputation: Grange/Prestonfield Community Council: Response to Report

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from John Palmer, on behalf of the Grange/Prestonfield Community Council, in relation to a report on South Central Edinburgh 20mph Limit Pilot Evaluation.

The deputation welcomed the report and the level of community involvement in the 20mph Limit Pilot Evaluation.

Decision

The Convener thanked the Deputation for the presentation and invited Mr Palmer to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 11 below.

2. Deputation: Dumbiedykes Residents Association: Response to Report

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Dumbiedykes Residents Association, on Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access Update.

The deputation outlined their main concerns and asked the Committee to consider the following points:

- Dumbiedykes was poorly served by public transport.
- A subsidised bus route to the area is required.
- The Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access Update does not take into consideration the increased demand for public transport within the community due, in part, to the student accommodation under development.
- Dumbiedykes Residents Association were concerned that they have contributed to a number of Committee meetings without any discernible developments.

The Convener confirmed there was a requirement to look at the feasibility of re-routing service 36 and that a report would be submitted to the October meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee.

Decision

The Convener thanked the Deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Director of Services for Communities at item 16 below.

3. Dumbiedykes Public Transport Access - Update

The results of the demographic study of Dumbiedykes and the intention to obtain costs for the provision of a stand-alone bus service under the Council's forthcoming Framework Agreement for the provision of Local Bus services were presented.

Decision

- 1) To note the results of the demographic study of Dumbiedykes.
- 2) To note the intention to obtain costs for the provision of a stand-alone bus service under the Council's forthcoming Framework Agreement for the provision of Local Bus services.
- 3) To note that the results of the exercise would be reported to the Transport and Environment Committee later in 2013.
- 4) To advise the Petitions Committee of the decision of the Transport and Environment Committee and to note that an update would be provided in the Petitions Committee Business Bulletin.
- 5) To ask the Director of Services for Communities to continue discussions with Lothian Buses around the feasibility of re-routing service 36 for Dumbiedykes and to explore other options for provision of a Dumbiedykes bus service.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 19 March 2013 (item 12); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

4. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 4 June 2013 as a correct record.

5. Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period October 2013 to December 2013 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for October 2013 to December 2013.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

6. Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 27 August 2013 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

7. Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019 – Consultation Version

Approval was sought for the draft Local Transport Strategy and to authorise the Head of Transport to make minor editorial changes to the draft Strategy prior to it being issued for comment. A short Executive Summary would be prepared for consultation purposes.

Decision

- 1) To approve the draft Local Transport Strategy.
- 2) To authorise the Head of Transport to make minor editorial changes to the draft.
- 3) To note that a short Executive Summary would be prepared for consultation purposes.
- 4) That issues pertaining to parking (City Centre Parking, Sunday Parking & Residents Parking) within issues 6, 7 and 8 be addressed in an overarching parking action plan and reported back to the Transport and Environment Committee in mid 2014.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 15 January 2013 (item 6); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

8. Objections to Bus Stop Clearway – Clark Road

Approval was sought to provide new bus stop box markings, with associated Clearway marking and time-plate, at the existing bus stop number 206680, outside 50 Clark Road. One objection had been received in relation to the proposals.

Decision

To set aside the objection and approve the proposal to provide new bus stop box markings, with associated Clearway marking and time-plate, at the existing bus stop number 206680, outside 50 Clark Road.

(References – Executive of the Council 4 May 2004 (item 21); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

9. Parking Charges on Greenways with the Controlled Parking Zone

Approval was sought to commence the statutory process to change the existing traffic regulation orders and to introduce parking charges in all Greenways parking places located within the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and for a pilot of a cashless only parking service for Greenways parking places.

Decision

- 1) To approve the commencement of the statutory process to change the existing traffic regulation orders and to introduce parking charges as detailed in this report in all Greenways parking places located within the CPZ.
- 2) To approve a pilot of a cashless only parking service for Greenways parking places.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

10. Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Comiston Rise at Comiston Road

Approval was sought to make a Traffic Regulation Order to facilitate safe egress from Comiston Rise on to Comiston Road. One objection had been received to the proposal.

Decision

- 1) To set aside the objection and approve the implementation of the parking restrictions.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

11. Assembly Street at Constitution Street/Baltic Street, Prohibition of Motor Vehicles – Objection to Traffic regulation Order

Approval was sought to make a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit motor vehicles at that part of Assembly Street at Constitution Street and Baltic Street. One objection had been received to the proposals.

Decision

- 1) To repel the one objection received.
- 2) To make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

12. Request to Provide a Surface Crossing of the Calder Road at Parkhead – Traffic Regulation Order

In September 2009, a feasibility study had been undertaken by independent consultants assessing the potential for a surface pedestrian crossing on Calder Road. The matter had been further considered by the South West Neighbourhood Partnership Transport and Environment Forum who had agreed that, without the availability of capital funding, the installation of a crossing at the desired location could not be progressed at that time.

It had been concluded that this location was not eligible for assessment for inclusion on the existing priority list for surface crossings maintained by the Road Safety Team as this project did not meet the standard criteria for the creation of a new surface crossing.

Decision

To refer the scheme back to a future meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee to commit to consider funding for the installation of a crossing as part of the current Budget Review.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committees 28 July 2009 (item 15) and 27 July 2010 (item 32); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

13. 5% Budget Commitment to Cycling – Summary of expenditure

The Council had agreed to spend 5% of its 2012/13 transport budgets on projects to encourage cycling as a mode of transport in the City.

A summary of the Council's capital and revenue expenditure on cycling for 2012/13 was submitted.

Decision

To note the summary of Council expenditure on cycling for 2012/13 and that this met the 5% targets set.

(References – Act of Council No 2 of 9 February 2012; report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

14. South Central Edinburgh 20mph Limit Pilot Evaluation

The Committee were asked to note the positive progress made under the South Central Edinburgh 20mph Limit Pilot and to approve the draft strategy for rolling out 20mph limits to all residential streets, main shopping streets, city centre streets, and streets with high levels of pedestrian and/or cyclist activity.

Motion

- 1) To note the positive progress made under the Pilot.

- 2) To approve the draft Strategy for rolling out 20mph limits to all residential streets, main shopping streets, city centre streets and streets with high levels of pedestrian and/or cyclist activity.
- 3) To ask the Director of Services for Communities to identify those streets to be designated 20mph or 30mph and those with particular characteristics where physical improvements or traffic calming measures may be required.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Orr

Amendment

- 1) To note the positive progress made under the Pilot.
- 2) To approve the draft Strategy for rolling out 20mph limits to all residential streets, main shopping street, city centre streets and streets with high levels of pedestrian and/or cyclist activity on the general assumption that all streets across the city should be subject to a 20mph speed limit and that any street with a higher limit should be reviewed annually.

- moved by Councillor Bagshaw, seconded by Councillor Booth

Voting

For the motion	-	12 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

(References - Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 November 2011 (item 33); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

15. Active Travel Action Plan – Two Year Review

The Active Travel Action Plan (ATAP) had been reviewed to measure progress on the actions contained within the Plan and to ensure the Plan reflected Scottish Government and Council policies as well as current economic conditions.

Additional staff resources dedicated to active travel had been put in place to progress delivery of the Plan. Consultation on the actions had been carried out with the Council's delivery partners and relevant pressure groups with a view to enhancing the Plan as part of an overall marketing strategy.

Approval was sought with regards to the revised actions and timescales set out in Appendices 2 and 3 of the report.

Decision

To note the increase in staff resources dedicated to active travel and the assistance this would bring in the delivery of the ATAP.

- 1) To note the consultation carried out, and the review of progress to date.

2) To note that promotion of the ATAP would be enhanced as part of an overall marketing strategy.

3) To approve the revised actions and timescales.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 21 September 2010 (item 11); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

16. Public and Accessible Transport Action Plan – Report on Consultation

Following consultation with key stakeholders, the final Public and Accessible Transport Action Plan (PATAP) was submitted for approval. The Plan was consistent with the Transport 2030 Vision, reflected the relevant Coalition pledges, and would be consistent with the new Local Transport Strategy. It was proposed that the Plan would run until 2020 and progress monitored every two years with a review in 2015.

As the Plan developed, options for future provision of Community and Accessible Transport would be discussed with service providers and users and it was anticipated that this review would be concluded by April 2014.

Decision

1) To approve the Public and Accessible Transport Action Plan.

2) To note that the review of future Community and Accessible Transport provision now comprised a separate workstream which would be completed by April 2014 and reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 15 January 2013 (item 8); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

17. Public Utility Company Performance 2012/3 and First Quarter 2013/14

Performance information relating to public utility companies for 2012/13 and the first quarter of 2013/14 was submitted. It was also proposed to establish a Member/Officer Working Group to develop proposals for the Edinburgh Road Works Ahead Agreement (ERWAA) prior to it being presented for approval to the meeting of the Committee on 14 January 2014. .

Decision

1) To establish a Member/Officer Working Group to develop proposals for the Edinburgh Road Works Ahead Agreement (ERWAA)

2) To agree that each political group appoint one member to the Working Group.

3) To note that the ERWAA would be submitted to Committee for final approval on 14 January 2014.

4) To note the performance information shown in Appendix A and the trend information shown in Appendices B and C.

- 5) To agree that quarterly performance reports would be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 15 January 2013 (item 12); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

18. Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill – Council Response to Consultation by Iain Gray MSP

The Council had been invited to comment on the proposals contained within the Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill put forward by Iain Gray, MSP. The aim of the Bill was to give transport authorities greater control over bus services in their area. A proposed response was submitted.

Decision

To approve the response to the consultation by Iain Gray MSP on the proposed Bus Regulation (Scotland) Bill.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

19. Strategic Consultation on Works on Scottish Roads

Transport Scotland had invited the Council to comment on proposed changes to legislation relating to Utilities and Roads Authorities road works. A proposed response to the consultation was submitted.

Decision

To approve the response to the consultation as outlined in appendix A to the report by the Director of Services for Communities.

(References – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

20. Redesign of Recycling Services – Outline Business Case

Approval was sought for the outline business case to support development of the redesigned kerbside recycling service for low density housing areas. This would allow procurement to commence for processing capacity, containers, and the vehicles required to implement the proposed twin stream collection approach and would inform the development of a final full business case.

Approval was also sought for the realignment of communal recycling provision to reflect the changes in the mix of materials being made in kerbside collections and to expand provision where costs could be contained within current budget. A further report on options and costs for expanding and enhancing communal recycling services for high density housing areas could then be prepared.

Motion

- 1) To approve the business case for the redesigned kerbside recycling service for low density housing areas and agree that the service should commence procurement of bins, vehicles and processing capacity.

- 2) To realign communal recycling provision to reflect the changes in the mix of materials being made in kerbside collections and to expand provision where costs could be contained within current budget.
- 3) To receive a further report on options and costs for expanding and enhancing communal recycling services for high density housing areas.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Orr

Amendment 1

- 1) To note that Scottish Government rules place limits on how the recycling service could be redesigned and considers that the Council should not place further limits on achieving best value for residents and should test both the collection and processing of waste on the open market.
- 2) To reject the outline business case and consider that until the service is market tested a decision could not be taken to ensure that best value was being delivered for Edinburgh residents.
- 3) To agree to tender the service on the open market for both low density and high density collections as this would ensure that the best value for money was delivered and to ensure flexibility of delivery should the market need to adapt to any further Scottish Government guidance and to prevent capital borrowing being undertaken which would limit the flexibility of the service the Council could deliver.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor McInnes

Amendment 2

- 1) In similar terms to the motion by Councillor Hinds but to ask that the further report called for at 3) be brought back to the Transport and Environment Committee within 3 cycles.
- 2) To agree to a further report within two cycles setting out the costs, benefits and implications of ensuring the recycling service was wholly compliant with the Waste (Scotland) Regulations 2012.

- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw

Amendment 3

To continue consideration of the matter to enable a comparison to be made with potential solutions from private sector providers to ensure the citizens of Edinburgh get the best quality recycling services at the best possible price.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Jackson

In accordance with Standing Order 20(7):

- (a) paragraph 1) of Amendment 2 was accepted as an addendum to the motion and paragraph 2 was withdrawn; and

(b) amendment 3 was accepted as an addendum to amendment 1

Voting

For the motion, as adjusted - 9 votes
For amendment 1, as adjusted - 4 votes

Decision

To approve the motion, as adjusted, by Councillor Hinds.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 15 January 2013 (item 5); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

21. Scotland's Climate Change Adaptation Programme Council Response

The Scottish Government had invited the Council to comment on its proposed draft Scottish Climate Change Adaptation Programme. The aim of the Programme was to increase the resilience of Scotland's people, environment and economy to the impacts of a changing climate. The deadline for submissions was 27 September 2013. A proposed response to the consultation was submitted.

A Climate Change Adaptation Framework was being prepared by the City of Edinburgh Council in consultation with relevant stakeholders which would be presented to Committee in due course.

Decision

- 1) To approve the response from the Council to the Scottish Government's draft Adaptation Programme, as set out in Appendix 1.
- 2) To note that a Climate Change Adaptation Framework was being prepared by the City of Edinburgh Council in consultation with relevant stakeholders, which would be presented to Committee in due course.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Governance, submitted.)

22. Energy Policy

Approval was sought for a revised energy policy to replace the current Council energy policy. . Proposals were also submitted for the establishment of a forum to drive the energy policy forward and address energy issues (e.g. reducing energy consumption) across the organisation and that a senior officer be the lead responsibility for energy management Council wide..

Decision

- 1) To approve the policy, supporting procedures and action plan.
- 2) To agree that a senior officer be the lead responsibility for energy management Council wide.

- 3) To establish a forum to drive the energy policy forward and address energy issues (e.g. reducing energy consumption) across the organisation
- 4) To receive annual reports on the implementation of the policy outlining progress made against policy objectives and targets.

(Reference – joint report by the Directors of Corporate Governance and Services for Communities.)

23. Air Quality Progress Report 2012 and Scottish Government Consultation on Review of Local Air Quality Management in Scotland

An update report was provided on the outcomes of the monitoring and assessment of local air quality in Edinburgh in 2012 in line with the Council's ongoing statutory obligations set out in the Environment Act 1995, the UK National Air Quality Strategy and Scottish Air Quality Regulations.. The report would be submitted to the Scottish Government and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) for approval.

Approval was also sought for officers to work with Lothian Buses and others in identifying funding options on a major programme of retrofitting approximately 240 older buses in their fleet up to current Euro emission standards.

The Scottish Government was in the process of consulting on a review of Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) in Scotland. This was the first full review of how LAQM operated in Scotland since its introduction over 15 years ago and was considering a number of possible changes to improve and refocus LAQM. A proposed draft response to the consultation was submitted.

Motion

- 1) To note the report and the 2013 Air Quality Progress Report for City of Edinburgh Council to be submitted to the Scottish Government for approval.
- 2) To note the trends in air quality in Edinburgh during 2012 which show that improvements in air quality were observed at a number of locations and that further improvements would be necessary at other locations to comply with legislative requirement.
- 3) To note the ongoing voluntary improvements in the emissions standards of the main bus fleets operating within Edinburgh and to recognise more needs to be done to bring air pollution levels on arterial routes below regulatory limits.
- 4) To instruct officers to work with Lothian Buses and others in identifying funding options on a major programme of retrofitting approximately 240 older buses in their fleet up to current Euro emission standards and to note this would require engagement with the Scottish Government to secure grant funding due to the required upfront capital cost of approximately £3.6m over two years.

- 5) To note that the Scottish Government have indicated they would engage with stakeholders to review creation of national, regional or local Low Emission Strategies which may include Low Emission Zones as an option.
- 6) To note that Edinburgh through its pioneering ECOStars scheme which engaged with road freight, support of a retrofit bus exhaust improvement programme, encouragement of modal shift from cars to cycles and cars to buses and tram through park and ride schemes along with improved traffic management and road junction improvements, had the basis of a coherent Low Emission Strategy.
- 7) To approve the draft response to the Scottish Government consultation on a review of LAQM in Scotland as set out in appendix 6 of the report by the Director of Services for Communities.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Orr

Amendment

In similar terms to the motion by Councillor Hinds but to delete paragraph 6) and replace with “

‘To note that the voluntary approach outlined above had failed to improve air quality sufficiently quickly, and therefore agrees to receive a report within two cycles setting out the options for more rapid improvements in air quality, including but not limited to options for low emission zones.’”

- moved by Councillor Bagshaw, seconded by Councillor Booth

Voting

For the motion	-	11 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 23 November 2012 (item 12); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

24. Interim Report on the South West Edinburgh Legionnaires Disease Outbreak June 2012

Professor Alison McCallum, Director of Public Health and Public Policy, NHS Lothian, introduced the interim report on the Legionnaires Disease outbreak in June 2012 which had been produced by NHS Lothian Incident Management Team. The report had been considered by the Board of NHS Lothian who had agreed to accept all the recommendations and had commended all those involved in dealing with the consequences of the outbreak.

Decision

- 1) To note the recommendations for action contained within the Interim Report to NHS Lothian's Board.
- 2) To instruct the Director of Services for Communities to provide such support and assistance as necessary to assist Lothian Health to take forward the actions and activities identified in the report resulting from the Incident Management Team's review of experience gained in investigating and controlling the outbreak.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 12 June 2012 (item 2); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

25. Waste and Recycling Update

An update was provided on performance in reducing the amount of waste being sent to landfill and increasing recycling. The positive trend in performance was continuing with the amount of waste sent to landfill so far in 2013/14 reducing by 2,604 tonnes or 7% when compared against the same period last year. Further work was being undertaken to deliver further reductions in landfill and to increase participation in recycling.

Decision

- 1) To note the update.
- 2) To agree that future update reports would include performance information on complaints.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 15 January 2013 (item 5); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

26. Work Programme – Transport and Environment Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee

Approval was sought for the Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme for May to September 2013.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Work Programme.

(Reference – Transport and Environment Committee Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee Work Programme, submitted)

27. Cleanliness of the City

An update was given on the quality of the City's local environment and the outcomes detailed in the Cleanliness Index Monitoring Systems (CIMS) survey

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To request the Director of Services for Communities to meet with Ward Councillors (Leith & Leith Walk) to discuss levels of cleanliness on a ward/neighbourhood basis.
- 3) To request the Director of Services for Communities to meet with Political Group Spokespersons to review the City's programme of cleanliness over the summer months and the level of resources deployed; any proposed actions to be reported back to the Committee together with an update on the Shipshape initiative.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 18 June 2012 (item 6); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

28. Heritage Lottery Funding Approved – Saughton Park and Gardens

The Committee had previously agreed that an application be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund for restoration and regeneration of Saughton Park and Gardens. The first stage application had been successful and funding secured for up to two years for the Council and community to undertake further consultation, research and design work and to prepare a more financially detailed second stage submission in 2015.

Decision

- 1) To note that the first stage application for funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund for restoration of Saughton Park and Gardens had been successful and that the two year Development Phase of the project would commence in summer 2013.
- 2) To note the intention to submit a further more detailed report at the end of the Development Phase in 2015.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee 19 March 2013 (item 37); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

29. Gullies – Motion by Councillor Mowat

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

“Committee:

Requests that Council works with Scottish Water to survey the drainage/sewerage system to ascertain where there are blockages, slow draining gullies and to detail what works needs to be done to reduce slow running drains and blocked gullies which lead to localised flooding during spells of heavy rain which we have seen increasing incidences of and to produce a report detailing these findings in two cycles.”

Decision

To approve the terms of the motion and that a summary of the Scottish Water study be circulated to Members for information and to receive a report back to the Committee in 2014.

30. 1984 Road Traffic Act – Motion by Councillor Mowat

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

“Committee:

Notes the recent High Court judgment against Barnet Council which stated they had misinterpreted the 1984 Road Traffic Act and could not use residents and visitors permits to subsidise other transport projects, and requests that the Council reviews the judgment to determine whether this has any implications in Scotland given that Transport is a devolved power, although the 1984 Road Traffic Act does apply, and to ensure that the Council cannot be subject to similar challenge and to report on whether this will have any impact on the introduction of further CPZs.”

Decision

To approve the terms of the motion.

31. Seagulls – Motion by Councillor Mowat

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

“Committee:

Committee is concerned that the reduction of accessible food waste as a result of changes introduced through Modernising Waste and Managed Weekly Collections, whilst welcomed, is leading to a concentration of seagulls around accessible waste and calls for the Waste Department to develop a plan of action so that where this is reported this can be put in place quickly to tackle the gulls and asks that the Department consider all possible options.”

Decision

To approve the terms of the motion and that a briefing note be prepared for elected members identifying potential issues and a short term plan of action to address these.

32. A Tree for Every Child – Motion by Councillor Booth

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

“Committee:

- 1) Notes that tree planting has educational, health, well-being and environmental benefits;
- 2) Notes that every year many trees are lost due to development, disease and age;

- 3) Notes that according to information from the General Registers of Scotland and CEC Children and Families Directorate, around 5,600 children are born or adopted in Edinburgh each year;
- 4) Notes the success of “Plant a Tree for Every Child” schemes in many other parts of the world including in many towns and cities of the United States, as well as in towns and cities of Wales and England;
- 5) Agrees to receive a report on the costs, benefits and feasibility of establishing a city-wide scheme to plant a tree for every child born or adopted in Edinburgh each year, including the feasibility of partnership working to deliver this.”

Decision

- 1) To approve the terms of the motion and that the issues raised would be considered as part of the overall consultation on the Tree and Woodland Action Plan.
- 2) To note that a report would be submitted to the Committee in 2 cycles which would include details of associated revenue and capital costs.