

Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news

Strategy for Installing On–Street Electric Vehicle Charging Points in Edinburgh

To assist the uptake of electric vehicles, a draft strategy for installing on–street electric vehicle charging points will be prepared and implemented by an On–Street Charging Working Group, within Services for Communities. It will cover issues such as:

- infrastructure specification and design;
- implementation;
- cost;
- maintenance;
- ownership;
- legal liability;
- streetscape impacts;
- involvement of car club operators; and
- fees for the electricity used to charge vehicles.

The strategy will also clarify the position of outside bodies wishing to install on–street charging equipment on Council streets.

Background

Preparation of a strategy for installing electric vehicle charging points is part of implementing the Council's Local Transport Strategy 2014–2019.

Traffic Regulation Order – Mayfield Road

On 3 June 2014, the Committee delegated authority to the Director of Services for Communities, in consultation with the Convener, Vice Convener and local ward members, to decide whether to make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on Mayfield Road following further discussions with stakeholders.

A site meeting was held on 13 June 2014 with the Convener and Councillors Rose and Orr to discuss the proposed changes. It was agreed that the length over which the waiting and loading restrictions would be relaxed would be reduced, from the 15 metres originally proposed, to 10 metres.

The Director of Services for Communities has approved making the advertised Traffic Regulation Order on this basis.

Ratcliffe Terrace/Grange Loan/Fountainhall Road and Mayfield Road – report submitted to Transport and Environment Committee on 3 June 2014.

Consultation on the TransPennine and Northern Rail Passenger Franchises

Edinburgh's primary interest in this consultation relates to Transpennine Express services between Edinburgh and Manchester Airport, Manchester and intermediate stations. The service expanded significantly within the current franchise, notably with regard to frequency. Further journey time reductions are expected within the next year.

The consultation invites responses to a series of questions, but does not preclude comments on other issues.

The Council's response:

Argued against increasing fares without substantial service improvements.

Agreed with the principle of redeploying or reducing staff provided genuine improvements for passengers are delivered.

Argued that a consistent focus on improving frequency and reducing journey time between Scotland and Manchester is the factor that most impacts on demand.

The Council has submitted a response to the Department for Transport's consultation on the TransPennine and Northern rail passenger franchises. The consultation period was from 9 June to 18 August 2014. As this did not coincide with the Committee's cycle of meetings, a response was sent following consultation with the Convener and Vice-Convener.

Supported in principle a degree of flexibility with regard to the train service specification; whilst noting the importance of a standard pattern of departures from Edinburgh to Manchester, alternating with Edinburgh-Birmingham trains, and of the other interfaces with West Coast Edinburgh-Birmingham services (especially stopping patterns north of Preston).

Noted that current first and last weekday trains serving Scotland are acceptably timed, whilst there is a case for additional Sunday trains.

Indicated that increasing the proportion of services to/from Edinburgh, at the expense of Glasgow, is not a priority; there being other options for increasing frequency between Edinburgh and Carlisle/Preston.

The response also comments briefly on aspects of the Northern franchise which impinge on Edinburgh.

Forthcoming activities:

A draft strategy for installing on–street electric vehicle charging points will be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee for approval in early 2015.

The next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee will be at 10 am on 28 October 2014 in the Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh. Papers for this meeting will be available online from 22 October 2014.

The next meeting of the Policy Development and Review Sub-Committee will follow at the conclusion of the Transport and Environment Committee meeting detailed above.