

Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news

Report of CHAMP Conference

The CHAMP Final Conference in September 2014, on cycling, was attended by Councillor Hinds. It endorsed 12 approaches to data, strategy and implementation; these can be found at http://www.champ-cycling.eu/en/upload/PDF/The_CHAMP_Cycling_Commandments_final.pdf. The outcome of the conference was that cities agreed cycling work should be integrated with other policy fields and transport modes.

“Cycling should not be viewed as a stand-alone issue or solution but one which can add value to all aspects of the authority’s work. Measures to discourage car use should accompany cycle promotion to help get people out of their cars. These include: parking tariffs, speed limits, reducing car parking spaces & banning cars from the city centre.”

Picture (right): Cycle infrastructure tour of Ghent.

The conference helped exchange best practice, seeing successful solutions at first hand; including Ghent’s approach to cycle and tram integration, pedestrianisation projects, trial street improvements, cycle streets, cycle parking facilities, marketing measures, and solutions for cycling infrastructure. Documents summarising Edinburgh’s involvement in the project are available from the project’s website: <http://www.champ-cycling.eu/en/The-Champs/Edinburgh/Edinburgh/>.

Background



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Forthcoming activities:

None.

Recent news

Update on Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity Activities

On 31/3/14 Police Scotland transferred responsibility for Road Safety education back to the Council. The Road Safety team has two Road Safety Officers providing school travel and child road safety initiatives. A seconded teacher works with schools on the road safety curriculum. Staff numbers limit opportunities to work with other vulnerable groups such as pedestrians and the elderly, although we have run successful cycling campaigns addressing the dangers of HGVs, visibility and advanced stop lines. The most successful have addressed the dangers of HGVs to cyclists.

A total of 625 projects have been carried out in 95 primary schools and 30 high and independent schools covering a range of pedestrian, cycle and tram safety and parking activities. The main activities have included:

- Junior Road Safety Officer scheme;
- Kerbcraft pedestrian training scheme for P2 pupils;
- Cycle safety - IBike cycle scheme;
- ParkSmart campaign;
- STARS;
- Curriculum programmes;
- Theatre in Education shows;
- Tram safety; and
- Young Driver.

The Junior Road Safety Officer scheme in primary schools was taken over from the Police; in 2014/15 it has now expanded to 80 schools with a total of 360 P6 and 7 pupils acting as JRSOs.

Background

Proposed Changes to the Delivery of Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity – Police Scotland Withdrawal of Services – report submitted to Transport and Environment Committee on 14 January 2014. The recommendation was to provide a further report on the future provision of Road Safety services; this bulletin provides an update on these activities undertaken in 2014, allowing the recommendation to be discharged.

Training courses have been run for Council drivers and 26 new refuse vehicles fitted with warning lights and cameras to aid drivers in detecting cyclists along the sides of the vehicles will be delivered by March 2015.

Further information available at www.streetsaheadedinburgh.org.uk

Forthcoming activities:

None.

STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools)

Edinburgh is one of nine European cities participating in the STARS (Sustainable Travel Accreditation and Recognition for Schools): to increase the number of pupils cycling to and from school, who would previously have been driven. Ten primary schools took part in 2014 with four schools reaching the bronze level; in 2015, 35 schools have signed up and will be working for gold.

The Theatre in Education programme - *Road Safety Magic Show* for P1-3 pupils in 30 schools, *The 9 Lives of Roddy Hogg* for S1 pupils in four schools and *Friends Disunited* as part of Young Driver event.

The Young Driver event is now in its fourth year. Over 2,400 pupils from 29 schools attended in 2014. The event uses drama and real life testimonies to educate sixth year pupils about the the risks and responsibilities in becoming a driver.

Pupils participate in practical activities, driving simulators, impairment goggles and taking part in hazard perception tests. The event was supported by staff from the Council's Road Safety team, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Transport for Edinburgh and voluntary groups.

The School Streets project which will prohibit vehicles from streets for short periods at the beginning and end of the school day is working towards setting up pilots at 11 schools. Police Scotland has set out the local policing priorities for Edinburgh for 2014-17 in the local Police Plan. In eight of the seventeen wards, road safety has been identified as one of the top priorities. To assist the delivery of initiatives targeted at local concerns, an Edinburgh Division Road Safety Board has been set up bringing together the Council's Road Safety team and local community police. These initiatives will include running local campaigns, targeted at high risk groups, eg speeding motorists, cyclists, the elderly, young drivers.

A launch event was held in the Council Chamber on 22 September 2014. JRSOs promote road safety to their peers through assemblies, notice boards and competitions.

Further information can be found at

<http://starseurope.org/edinburgh.php>

These productions present road safety messages and explore difficult concepts, such as dealing with peer pressure.

Event successfully held from 22-25 September 2015.

Feedback from both pupils and teaching staff has been extremely positive with many commenting on the approachable nature and knowledge of the partners involved.

Consultation with local residents and parents has shown that over 85% of respondents are in favour of the scheme.

Forthcoming activities:

4-10 May 2015 Scottish Road Safety Week-Theme 'Children and Road Safety. A series of events will be organised across the city to promote child safety.

Launch of school streets in two phases in September 2015 and January 2016.

Recent news

Update on Smarter Choices, Smarter Places Funding

A bid has been put forward to Scottish Government for the Smarter Choices Smarter Places project, as reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in January 2015. This briefing provides an update on the execution of the delegated powers agreed at that Committee.

An application was submitted on 30 January 2015 which contained proposals for marketing and communications activities for the following projects in 2015/16:

- Branded promotion of the Council's major walking and cycling infrastructure investment schemes route-based promotion;
- 20mph speed limits (subject to approval of network roll out proposals);
- Mapping tools, to enhance understanding of walking, cycling and public transport opportunities;
- Travel planning, to aid staff travel within the Council and at other employers and destinations, including personalised travel advice;
- Promotions with festivals, to facilitate sustainable travel patterns during the summer, with follow-through information for residents on benefits;
- Walk to work activities, promoting community involvement in Council schemes, and ways to adopt more active lifestyles; and
- Public transport integration, through assistance

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with the Council's bikes on trams pilot.

Match funding has been identified from the Council's existing revenue and capital expenditure on infrastructure and promotion, CWSS (Cycling, Walking and Safer Streets) budgets, staffing contributions, and partners who may form part of the subject to success of the bid, to be announced in March 2015, a review report will be submitted to Scottish Government, after the first six months of the programme.

Details of the programme will be made available on the Council's website.

In accordance with the delegated powers agreed at the Transport and Environment Committee on 13 January 2015, this briefing discharges the minutes of that Committee, to update members on progress with identifying projects and budgets.

These meetings informed the content of the final application:

- A sub-group of the Council's Active Travel Forum, on 16 January 2015, discussed the proposals.

Further consultation was held with Transport Spokespersons.

Forthcoming activities:

None

Recent news

Edinburgh Community Solar Co-operative Proposal

On 3 December 2013, approval was given by the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, to support a proposal for the development of a community owned solar energy scheme on 25 Council buildings by Edinburgh Community Solar

Background

ECSC's proposal projects the creation of a community benefit fund, in the region of £1m, over the 20 year duration of the agreement. In addition, ECSC will engage a board of directors and the wider public in energy related activities across Edinburgh. There is potential for Council buildings, and

Co-operative (ECSC).

On 13 January 2015, the Transport and Environment Committee accepted an amendment to delegate the decision-making authority to the Acting Director of Services for Communities, in consultation with the Convenor and Vice-Convenor and opposition spokespeople, once the final proposal from ECSC had been received and officials had reviewed and assessed it.

On 26 February 2015, the Acting Director of Services for Communities met with representatives from the Transport and Environment Committee. It was agreed that CEC should progress with the proposal on condition of the following:

- ECSC agree to greater representation from CEC on the ECSC Board.
- That a portion of revenue from the scheme should be made available to buildings included within the scheme for the 20 year duration of the agreement, rather than limited to the first five years as originally stated.
- That the ECSC should aim for gender balance on their board.

ECSC have subsequently submitted revised Head of Terms agreeing in principle to the above conditions. The revised document is currently under review by Legal Services and will be finalised shortly.

On 6 March 2015, ECSC received confirmation that their application for funding from CARES (Community and Renewable Energy Scheme) has been accepted subject to conditions. The Council is assisting ECSC in meeting the conditions of funding where appropriate.

Arrangements are in place to ensure that communications and publicity around the agreement will be jointly managed between the Council and ECSC.

associated communities, to benefit directly from the scheme.

Scottish and UK Governments are strongly supportive of community renewable schemes, recognising that such schemes can deliver a range of social and economic benefits to local communities, including increased autonomy, empowerment and resilience. Coalition [‘Pledge 53’](#) confirms the City of Edinburgh Council’s commitment to community-based energy initiatives.

The introduction of renewable generation in the Council’s estate would be welcomed by many who see renewables as a visible and tangible demonstration of environmental commitment. Electricity generation consumed on-site would contribute towards reducing the Council’s Carbon Emissions, and would also contribute towards high level policy objectives.

It is recognised that there are a number of buildings, in addition to the 25 selected for the ECSC proposal, across the wider estate with potential for viable solar PV installations.

The most straightforward opportunity would be to consider provision of Council owned PV systems as part of the business case for refurbishment works or new builds to deliver cost efficiencies. Typical payback on a Council funded PV scheme would be 8-12 years depending on building characteristics.

The provision of the ECSC agreement, and the potential of Council funded installations does not prevent future consideration of entering into an agreement with a private investment company. This would require the company to fund, install and maintain PV systems on Council buildings. With this model, the Council would benefit from purchasing consumed electricity at a reduced rate; however the financial benefits would not be as great as those available from a Council funded scheme.

Forthcoming activities:

None

Recent news

Community Policing Service Level Agreement, Performance Update

The Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee (06/02/15) considered a [performance update on the Community Policing Service Level Agreement](#). The Committee approved the recommendations in the Acting Director's report and referred the report to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.

Background

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Forthcoming activities:

None

Recent news

Budget Proposals: Overview of Feedback and Engagement

The Finance and Resources Committee (03/02/15) considered a report on [Budget Proposals: Overview of Feedback and Engagement](#)

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report by the Director of Corporate Governance and referred the report to all Executive Committees for information.

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Forthcoming activities:

None