

## Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent News	Background
<p><b>Transport Charter Progress Report</b></p> <p>The Health Social Care and Housing Committee (21/04/15) considered the <a href="#">Transport Charter Progress Report</a> . The Committee approved the recommendations in the Acting Director of Services for Community's report and referred the report to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.</p>	<p><b><u>For further information:</u></b></p> <p>Susan Mooney, Head of Service – Community Safety.</p> <p>0131 529 7587</p>

**Forthcoming Activities:**

None

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<p><b>Transport for Edinburgh Proposed Annual Performance Report</b></p> <p>It is proposed to present a Transport for Edinburgh Annual Performance report to the Transport and Environment Committee on 25 August 2015. The report will set out and recommend for approval a work plan and targets moving forward, provide a business and performance review of Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Tram Limited for 2014 and give an update on performance against the current year's plan and budget. The report will also highlight, explain and discuss current key issues.</p>	<p><b><u>For further information:</u></b></p> <p>Ewan Kennedy, Policy &amp; Planning Manager</p> <p>0131 469 3575</p>

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None

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<p><b>Policing Scotland Service Level Agreement 2015/16</b></p> <p>The Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee (01/05/15) considered a <a href="#">performance update on the Police Scotland Service Level Agreement 2014/15</a>. The Committee agreed to refer the report to the Transport and Environment Committee for information and to reconvene the SLA Working Group to consider revised Key Performance Indicators for the 2015/16 agreement.</p>	<p><b><u>For further information:</u></b></p> <p>Susan Mooney, Head of Service – Community Safety</p> <p>0131 529 7587</p>

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None

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<p><b>Procurement of Electric Vehicles</b></p> <p>The Council has received 15 new electric vehicles that are in the process of being commissioned. This investment, made with the assistance of gap funding from the Scottish Government, more than doubles the Council's electric fleet. This represents just over 3% of the current council fleet which meets a target for alternatively fuelled vehicles set for 2018. With no emissions at point of use, these vehicles demonstrate the Council's commitment to improving air quality within the city. We are now the second largest user of electric vehicles in the Public Sector in Scotland.</p>	<p><b><u>For further information:</u></b></p> <p>Stephen Madden – Fleet Services Manager 0131 347 1902</p>

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None

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<p><b>Reinstatement Framework</b></p> <p>The Parks Events Manifesto requires that officers aim to return any areas damaged by event use to their original condition in the minimal timescale and by using a reinstatement bond or equivalent sum. A commitment was made to inform the Committee of the outcome of discussions with Corporate Procurement Services (CPS) with regard to a reinstatement framework for these works. CPS has confirmed that the Public Contracts Scotland Quick Quote system, which allows work up to the value of £50,000 to be purchased, is the most cost effective and quickest means of engaging specialist contractors for reinstatement works. There are no recent examples of any reinstatement works costing above £50,000 (the most expensive reinstatements being for East Princes Street Gardens at £30,678 in 2013 and £20,820 in 2014), therefore it would not be anticipated that reinstatement works would be required which could not be procured through the Quick Quote system.</p>	<p><b><u>For further information:</u></b></p> <p>Jim Hunter, Acting Head of Service – Environment 0131 469 5342</p>

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It is therefore anticipated that reinstatements can proceed more quickly subject to weather and growing conditions.

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None

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### Edinburgh Local Access Forum - Recent & Forthcoming Path Works

There have been a number of path improvement projects taking place across the city. The following outline some of these:

A total of 649m of paths at Burdiehouse Burn Valley Park were upgraded to tarmac from



aggregate. Edinburgh and Lothian's Greenspace Trust project led and delivered this £104,000 project behalf of the Council.

Final snagging aspects are now in process of being resolved, and below are before and after pictures to illustrate the improvements.

Approximately £40,000 was provided by the Cycling Revenue Project Bank to the Natural Heritage Service to carry out improvements to paths. These funds were spent on the following;

- installation of bollards at Cramond, to prevent unauthorised motor vehicle access onto the promenade;
- work on two paths within the Pentland Hills Regional Park, one from Threipmuir car park beside Redford Wood (towards Bavelaw) and the track from Threipmuir car park to Threipmuir Reservoir. Sections of these paths had gotten very muddy and wet and now are surfaced and drained
- the appointment of a path consultant to produce a path survey, specification and estimates of cost for four paths totalling approximately 7km

### For further information:

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- the section of the Water of Leith Walkway from Balgreen to Westfield foot bridge had minor improvements, path scraping, vegetation cut back, and a short link section on desire area formalised
- the Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill had repairs and improvements including path scraping, infilling of potholes and re-grading and the replacement and painting of speed bumps along driveway to improve safety
- Craigmillar Castle Park had 420m of aggregate path refurbishment and the installation of a 2 way gate.

The Natural Heritage Service continues to work with a range of volunteer groups with last year's figures totalling 1899 volunteers doing 10270.75 hours across our Natural Heritage Sites. One group, the Ramblers Scotland, came out again to the Pentland Hills Regional Park and put in five sleeper bridges and drainage on the path between Listonshiels and West Rigg. This path along with the Borestone is part of the Scottish National Trail devised by outdoors writer and broadcaster Cameron McNeish.

As we are now coming into the growing season, forthcoming works include vegetation control for the coming months to ensure that routes are kept open and accessible. In addition, we will continue to look for any available funding that we are eligible for.



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None