

## Transport and Environment Committee

**10.00am, Tuesday 17 January 2017**

**Present:**

Councillors Hinds (Convener), McVey (Vice-Convener), Bagshaw, Balfour, Barrie, Booth, Cardownie, Cook, Donaldson, Doran, Gardner, Bill Henderson, Jackson, Keil, and Mowat (substituting for Councillor McInnes).

### **1. Deputation: Friends of the Earth Scotland**

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Emilia Hanna and Gary Dunion on behalf of Friends of the Earth Scotland in relation to a report by the Executive Director of Place on Air Quality.

The deputation reported that Friends of the Earth Scotland were active in promoting a shift away from car dominated transport networks to one that gives greater prominence to cycling, walking and public transport. Miss Hanna supported the Council in their work to improve air quality such as its attempts to introduce a modal shift away from the car, but that more could be done to address pollution in certain areas within the City.

An announcement by the Scottish Government to introduce Low Emission Zones (LEZ) by 2018 was welcomed. The deputation cautioned that LEZ are not the only solution but should be considered as one of several interventions.

The deputation requested that the Committee do everything within its power to support the introduction of LEZs and to put pressure on the Scottish Government to ensure that adequate funding and clarity on how LEZ are introduced is provided and that Edinburgh is at the top of the Governments list for the first LEZ.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place at item 4 below.

### **2. Deputation: Edinburgh Playing Out**

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Lucy Richardson on behalf Edinburgh Playing Out in relation to a Business Bulletin article Edinburgh Playing Out Streets Pilot.

The deputation stated that the Council had been at the forefront of developing a play strategy and had been very supportive of Edinburgh Playing Out.

Miss Richardson asked that a Working Group be established to review the terms of a future pilot and that officers meet with representatives to review the terms and guidance of the suggested pilot and that the outcomes of these discussions be reported to the Committee within one cycle.

The deputation welcomed the Committee's intention to extend the pilot and requested that future initiatives be easy to apply and implement to help support community cohesions.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place at item 5 below.

### **3. Deputation: Portobello Amenity Society, Brightons and Rosefield Residents' Association and Portobello Heritage Trust**

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The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Douglas Read and Stephen Hawkins on behalf of Portobello Amenity Society, Brightons and Rosefield Residents' Association and Portobello Heritage Trust in relation to reports by the Executive Director of Place on Road, Footway and Bridges Investment - Capital Programme for 2017/2018 and Setted Streets Progress.

The deputation highlighted that there was additional information within the Executive Director of Place report that had not been included in the previous report regarding the conservation, enhancement and maintenance of setted streets. Work undertaken by public utility companies around Brighton Place had resulted in an uneven road surface and that consultations undertaken had revealed that there was no majority in favour of removing the setts.

The deputation asked that the Committee revisit and reconsider the retention of the setts at Brighton Place as the design work had been completed and any funding could be incorporated within the capital works programme with minimal delay to other projects.

The Convener thanked the deputation for their presentation and invited them to remain for the Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place at items 6 and 7 below.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 15 March 2016 (Item 5))

### **4. Air Quality Update**

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An update concerning air quality monitoring data collected in 2015, including progress by the Council on actions to improve air quality and an update on development of Low Emission Zones was provided.

The data indicated that Nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) was showing an overall improvement in Edinburgh and concentrations within the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMAs) were going down. A similar downward trend had also been observed with particle (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>).

### **Motion**

To note the contents of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey.

### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the content of the report by the Executive Director of Place, in particular table 1 of appendix 1 which found that the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective was exceeded at 26 monitoring locations across the city in 2015.
- 2) To note that Scottish air quality objectives for PM<sub>10</sub> had been exceeded at Salamander Street, and Scottish air quality objectives for PM<sub>2.5</sub> were estimated to have been exceeded at four sites across the city.
- 3) To note that a new Air Quality Management Area would be declared shortly due to non-compliance of Scottish air quality objectives for PM<sub>10</sub> at Salamander Street.
- 4) To note and welcome the downward trend in most pollutants but believes that faster progress could and should be made in delivering cleaner air for Edinburgh.
- 5) To note and welcome the existing actions which the council and other stakeholders had been taking to tackle air pollution, as set out in paragraphs 3.20 to 3.32 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, including significant investment in active travel and a commitment to spend 10% of the transport budget on cycling.
- 6) That the Committee believes the council should take a consistent and robust approach to tackling air pollution, including to the air pollution impacts of new planning or development proposals.
- 7) To note in paragraph 3.36 of the report by the Executive Director of Place that the Scottish Government aims to have a Low Emission Zone in place by 2018, and is seeking a local authority to take the lead.
- 8) To agree in principle that the council would be prepared to take the lead in progressing a Low Emission Zone for Edinburgh, and calls for additional funding for the zone to be identified from partners such as the Scottish Government.

- 9) To agree that the Convener of Transport and Environment would write to the Scottish Government offering to work towards establishing Scotland's first Low Emission Zone in Edinburgh, with the expectation that the Scottish Government would make a significant contribution towards the cost of establishing the Zone, and offering early talks to discuss the practical details of bringing this about.
- moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Bagshaw

### **Voting**

For the motion	-	13 votes
For the amendment	-	2 votes

### **Decision**

To note the contents of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 1 November 2016 (Item 17); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **5. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin**

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The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 17 January 2017 was presented.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin.
- 2) To agree to extend the 'Edinburgh Playing Out Streets Pilot' and that the Convener would meet with officers and the deputation to discuss simplifying the application process and to agree to receive an update in relation to the discussions held, in the Transport & Environment Committee Business Bulletin on 21 March 2017.

(Reference – Business Bulletin – 17 January 2017, submitted)

## **6. Setted Streets Progress Report**

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Details were provided of an assessment of the cultural and economic value of setted streets that would guide the Council in the conservation, enhancement and management of setted streets in Edinburgh. Principles had been prepared that outline how the Council would protect setted streets.

### **Decision**

To continue consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place to the meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee on 21 March 2017 to allow for further engagement/consultation and associated costs to be established.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 15 March 2016 (Item 5); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **7. Road, Footway and Bridges Investment - Capital Programme for 2017/2018**

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Approval was sought for the allocation of the Road, Footway, Street Lighting and Traffic Signals, Structures and Flood Prevention Capital budgets and programme of works for 2017/18.

### **Motion**

- 1) To approve the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2017/18 shown in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2017/18, as detailed in section three and in Appendices 5 and 6 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To approve the programme of proposed bridge works for 2017/18, as detailed in section three and in Appendix 8 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in 3.38-3.42 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) To note that a future report would be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee providing an overview of outstanding Infrastructure projects and investment and would outline the budget necessary to retain the setts at the side of the road at Brighton Place.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey.

### **Amendment**

- 1) To approve the allocation of the capital budget for 2017/18 shown in Appendix A; with the exception of the work stream for Cycling. Instructs a report to be brought back in one cycle detailing how this would be subsumed into the Carriageways and Footways work stream to best benefit all carriageway and footway users.

- 2) Deletes paragraphs 3.37-3.39 and approves the programme of proposed works for 2017/18, as detailed in section three of the report, and in Appendices 5 and 6.
- 3) To approve the programme of proposed bridge works for 2017/18, as detailed in section three and in Appendix 8 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in 3.38-3.42 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) To note that a future report would be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee providing an overview of outstanding Infrastructure projects and investment and would outline the budget necessary to retain the sets at the side of the road at Brighton Place.
  - moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Mowat.

### **Voting**

For the motion	-	11 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

### **Decision**

- 1) To approve the breakdown of the allocation of the capital budget for 2017/18 shown in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the programme of proposed works for 2017/18, as detailed in section three and in Appendices 5 and 6 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To approve the programme of proposed bridge works for 2017/18, as detailed in section three and in Appendix 8 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note the use of external consultants to carry out Principal Bridge Inspections and design work as detailed in 3.38-3.42 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 5) To note that a future report would be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee providing an overview of outstanding Infrastructure projects and investment and would outline the budget necessary to retain the setts at the side of the road at Brighton Place.
  - moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor McVey.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 12 January 2016 (Item 3); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## 8. Minutes

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### Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 1 November 2016, as a correct record.

## 9. Key Decisions Forward Plan

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The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for January 2017 was submitted.

### Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan for January 2017.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted)

## 10. Rolling Actions Log

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The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log updated to 1 November 2016 was presented.

### Decision

- 1) To note the rolling actions log and to approve the closure of actions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 32 and 35.
- 2) To note the expected completion date for rolling actions 17, 21, 23 and 31 had been revised.

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 24 October 2013; Rolling Actions Log 17 January 2017, submitted)

## 11. Transport for Edinburgh Strategic Plan 2017–2021 and Lothian Buses Plan 2017-2019

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The strategic direction and outcomes for Transport for Edinburgh were outlined, as was a set of objectives and activities for Transport for Edinburgh, Lothian Buses, and Edinburgh Trams. Consideration was given to Lothian Buses' (LB) new Business Plan 2017-19 and the progress made in the Edinburgh Trams (ET) operational plan.

### Decision

- 1) To approve Transport for Edinburgh's five year Strategy for Delivery 2017–2021 (TfE Strategy).

- 2) To approve the Transport for Edinburgh's objectives and activities that are related to, and in support of, the agreed Council objectives in paragraph 3.14 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To agree that the business plans of Transport for Edinburgh's, and its group companies Lothian Buses and Edinburgh Transport would facilitate and support the Transport for Edinburgh Strategy outcomes (paragraph 3.10) and the wider Council and city ambitions as set out in the Executive Director of Place (paragraph 3.14).
- 4) To approve Lothian Buses new Business Plan 2017-2019 noting the areas for further work as set out in paragraph 3.20, and to request a progress report by Autumn 2017 on these matters.
- 5) To note that Transport for Edinburgh's three year operational plan would be presented at a future Committee meeting for approval.
- 6) To note that the Edinburgh Transport had also developed an operational plan which sets out how, over the next three years, Edinburgh Transport would meet the Council's financial and operational expectations within the framework set out in the Transport for Edinburgh Strategy.
- 7) To note that a Service Level Agreement (SLA) would be developed between the Council and Transport for Edinburgh. The SLA would define the governance arrangements for the functions and activities detailed in the Transport for Edinburgh Strategy.
- 8) To note that Transport for Edinburgh would submit, for approval, Business Cases for the functions and activities that were agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 30 August 2016.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Hinds, McVey and Bagshaw declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Board Members of Transport for Edinburgh.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 30 August 2016 (Item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **12. Edinburgh Street Design Guidance – Process for Approving Part C Detailed Design Manual**

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Details were provided of the experience from the first year's use of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance (ESDG) and approval sought for Part C 'Detailed Design Manual' of ESDG, which would be used for the design of both existing and new streets.

## Decision

- 1) To agree the process set out in this report for approving Part C – Detailed Design Manual of the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance. Once approved, Part C would be used for the design of both existing and new streets. As set out in Appendix 2 to the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To delegate authority for approval of the Detailed Design Manual (and subsequent significant changes) to the Executive Director of Place.
- 3) To note the initial experience from use of the guidance.
- 4) To refer the report to the Planning Committee for approval, of matters within its remit (in particular reference to the design of new streets).

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 15 March 2016 (Item 15); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

### **13. Leith Programme - Objections to Traffic Regulation Order – Leith Walk (Brunswick Street to Montgomery Street) and Redetermination Order – Leith.**

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Details were provided of the next phase of The Leith Programme and the results of the statutory consultation for a Traffic Regulation Order and a Redetermination Order for the section of Leith Walk between Brunswick Street and Montgomery Street.

## Decision

- 1) To note the objections received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and Redetermination Order and the Council's comments in response.
- 2) To note that six objections had been received to changes to loading and unloading facilities that had been proposed as part of the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and that the Council is obliged to hold a public hearing if any of these objections are not subsequently withdrawn.
- 3) To note the amendments that are proposed to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order to address the concerns raised by objectors over changes to waiting, loading and unloading facilities and that at the time of writing no objectors had agreed to withdraw their objections to the proposed changes to waiting, loading and unloading facilities if these amendments are made.
- 4) To set aside the objections that do not relate to proposed changes to loading and unloading facilities.

- 5) To instructs officials to write to the Scottish Government to propose that a public hearing be held into the unwithdrawn Traffic Regulation Order objections relating to parking and loading restrictions.
- 6) To instructs officials to refer the objections to the Redetermination Order to Scottish Ministers.
- 7) To gives approval to initiate a new Traffic Regulation Order process, which would be required to make some of the amendments that are proposed to the advertised Traffic regulation Order on Leith Walk at Elm Row and Montgomery Street.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 19 March 2013 (Item 14); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **14. Cleanliness of the City**

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The outcome of the Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) assessment of Edinburgh's streets, which had been undertaken by Keep Scotland Beautiful in December 2016, was detailed. The City of Edinburgh Council had achieved a score of 74 with 97% of the streets surveyed being clean.

### **Decision**

To note the content of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **15. Waste & Cleansing Improvement Plan – Progress Update**

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An update concerning the Waste and Cleansing Improvement Plan was provided.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the progress made on implementing the actions within the Waste and Cleansing Improvement Plan to date.
- 2) To agree that a review would be undertaken regarding recycling provision and collection over the Festive Period.
- 3) To agree that the Convener and Vice Convener would write to staff and thank them for their hard work over the Festive Period.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 1 November 2016 (Item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## 16. Special Uplift Charging

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Approval was sought to change the charging structure of the Special Uplift Service for bulky waste to £5 per item.

### Decision

- 1) To approve changing the charge for a special uplift from £26 for up to 6 items to £5 per item.
- 2) To agree that the financial impact of this charge would be closely monitored for the next 12 months and would be reported to a future meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 1 November 2016 (Item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## 17. Policies - Assurance Statement

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee had previously agreed to strengthen governance arrangements and develop a framework relating to Council Policies. Details were provided of the Transport and Environment Policies which had been reviewed and assessed as current, relevant and fit for purpose.

### Decision

- 1) To note that the Council policies detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place had been reviewed and are considered as being current, relevant and fit for purpose.
- 2) To note the intention of officers to bring forward a suite of policies for Waste and Cleansing Services to Transport and Environment Committee during the course of 2017/18.

(References – Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee 22 May 2014 (Item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## 18. Public Utility Company Performance 2016/17- Quarter 2 (July, August and September 2016)

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Details were provided of the performance of Public Utility Companies (PUs) during the period July to September 2016 (Quarter 2), for the 2016/17 financial year.

### Decision

- 1) To note the report and the arrangements for securing an improved level of performance from all Public Utilities.

- 2) To agree that at least 10% of future inspections are on 'Category A' inspections (i.e. during the actual roadwork's).
- 3) To agree an evaluation of the equality implications' of roadwork's would be included in future reports.

(Reference – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **19. Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/16/74, 20mph Speed Limit –Various Roads, Edinburgh**

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Details of objections to a traffic regulation order was provided and agreement sought to set aside two objections and to approve the commencement of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for a citywide 20mph network.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note the objections received to the above Traffic Regulation Order.
- 2) To set aside the objections and give approval to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 30 August 2016 (Item 28); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **20. Objections to Proposed Waiting Restrictions, Traffic Regulation Order TRO 15/41**

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Details of objections to a traffic regulation order was provided and agreement sought to set aside the representations received and to approve the commencement of a permanent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend parking at various locations in the New Town and West End to allow for the introduction of communal bins to collect household waste.

### **Decision**

To set aside the objections and make the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/15/41 as advertised with respect to the parking restrictions in the following streets: Coates Gardens, Forth Street, Hart Street, Howe Street, Leslie Place, London Street, Drummond Place, Nelson Street, Regent Road, Rosebery Crescent, South College Street, St Bernard's Crescent, West Bow, Magdala Crescent and St Giles Street, with the proviso that further consideration be given to potential safety concerns at the London Street site.

(References – report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

## **21. General Switchboard and Website Enquiries - referral from the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee**

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The Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 8 November 2016 considered a report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources which provided details on performance information and service design for the Council's online and telephone channels. The report was submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee for information and noting.

### **Decision**

To note the report by the Acting Executive Director of Resources.

(References – Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee, 8 November 2016 (item 13); report by the Interim Head of Strategy and Insight, submitted)

## **22. Granton Square – Motion by Councillor Jackson**

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The following motion by Councillor Jackson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29.1.

This committee:

Notes the dangerous situation for pedestrians at Granton Square, particularly for those trying to cross at any of the six roads that lead on to it.

Committee therefore calls for a report within one cycle on what measures could be introduced to address this issue with consideration being given to pedestrian crossings and/or other traffic signal solutions.

- moved by Councillor Jackson, seconded by Councillor Hinds.

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Jackson.

## **23. Valedictory – John Bury and David Lyon**

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The Convener, paid tribute to John Bury, Head of Transport and Planning, and David Lyon, Head of Environment, who would both soon be leaving the Council after many years local government service with the City of Edinburgh Council. She commended Mr Bury and Mr Lyon for their integrity and commitment in fulfilling their roles at the City of Edinburgh Council and thanked them for their outstanding contribution to the conduct of the Council and its business. On behalf of the Council, she wished them both well in their future endeavours.