

Transport and Environment Committee

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Transport and Environment Committee

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Recent news

George Street and First New Town Design

This bulletin updates on progress towards the procurement of a design for George Street, taking forward design principles agreed at Committee in [June 2016](#).

A procurement exercise is underway through the Council's Professional Services Framework to appoint a multi-disciplinary design team to deliver a preliminary design for the street by autumn 2017, plus a delivery and programme phasing recommendations.

Outcomes will be reported to Transport and Environment Committee following completion of the preliminary design.

Scope :

The next stage of design work, as reported to Committee in June 2016, focussed on George Street.

An internal scoping exercise in autumn 2016 has noted that the operation of George Street is interdependent with the operation of intersecting 'First New Town' Streets - Castle, Frederick and Hanover.

A review of the number of pipeline schemes and plans in the area also identified the need for a wider, master planning approach to the First New Town streets,

The preliminary design for George Street will therefore take into account this interdependency and need for coherent approach. It will also take into account the development of the city centre east to west cycle route, of which a key section follows the National Cycle Route 1, along George Street.

The design principles approved at Committee in June 2016 provide a guide for the preliminary design. From this, direct progress can be made to more detailed designs stages and, ultimately, implementation.

Engagement :

Further and sustained engagement with community, heritage and business stakeholders will be a feature of the development of the preliminary design for George Street and the First New Town streets.

The appointed design team will work closely with the Council to provide opportunities for stakeholders to inform

Background

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<p>the design during its development.</p> <p>Timescale, and Next Steps :</p> <p>Design work anticipated to commence in April 2017, with programmed completion expected in autumn 2017.</p>	

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news	Background
<p>Wayfinding project</p> <p>The objective of the Wayfinding project is to deliver a user-centred information system across multiple channels which will promote sustainable and active modes of transport, provide welcome and navigation points for visitors and encourage the exploration of the City and the wider region.</p> <p>The foundation of the project is a high quality mapping system which reflects and promotes Edinburgh as a place. The mapping will be used to create on-street and shelter wayfinding products and printed maps. The point of innovation will be the digital shift and the ambition to create an interactive digital platform to deliver visitor information and alter people's patterns of urban mobility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1: Scoping Study exercise has taken place which involved a range of City stakeholders and a concept and development plan was then produced. A project board has been set up and this includes Transport for Edinburgh, Lothian Buses, Marketing Edinburgh and Scottish Enterprise as well as CEC officers. Phase 2: Mapping Development will take place March-May 2017 and again, stakeholders will be invited to input into this process. Funding opportunities are being explored to deliver the next delivery phase of the Wayfinding project. 	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>Anna Grant, Senior Planner, 0131 529 3521 anna.grant@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news

Review of Edinburgh Design Guidance for consultation

The Planning Committee on 2 March considered a report on [the Review of Edinburgh Design Guidance](#). The Committee approved the recommendations in the 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

Adult Single Tickets

The Convener, Vice Convener and Executive Director recently met with Richard Hall from Lothian Buses. Richard agreed to discuss this issue with Ewan Aiken of Edinburgh Cyrenians and to develop a suitable scheme to replace Adult Single Tickets.

Background

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Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news

Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership

The Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership quarterly meeting that took place on 7th March 2017 at the Royal Commonwealth Pool was the last meeting for Councillor Hinds in her capacity as chair of this strategic partnership. With Councillor Hinds as chair, the partnership has had a number of key profile achievements:

- [Edinburgh Adapts](#), an Adaptation Action Plan for the city (launched December 2016) – the plan was developed through a partnership approach involving over 40 organisations across Edinburgh, working together to address adaptation to climate change in the city. The plan has over 100 actions which are to be delivered over a five year period.

Background

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Recent news

- Carbon Literacy Programme – pilot project working with NHS Lothian, Festivals Edinburgh, Lloyds Bank and Workers Education Association Scotland to increase awareness of carbon and climate change with citizens' that are not normally engaged with the topic. This course is using the successful Manchester model.
- The Council's first Sustainable Energy Action Plan ([SEAP](#)) was approved by Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee in February 2015. The plan sets out the proposed actions and initiatives to reduce carbon emissions by 42% by 2020 across the city. There are currently over 100 projects underway across a range of city organisations working to reduce carbon emissions in the city under the SEAP's 5 programme areas.
- The partnership has launched the website www.sustainableedinburgh.org to promote and share sustainability good practice as well as publicising sustainability related events across the city.

The partnership is actively looking for a new chair from the private sector who will continue to profile good practice and engage with new sectors, organisations and citizens across the city to ensure that Edinburgh takes a balanced approach to environmental, economic and social issues for the long term sustainable future of the city. It was agreed that two Vice Chairs should be appointed – one an elected member (an interest and/or background in social or economic issues as well as environmental issues would be welcomed) and one from an organisation represented on the group.

The Group would like to thank Councillor Hinds for her valued contribution to the Group over the last three years.

Background

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news

Street Cleansing Strategy:

It was previously intended that the newly formed Waste & Cleansing Service would bring forward a cleansing strategy to March Committee outlining how the co-joined service would operate to ensure improved standards of cleanliness across the City and how a closer integration with Waste Services can bring about improvements in services to residents.

The development of the strategy is continuing but recent discussions with Zero Waste Scotland have indicated that a revised Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse (COPLAR) is being consulted upon and is expected to be released over the course of 2017. The COPLAR sets out the framework for street cleaning standards and within it defines the required rectification times and cleansing standards for a range of areas/streets. This will require the Service to re-zone the city and determine which areas require to be cleansed more frequently and which areas require quicker response times should a cleanliness issue be highlighted.

It is expected that there will be some significant changes to the existing COPLAR and any revised cleansing strategy will primarily be defined by the new Code of Practice, once released.

The service also continues to test the viability, in financial and efficiency savings, of litter bin sensors and reactive emptying. The success, or otherwise, of the sensors in litter bins will also assist in informing the development of the cleansing strategy.

Attitudes to Recycling:

Public attitudes to, and their participation in, recycling schemes is the most important factor in how successful a recycling service will be in helping the Council achieve recycling targets.

In respect of wider attitudes to recycling in kerbside areas, since the introduction of the green bin service participation has increased significantly from the previous twin box service. Of the households eligible for the service around 75% routinely present the mixed recycling bin for collection. Under the old service it averaged around 40 – 45% participation.

Background

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Recent news

This clearly suggests that, whilst combined with the reduction in landfill capacity, making it easier for residents to recycle has contributed towards a positive increase in recycling performance.

In areas of high density housing the Council has not been as active in changing recycling services due to the initial concentration on kerbside areas. In high density areas however the population is arguably more transient and it is therefore more important to understand the barriers to more recycling.

Contained within the Tenemental Recycling report to March Committee there is a proposal to undertake a radical review of waste and recycling collection in flatted areas. Complaints about communal bins are more prevalent than those about individual kerbside bins. Complaints about this service are not necessarily a complaint about a missed collection but could be arising from a bin that is overflowing between collection dates. This suggests that in some cases the frequency of collection (typically twice per week) is not sufficient. The feasibility study looks to see what changes can be made in the service to improve the service to residents and what the resource implications may be.

Once the feasibility study is completed and identified opportunities for improvement identified it is intended that a wide scale public consultation will be undertaken. An important part of the consultation will be to capture information on how residents use bins in their specific areas and whether altering the locations of bins can increase the uptake of recycling services and decrease issues around contamination of recycling, thus making it easier for residents to participate in recycling.

Following conclusion of a public consultation the service will report back to Committee with findings and a proposal to make the identified service improvements.

Background

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news

Major Events in Parks and Greenspace

Following the report to the Transport and Environment Committee on [30 August 2016](#) a competitive tender has taken place to offer four sites in the City of Edinburgh for events throughout the year.

Details of the sites are below:

Lot 1 - Inverleith Park August - 3 year contract

- Awarded to The Media Company Publications Ltd
- 1 to 8 August (inclusive of build/strike days)
- The Media Publications Company have proposed a “family friendly food event” which is well known as Foodies Festival Limited.
- The annual income received for this event to the Council will be £14,580 for use of the site for eight days in August.
- In addition, a range of community benefits with an annual value of £40,000 have been committed to.

Lot 2 – West Princes Street Gardens – Red Blaes Area August – 2 years with option for 1 year extension.

- successful supplier withdrew.

Lot 3 - The Meadows – 3 year contract

- Awarded to Underbelly.
- 28 July to 29 August (inclusive of extra build/strike days requested)
- The proposed event will be called Circus Hub – a dedicated venue for international contemporary circus. The Event will contain two covered and ticketed venues and each will host between 5 and 6 shows making a total of between 10 and 12 shows at the site per day.
- The annual income gained from this event to the Council will be 48,375.86.
- This includes a base fee of £40,000 for the site and an additional £8275.86 for 4 extra build/strike days which have been requested and are charged a premium of 1½ the pro rata'd day rate.
- The Council is also entitled to a 1% gainshare of all

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Item 7.8 Procurement of Major Events in Parks 2017 – 2019, 30 August 2016 [Transport & Environment Committee](#)

Recent news	Background
<p>revenue generated on the site above a £250,000 threshold.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Underbelly have committed to community benefits including work placements, discounted tickets for local residents and to conduct meetings with local community groups and conduct post event community consultation exercises. <p>Lot 4 – West Princes Street Gardens – Red Blaes Area October – 2 years with option for 1 year extension.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No tenders received. <p>Following further market engagement Lot 4 is currently being retendered with a closing date of mid March and it is expected that at least two event organisers will submit bids.</p>	

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news	Background
<p>Edinburgh Playing Out Streets Pilot</p> <p>At the Transport and Environment Committee meeting on 17 January 2017 an action was agreed for the Convenor to meet with officers and the Playing Out Streets deputation to discuss simplifying the application process and to agree to receive an update in relation to the discussions held, in the Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin on 21 March 2017.</p> <p>The meeting took place on 8 February 2017 and agreement was reached on the way forward including some of the wording to be included in the guidelines and that an application form is to be included.</p> <p>The pilot will run from from 1 April to 31 August 2017 and would cover both the Easter and Summer school breaks.</p> <p>The guidelines for the Pilot have been reviewed and now include an application form. This has been placed on the Councils website.</p>	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>Stuart Harding, Citywide Network Manager</p> <p>0131 529 3704</p> <p>stuart.harding@edinburgh.gov.uk</p> <p>Contributes to Pledges and Outcomes: P33, P44, CP4, CP9.</p> <p>Edinburgh Playing Out</p>

A report on the outcome of the pilot will be brought to the Transport and Environment Committee in January 2018.

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news

A71 Dalmahoy Junction Improvements – Funding Options

A report to the Transport and Environment Committee on [30 August 2016](#) noted that an investigation into potential options to fund the approved junction signalisation had been undertaken, but that a funding shortfall was projected. Officers were instructed to report back to the Committee within three cycles, outlining proposals for meeting this shortfall.

The latest cost estimate for the junction signalisation is £455,520. A review of funding contributions which were previously reported to Committee has been carried out, along with an exercise to explore potential additional funding sources. Following this exercise, sufficient funding to deliver the improvements has now been identified. The funding shortfall previously reported will be met from contingencies within the 2017/18 capital Carriageways, Footways and Street Lighting budget.

The funding which has now been identified to deliver the scheme can be broken down as follows:

- Road Safety - £143,000
- Access to Bus Stops - £25,000
- Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets - £30,000
- Craigpark Quarry S75 Agreement - £40,000
- South West Locality (NEPS) - £50,000 (over two years)
- Capital Investment Programme for Carriageways, Footways and Street Lighting contingency funding - £167,000

Officers have made an initial approach to landowners with a view to opening discussions to acquire the land outwith Council ownership required to deliver the junction improvements. It is currently anticipated that the land acquisition process will take around 12 months to complete.

A low cost safety scheme involving vehicle-activated signs

Background

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Recent news	Background
<p>and a reduced speed limit will be introduced in the interim period. This will be funded separately from the 2016/17 capital Road Safety budget.</p>	

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news	Background
<p>Community Policing Performance Update – October to December 2016</p> <p>The Police and Fire Scrutiny Committee on 3 March 2017 considered an update on the joint working activities and detailed performance carried out under the SLA with Police Scotland from October to December 2016.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to note the content of the report and to refer to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee and the Transport and Environment Committee for information.</p>	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>Michelle Miller, Head of Safer and Stronger Communities</p> <p>0131 529 8520</p> <p>Michelle.Miller@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news	Background
<p>Brighton Place, Portobello – Carriageway Resurfacing</p> <p>The Transport and Environment Committee on 17 January 2017 requested that investigations were made into the possibility and cost of retaining the setts in the parking areas of Brighton Place. This follows on from a previous decision by this Committee to replace all the setts on Brighton Place with asphalt.</p> <p>The Transport Design and Delivery Team, in liaison with colleagues from Planning, investigated the possibility of retaining a 2.5 metre width of setts adjacent to the kerb on the east side of Brighton Place, between Lee Crescent and East Brighton Place. The additional cost for this work would be approximately £35,000.</p>	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>Sean Gilchrist, RAMP, Planning & Programming Manager, Transport & Planning.</p> <p>0131 529 3765</p> <p>Sean.gilchrist@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Recent news

Brighton Place is a main bus route carrying on average eight buses per hour southbound and 10 per hour northbound. As the width of the carriageway is only 7.6 metres it is inadequate for two large vehicles to pass adjacent to any parked vehicles. There would therefore be a requirement, from time-to-time, for southbound vehicles to overlap both the setted surface and the adjacent asphalt surface whilst resulting in such vehicles experiencing varying skid resistance properties between both surfaces, which could be potentially dangerous. Furthermore, with asphalt and setted carriageways having different construction methods required (flexible and rigid) there is potential for differential movement in the carriageway which will lead to accelerated deterioration. Given these findings it is recommended that Brighton Place carriageway design does not include the renewal of setts within parking areas.

Background

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news

A90 Burnshot Bridge

Burnshot Bridge crosses the A90 main arterial route into Edinburgh from the Forth Road Bridge. The structure serves the communities of Kirkliston, South Queensferry and Craigiehall.

In November 2016, due to concrete spalling from the bridge onto the A90, an emergency weekend closure of both the A90 and the bridge was carried out to facilitate removal of loose material from the centre span.

In parallel, Council engineers undertook a quick analysis which determined that the closure of the bridge should remain in place, further material needed to be removed from the bridge deck to reduce dead load, and that a more comprehensive investigation and analysis of the structure was required. Temporary traffic management diversion routes were put in place to accommodate the ongoing bridge closure.

External Consultants were commissioned in January 2017 to provide a detailed structural inspection and assessment along with a feasibility study to explore options to allow the

Background

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<p>bridge to be re-opened. These reports are due to be completed by the end of April 2017.</p> <p>Initial indications from the Consultants confirm that the structural joints above the A90 carriageway which support the suspended span are in a poorer condition than originally thought. Consequently the bridge requires to remain closed and, as a minimum, the suspended central span requires to be removed and replaced. The final reports will identify the full extent of the remedial works required.</p> <p>This route is extremely well used, serving local businesses and residents in the surrounding areas. Further future development is also planned for the area. The intention is to re-open the bridge to vehicular, pedestrian and cycling traffic once the full extent of the required works has been identified and undertaken.</p> <p>It is proposed to allocate £1.5m from the 2017/18 Capital Budget towards these works. Depending on the findings of the analysis above, any further future funding required will be made available from the Roads, Footways and Structures Capital Investment Programme 2018/19.</p>	

Forthcoming Activities

None

Recent news	Background
<p>Salvesen Steps, River Almond Walkway</p> <p>The Salvesen Steps is a timber structure built to enable continued access along the River Almond Walkway (Core Path and Right of Way). The structure was constructed circa 1966 and is an important strategic link in the active travel network as it is the off-road link between National Cycle Routes 1 and 76 and the coastal promenade.</p> <p>In 2007, structural faults occurred which were repaired. Subsequently, repairs have had to be undertaken every 18 months – two years, most recently in May 2016. Since 2008 weekly visual checks are undertaken by Council officers and recorded.</p> <p>Further deterioration of the timber was demonstrated to elected members and community representatives at a site meeting on 22 December 2016. It was agreed to close the</p>	<p>For further information contact:</p> <p>David Jamieson, Parks, Greenspace and Cemeteries</p> <p>0131 529 7055</p> <p>david.jamieson@edinburgh.gov.uk</p>

Recent news	Background
<p>steps in the New Year and introduce a diversion route. However, to ensure public safety over the longer term it is likely that the wooden section will need be dismantled. Costs for repair, dismantling, like for like replacement and scaffolding replacement options are currently being secured.</p> <p>DDA Compliant replacement for Salvesen Steps</p> <p>For some time it has been apparent that a permanent replacement structure is required. £40k has been secured from Sustrans to commission a technical feasibility and costing exercise for suitable replacement options, and the services of Sweco UK procured to undertake survey work to inform a preferred solution. This information is due to be presented to the Salvesen Steps working group on the 21 March 2017. This group is made up of Council officers, elected members, community representatives and Sustrans. Its findings and officer recommendations will be brought to Committee at the earliest appropriate opportunity.</p> <p>Additional funding has been allocated to progress the repair/replacement of Salvesen Steps from the Council's 2017/18 capital budget.</p>	

Forthcoming Activities

None