

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 17 May 2018

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener) (items 1 to 7), Arthur, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Kate Campbell (substituting for Councillor Bird), Cook, Day (substituting for Councillor Doran, items 8 onwards), Douglas, Gloyer, Howie (substituting for Councillor Key, item 3 onwards), Key (items 1 and 2).

1. Edinburgh Playing Out Pilot Evaluation

1.1 Deputation

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Ms Louise Drumm and Bernard Hinchcliffe-Drumm on behalf of Edinburgh Playing Out in relation to the report by the Executive Director for Place on the Playing Out scheme pilot.

The deputation highlighted the following:

- the positive impact the Playing Out scheme had for bringing communities together and encouraging people to socialise with their neighbours.
- the benefits the scheme had for children who did not need to worry about traffic when they were playing outside.
- the hard work of officers who had listened to residents and facilitated the pilot scheme.

The deputation requested the Committee considered the following:

- to lend flexibility with regards to the deadlines for submission of applications to hold Playing Out events.
- the importance of ensuring the scheme and information on how to participate was more widely publicised to encourage more events.
- to allow communities to hold two events per year rather than one.
- supporting the report and adopting the scheme as Council policy.

The Convener thanked the deputation and invited them to remain for Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

1.2 Report by the Executive Director of Place

At its meeting of 7 June 2016, the Committee agreed that a Playing Out pilot should be undertaken from April to August 2017. The pilot and a consultation exercise had been completed. The Playing Out scheme enabled residents to hold play sessions in the community using short-term, resident-led road closures on a regular basis. The Committee was asked to consider adopting Playing Out as Council policy.

Decision

- 1) To note that the results of the evaluation had been largely positive.
- 2) To agree to implement Playing Out as Council policy.
- 3) To note that Locality teams would continue to be responsible for managing and facilitating Playing Out.
- 4) To note that further work would be required to improve the guidelines.
- 5) To note that a review would take place every three years to assess costs of Playing Out and alignment with wider Council priorities.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 7 June 2016 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

2. 'A' Boards and Other Temporary On-street Advertising Structures

2.1 Deputation

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation from Mr Justin Davis and Mr Niall Patterson on behalf of Edinburgh Pub Crawl in relation to the report by the Executive Director for Place on temporary on-street advertising structures.

The deputation highlighted the following:

- walking tours were a benefit to Edinburgh and were a low-cost, zero-carbon way for tourists to explore the city while providing custom to local businesses.
- walking tours were unique as they had no set location and therefore relied on street advertising to signpost potential customers to the start point and to attract passing trade.
- the alternative methods of advertising which could be introduced including shared advertising boards and the lessons which could be learned from cities where similar policies were in place.
- that new companies should follow the same rules as established businesses to ensure fairness.

The deputation requested that should the policy be adopted, the Committee agreed that mitigating steps should be taken prior to the policy coming into effect to ensure there was not a negative impact on businesses.

The Convener thanked the deputation and invited them to remain for Committee's consideration of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

2.2 Contribution from Ward Councillor

Councillor Howie spoke to the Committee as a Ward Councillor and the Council's Equalities Champion and made the following points:

- Edinburgh was a busy city year-round and it was often difficult for people with disabilities or impairments to navigate around the various obstacles on the street;
- the importance of ensuring that people did not feel excluded from the city centre due to concerns about being unable to avoid obstacles; and
- temporary fixtures such as advertising boards, roadwork signage which did not have a fixed location meant disabled people could not predict where obstacles would be, adding to the difficulty of navigating busy streets.

2.3 Report by the Executive Director of Place

Committee considered a report advising that following a decision of the Committee on 21 March 2017, a consultation exercise had been undertaken on temporary on-street advertising structures. It was proposed that a city-wide ban on all forms of these structures was implemented.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of the consultation and engagement exercise.
- 2) To approve the proposed strategy and the measures required to be put in place to enable delivery of a citywide ban on all forms of temporary on-street advertising structures, not just 'A' Boards.
- 3) To request that a review was undertaken 12 months after implementation of the restrictions, including mitigation for businesses and organisations in general.
- 4) To agree to receive an update in the Business Bulletin presented to the committee in August 2018 detailing possible business support methods to help mitigate the effect of the policy on businesses and the impact this would have on walking tours in particular.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 21 March 2017 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted)

3. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 9 March 2018 as a correct record.

4. Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for the period from 17 May 2018 to 9 August 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted.)

5. Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log

The Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log for May 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To approve the closure of actions 2, 5, 13, 22, 25 (action 1), 26, 31, 32, 33, 36, 38 (action 2), 41, 43, 48 and 50.
- 2) To agree that action 21 (action 1) would be followed up as an open action in the relevant locality committee rolling actions log.
- 3) To agree that the report requested in action 35 would be presented to the committee in August 2018, rather than as a business bulletin update.
- 4) To otherwise note the outstanding actions.
- 5) To agree that an updated rolling actions log would be submitted to the additional meeting of the committee in June 2018.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

6. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 17 May 2018 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To agree that the timeline for Local Transport Strategy would be circulated to the Committee.
- 2) To otherwise note the business bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

Declaration of interests

Councillors Booth and Macinnes declared non-financial interests in the above item as Directors of Transport for Edinburgh.

7. Petition for consideration - Improving Parking in the Leith Central Area (LCA)

A petition had been received which called for a solution to be identified to improve parking for residents of the Leith Central Area. The petitioners, Sheila Kennedy, Iona McLeod and Charlotte Encombe and Ward Councillor Susan Rae attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the petition.

The points raised included:

- the residents in the Leith Central area were concerned by the increasing pressure on parking and safe access to homes in the area by residents, council services and businesses.

- the close proximity to the city centre and the free parking in the area meant commuters were parking in residential streets and walking into the city centre, meaning residents often had to park far from their homes.
- residents believed that the council should engage as a matter of urgency with the community on developing and implementing a package of measures which reduced that pressure by giving parking priority to residents within the Shandon area and ensuring clear access for emergency vehicles.

Decision

- 1) To agree that officers would discuss the issues raised with the petitioners and investigate short-term solutions.
- 2) To note that a report addressing the issues on a city-wide basis that would also address local parking issues would be presented to the committee in August 2018.

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

8. Delivering the Local Transport Strategy 2014-2019: Parking Action Plan

A report was presented which provided progress updates on key elements of the Parking Action Plan and indications of timescales for changes to parking permits and restrictions to be introduced. The outcome of a consultation on the potential introduction of a permit surcharge for diesel vehicles which had been completed was also included.

Motion

- 1) To note the results of the diesel surcharge consultation.
- 2) To note that the proposal to introduce a resident permit surcharge to all diesel vehicles and that a further report will be submitted to Committee in August 2018 with detailed proposals for implementing such a charge.
- 3) To approve the residents permits proposals, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place, to introduce a revised pricing structure and to apply future permit price increases.
- 4) To approve the proposals for other permit types, as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report, to introduce a revised pricing structure and to apply future permit price increases.
- 5) To approve the commencement of the legal process to implement the revised pricing structures, including the methodologies detailed for applying future permit price increases.
- 6) To approve the commencement of the legal process to make the additional changes to the Controlled Parking Zones as detailed in Appendix 4 of the report.

- 7) To note that the legal process to introduce Sunday parking restrictions and to roll out shared use parking and visitor permits was to commence in June 2018.
- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To instruct officers to bring back revised proposals for the proposed seven band pricing structure in one cycle that limited annual increases across all bands to RPI only, rejecting the RPI+ pricing model proposed in the report.
 - 2) To reject the inequitable additional 8.5% price increase for central zone permit holders that arose from the introduction of Sunday parking charging and to agree to halt progress on implementation of pay and display charges on Sundays.
 - 3) To note the results of the diesel surcharge consultation, which show a firm majority against its introduction.
 - 4) To recognise the need to incentivise purchase of greener vehicles and to agree to defer decision on the implementation of a diesel surcharge until 12 months after introduction of the revised permit pricing structure, thus allowing the environmental impact of the new pricing structure to be meaningfully considered, prior to introduction of any financial penalties for diesel vehicle owners.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Voting

For the motion - 7 votes
For the amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Booth, Burgess, Kate Campbell, Day, Howie and Macinnes.

For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

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

9. Petition for a Park and Ride Site at Lothianburn – Follow Up Report

At its meeting on 10 August 2017, the Committee considered a petition to create a park and ride site at Lothianburn in an effort to reduce congestion and pollution on the A702. A consultation and engagement exercise had been undertaken and the outcome was presented to the Committee in a report which also outlined the key issues to consider prior to a decision being taken on the proposal.

Councillor Ross spoke to the Committee as a Ward Councillor and expressed disappointment that the report recommended not to progress with developing a park and ride at the site as he felt the local communities would benefit from this. Councillor

Ross agreed with residents that a park and ride would alleviate some of the parking pressures in the area, improve congestion and reduce pollution.

Decision

- 1) To note the petition which was considered on 10 August 2017 and that officers had progressed the actions requested.
- 2) To note the findings and conclusions from the consultation and engagement undertaken.
- 3) To agree not to progress with the development of a park and ride site at Lothianburn at this time, but to note that this would not limit the opportunity to develop the site in the future should it be required.
- 4) To note that there would be no further work on the development of a Lothianburn park and ride site at this time.
- 5) To agree that a review of the park and ride site at Straiton should be undertaken to understand the reasons for relatively low patronage and to identify potential improvements.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 10 August 2017 (item 9); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Central Edinburgh Transformation – Progress Report

A presentation was delivered by Daisy Narayanan on the progress to date and some of the key issues for consideration of the Central Edinburgh Transformation project.

A report was also presented which set out the project governance arrangements, progress on developing a strategy, the alignment of the Council's existing investment with the project, and a communications and engagement plan.

A final report was due to be presented to the Committee in March 2019.

Decision

- 1) To note the project governance arrangements and the progress made in developing the Central Edinburgh Transformation programme.
- 2) To approve the draft vision and objectives which would guide the subsequent project delivery.
- 3) To approve the revised project programme and draft Communications and Engagement Plan set out in Appendices 1 and 3 of the report by the Executive Director of Place respectively.

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

11. Implementation of Active Travel and Street Design Principles in Road and Footway Renewals

At its meeting on 7 December 2017, a report was requested which outlined how design teams promoted the delivery of high-quality active travel and public transport infrastructure to facilitate modal shift from car to sustainable modes. The report

presented addressed the request by providing an update on the progress made toward achieving this aim, as well as information on the internal consultation which took place within the Council during the design stages, and actions previously taken to promote active travel and public transport.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that paragraph 3.5 of the report referred to cycle weighting but did not specify which roads were given this weighting or under what criteria and therefore to agree to receive a further update providing this information within one cycle.
- 3) To note that paragraph 3.15 of the report referred to good stakeholder liaison but did not provide any details on how this would be achieved, and therefore to agree to receive a further update providing this information within one cycle.
- 4) To further note that throughout the majority of the Street Design Guidance the 'Transport Mode Hierarchy' was respected – in other words guidance was that streets should generally be designed with top priority given to pedestrians, second priority to cyclists, third priority to public transport users, and so on.
- 5) To agree that while good stakeholder engagement on street design and street renewals was important, the initial proposals should in any case normally respect the transport mode hierarchy unless exceptional local circumstances require otherwise, and should comply with the Council's Street Design Guidance, and promote active travel.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 7 December 2017 (item 6); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

12. Decriminalised Traffic and Parking Enforcement in Edinburgh

Following a request by Councillor Key at the meeting of the Committee on 10 August 2017, a report was considered which outlined the types of parking restrictions which were in place, the Council's responsibilities in relation to Decriminalised Parking Enforcement and the measures which could be put in place to tackle parking which contravened restrictions.

Motion

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that specific measures to improve parking in Edinburgh were included in the Parking Action Plan (PAP), which was also being presented to the Committee for consideration on 17 May 2018.
- 3) To note the very significant public anger at what was perceived to be a lack of enforcement in key areas of the city, including, but not limited to, Leith Walk, the High Street and the Grassmarket.

- 4) To note nonetheless the hard work and dedication of the parking attendants employed on the council's behalf, that they did an excellent job under difficult circumstances and to thank them for their service.
- 5) To note that the KPIs for the Council's parking enforcement contractor were agreed in September each year and to agree that a meeting would be held each year sufficiently in advance of those KPIs being signed off for the following year, at which the transport spokesperson for each political group would be invited to attend, to brief councillors on the progress made to improve parking enforcement in the preceding year and to discuss any possible changes to the KPIs for the parking enforcement contractor in the following year.
- 6) To note that a Transport Bill would be introduced to the Scottish Parliament soon which would contain measures aimed to address the problem of pavement parking, but notes nonetheless that the price of a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) has remained static since 2001.
- 7) To note the Council did not currently have the powers to vary the price of a PCN and to agree that the Convener would make representations to the Scottish Government on devolving the power to set the rate of PCNs to Scottish Local Authorities.
- 7) To agree nonetheless that there were significant existing powers that could be used to tackle the problem of pavement parking, not least the installation of physical barriers such as Sheffield racks at the edge of footways which also provided cycle parking, as undertaken by Wandsworth Council and others, and to agree that similar measures should be introduced in Edinburgh.
- 8) To agree to receive a further report within two cycles examining the issue of parking enforcement in more detail, and specifically outlining options to address the following issues:
 - a) that members of the public would like a quick, real-time method to report parking violations that could swiftly be passed to parking attendants for possible enforcement action, should they be in the area;
 - b) that while Council policy was currently to give those parking in contravention of the rules a 'grace period' of 5 minutes for cars and 10 minutes for commercial vehicles, nonetheless to examine whether this grace period was appropriate in all circumstances and specifically to examine whether the grace period could be shortened in areas of persistent parking violations;
 - c) that, where there were no valid lines and signs, the parking enforcement contractor could not operate, and therefore reviewing the timetable for installing new lines and signs when they were required; and
 - d) that while some drivers regarded the cost of a parking ticket as a reasonable price to pay for the ability to park in the city centre, the majority did not want their vehicle to be towed, and therefore to agree to

consider increasing the capacity to tow vehicles to the pound, and tightening the rules which allowed this to be done.

- 9) To discharge the motion by Councillor Key.
 - moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Burgess

Amendment

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that specific measures to improve parking in Edinburgh were included in the Parking Action Plan (PAP), which was also being presented to the Committee for consideration on 17 May 2018.
- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Key.
 - moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Voting

For the motion - 7 votes
For the amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Booth, Burgess, Kate Campbell, Day, Howie and Macinnes.

For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Booth.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 10 August 2017 (item 7); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

13. Reconstruction of Leith Street – Objections to Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Redetermination Order (RSO)

The Committee considered Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Redetermination Order (RSO) proposals as part of the reconstruction of Leith Street. 61 objections had been received which were detailed in the report alongside the Council's responses to these objections.

Councillor Miller spoke to the Committee as a Ward Councillor and requested that the Committee consider carefully whether to set aside the objections as they highlighted a number of problems with the proposed design. These included insufficient pavement widths, the likelihood of congestion once the new St. James' development was completed, and the conflict between cyclists and pedestrians which could occur through the use of shared space. Councillor Miller requested that the proposed design was revisited taking the objections received into consideration.

Motion

- 1) To note the representations received to the advertised TRO and RSO and the Council's comments in response contained in Appendix A of the report.

- 2) To agree to amend the TRO to allow an exception to the proposed left turn from Leith Street into Waterloo Place which would permit cyclists to turn left.
- 3) To agree to set aside the representations to the TRO and to make the remainder of the Order as advertised.
- 4) As required by legislation, to instruct the Executive Director of Place to refer the representations to the Redetermination Order to Scottish Ministers for consideration.
- 5) To agree to undertake traffic monitoring of these changes and report back to committee 6 months after opening, via the business bulletin.
 - moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Day

Amendment

- 1) To note the representations received to the advertised TRO and RSO and the Council's comments in response contained in Appendix A of the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To note that Leith Street had the highest concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in Edinburgh with an Annual Mean Concentration of 59 µg/m³, which was well in excess of the legal limit of 40 µg/m³ and the connecting North Bridge had the fifth highest, and that this made a powerful case for substantial traffic reduction, segregated cycle routes and wider footways in Leith Street and in the whole North Bridge to Leith Walk corridor.
- 3) To note that the proposed 'segregated cycle way' did not extend any further south than the junction with Calton Road, and therefore formed incomplete and potentially dangerous cycle infrastructure, and that there was no provision whatsoever for northbound cyclists on the southern section of Leith Street.
- 4) To note that the redetermination order included some areas of 'shared space' between cyclists and pedestrians, which was likely to lead to conflict between users.
- 5) To note that both Living Streets and the Edinburgh Access Panel had expressed concerns about the proposals in terms of their impact on pedestrians and disabled people.
- 6) To note that objections to the TRO and RSO included objections from Spokes, Living Streets and other key stakeholders.
- 7) To note that the proposals did not comply with the Council's own street design guidance, including an absolute minimum footway width at the east kerb line at the junction with Waterloo Place, and the south kerb line at Greenside Row.
- 8) To note that the proposals were inconsistent with the aims of the forthcoming Edinburgh City Centre Transformation project, which aimed to make the city centre a safer and more pleasant place for those travelling on foot or by bicycle.

- 9) To therefore agree not to set aside the representations received to the TRO, but rather to arrange a meeting between the developer, Council and key objectors; to amend the proposals in order to try to accommodate their concerns; and to present a further report to the committee within one cycle with recommendations that complied with the Council's Street Design Guidance and were consistent with the aims of the City Centre Transformation Project.
- 10) To agree to defer taking a decision on the redetermination order until the report requested above was presented to the committee.
 - moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Burgess.

Voting

For the motion - 8 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Bruce, Kate Campbell, Cook, Day, Douglas, Gloyer, Howie and Macinnes.

For the amendment – Councillors Arthur, Booth and Burgess.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

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

14. Objections to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO/17/73) – Parking in the Dumbiedykes and Pleasance Areas

The Committee considered a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal to introduce parking controls in the Dumbiedykes and Pleasance Areas. Two objections had been received which were detailed in the report.

Decision

- 1) To set aside the objections received.
- 2) To make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

15. Developing Low Emission Zones in Edinburgh

Work had been undertaken in partnership with the Scottish Government and other Scottish Local Authorities to explore implementation of Low Emission Zones (LEZs) to help reduce carbon emissions and improve air quality. A report was presented which set out a comprehensive approach to the development of LEZs and provided information on the impact of poor air quality on public health and the objectives and options for LEZs in Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To agree a comprehensive approach to LEZs as a step towards protecting Edinburgh's citizens from the harms of poor air quality.

- 2) To reaffirm the Council's commitment to explore the development of LEZs, in line with the commitment by the Scottish Government to work with local authorities to introduce LEZs to the four main cities (Aberdeen, Dundee, Edinburgh, and Glasgow) by 2020.
- 3) To note the options under consideration for Edinburgh's LEZs were based on combinations of geographical and vehicle-type restrictions, and proposals brought to committee for consideration would include, amongst other options, the opportunity to pursue a city-wide LEZ with a city centre ultra-low emission zone (ULEZ).
- 4) To agree that a phase of stakeholder engagement would be undertaken to test and inform the impact of implementing low emission zones in Edinburgh, that this stakeholder engagement should be extensive and meaningful, and include engagement with a number of groups, including but not limited to bus operators, business groups and communities and businesses within the city centre.
- 5) To note that a further report on progress to develop LEZs would be presented to the committee on 9 August 2018 which would also identify a mechanism to allow for the periodic review of the effectiveness and potential variation of standards of the LEZ/ULEZ.
- 6) To agree that a report would be presented to the committee in August 2018 on private sector engagement regarding LEZs and to refer the report after it has been considered by the Transport and Environment Committee to the Housing and Economy Committee for consideration.

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

16. Urban Gull Control Options

A motion by Councillor Cook seeking a report on the actions which could be taken to control gulls in Edinburgh was approved by the Committee on 7 December 2017. A report was presented which addressed this request by providing information on the actions of other local authorities and potential options which could be put in place.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To refer the report to the Planning Committee to allow consideration to be given to roof structure on new builds and refurbishments to minimise their attraction to nesting gulls.
- 3) To refer the report to the South East Locality Committee for noting of a fresh Gull Control Pilot scheme which could be used to inform a possible future city-wide strategy for tackling Urban Gulls.

(Reference – Transport and Environment Committee, 7 December 2017 (item 4); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

17. Winter Maintenance Review

A review of winter maintenance operations for winter 2017 to 2018 was presented, including information on the development of a Winter Maintenance Plan. It was proposed that a further report on the implementation of the Plan would be presented to the Committee in August 2018.

Motion

- 1) To note the report and the development of the Winter Maintenance Improvement Plan.
- 2) To approve the review concept for prioritisation of pavements, cycleways, roads and grit bins.
- 3) To agree to receive an update report on the implementation of the improvement plan, with possible service options, in August 2018.
 - moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Day.

Amendment

- 1) To approve the review concept for prioritisation of pavements, cycleways, roads and grit bins and remits to the Locality Committees the decisions on which pavements, cycleways and roads to categorise as Priority 2 and 3 and where to site grit bins, within the respective Locality.
- 2) To agree that the committee and Locality Committees would receive an update report on the implementation of the improvement plan, with possible service options, in August 2018.
- 3) To amend the first sentence of paragraph 3.25 of the report to read: "Locality Offices will carry out a review of grit bins during the summer, and report to the respective Locality Committee on proposals for implementing the following in that Locality."
 - moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor Cook

Voting

For the motion - 7 votes
For the amendment - 4 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Booth, Burgess, Kate Campbell, Day, Howie and Macinnes.

For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Macinnes.

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

18. Waste and Cleansing Policies Assurance Statement

Each Council directorate were required to review policies on an annual basis to ensure they remained current, relevant and fit for purpose. The current Waste and Cleansing Policies which had been reviewed were set out in a report.

Decision

- 1) To note that the current policies detailed in Appendix 2 of the report had been reviewed and were considered as being current, relevant and fit for purpose.
- 2) To approve the draft litter bin siting policy set out in Appendix 3 of the report, which would be a temporary working document for use until the potential development of a national template for these policies by Keep Scotland Beautiful.
- 3) To approve the draft policy set out in Appendix 4 of the report for garden waste collection following the decision of Council on 22 February 2018 to introduce a charge for this service while setting the budget for 2018/19.

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

19. Appointment of Auditor to Lothian Buses

The Committee was required to approve the appointment of an auditor to Lothian Buses Limited on an annual basis.

Decision

To approve the appointment of Scott Moncrieff as the auditors of Lothian Buses Limited on 28 June 2018.

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

20. Implementing the Programme for the Capital: Coalition Commitments

A report was presented which included the final set of indicators which would be used to monitor progress made against the 52 Coalition Commitments which had been agreed by the Council.

Decision

To note the set of indicators set out in Appendix 1 of the report by the Executive Director of Place.

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

21. Tourism and Communities Working Group – referral from the Culture and Communities Committee

On 20 March 2018, the Culture and Communities Committee considered a report on a proposal to establish a Tourism and Communities Working Group to ensure that communities' and residents' considerations were taken into account in the development

of Edinburgh's Tourism Strategy. It was agreed that the Working Group would consist of representatives from the Culture and Communities Committee, Housing and Economy Committee and Transport and Environment Committee.

The Committee was asked to nominate two representatives to the Working Group.

Decision

To appoint Councillors Bird and Key to the Tourism and Communities Working Group. (References – Culture and Communities Committee, 16 March 2018 (item 9); referral report by the Culture and Communities Committee, submitted.)

22. Age Limitations and Emissions Standards for Taxis and Private Hire Cars – referral from the Regulatory Committee

On 16 March 2018, the Regulatory Committee considered a report by the Executive Director of Place on the responses received to the further consultation with representatives of the hire car trade concerning the introduction of an age limitation and emissions standards policy for Taxis and Private Hire Cars licensed by the City of Edinburgh Council.

The report was referred to the Transport and Environment Committee for noting.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Regulatory Committee, 16 March 2018 (item 2); referral report by the Regulatory Committee, submitted.)

23. Motion by Councillor Macinnes – Corstorphine Parking

The Convener ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency to allow the Committee to give early consideration to this matter.

The following motion by Councillor Macinnes was submitted in terms of Standing Order 16:

“Asks the Transport and Environment Committee to note:

- That there have been ongoing problems of excessive commuter and holiday parking in Corstorphine;
- a parking investigation was initiated in Spring 2016, following representation from residents and local elected members;
- a parking survey was conducted, resulting in a draft report with recommendations being sent to ward councillors in October 2017;
- that a new Council protocol relating to requests for priority parking schemes was introduced in August 2017 and that this has encouraged officers to examine a more strategic, city-wide approach to considering the key issue of likely displacement of parking issues;

- the need to assess support of residents and Corstorphine Community Council for the introduction of priority parking;

and asks officers to proceed to the next stage of the process begun in 2016 by issuing a residents' survey before the summer recess, with results expected to come forward to the August TEC with recommendations for next steps.”

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Day

Decision

To approve the terms of the motion by Councillor Macinnes.