

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

MEETING 3

28 JUNE 2018

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Item no 5.1

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Jim Campbell for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018 2018

Question

Accepting the 2027 projected roll for every Edinburgh high school, reported to Committee in December 2017, please provide the total anticipated cost to:

- 1) increase school building capacity to satisfy the roll projections for August 2027;
- 2) achieve a condition rating of "B", or better, in 2028 across the Council owned and maintained high school estate, assuming all high school buildings in use this year are retained in use until then.

In both case, the costs should be from the start of this financial year, and be broken down by school.

Answer

Please see the answer to 1) in APPENDIX 1 attached.

- 2) The table below indicates the level of spend required to achieve A or B condition ratings in CEC's non-PPP/DBFM high school estate over the next five years. Further spend will be required beyond this period but that is unquantified as the surveys only cover a five year period. In addition, the Council pays an annual charge of around £42m for the provision and operation of the PPP and DBFM schools estate, of which an element will cover the maintenance work undertaken by the PPP/DBFM providers to keep the schools in good condition. The proportion of the annual charge that will be spent on maintenance to 2028 is not available, however.

High School	Total Cost of Work
BALERNO HIGH SCHOOL	£5,250,390
CASTLEBRAE HIGH SCHOOL	£2,991,008
CURRIE HIGH SCHOOL	£6,847,394
LEITH ACADEMY	£1,862,368
LIBERTON HIGH SCHOOL	£1,520,941
NEW PORTOBELLO HIGH SCHOOL	£81,556
ST THOMAS OF AQUINS RC HIGH SCHOOL	£1,303,763
TRINITY ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL	£2,202,532
WESTER HAILES EDUCATION CENTRE - WHEC	£4,269,748
Grand Total	£26,329,700

APPENDIX 1

	Notional Capacity	2027 Projected Roll	Planned Capacity Increase (Wave 4, Rising Rolls or LDP Action Programme)	Estimated Area (m2) -	Construction Cost - £2,970.72 / m2 (as at Q4 2017)	Other Project Costs (estimated 15%)	Total Estimated Capital Costs	Running costs - £94 /m2 (includes facilities management, maintenance, utilities and non-domestic rates).
Balerno Community High School	850	915	150	750	£2,228,040	£334,206	£2,562,246	£70,500
Currie Community High School	900	920	100	500	£1,485,360	£222,804	£1,708,164	£47,000
Boroughmuir High School	1,300	1591	300	1200	£3,564,864	£534,730	£4,099,594	£112,800
James Gillespie's High School	1,300	1796	500	1800	£5,347,296	£802,094	£6,149,390	£169,200
West Edinburgh	0	1200	1,200	13200	£39,213,915	£5,882,087	£45,096,002	£1,240,800
Gracemount High School	650	739	522	5742	£17,057,874	£2,558,681	£19,616,555	£539,748
Liberton High School	850	1201						
Trinity Academy	950	979	250	2750	£8,169,480	£1,225,422	£9,394,902	£258,500
St Augustine's RC High School	900	1107	78	858	£2,548,878	£382,332	£2,931,209	£80,652

Item no 5.2

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Staniforth for answer
by the Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 28 June 2018**

In 2015 a decision was taken to close 10 public toilets across the city. To mitigate this council agreed to approach businesses about making their toilets publicly accessible in exchange for an annual payment from the council.

- Question** (1) How many business are currently registered with the Community Toilet Scheme?
- Answer** (1) There are over 70 publicly accessible toilets across the city listed on the council website. These include specialist Changing Places facilities, toilets in Council buildings such as community centres, libraries and leisure facilities along with 9 local businesses who have signed up to the community toilet scheme.
- Question** (2) How much does the Community Toilet Scheme cost the council annually?
- Answer** (2) £4,500 as each business receives an annual payment of £500.
- Question** (3) How are toilets registered with the Community Toilet Scheme signposted?
- Answer** (3) A window sticker is displayed on the premises and all are on the following web page here:
http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/directory/61/public_toilets
- Question** (4) How are publicly available toilets in council buildings (such as libraries) signposted?
- Answer** (4) As above.
- Question** (5) What are the opening times for the city's public toilets, council buildings with publicly available toilets and businesses registered with the Community Toilet Scheme?

Answer

(5) This varies depending on the building. All opening times are detailed on the webpage.

Item no 5.3

QUESTION NO 3

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

At the 15 March 2018 meeting of the Council and in response to question 5.5, the Convener said that the new annual charge for the collection of garden waste would commence in July 2018.

On 5 June 2018, members received an email communication stating that the introduction of the new charge had been moved back to October 2018.

Question (1) When was the decision taken to delay the introduction to October?

Answer (1) The decision was made on Tuesday 8 May at a meeting of the project team where details of the process and associated timelines were discussed. It became clear that the original timetable could not be achieved.

Question (2) Who made this decision and on what date was the Convener informed?

Answer (2) It was decision taken by the service area on the basis of the advice and information provided at the above meeting. The Convener was formally advised on 31 May 2018.

Question (3) What changed between 15 March and 5 June so as to account for the delay to the introduction of the charge?

Answer (3) When the project team met in early May, it became clear that the process and timetable to establish the online registration and payment process would take longer than had been anticipated.

Question (4) Is it still the intention to charge for a full 12 months in the first year of operation?

Answer (4) The first year of operation will run from Monday 8 October 2018 until Monday 7 October 2019.

- Question** **(5)** Will free Christmas trees collection continue to be available for households which have not paid the garden waste charge?
- Answer** **(5)** It is intended to offer a free Christmas tree collection service to all residents.

Item no 5.4

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Lang for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

At the 3 May 2018 meeting of the Council and in response to question 5.6 on the subsidence on Braehead Grove, the Convener said it was "*hoped that the work will be completed within the next six weeks.*"

Since that date, residents have raised concerns that no further work appears to have taken place and my correspondence with relevant officials has gone unanswered.

Question (1) Can the Convener confirm what work has been undertaken on Braehead Grove since 3 May?

Answer (1) The cast roof slabs are now ready however there have been difficulties in securing appropriate resource to complete the installation and this has delayed the start of the works.

Question (2) When is it now estimated that work will be complete?

Answer (2) It is intended to begin work at this site in early July 2018 with completion by mid July.

Item no 5.5

QUESTION NO 5

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

Question

Could the Convener provide details of the weed treatment that has been carried out this year to control the weeds and what methods of treatment have been used and an assessment of their effectiveness given the commitment to trial new treatments last year?

Answer

An update on the Integrated Weed Control Programme is due to be discussed at Transport and Environment Committee in August and will cover all of the requested information.

Item no 5.6

QUESTION NO 6

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

Question

How many appeals for non-determination have been lodged with DPEA in the City of Edinburgh Council area in each of the last 12 months?

Answer

Within the last 12 months, there has been single appeals against non-determination lodged with the DPEA in the months of December 2017; March 2018; and May 2018. There have been four appeals lodged in the month of June 2018.

Item no 5.7

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Mowat for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

- Question**
- (1) What consultation or notification was held with/given to the following prior to the appearance of a story in Scotland on Sunday and the Evening News about the proposed closures of Cockburn Street and Blair Street for the duration of the Edinburgh Festival?
- a) The Community Council
 - b) Businesses operating from the affected streets
 - c) Residents of the affected streets
 - d) Councillors

Answer

(1) Although these proposals had been discussed in detail by the Events Planning and Operations Group (EPOG) in the Council and was included within a Red Flag Communication to Councillors on 23 February 2018, no formal consultation or notification has taken place in respect of proposed closures on Blair Street or Cockburn Street.

Now that the two license applications have been considered, Council officers have met with the holder of the Street Traders licences and they have agreed to submit the necessary TTRO applications to close the section of road between the Bridges and Cockburn street between 10:00 to 17:00 each day and to steward this area. They will carry out the necessary consultations for these applications to be progressed. Blair Street was only going to be closed if approval from Licensing to use the Hunter Square area for performances had been granted. As a licence was not given approval, this street no longer requires to be closed.

Question

- (2) Given the decision taken by the Licensing Sub-Committee regarding the Hot Food Traders Licenses outside the Tron and the subsequent affect this has had on the Theatre Operators License for the Royal Mile from its junction with George IV Bridge to North Bridge and from Cockburn Street to Blair Street will any of these closures require to be reviewed and what will the consultation process be going forward?

Answer

- (2) As a condition of licence, the street trader is required to put in place measures to control traffic on the section of road between the bridges and Cockburn Street. As the temporary street theatre licence was amended to remove Hunter's Square from the footprint, measures proposed on Blair St are no longer required and closure of the street will no longer require to be pursued. Licensing would expect the licence holder to follow the Council's normal processes for obtaining a TTRO.

Item no 5.8

QUESTION NO 8

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Leader of the Council at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

Question (1) Please provide details of all travel to other countries on official Council business, paid for by the Council or otherwise in their capacity as an elected member by councillors since the Council election in May 2017 and planned for the future.

For each occasion please provide:

- a) The name of the councillor
- b) The capacity in which they travelled
- c) The full costs of the trip and who paid these
- d) How and where authorisation was sought
- e) The dates of the trip
- f) The intended purpose
- g) The outcomes achieved

Answer (1) See **Table 1** attached.

Question (2) Whether a report was created to explain the outcomes (as is Council protocol for trips and conference attendances) and where these can be accessed.

Answer (2) Outcomes from trips outlined in **table 1** have been reported, to committee, where appropriate, and are publicly available at: <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol>

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
Councillor Wilson Convener of Culture and Communities	Shanghai 13-18 September 2017	Costs unknown Jing'an Province, Shanghai	Approved by Executive Director of Place in consultation with Leader of the Council and Chief Executive under urgency provisions (paragraph 4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference) Retrospective report to committee - http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/download/meetings/item_910_-_invitation_to_shanghai	To attend the official launch of 2 new festivals in Shanghai	This visit was developed to deepen the relationship between Edinburgh and Shanghai and built on the existing relationship between the two cities. The delegation provided the potential to explore mutual learning and sharing of skills and experience
Councillors Wilson and McNeese- Mechan Convener and Vice Convener of Culture and Communities Committee	Shanghai 20-25 May 2018	Costs unknown Jing'an Province, Shanghai	Approved by Executive Director of Place in consultation with Leader of the Council and Chief Executive under urgency provisions	Signing a Memorandum of Understanding between the Jing'an District of Shanghai and City of Edinburgh Council following initial visit in September 2017. Taking part in full itinerary which included a presentation on the 'Spirit of	Further developing a cultural collaboration between the Jing'an Drama Valley Festival and the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, which will benefit both Edinburgh and Shanghai

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
			(paragraph 4.1 of the Committee Terms of Reference)	Edinburgh's festival' by the Convener at a specially organised 1-day forum and the presentation of one of the awards at the Jing'an Drama Valley Festival Awards Ceremony	
Councillor Griffiths Depute Lord Provost	Kyoto Tea Festival November 2017	Flight - £811.54 Accommodation - Kyoto Region	<u>Item 8.2 - Civic International Programme – Reports, 1.14 MB</u>	20 th anniversary of Kyoto Region link with Edinburgh	<u>Item 6.1 - Housing and Economy Business Bulletin – Reports, 1.22 MB</u>
Councillors Ross, Barrie and Cameron Lord Provost and Convener and Vice Convener of Housing and Economy Committee	Ljubljana, Slovenia 15-17 November 2017	£697.21 per person The Economic Development Service budget from the sum set aside from the Eurocities membership fee for 2018	Reported to H&E Committee in September 2017: <u>https://bit.ly/2K55hGt</u>	To present a strong political City of Edinburgh delegation –led by the Lord Provost, at the EUROCITIES 2017 annual conference and to accept the handover from Ljubljana to Edinburgh as the next host for EUROCITIES 2018.	Strengthen Edinburgh's position as a key member of EUROCITIES and bring economic benefits including hotel occupancy and visitor spend. Raise the international profile of the city.
Councillor Barrie Convener of Housing and Economy	Vienna 27 Feb-1 March 2018	£627.07 The Economic Development Service budget from the sum set aside from the Eurocities membership fee for 2018.	Authorised by the Director in consultation with the Council Leader. Reported to H&E Committee 22 March: <u>https://bit.ly/2MXi7ED</u>	Eurocities ExCom Meeting and Urban Futures Conference	Strengthen Edinburgh's position as a key member of EUROCITIES and host city of Eurocities 2018. Bring economic benefits including hotel occupancy and visitor spend. Raise the international profile of the city.

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
Councillors Gardiner, Kate Cambell and Cameron Convener of the Planning Committee and Convener and Vice Convener of Housing and Economy Committee,	North West England (Manchester & Liverpool) 25–27 April 2018	Unknown – Full cost including travel paid by the Scottish Futures Trust	Director of Place – approved duty	Field trip to examine and discuss Build to Rent schemes in North West England	Better understanding of the issues arising from the build to rent housing sector and the contribution it can make to housing delivery
Councillors Ross and Kate Campbell Lord Provost and Convener of Housing and Economy Committee	Xi'an and Shenzhen, China 9 – 15 May 2018	Cost of accommodation and local expenses paid by Xi'an. Cost of air travel and cost of accomodation in Shenzhen met from International Relations budget.	Approved by H&E Committee, 22 March 2018	Economic Business Delegation.	Feedback report will be brought to 30 August 2018 H&E Committee.
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 30-31 May 2017	£376.37 Lothian Pension Fund	Individual trips not authorised by Committee by Pensions Committee on 6 Dec 2016 and Council on 16 March 2017 approved Cllr Rankin's appointment to LAPFF	Lothian Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) business meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
			Executive. These reports included reference to the travel requirements		
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 11-12 July 2017	£340.56 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF company engagement training	Improved understanding of engagement
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 28-29 September 2017	£366.87 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF strategy meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 3-4 October 2017	£491.02 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF executive meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 16-17 October 2017	£281.37 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 21-22 November 2017	£389.78 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee & Pensions Convener	Bournemouth 6-8 December 2018	£343.59 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	22 nd LAPFF annual conference	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 16-17 January 2018	£464.04 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF executive meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 27-28 February 2018	£512.14 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 27-28 March 2018	£342.04 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF AGM and business meeting	Discussion and sharing of ideas and working practices in relation to investment issues and shareholder engagement with other local authority pension funds

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 10-11 July 2018	£489.06 Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Pensions meeting	See above
Councillor Rankin Member of Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) Executive Committee	London 18-19 July 2018	Yet to be booked Lothian Pension Fund	See above	LAPFF AGM and business meeting	See above
Councillor Day Poverty Champion	Trust for London 27-28 April 2018	£330.81 CEC	Head of Strategy and Insight – Approved duty	Part of a series of visits to organisations tackling poverty	To inform approach to the Poverty Commission
Councillor Gordon – Chair of Edible Edinburgh	Cardiff 26 June 2018	£191.11 Members’ Services	Head of Strategy and Insight	Sustainable Food Cities Conference 2018	Report pending
Lord Provost	Krakow 29/09/17 - 02/10/17	See Committee Report	https://bit.ly/2K55hGt	Promotion of Scotland and Scottish Tartan Festival - subsequent report submitted.	To present the City with an official tartan to strengthen links and relations with the Polish Community in Edinburgh
Lord Provost	London 09/10/2017	Costs met by Lord Provost's Office - £117.03	Direct invitation from Prime Minister's Office	Celebration of Edinburgh International Festivals 70th Anniversary	Effective present Edinburgh and promote the role of Edinburgh international festival in the UK
Lord Provost	Portsmouth 12/10/2017	Costs met by Lord Provost's Office - £182.89	Direct invitation from the Royal Navy	Tour of HMS Queen Elizabeth (Edinburgh an affiliated city)	To represent City of Edinburgh & role of the city in UK Royal Navy

Name/Capacity	Where/When	Costs/Who Paid	Authorisation	Purpose	Outcomes
Lord Provost	Cologne 19/10/17 - 20/10/17	See Committee Report	https://bit.ly/2K55hGt	Conference and Speech and discussions with regional governments - subsequent report submitted.	See report
Lord Provost	Portsmouth 07/12/2017	Costs met by Lord Provost's Office - £123.89	Direct invitation from the Royal Navy	Commissioning of HMS Queen Elizabeth (Edinburgh an affiliated city)	Returning as delegation from Edinburgh for commissioning of HMS Queen Elizabeth
Lord Provost	London 11/12/2017	Costs met by Lord Provost's Office - £267.96	Direct invitation from USA Ambassador	The Ambassador of the USA - WW1 Centenary Commemoration	Effective represented Edinburgh in WW1 commemoration
Lord Provost	Fuzhou 25/03/18 - 30/03/18	See Committee Report	https://bit.ly/2tx0AuK	Civic visits on mutual economic and social benefits - subsequent report submitted.	See report
Lord Lieutenant	London 04/06/18 - 05/06/18	Costs met by Lord Provost's Office - £237.82	Direct invitation	AGM of the Association of Lord Lieutenants and Buckingham Palace Garden Party	Effective representation of the City of Edinburgh
Lord Provost	Krakow 12/06/18 - 13/06/18	See Committee Report - Costs later adjusted to £771.30	https://bit.ly/2KeBYI	UNESCO Creative Cities Summit - Report pending.	Report pending

Item no 5.9

QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 28 June 2018**

Question (1) Please confirm all costs (to date or anticipated) associated with implementation of the delayed new charging system for garden waste collection, including:

- a) postage;
- b) production of stickers;
- c) advertising/promotion;
- d) registration;
- e) collection/removal of brown bins from non-participants;
- f) any other known costs.

Answer (1) a) Postage costed £90,205.26.

b) The total cost of producing stickers will be calculated depending on the number of stickers required. The cost per thousand is £39.

c) £13,286 has been spent to date on advertising and marketing.

d) The registration system is part of a wider project and it is not possible to calculate the cost of setting up this part of the system.

e) This will be dependent on the number of residents who do not register for the new collection service.

f) Costs in the region of £18,000 have been incurred to date. There are no other costs expected.

Question (2) If residents register in October how long are they signing up for?

Answer (2) The sign up period is 12 months.

Question (3) If this is for less than 12 months will the charge be calculated on a pro-rata basis?

Answer (3) No, the charge of £25 will be applied whenever the registration is received and will be valid for the period to 7 October.

Question (4) If residents are paying a one-off charge for garden waste uplift that spans more than one financial year, how will the receipts be apportioned between the financial years?

Answer (4) Under the accrual concept within accounting, the proportion of income that relates to the future year would be carried forward to match the service period and incurrence of expenditure.

Question (5) How many staff/what is amount of staff time involved in implementation?

Answer (5) The project team is drawn from across the Council and partners. It is not possible to provide an accurate breakdown of the time spent on this project.

However, four additional call centre agents have been employed for the duration of the registration period to handle this process.

Question (6) As per previous requests to officers and promised in answer to March 2018 written questions, please confirm progress in respect of discussions with Tiphereth regarding its agreement with the Council and future arrangements for garden waste collections in the area of Colinton it currently serves.

Answer (6) Tiphereth will continue to operate garden waste collections in the parts of Colinton it currently serves. Following discussion with Tiphereth, the Council will contact residents serviced by the existing agreement advising them to register and pay through the Council's website in order to continue receiving the service.

These details will be shared with Tiphereth to undertake the collections.

Item no 5.10

QUESTION NO 10

By Councillor Gloyer for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

It is now eight months since, in response to my question about improvements to pedestrian accessibility and safety on Ellersly Road, the Convener assured me that the solutions that had been identified as 'quick wins' would be "delivered in the next six months."

Question (1) Can she explain why residents are still waiting for five of the ten 'quick wins' to be implemented and indicate when they might expect the work to be completed?

Answer (1) The North West Roads team have been prioritising essential road and footpath repairs following the Winter period. It is intended to resource the remaining actions over the Summer period.

The lay-out changes effected during the resurfacing works at Western Corner have made it easier for pedestrians to cross Ellersly Road at that junction, and are welcome.

Question (2) What progress has been made on developing solutions to the other longer-term improvements, such as widening pavements further up Ellersly Road?

Answer (2) Further design time is required to carry out the feasibility work and to retrieve accident history statistics. Funding for the solutions will be secured once identified.

Item no 5.11

QUESTION NO 11

By Councillor Gloyer for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

It is now eight months since, in response to my question about the pedestrian crossing of the A8 at Kaimes Road, the Convener assured me that a Section 75 contribution towards it had been secured in November 2016, that “preliminary design work for this is currently underway” and that “Consultation on the proposals is planned to take place shortly”.

Question (1) At what stage is the design work for this long-delayed and much-needed pedestrian crossing and related improvements for pedestrian access to it?

Answer (1) A consultant has been procured to design and deliver the crossing. Work on producing a preliminary design, suitable for use in consulting with the local community, is nearing completion.

Question (2) What consultation has taken place and with whom?

Answer (2) It is intended to consult with the local community and other stakeholders on the preliminary proposals at the end of the summer holiday period to maximise the opportunity for people to be able to contribute to the process.

A detailed consultation plan has not yet been developed, but normal consultees would include: all frontagers directly affected by the proposals, along with residents of nearby streets and a variety of stakeholder organisations, including local community groups.

Question (3) By what date is it expected that the crossing will be installed?

Answer

- (3)** Following the consultation and making any changes to the design that might arise from this, it will be necessary to promote a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to remove the existing Greenways parking bays at this location.

The crossing cannot be constructed until the statutory procedures associated with the TRO have been successfully completed. The timescale for this can vary, but normally takes between 9 and 12 months.

Item no 5.12

QUESTION NO 12

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 28 June 2018

Regarding the proposals on extending the tram to Newhaven:

Question (1) Does the council intend to review the preferred tram designs to determine how well they address issues and opportunities outlined in the street life survey for Leith Walk published by the council in December 2017?

Answer (1) The issues and opportunities outlined in the street life survey for Leith Walk will be considered in preparing the preferred designs.

Question (2) What scenarios were used in considering the design options for Leith Walk in relation to traffic levels, including potential for reductions?

Answer (2) The option now being developed for Leith Walk between Pilrig Street and Foot of the Walk assumes that general traffic will share with public transport. All options presented at workshops were based on the 2017 traffic data within the traffic model.

Question (3) At those locations on Leith Walk where the designed footway width fails to meet the Edinburgh Street Design Guidance standard – an ‘absolute minimum’ of 2m (only allowed in short sections) and a ‘desirable minimum’ of 4m or wider – what alternatives were considered in order to meet the standard, and why were these alternatives rejected?

Answer (3) The design being taken forward following workshop 1 (option 3b) has no footways that are below a width of 2m as per the ‘absolute minimum’ in the street design guidance. Areas where the footway falls below 4m is in short sections to accommodate loading and bus stops.

A final audit of the updated design will be carried out against the Street Design Guidance.

Question

- (4)** What are the current traffic flows on Constitution Street, Duke Street and Laurie Street, and what modelling has the council carried out on the likely future traffic flows on those streets in the event of:
- a) a tram stop in Constitution Street, as per the designs that went to consultation
 - b) moving the tram stop to Foot of the Walk without filtered permeability on Constitution Street
 - c) moving the tram stop to Foot of the Walk with filtered permeability to restrict general traffic at the south end of Constitution Street?

Answer

- (4)**
- a) The modelling carried out is based on the 2017 traffic data currently available, therefore no assumption has been made in relation to traffic reduction.
 - b) The project team is developing a response to the suggestion that the tram stop proposed for the south end of Constitution Street be moved to the north end of Leith Walk. This is being developed in the context of the emerging design in this area.
 - c) As with b above, the project team is developing a response to the suggestion that the tram stop proposed for the south end of Constitution Street be moved to the north end of Leith Walk. This is being developed in the context of the emerging design in this area.