

Item 4.1 - Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10.00am, Thursday 9 August 2018

Present

Councillors Macinnes (Convener), Doran (Vice-Convener), Arthur, Bird, Booth, Bruce, Burgess, Cook, Douglas, Gloyer, Howie (substituting for Councillor Key, items 12 onwards) and Key (items 1 to 12).

1. Public Transport Priority Action Plan

1.1 Deputation

The Committee agreed to hear a deputation by Keith Giblett on behalf of Queensferry and District Community Council in relation to the report by the Executive Director of Place on the Public Transport Priority Action Plan.

The deputation highlighted the following:

- The Council, Scottish Government and the Queensferry and District Community Council had been involved in the creation of the Queensferry Place Standard document during 2015 which planned for the future growth of the area.
- The community had embraced this process and felt they had been given some influence over the future development of the area; however, there was disappointment that the same level of consultation had not been undertaken to inform the Public Transport Priority Action Plan.
- The lack of transport links and the high impact of vehicles travelling via Queensferry had not been adequately addressed in the Plan.
- People travelling from other towns had increased the demand for parking and train services from Dalmeny train station, and it was not clear how an improved Park and Ride at Dalmeny would alleviate pressures when the bus services could be unreliable and people preferred to use the train.
- The Plan had not adequately addressed the issues being faced by the west of the city.

The deputation requested that the Committee did not approve the Plan and asked for further consultation with the community.

1.2 Contribution by Ward Councillor

Councillor Lang spoke to the Committee as a Ward Councillor and made the following points:

- Improving access to and increasing parking provision at Dalmeny Station would help to decrease the level of traffic driving in to the city centre via Barnton, as these issues were currently causing people to choose to drive rather than use the train.

- A motion by Councillor Lang regarding the issues at Dalmeny Station which had been approved by Council in October 2017 had gained cross-party support but the issues raised had not been addressed in the report.
- The response to Councillor Lang's motion had been delayed and was included in the Public Transport Priority Action Plan report rather than a standalone report as requested.
- There was a lack of tangible actions detailed in the report and no timeline had been given for improvements to be made.
- The report did not refer to discussions with Transport Scotland, the Local Development Plan or any traffic studies which had been completed.

1.3 Report by the Executive Director of Place

Efforts were being made by the Council to minimise the impact of congestion on public transport services in Edinburgh which had caused an increase in journey times. Discussions were ongoing with public transport operators and a number of proposals were being considered to improve services in the city. A report was presented which provided an update on the position.

Motion

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that a further report would be submitted which outlined longer-term intervention measures to relieve congestion on the A90.
- 3) To note that a further report would be submitted, which listed bus lane locations where it was proposed that automatic camera enforcement should be deployed.
- 4) To approve a desired spacing of 400 meters between bus stops and the existing corridors were reviewed to determine how the spacing could be achieved.
- 5) To approve the commencement of a consultation to determine support to vary the Traffic Regulation Orders on existing bus gates on Marshall Street, Candlemaker Row and The Shore to exempt taxis from these restrictions.
- 6) To note that automatic camera enforcement could not currently be used to enforce with-flow tram bahns but that the Council would engage with Transport Scotland to seek to add this to the list of traffic offences which could be enforced by camera.
- 7) To note that funding was not currently available to expand the Hermiston and Ingliston Park and Ride facilities, but that future expansion could be funded from a potential parking levy.
- 8) To note the actions related to Dalmeny Station Motion raised at Full Council in October 2017.
 - moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

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- 2) To note that a further report would be submitted which outlined longer-term intervention measures to relieve congestion on the A90.
- 3) To note that a further report would be submitted, which listed bus lane locations where it was proposed that automatic camera enforcement should be deployed.
- 4) To approve a desired spacing of 400 metres between bus stops and that existing corridors were reviewed to determine how this spacing could be achieved, whilst recognising equalities issues raised by this and that a full public consultation would be carried out on any proposed changes, with a consultation report returning to the Committee to seek approval for changes to bus stop locations.
- 5) To approve the commencement of a consultation to determine support to vary the Traffic Regulation Orders on existing bus gates on Marshall Street, Candlemaker Row and The Shore to exempt taxis from these restrictions.
- 6) To note that automatic camera enforcement could not currently be used to enforce with-flow tram bahns but that the Council would engage with Transport Scotland to seek to add this to the list of traffic offences which could be enforced by camera.
- 7) To note that funding was not currently available to expand the Hermiston and Ingliston Park and Ride facilities, but that future expansion could be funded from a potential parking levy.
- 8) To note the actions related to Dalmeny Station Motion raised at Full Council in 2017.
- 9) To note the request of bus operators to extend the hours of operation of bus lanes, and therefore to approve the commencement of the consultation on extending operational hours to 0700 – 1900, seven days per week, and extending restrictions on parking and loading/unloading to the same hours, and that the consultation should also consider what support might be possible for business affected by the change, including but not restricted to the possibility of allowing some off-peak parking and loading in specific, limited zones.
 - moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Burgess

In terms of Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Amendment 2

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- 7) To note that funding was not currently available to expand the Hermiston and Ingliston Park and Ride facilities, but that future expansion could be funded from a potential parking levy.
- 8) To note that Committee did not believe paragraphs 3.59-3.71 sufficiently addressed the issues raised in the Council motion on Dalmeny Station and therefore agreed to bring back a Business Bulletin update in one cycle to allow further discussions to take place with ward councillors and the local community council from which a more detailed action plan should be developed.
 - moved by Councillor Gloyer, seconded by Councillor Doran

In terms of Standing Order 21(11), the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

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

Declarations of interest

Councillors Booth and Doran declared non-financial interests in the above item as a Director of Transport for Edinburgh, and Councillor Macinnes declared a non-financial interest as the Chair of the Transport for Edinburgh Board, respectively.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 20 June 2018 as a correct record.

3. Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan

The Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan for October 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Key Decisions Forward Plan.

(Reference – Key Decisions Forward Plan, submitted.)

4. Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log

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

Decision

To approve the closure of actions 1, 10, 11, 14, 18, 26, 30 (action 1), 32 (action 2), 33, 35, 37 (actions 1, 2 and 3), 39 (actions 4, 5 and 6), 41, 42, 45 and 47.

(Reference – Rolling Actions Log, submitted.)

5. Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin

The Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin for 9 August 2018 was presented.

Decision

To note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin, submitted.)

6. Updated Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation 2018/19

Details were provided on an updated pedestrian crossing priority list and on consultations undertaken for locations approved in the previous report to the Transport and Environment Committee meeting on 10 August 2017.

Decision

- 1) To approve the updated pedestrian crossing priority list for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) To note the locations identified through Section 75 funding and schemes being progressed as part of larger projects as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 3) To note the locations that did not meet the priority list criteria as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
- 4) To note the results of the public consultations as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 10 August 2017 (item 12); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

7. Budget Commitment to Cycling in 2016/17 and 2018/19 Cycling Programme

The Council agreed on 9 February 2012 that a minimum of 5% of the transport spend should be allocated to cycling and that this would increase by 1% each year.

For the period 2016/17, 9% of the combined transport budget was committed to cycling. A report was presented which set out the Council's capital and revenue expenditure on cycling in the 2016/17 financial year and the planned programme of cycle project delivery for 2018/19.

Decision

- 1) To note the expenditure on cycling in 2016/17.
- 2) To approve the planned programme for 2018/19.
- 3) To refer the report to the four Localities Committees for information.

(References – Act of Council (No. 2), 9 February 2012; report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

8. A8 Cycleway Upgrade, Traffic Regulation Order

The Committee considered a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) proposal to reduce the speed limit on a section of the A8 road as part of the scheme to upgrade the A8 Cycleway.

Five representations had been received, including 2 objections and 3 letters of support. These were detailed in the report alongside the Council's responses to the representations.

Decision

- 1) To note the five representations received in relation to the advertised Traffic Regulation Order and the Council's comments in response.
- 2) To set aside the two objections received and to make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

9. Parking Action Plan: Implementing the Parking Permit Diesel Surcharge

At its meeting on 17 May 2018, the Committee approved a Parking Action Plan report and agreed to receive a report with detailed proposals for the introduction of a resident permit surcharge for diesel vehicles. Approval was sought for the introduction of this.

Motion

- 1) To approve the introduction of the resident permit diesel surcharge as detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the necessary legal process to implement the diesel surcharge.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

To take no action on the matter.

- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Voting

For the motion - 8 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Doran, Gloyer, Key and Macinnes.

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

Decision

- 1) To approve the introduction of the resident permit diesel surcharge as detailed in the report by the Executive Director of Place.

- 2) To approve the commencement of the necessary legal process to implement the diesel surcharge.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 17 May 2018 (items 7 and 23); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

10. Strategic Review of Parking, Edinburgh

A Strategic Review of Parking in Edinburgh had been undertaken to address parking issues across the city, including issues raised by a petition and a motion which were considered by the Committee on 17 May 2018.

Decision

- 1) To note the detail of the proposed strategic approach to reviewing parking across the city.
- 2) To note that the highest priority had been given to areas where parking issues had already been highlighted to the Council, and where investigations were either ongoing or had been approved.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 17 May 2018 (item 8); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

11. Workplace Parking Levy Scoping

Details were provided on proposals for the introduction of a Workplace Parking Levy which would allow the Council to implement charges for employers which provided car parking for staff. If approved, a further report would be submitted setting out the rationale for Edinburgh to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy.

Motion

- 1) To note the merits in principle of pursuing the power for Edinburgh to seek consent to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy.
- 2) To agree that Council officers would develop a paper which set out the argument and rationale for Edinburgh to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy.
- 3) To note the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018.
- 4) To agree that the Council would respond to the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee call for evidence on Stage 1 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, which closed on the 28 September 2018.
 - moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment 1

- 1) To note the merits in principle of pursuing the power for Edinburgh to seek consent to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy or wider non-residential parking levy.

- 2) To agree that Council officers would develop a paper which set out the argument and rationale for Edinburgh to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy or wider non-residential parking levy which could also cover customer parking spaces.
- 3) To note the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018.
- 4) To agree that the Council would respond to the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee call for evidence on Stage 1 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, which closed on the 28 September 2018.
 - moved by Councillor Booth, seconded by Councillor Burgess

Amendment 2

- 1) To note the merits in principle of pursuing the power for Edinburgh to seek consent to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy.
- 2) To agree that Council officers would develop a balanced paper within in one cycle which set out the arguments and rationale for and against the possible introduction of a Workplace Parking Levy, providing an informed basis for a decision by the Committee.
- 3) To note the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018.
- 4) To agree that the Council would respond to the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee call for evidence on Stage 1 of the Transport (Scotland) Bill, which closed on the 28 September 2018 and that the submission would inform the Committee of the agreement and intent outlined above.
 - moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), Amendment 1 was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

For the motion	-	7 votes
For amendment 2	-	4 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Doran, Macinnes, Key.
For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

Decision

- 1) To note the merits in principle of pursuing the power for Edinburgh to seek consent to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy or wider non-residential parking levy.
- 2) To agree that Council officers would develop a paper which set out the argument and rationale for Edinburgh to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy or wider non-residential parking levy which could also cover customer parking spaces.
- 3) To note the introduction of the Transport (Scotland) Bill 2018.

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(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

12. 'Edinburgh: connecting our city, transforming our places' – public engagement on City Mobility Plan, Low Emission Zone(s) and City Centre Transformation

The Council was progressing three strategies: the City Mobility Plan, Low Emission Zones and the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation. Engagement activities had been undertaken with key stakeholders and a consultation document setting out ideas had been developed.

Approval was sought to present the document for public consultation. The report also included details of engagement events which were to take place and an evaluation of the Edinburgh Summer Summit event which had taken place in June 2018.

Motion

- 1) To note that engagement with stakeholders on the City Mobility Plan, low emission zone(s), and the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation projects had taken place between February and May 2018, and informed the basis of the proposals upon which public engagement would be undertaken.
- 2) To agree that wider public engagement would focus on the prospectus engagement paper 'Edinburgh: connecting our city, transforming our places' subject to minor revisions.
- 3) To agree that public engagement would be undertaken during an eight-week period, commencing in September 2018, in line with the approach set out in the report.
- 4) To note following the public engagement, the next steps would be to develop specific proposals for each of the individual projects, to be followed by further engagement on detailed proposals early in 2019.
- 5) To note the evaluation report of the Edinburgh Summer Summit as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
- 6) To agree that the City of Edinburgh Council would develop a programme to regularly hold vehicle-free days in the city centre and town centres.
- 7) To agree that the Local Transport Strategy, which expired at the end of 2018 would be replaced by a people-oriented 'City Mobility Plan' which would run until 2023.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note that engagement with stakeholders on the City Mobility Plan, low emission zone(s), and the Edinburgh City Centre Transformation projects had

taken place between February and May 2018, and informed the basis of the proposals upon which public engagement would be undertaken.

- 2) To agree that wider public engagement would focus on the prospectus engagement paper 'Edinburgh: connecting our city, transforming our places' subject to minor revisions.
- 3) To agree that public engagement would be undertaken during an eight-week period, commencing in September 2018, in line with the approach set out in the report by the Executive Director of Place.
- 4) To note following the public engagement, the next steps would be to develop specific proposals for each of the individual projects, to be followed by further engagement on detailed proposals early in 2019.
- 5) To note the evaluation report of the Edinburgh Summer Summit as set out in Appendix 2 of the report by the Executive Director of Place and to express disappointment and concern that the data gathering was compromised due to the prevailing weather conditions, precluding a meaningful, evidence-based analysis of the events' impact.
- 6) To agree that, given this lack of data, the City of Edinburgh Council should not develop a programme of regular vehicle free days in the city centre and town centres until such a time that full data sets were available to allow evaluation of resulting traffic movement, congestion and pollution in and around the closed streets.
- 7) To agree that the City of Edinburgh Council would develop a programme to regularly hold vehicle-free days in the city centre and town centres.
- 8) To agree that the Local Transport Strategy, which expired at the end of 2018 would be replaced by a people-oriented 'City Mobility Plan' which would run until 2023.
- 9) To recognise the value of public consultations and the importance of policy changes commanding public confidence and to also recognise the importance of Committee-led decision making by Elected Members in respect of the projects included in the report.

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), point 9 of the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Voting

For the motion	-	8 votes
For the amendment	-	3 votes

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Doran, Gloyer, Howie and Macinnes.

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

Decision

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taken place between February and May 2018, and informed the basis of the proposals upon which public engagement would be undertaken.

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- 8) To recognise the value of public consultations and the importance of policy changes commanding public confidence and to also recognise the importance of Committee-led decision making by Elected Members in respect of the projects included in the report.

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

13. Review of Waste and Recycling Strategy

A mid-life review of the Council's Waste and Recycling Strategy for 2010 to 2025 had been undertaken and a report was presented which set out the progress made to date, challenges, opportunities and an action plan for future years.

Motion

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note in particular the improvement in recycling performance since 2010, and the decline in waste arisings, as well as several external risks which were expected to impact on future performance.
 - moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note in particular the improvement in recycling performance since 2010, and the decline in waste arisings, as well as several external risks which were expected to impact on future performance.

- 3) To note that Garden waste collections currently accounted for around 25% of current recycling performance and to express concern that even if the Council's modest sign-up figures for the new paid-for garden waste service - dubbed the "Garden Tax" - were met, the policy presented risk to the Council's future recycling performance, potentially leading to increased fly tipping, garden bonfires and waste going to landfill.
- moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Voting

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

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Doran, Macinnes, Key.
For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note in particular the improvement in recycling performance since 2010, and the decline in waste arisings, as well as several external risks which were expected to impact on future performance.

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

14. Waste and Cleansing Services Performance

At its meeting of 9 March 2018, the Committee approved a motion by Councillor Jim Campbell which requested a report on improving the way waste uplift data was presented and shared. A report was submitted which addressed the motion and provided information on key changes which had been made to Waste and Cleansing Services performance monitoring and future improvements which could be made.

Decision

- 1) To note the current arrangements for recording and reporting performance in Waste and Cleansing Services.
- 2) To note the wider review of performance monitoring and reporting with Waste and Cleansing Services.
- 3) To note the activities and dependencies required to implement the revised performance reporting.
- 4) To agree that the revised suite of performance measures, as illustrated in Appendix 1 of the report, and the progress against the activities required to implement the revised performance reporting would be reported to Transport and Environment Committee every second cycle.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 9 March 2018 (item 20); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

15. Enhancing Communal Bin Collections – Update following trial to implement every other day collections

The Committee agreed on 7 December 2017 to undertake a trial to implement every other day collection for on-street communal bins within a selected area within Ward 12 (Leith Walk) and to receive a progress report within six months. This report was presented to the Committee for consideration.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To approve the next stage of the trial which would maintain the increased servicing frequency of landfill bins in the trial area in Ward 12; reduce the number of landfill bins and monitor the impact on fill levels; increase the number of recycling bins and increase variety of recycling materials collected and increase servicing frequency of mixed recycling bins.

(References – Transport and Environment Committee, 7 December 2017 (item 11); report by the Executive Director of Place, submitted.)

Declaration of interest

Councillor Bird declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a member of the Changeworks Board.

16. Review of Trade Waste Bin Exemptions

The Council had previously agreed that exemptions to policy could be granted to businesses which could not store their food and glass waste on their premises and which would allow waste bins to be stored on the street outwith the specified time windows. The policy was no longer consistent with other Council policies which aimed to decrease street obstructions and therefore approval was sought to end the exemptions.

Decision

To grant approval for the Waste and Cleansing Service to progress with the cessation of the exemption of food and glass bins on a phased basis.

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

17. Single Use Plastics

Council and the Committee has approved a number of motions regarding single use plastics and the impact that their use had on the environment. A report was presented which addressed these motions and set out the role of the Council and other stakeholders in responding to concerns about single use plastics, and ways the Council dealt with these.

Motion

- 1) To note the report.

- 2) To note, in particular, that Changeworks had been instructed to develop a plastic water bottle refill scheme, and to develop messaging around single use plastics in their educational activities, as a result of these motions.
- 3) To note the intention to propose Plastic Free Communities actions alongside other actions as part of the development of Litter Prevention Action Plans as these were developed across the city.
- 4) To discharge the motions referred to in section 2 of the report.
 - moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note, in particular, that Changeworks had been instructed to develop a plastic water bottle refill scheme, and to develop messaging around single use plastics in their educational activities, as a result of these motions.
- 3) To note the intention to propose Plastic Free Communities actions alongside other actions as part of the development of Litter Prevention Action Plans as these were developed across the city.
- 4) To discharge the motions referred to in section 2 of the report.
- 5) To note that the report highlighted opportunities to further develop the Council's activities towards reducing the impact of Single Use Plastics and therefore to agree to establish a short-life working group to consider this issue to report back to Committee.
- 6) To agree that the working group would be a member-officer group; the membership would consist of one elected member from each political group and officers from relevant service areas including waste and recycling, catering and procurement; that the group would meet within one month and would aim to report to the Committee within six months. The remit of the group would be to discuss the report on Single Use Plastics and any issues that arose from this to develop potential solutions.
- 7) To appoint Councillors Doran, Burgess, Bird, Gloyer and Cook to the working group.
 - moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Booth

In accordance with Standing Order 21(11), point 9 of the amendment was accepted as an addendum to the motion.

Decision

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- 7) To appoint Councillors Doran, Burgess, Bird, Gloyer and Cook to the working group.

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

18. Street Lighting Management Arrangements

The Council's current Street Lighting Management Arrangements which set out the basic principles and standards applied to street lighting and illuminated signage were presented to the Committee.

Decision

To note the current Street Lighting Management Arrangements contained in Appendix 1 of the report.

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

19. Carbon Literacy Update August 2018

A pilot Carbon Literacy Programme, commissioned by the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership, had been undertaken between March 2016 and March 2017. A report was presented which outlined the key findings, challenges and next steps following the pilot.

Decision

- 1) To note the successful completion of the pilot Carbon Literacy Programme and the valuable work the Workers Educational Association Scotland had done to ensure its completion.
- 2) To note that next steps would be planned following the Edinburgh Partnership review and that these would be informed by the outcome of the audit of the Council's climate change and sustainability activity which would be reported to the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee by December 2018.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

20. Appointments to Working Groups – 2018/19

The Committee was required to annually re-appoint the membership of its working groups and was asked to appoint the membership for 2018/19.

Decision

To re-appoint the membership of the working groups as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, subject to adjusting the membership of the Transport Forum to include Councillor Doran and to remove Councillor Burgess.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

21. Progress in Implementing the Integrated Weed Control Programme

An update was provided on the progress made to date with the implementation of the Integrated Weed Control Programme which aimed to control weed growth across the city's streets, parks and other public open spaces.

Decision

To note the update on the management of weeds in streets, parks and other public spaces.

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

22. Winter Maintenance Review

A progress update was presented on the actions detailed within the Winter Maintenance Improvement Plan.

Decision

- 1) To note the progress made with implementing the actions contained within the Winter Maintenance Improvement Plan.
- 2) To agree to receive a Winter Maintenance Readiness report in October 2018.

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

23. Roads Services Improvement Plan

An update was provided on the progress made towards implementing the Road Services Improvement Plan.

Motion

To note the progress made with implementing the actions contained within the Improvement Plan to date.

- moved by Councillor Macinnes, seconded by Councillor Doran

Amendment

- 1) To note the progress made with implementing the actions contained within the Improvement Plan to date.

- 2) To express concern that many actions within the Improvement Plan were forecasted to be achieved well beyond the target date, in addition to recent reporting that the Council was failing to repair an acceptable level of emergency road repairs within a 24-hour timeframe.
- 3) To note that the improvement plan originated as a result of an internal audit exercise.
- 4) To agree to remit current progress of the Road Service Improvement Plan to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee for further scrutiny.
 - moved by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Douglas

Voting

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

(For the motion – Councillors Arthur, Bird, Booth, Burgess, Doran, Macinnes, Key.
For the amendment – Councillors Bruce, Cook, Douglas and Gloyer.)

Decision

To note the progress made with implementing the actions contained within the Improvement Plan to date.

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

24. Edinburgh Catering Services – Update on School Meals and the Use of Plastic in Schools – referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee

On 22 May 2018 the Education, Children and Families Committee considered a report on the school meals service, progress towards achieving the Silver Food for Life Award across the school estate, transporting school meals, reducing plastics and packaging throughout the estate and menu feedback opportunities. The report was referred to the Transport and Environment Committee for information.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee, 22 May 2018 (item 14); referral report by the Education, Children and Families Committee, submitted.)