

Minutes

Transport and Environment Committee

10:00am, Thursday 2 February 2023

Present

Councillors Arthur (Convener), Aston, Bandel, Booth (substituting for Councillor Miller, Item 2), Caldwell (substituting for Councillor Lang, Items 3), Cowdy, Dijkstra-Downie, Graham, Lang (excluding Items 3 and 11), Macinnes (substituting for Councillor Work), McFarlane, Miller (excluding Item 2) and Munro.

Also present: Councillor McVey (item 2), Councillor Faccenda (items 2).

1. **Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme – Options Appraisal**

a) **Deputation – The University of Edinburgh**

The deputation spoke about the new electric cycle hire scheme implemented by the University of Edinburgh. Having firstly operated the Edinburgh Cycle Hire Scheme since 2015, staff and students continually expressed their need for access to affordable bicycles.

The deputation advised that upon the withdrawal of the original scheme, the University developed their own pilot electric cycle hire scheme using former bikes in an interim project with Council.

The UniCycles scheme offers 60 bikes, hired to students over 2 accommodation sites in the city. Demand was high with all 60 bikes being hired for 3 months of the first semester, and 50 more students on a waiting list. Students expressed the scheme delivers a range of benefits including well-being, health and financial benefits.

The scheme tracks data from the bicycles, and shows data on carbon savings, how bikes are being used, and the routes the bikes take.

The deputation finally outlined how the scheme supports the development of options to continue the scheme which contributes to actions in the Active Travel Plan and that funding is needed for Year 2, to enable scheme to continue.

b) **Deputation – Cargo Bike Movement**

- 9) To note that the Plan was designed to help the Council target resources
- 10) To note that the Plan would only retain its relevance and effectiveness if we learned from its implementation and regularly update its actions

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

10. Cramond Glebe Road – Traffic Regulation Order 18/83

An update was provided on the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 18/83 to introduce waiting restrictions on Cramond Glebe Road and loading prohibitions at the proposed entry and exit points, on Whitehouse Road, School Brae and Cramond Glebe Road, for a proposed Care Home

Decision

- 1) To note the content of the report and recommendations made by the Independent Reporter following a public hearing.
- 2) To set-aside the objections received and approve the making of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) 18/83 in full.
- 3) To note that should the TRO be made, officers would monitor driver behaviour on Cramond Glebe Road and the interaction between pedestrians and vehicles at the proposed Care Home entry and exit points to consider if further interventions were appropriate.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Lang declared a non-financial interest in the above item as he had previously commented on the TRO.

11. West Edinburgh Link Objections to Traffic Regulation Orders and Redetermination Orders

Details were provided on the representations received following the public advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders and Redetermination Orders for the West Edinburgh Link project and the Council's comments in response. Officers recommended setting aside all relevant objections to the Traffic Regulation Orders and making these Orders, as well as referring the representations to the Redetermination Orders to Scottish Ministers for determination.

Decision

- 1) To note the representations received to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders and the re-advertised Redetermination Orders and the Council's comments in response.
- 2) To note that three representations to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/20/25 and 21 representations to TRO/20/29 are no longer pertinent as TRO/20/25 would now

be made only in part and TRO/20/29 would not be taken forward at this time, and therefore excludes them from consideration.

- 3) To approve setting aside the 11 remaining objections to Traffic Regulation Orders TRO/20/25, TRO/20/26, TRO/20/27, TRO/20/28A and TRO/20/28B and making the Orders as advertised.
- 4) To approve referring the four representations to the re-advertised Redetermination Orders RSO/22/09, RSO/22/10, RSO/22/11 and RSO/22/12 to Scottish Ministers for determination.

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

12. Results of the West Crosscauseway, Chapel Street, Quarry Close and Buccleuch Street hearing on orders TRO/17/101A and RSO/18/01A

Details were provided on the representations received following the public advertising of Traffic Regulation Orders and Redetermination Orders for the West Edinburgh Link project and the Council's comments in response.

Decision

- 1) To note the information contained within the report, the report from the Independent Reporter and their recommendation.
- 2) To note the recommendation of the Independent Reporter and Scottish Ministers that the advertised orders, TRO/17/101A and RSO/18/01A, should be made without modification.
- 3) To approve the making of the statutory orders, TRO/17/101A and RSO/18/01A, without modification.

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

13. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport and Environment Committee of 8 December 2022 as a correct record.

(References – Minute of 8 December 2022, submitted.)

14. Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme

The Transport and Environment Committee Work Programme was presented.

Decision

To note the work programme.

(Reference – Work Programme, submitted)