

Committee Minutes

Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Edinburgh, 29 July 2008

Present:- Councillors Wheeler (Convener), Aldridge (Vice-Convener), Ewan Aitken (substituting for Councillor Child), Balfour (substituting for Councillor McInnes), Barry, Buchanan, Burgess, Cairns, Dawe, Dundas, Elliott-Cannon (substituting for Councillor Keir), Hawkins, Henderson, Jackson, McIvor, Mowat, Munro and Peacock.

Also Present:- Councillors Hinds, Maginnis and Work.

1 Minute

Decision

- 1) To approve the minute of meeting of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 6 May 2008 as a correct record.
- 2) To approve the minutes of the Tram Sub-Committee meetings of 12 May, and 16 June 2008.

2 Prams on Buses – Motion by Councillor Mowat

The Convener ruled that the following item, notice of which had been given at the start of the meeting be considered a matter of urgency in order to allow the matter to be dealt with timeously.

The following motion by Councillor Mowat was submitted in terms of Standing Order 27:

‘Committee agrees to call for a report to the next Committee on the legality and practicalities of carrying prams on buses.’

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Mowat.

3 Deputation

Little France Cyclist Group (See item 4 below) – Cyclepath from Craigmillar to the New Royal Infirmary

Dr Forrester asked the Council to upgrade the Craigmillar Castle Cycle Path and extend the double yellow lines on Old Dalkeith Road. It was stated that there was a large number of people who regularly cycled to the New Royal Infirmary and an even larger group who would cycle if the routes were made safer. Additionally, this would contribute to a green and sustainable transport policy. The Cycle Path was currently not of sufficient quality and posed a serious problem for disabled people or parents with prams accessing the hospital. The alternative of cycling on Old Dalkeith Road was too dangerous for cyclists and the lack of paving meant it was unusable by pedestrians.

Decision

To note the points made by the Deputation.

(Reference – e-mail 22 July 2008.)

4 Cycle Path from Craigmillar to the New Royal Infirmary – Motion by Councillor Ewan Aitken

The following motion by Councillor Ewan Aitken was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29:

“Council notes:

That the custom cycle path at Craigmillar down to the New Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh deteriorates significantly when it descends to the hospital, especially with its combination of poor quality gravel interspersed with 3-4 steps at a time with a concrete gully up the side of the steps.

That the path is similarly difficult to access for people with mobility problems or for those using prams.

That the biomedical park and the sick kids reprovision will potentially generate significantly higher usage for this route, especially with the implementation of green travel plans.

That this is one of the main cycle routes into a workplace housing two of the main employers of the capital city (NHS and University).

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Council agrees –

To call for a report in two meetings time on how this investment in the cycle route could be achieved so it can be upgraded to a proper standard of accessibility.”

Councillor Ewan Aitken was heard in regard to the motion.

Decision

To agree the terms of the motion with the addition of the following to the final sentence:

“and also to investigate increasing the double yellow lines on Old Dalkeith Road.”

(Reference – Act of Council No 7 of 26 June 2008.)

**5 Concordat Between the Council and Utilities Companies –
Motion by Councillor Hinds**

The following motion by Councillor Hinds was submitted in terms of Standing Order 29:

“This Council welcomes the signing of the Concordat between the City of Edinburgh Council and the utilities companies in 2007. The Council has concerns that roads and pavements are being dug up with little co-ordination between the Council and the utilities companies and are still taking longer on site than acceptable for traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

Therefore the Council asks for a report on how this Concordat is being delivered and monitored. The report should also address the possibility of an incentive and fining regime which would help co-ordinating and speed of works on roads and pavements in Edinburgh. Discussion should also be held with COSLA and the Scottish Government regarding this proposal.”

Councillor Hinds was heard in regard to the motion.

Decision

- 1) This Council welcomes the signing of a Concordat between the City of Edinburgh Council and the utilities companies in 2007. The Council has concerns in some cases that roads and pavements are being dug up with little co-ordination between the Council and the utilities companies and still taking longer on site than acceptable for traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

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- 2) The Council further notes that from Autumn this year new Scottish legislation will enable Councils to issue fixed penalty notices if the utilities should fail in certain duties in relation to their management of road works. The legislation also provides Councils with new powers to co-ordinate works, ensure the competency of the operatives, give direction to the timing of works and restrict the digging up of newly serviced roads.
- 3) That the Director of Services for Communities report to the September meeting of that Committee detailing the progress of the partnership agreement, and outlining how that combined with the new legislative powers, can improve the way road works are managed in the city.

(Reference – Act of Council No 31 of 29 May 2008.)

6 Scotsman Steps Future Investment and Management Plan – Motion by Councillor Hart

The Director of Services for Communities reported on a motion by Councillor Hart on the condition and ownership of the Scotsman Steps. The Council had been in discussions with Edinburgh World Heritage Project managers regarding a conservation project for the Scotsman Steps and an architect would be appointed to prepare a Conservation Statement.

Decision

- 1) To note the planned partnership working and funding with Edinburgh World Heritage and the Scotsman Hotel.
- 2) To support the appointment of an architect to produce a conservation statement in conjunction with Edinburgh World Heritage.
- 3) To note that consultation would take place with the City Centre Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 4) To note the long term financial implications of an improvement project.
- 5) To note that a further public safety and management report would be submitted to a future Committee.

(Reference – Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 September 2007 (item 4); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

7 Bicycle Station Scheme – Motion by Councillor Whyte

The Director of City Development gave details of the feasibility study undertaken into the introduction of a Bicycle Station Scheme in Edinburgh.

Decision

- 1) To note the contents of the bicycle share feasibility report.
- 2) To approve further work to:
 - provide a robust estimate of demand for Phase 1 based on market research.
 - establish detailed potential business plans for Phase 1 using input from bicycle share operators.
 - undertake a detailed investigation of potential locations for bicycle share stations, taking into consideration streetscape and parking constraints, for the proposed Phase 1 area.
 - identify private sector partners to assist in delivering the project.
 - investigate the use of street advertisements to assist in funding the project.
- 3) That the Director of City Development report back on discussions with Transport Scotland.

(Reference – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 19 February 2008 (item 5); 6 May 2008 (item 11), report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

8 Community and Accessible Transport – Motion by Councillor Whyte

The Director of City Development reported on the existing situation with community and accessible transport in Edinburgh and of any further scope for improving the service.

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Decision

To continue consideration of the matter for discussions between the Department of City Development and relevant interested parties.

(Reference – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 6 May 2008 (item 10), Act of Council No 28 of 13 March 2008; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

9 Pedestrian Safety, Ferry Road – Motion by Councillor Maginnis

The Director of City Development reported on a motion by Councillor Maginnis on the possibility of a pedestrian crossing at Ferry Road/Granton Road and at West Ferryfield Junction with Ferry Road.

Councillor Maginnis was heard in regard to the report.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Ferry Road and Granton Road junction had been assessed for pedestrian crossing facilities and was ranked No 35 on the Pedestrian Facilities Priority List.
- 2) To note that the length of Ferry Road between West Ferryfield and Boswall Drive had been assessed for a signal controlled pedestrian crossing and was ranked No 18 on the Pedestrian Crossing Priority List.
- 3) To refer the report to the North Edinburgh Transport Group.
- 4) That the Director of City Development report on the criteria used to compile the ranked priority list and how local communities could feed into the process.
- 5) To note that the Director of City Development would look in the short term, at quick solutions, to improve pedestrian safety on Ferry Road.

(Reference – Act of Council No 31 of 28 June 2007; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

10 Proposed Prohibition of Motor Vehicles, Meadow Place – TRO/06/131 – Motion by Councillor MacLaren and McInnes

The Director of City Development reported on the motion by Councillor MacLaren and McInnes on the closure of Meadow Place. The Director reported on the representations made on the proposals to prohibit motor vehicles

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access, to and from Meadow Place at its junction with Melville Drive, and included accident statistics for Meadow Place and Melville Drive, the options for a new Traffic Safety Scheme for the local area and the current position and pedestrian/cyclist crossings and their potential requirement for further crossing places.

Decision

- 1) To take forward proposals for low cost improvements at the Melville Drive/Marchmont Road junction in conjunction with the proposed works at Meadow Place.
- 2) To repel the objection and make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

(Reference – Act of Council No 40 of 20 December 2007; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

11 Lothian Buses – Bus Fares and Concessionary Travel Scheme – Motion by Councillor Henderson

The following motion by Councillor Henderson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:-

“Council notes the recent, above inflation, rise in Lothian Buses standard adult single £1 fare to £1.10 and that this rise is partially due to the Scottish Government’s decision not to pass on Fuel Duty Rebate to Scottish bus operators in the same manner as happens in England.”

The Competition Commission have now endorsed the fare rise and have acknowledged that it is attributable to Scottish Government policy.

Council also notes that the Scottish Government budget indicates that no further increases in fuel duty will be rebated over the next three years.

This will result in Scottish bus passengers paying a greater amount of tax on their fares compared to bus passengers in England and is likely to lead to fare increases in future.

Council also notes that the Scottish National Concessionary Travel Scheme is currently being reviewed and that the Scottish Government Budget provides insufficient funds to pay for the projected levels of demand from concessionary travel passengers. In addition, the introduction of concessionary travel for passengers receiving lower rate disability allowance will now be delayed. Council therefore agrees to request an all party deputation to meet with the

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Minister for Transport and Climate Change to discuss these issues and make representations on behalf of the Council and Edinburgh's bus users."

Decision

To continue consideration of the motion to the Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 5 August 2008.

12 Volume of Traffic on Restalrig Road South – Motion by Councillor Henderson

The following motion by Councillor Henderson was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

“Committee notes:

The perception widely held in the local community that there has been a significant increase in traffic along Restalrig Road South over the last few years.

The lack of any pedestrian crossing along the entire road.

Committee agrees:-

To conduct an assessment of traffic volumes at the crossroads with Lochend Avenue and Restalrig Crescent and at the junction with the roundabout at Sleigh Drive to see if a pedestrian crossing would be appropriate.”

Decision

To continue the motion for a report by the Director of City Development.

13 Review of Packaging Recycling Service – Motion by Councillor Child

The Director of Services for Communities reported on a motion by Councillor Child on ways of improving the servicing of packaging recycling bins on street and in supermarket car parks. The Director outlined the short-term actions proposed to enhance service operation needed to relieve the pressures on the Packaging Recycling Service.

Decision

- 1) To note the report and in particular the short-term measures being taken to enhance the current service.

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- 2) To discharge the motion by Councillor Child.
- 3) To note that a further report on the Recycling Strategy would be submitted to the Committee in September 2008.

(Reference – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 6 May 2008 (item 14); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

14 Residential Parking Permits – Proposed Alterations to Charging Mechanisms Linked to Environmental Concerns – Motion by Councillor Burgess

In response to a motion submitted by Councillor Burgess, the Director of City Development sought approval to implement a charging structure for residents permits based on the carbon dioxide emissions or engine size of a vehicle and to increase the charge for a second permit.

Decision

- 1) To continue the report for further consultation and:-
 - i) To examine in detail the effect of the UK Government's massive increase in certain road fund licence fees.
 - ii) To ensure that the effects of any anticipated changes were revenue neutral to the Council's budget position.
 - iii) To further examine upon which criteria charges should be based.
- 2) That the consultation period last for a period of three months and include Neighbourhood Partnerships and Community Councils.
- 3) The Draft Consultation be circulated to all political groups' transport spokespersons.

(Reference – Act of Council No 31 of 22 November 2007; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

Dissent

Councillor Burgess requested that his dissent be recorded in relation to the decision of the above item.

15 Measures to Prevent Single Use Shopping Bags

The Director of Services for Communities gave details of how a green concordat with retailers in Edinburgh could be implemented, as part of an Edinburgh Business Environment Award Scheme, and highlighted ways in which the Council could support the reduction in use of plastic shopping bags.

Decision

- 1) To approve the development of an ongoing lobbying strategy in partnership with COSLA.
- 2) To approve the introduction of the issue of the single use plastic bag as a campaign theme within the overall Waste Aware Edinburgh campaign programme.
- 3) To approve the creation of a specific award, as part of the wider Keep Edinburgh Clean Business awards, to recognise those businesses and organisations that could demonstrate a reduction in the use of plastic bags.
- 4) To approve the development of a series of appropriate consultation activities with relevant organisations such as Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce to discuss and develop the implementation of a voluntary code of practice for the reduction of single use plastic bags.
- 5) To approve the continuation of the Waste Action Grants programme to provide direct support to local communities to support waste diversion initiatives such as the production and sale of re-use bags by local retailers.
- 6) To approve further consideration of the introduction of a charge for plastic bags issued on Council premises, and that a report be put forward as appropriate, following consultation with relevant stakeholders.

(Reference – Act of Council No 24 of 20 December 2007; report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

16 Environmental Health and Trading Standards: Risk Based Inspection Programmes

The Director of Services for Communities reported on the current range of programmed risk based inspections undertaken by Environmental Health and Trading Standards and of a proposed change in reporting outcomes for food safety.

Decision

To agree the new outcome measure for reporting food hygiene inspections.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

17 Enhanced Tobacco Sales Enforcement Programme 2008/11

The Director of Services for Communities gave details of the Scottish Government Funding Allocation to support an enhanced Tobacco Sales Enforcement Programme and outlined how this programme would be developed.

Decision

- 1) To approve the development of an enhanced Tobacco Sales Enforcement Programme.
- 2) To request an annual report detailing the outcome of this enforcement programme with reference to the emerging performance indicators.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

18 Smoking Enforcement – International Recognition

The Director of Services for Communities highlighted the international recognition received by the Council, as a result of work undertaken by Services for Communities, in respect of the prohibition and control of smoking in enclosed public places.

Decision

To congratulate the Smoking and Health Officers, John Rafferty and Margaret Davies, for their continuing efforts.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

19 Environmental Noise Action Plans

The Director of Services for Communities advised on the Edinburgh Agglomeration Draft Noise Action Plan by the Scottish Government which had been published for consultation.

Decision

To support the Draft Noise Action Plan in principle but seek the views of the Planning Committee before responding to the consultation and thereafter receive a further report, following the formal adoption of the Noise Action Plan by the Scottish Ministers.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

20 Expansion of Garden Waste Collections

The Director of Services for Communities updated members on plans to extend the Garden Waste Collection Service by 10,000 households and to create a year round service.

Decision

To note the proposal to expand the number of properties serviced by 10,000 households and to extend the collection period to a year round service with monthly winter collections.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

21 Services for Communities: Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2008/9 – Month 2 Position

Details were provided of the Month 2 Revenue and Capital Monitoring position for Services for Communities.

Decision

- 1) To note Services for Communities' financial position at Month 2.
- 2) To note that a further report would be presented at the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment meeting of 23 September 2008.

(Reference – joint report by the Directors of Finance and Services for Communities, submitted.)

22 Department of City Development – Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/9 – Month 2 Position

Details were provided of the Month 2 Revenue Monitoring position of the Department of City Development.

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Decision

- 1) To note that the Department of City Development were currently projecting a break-even position for 2008/9.
- 2) To note that the efficiency savings included in the budget were anticipated to be achieved.
- 3) To note the risks in the City Development Budget.

(Reference – joint report by the Directors of Finance and City Development, submitted.)

23 Performance Report – February/March and April/May 2008

Details were provided of the performance management information for February-March and April-May 2008 for Services for Communities and City Development.

Decision

- 1) To note the performance for the period February-March and April-May 2008.
- 2) To note the action taken and plan to improve performance.
- 3) To request a further report from the Director of Services for Communities on the street lighting statistics.

(Reference – joint report by the Directors of City Development and Services for Communities, submitted.)

24 Departmental Service Plans 2008-2011

The Policy and Strategy Committee had referred the Services for Communities Service Plan 2008-2011 to the Committee for its consideration.

Decision

To approve the Services for Communities Service Plan 2008-2011.

(Reference – report by the Policy and Strategy Committee, submitted.)

25 Departmental Service Plan 2008-2011

The Policy and Strategy Committee had referred the City Development Service Plan 2008-2011 to the Committee for its consideration.

Decision

To approve the City Development Service Plan 2008-2011.

(Reference – report by the Policy and Strategy Committee, submitted.)

26 Programme of Maintenance and Replacement Works 2008/11

The Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership had asked the Committee to consider their view that the £100,000 delegated to them for capital investment on roads and footways was not sufficient.

Councillor Hinds was heard in regard to the report.

Decision

- 1) To refer the report to Neighbourhood Partnership Convener's Group.
- 2) To note the report and to feed the views of the Partnership to the Budget Review process.

(Reference – Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee 6 May 2008 (item 41); report by the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership, submitted.)

27 State of the Environment Report for Edinburgh

The Planning Committee had referred a report summarising the findings of a "State of the Environment" report for Edinburgh to the Committee for its consideration.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Planning Committee, submitted.)

28 West Edinburgh Planning Framework 2008

The Planning Committee had referred a report detailing the contents of the finalised West Edinburgh Planning Framework 2008 to the Committee for its information.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Planning Committee, submitted.)

29 Pedestrian Safety – Review of Safety Arrangements of Pedestrian Crossings and Walkways Adjacent to Construction Sites and Roadworks

The Director of Services for Communities reported on a motion agreed by the South West Neighbourhood Partnership on pedestrian safety measures.

Decision

- 1) To note the motion agreed at the South West Neighbourhood Partnership meeting.
- 2) To ask for a report by the Director of City Development reviewing pedestrian safety in and around construction sites.
- 3) To ask for a report by the Director of City Development reviewing pedestrian safety in and around road works.

(Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

30 Controlled Parking Scheme – Edinburgh Health Care Workers' Parking Permits

Approval was sought to introduce an appropriate management system for the Health Care Workers Parking Permit Scheme.

Decision

- 1) To work towards reducing the number of permits issued to NHS Lothian to 500.
- 2) To introduce a two hour maximum stay period for the permits.

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- 3) To limit the use of the permits to domiciliary visits only.
- 4) To advise NHS Lothian that they would be required to develop an auditable procedure for the issue and control of permits.
- 5) To limit qualification for the permit scheme to GP Practices operating largely within the Controlled Parking Zones.
- 6) To generally limit permits to one permit for every five GPs but that consideration be given to granting additional permits in special circumstances to the satisfaction of the Director of City Development.
- 7) To give the Fraud Prevention Officer powers to audit all organisations participating in the Permit Scheme.
- 8) To commence the statutory procedure required to include the revised operation of the permit scheme and the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 9) To change the name of the scheme to the 'Healthcare Workers' Parking Permit Scheme.
- 10) To ask that a progress report be submitted to the meeting of 25 November 2008.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

31 A8000: Re-classification and Speed Limit Reduction

The Director of City Development sought approval to re-classify the A8000 as the B800 between Echline Roundabout and the existing B800 at Humble and to amend the speed limit on the A8000 and B800 between Queensferry and Kirkliston.

Decision

- 1) To re-classify the A8000 as the B800 between Echline Roundabout and the existing B800 at Humble.
- 2) To amend the speed limit from 60 mph to 50 mph on the A8000 and B800 between Queensferry and Kirkliston.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

32 Tie Limited Business Plan – 2008/9

The Director of City Development sought approval for the draft Annual Business Plan by **tie** Limited for the financial year 2008/09.

Motion

- 1) To approve the **tie** Business Plan for the financial year 2008-09.
- 2) To note **tie**'s continuing activity on non-Council sponsored projects.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

Amendment

To note **tie**'s continuing activity on non-Council sponsored projects.

- moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor McIvor.

Voting

For the motion - 13 votes
For the amendment - 4 votes

Decision

- 1) To approve the **tie** Business Plan for the financial year 2008-09.
- 2) To note **tie**'s continuing activity on non-Council sponsored projects.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Buchanan, Henderson, Jackson and Wheeler declared non-financial interests in the above item as non-executive Directors of **tie**.

33 European Mobility Week/In Town Without My Car Day 16-22 September 2008

Approval was sought by the Director of City Development for the European Mobility Week Programme.

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Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed European Mobility Week/In Town Without My Car (EMW/ITWMC) programme.
- 2) To approve the use of a short-term resource to assist City Development in delivering the programme.
- 3) To instruct a subsequent report to be prepared which would evaluate the 2008 EMW/ITWMC campaign and set out the proposed programme and budget requirements for the 2009 programme.
- 4) To instruct the Director of City Development to explore possible sponsorship opportunities for future EMW/IFWMC programmes.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

34 European Road Safety Charter

Approval was sought by the Director of City Development for the City of Edinburgh Council to sign up to the European Road Safety Charter as part of its commitment to casualty reduction and the promotion of road safety.

Decision

To agree that the Council should make an application to sign up to the European Road Safety Charter.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

35 High Speed Rail Campaigns

The Director of City Development reported on recent developments in regard to high speed rail campaigns and sought approval for the Council's participation in Greengauge 21s public interest group and a contribution of £50,000 to support research by Greengauge 21.

Decision

- 1) To approve a contribution of £50,000 to support research by Greengauge 21.
- 2) To approve the Council's participation in Greengauge 21s Public Interest Group.

- 3) To note the Council's participation in the Steering Group.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

36 Castle Access Strategy

Approval was sought by the Director of City Development for the scheme of new access arrangements for Edinburgh Castle.

Decision

- 1) To approve the scheme in order to commence the statutory consultation process required to amend the Traffic Regulation Orders on Johnstone Terrace and Castle Hill.
- 2) To ask Historic Scotland to contribute to the cost of the scheme.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

37 City Development: Realignment of Transport Service

Approval was sought by the Director of City Development for the re-aligned organisational structure of the Transport Service.

Decision

To approve the re-alignment of the Transport Service within City Development.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

38 South Gyle Area – Parking Survey Results

The Director of City Development provided details of parking surveys within the residential part of the South Gyle area.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that there was no current need for the consideration of parking controls within the South Gyle area.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

39 Controlled Parking Scheme – Management of Provision Within Housing Developments

The Director of City Development reported on the legal position behind the powers held by the Council as Roads Authority and the possible implications for residents of developments with allocated parking.

Decision

- 1) To note the intention to control all adopted roads within the Controlled Parking Zone.
- 2) To approve the general intention to offer the opportunity for parking on privately maintained roads within the Controlled Parking Zones to be controlled by the Council as Roads Authority.
- 3) To note the intention to enter into discussions with the residents of all existing developments and roads affected by the proposals contained within the report by the Director of City Development, on how these areas would be managed.
- 4) To note that the owners of privately maintained roads may choose for their roads not to be controlled by the Roads Authority but that in doing so they would accept that no form of control could be enacted by any other party.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

40 A89 Edinburgh Road, Newbridge – Re-determination of Means of Public Right of Passage

The Director of City Development reported on the results of the statutory consultations on the proposal to re-determine parts of the verge and footway to carriageway on the north side of Edinburgh Road, Newbridge.

Decision

To make the Order at an early date to come into effect on 1 September 2008.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

41 Traffic Regulation Orders – Objections to the Review and Development of Bus Priority Measures

Approval was sought by the Director of City Development to make variations to five Traffic Regulation Orders on the operation and times, the number of bus

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lanes and the waiting and loading times associated with the kerb-sides parallel and adjacent to the bus lanes.

Decision

- 1) To repel all objections received to the bus lane and associated waiting and loading proposals.
- 2) To make the variations to the following five traffic regulation orders:-

TRO/07/78B (Bruntsfield Place), TRO/07/78C (Comiston Road), TRO/07/78D (George IV Bridge), TRO/07/78E (Great Junction Street and North Junction Street), TRO/07/78F (A71 near Hermiston Park and Ride) and TRO/07/78I (Inglis Green Road) as advertised.

(Reference – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 November 2007 (item 5); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

42 Bustracker: Future Priority of Signs

The Director of City Development provided an update on the Bustracker Project and detailed the methodology of prioritising future Bustracker sign provision.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed prioritisation methodology.
- 2) To prioritise future bustracker sign installations to the bus stops on bus routes 1, 24 and 38 (detailed within the Appendix to the report by the Director of City Development) and within Queensferry Road, Silverknowes, Duddingston, Niddrie, Prestonfield and along bus routes that connected the Foot of Leith to the Jewel.

(Reference – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 September 2007 (item 9); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

43 Clerwood View, Corstorphine – Redetermination of Means of Public Right of Passage

Details were provided of the Director of City Development's decision to re-determine parts of the verge to footway or Carriageway on the west and south sides of Clerwood View.

Decision

To note the action taken in terms of Standing Order 84 (in consultation with the Convener) by the Director of City Development to make the Order to come into effect on 1 July 2008.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**44 Traffic Calming (Road Humps) Consultation Barnton Park
Edinburgh**

Approval was sought by the Director of City Development to introduce road humps into Barnton Park.

Councillor Work attended as a local ward member.

Decision

That the objections received in response to the further notice placed on site and advertised in May 2008 in a local newspaper, be repelled and that the work of introducing road humps into Barnton Park continue as soon as possible.

(Reference – report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

45 Conference Invitations

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Wheeler to the Scottish Transport Conference and Exhibition 2008 in Glasgow on 16 September 2008.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Wheeler to the Adapting to our Environment – Confederation of Passenger Transport UK 33rd Annual Scottish Conference in Gleneagles on 29 and 30 September 2008.
- 3) To appoint Councillor Wheeler to the Intelligent Transport Systems – 15th World Congress in New York on 16-20 November 2008.

(Reference – report by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)