

Committee Minutes

The City of Edinburgh Council

Year 2009/2010

Meeting 1 – 28 May 2009

Edinburgh, 28 May 2009 - At a meeting of The City of Edinburgh Council.

Present:-

LORD PROVOST

The Right Honourable George Grubb

COUNCILLORS

Elaine Aitken
Ewan Aitken
Robert C Aldridge
Jeremy R Balfour
Eric Barry
David Beckett
Angela Blacklock
Mike Bridgman
Deidre Brock
Gordon Buchan
Tom Buchanan
Steve Burgess
Andrew Burns
Ronald Cairns
Steve Cardownie
Maggie Chapman
Maureen M Child
Joanna Coleman
Jennifer A Dawe
Cammy Day
Charles Dundas
Paul G Edie
Nick Elliott-Cannon
Paul Godzik
Norma Hart
Stephen Hawkins
Ricky Henderson
Lesley Hinds
Allan G Jackson

Alison Johnstone
Colin Keir
Louise Lang
Jim Lowrie
Gordon Mackenzie
Kate MacKenzie
Marilyne A MacLaren
Mark McInnes
Stuart Roy McIvor
Tim McKay
Eric Milligan
Elaine Morris
Joanna Mowat
Rob Munn
Gordon J Munro
Ian Murray
Alastair Paisley
Gary Peacock
Ian Perry
Cameron Rose
Jason G Rust
Conor Snowden
Marjorie Thomas
Stefan Tymkewycz
Phil Wheeler
Iain Whyte
Donald Wilson
Norrie Work

1 Deputations

(a) Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links – Revised Arrangements for Events Management

The deputation spoke on behalf of a range of users of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links who were concerned about the lasting damage caused by largescale events on the Meadows and other green spaces across the city, particularly those which lasted longer than a week. They believed it was the Council's duty to address the balance between events promotion and protection of the precious resources of green spaces which made Edinburgh so attractive to both its citizens and visitors.

While the deputation welcomed the proposed new arrangements for events management (see item 2 below), which would recognise the effect of largescale events on the green spaces and would provide a more transparent decision making process, they asked the Council:

- not to allow long duration, commercial events which made the ground unusable; and
- to seek more realistic reinstatement bonds from event operators.

(Reference – e-mail dated 20 May 2009, submitted.)

(b) Garvald Edinburgh – Adult Social Care

The deputation explained the range of services and individual support mechanisms Garvald provided. Under the Council's new social care policy, funding for these services would cease for adults with low or moderate support needs and would only be available for those with high support needs.

This policy had been implemented without discussion or consultation and the legal requirement to carry out an Equalities Impact Assessment had not been met. The deputation pointed out the benefits of the current situation in Garvald and presented a petition containing more than 5,000 signatures asking the Council to reconsider the matter. They asked the Council to support the motion by Councillor Hinds which had been considered at the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee (see item 3 below) and to halt implementation of the policy to allow a proper debate to take place.

(Reference – e-mail dated 25 May 2009, submitted.)

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(c) Mark Cooper – Presenting a Petition – Disabled Access – Licensed Premises

Mr Cooper referred to a petition which supported Councillor Blacklock's motion to be considered later on the agenda (see item 4 below) on disabled access to licensed premises. The motion asked the Council to publish a list of licensed premises which were fully accessible and provided toilet facilities for disabled people, ie a "good pub guide". Mr Cooper was of the view that help should be given to premises to comply and if they continued to be inaccessible the Council should introduce sanctions against them. He called on the Council to show leadership in the field of disability and, by supporting Councillor Blacklock's motion, make a difference to the lives of disabled people in the city.

(Reference – e-mail dated 26 May 2009, submitted.)

(d) Fuel Poverty Action Group – Smart Meters

The deputation spoke in support of Councillor Child's motion, to be considered later on the agenda (see item 5 below), on priorities for the implementation of the UK government's smart meter programme. They stressed that smart meters would be extremely useful for those on a tight budget and urged the Council to give priority for their installation to areas of highest deprivation in the city.

(Reference – e-mail dated 26 May 2009, submitted.)

(e) The Consultation and Advocacy Promotion Service (CAPS) – "Who gets to Choose?" Conference

The deputation spoke in support of Councillor Ewan Aitken's motion considered by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee on 19 May 2009 (see item 6 below) on the outcome of the "Who Gets to Choose" conference. They were concerned about:

- the future delivery of services to supported people with mental health issues;
- how the level of support they required would be met;
- the commissioning of services without consultation or involvement of the users;
- measuring the quality of commissioned services.

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The deputation reminded the Council of its duty to promote the principles of well-being and social development and to listen to the views of the users of services on changes which affected them. They urged the Council to provide an opportunity for discussion of the changes.

(Reference – e-mail dated 26 May 2009, submitted.)

(f) Castlebrae Parent Forum/Craigmillar Community Council – Castlebrae High School – Instep Service

The deputation spoke in support of the motion by Councillor Henderson which had been considered by the Education, Children and Families Committee on 28 May 2009 (see item 7 below) on the withdrawal of funding from the Instep project at Castlebrae High School. They described the work of the project in providing support to the most vulnerable young people and their families to help pupils in their transition through school. Losing this programme from one of the most deprived areas of the city would be a backward step. The same range of services could not be provided from the devolved Castlebrae High School budget. The deputation urged the Council to consult and listen to the local community and save this vital service.

(Reference – e-mail dated 27 May 2009, submitted.)

(g) Edinburgh Prison Officers' Club Committee – Prison Officers' Club - Longstone

The deputation spoke in support of Councillor Wilson's motion on the lease of the Prison Officers' Club to be considered later on agenda (see item 8 below). Since its opening in 1957, the club had become an asset to the Longstone community. It employed 20 local people, supported local organisations and organised charity and community events. The deputation asked the Council to recognise the importance of this community asset and to support Councillor Wilson's motion.

(Reference – e-mail dated 27 May 2009, submitted.)

2 Revised Arrangements for Events Management

The Policy and Strategy Committee had referred recommendations, in terms of Standing Order 53, on revised arrangements for planning and managing events throughout the city.

The South Central Neighbourhood Partnership had also referred recommendations on events management, particularly in the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links.

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The Council had heard a deputation on the matter from Friends of the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links (see item 1(a) above).

Motion

- 1) To re-confirm the Council's aspirations for Edinburgh not only to sustain its position as a leading events and festivals city but also to enhance that status.
- 2) To recognise the real costs associated with the planning and delivery of events and to support the necessary budget adjustments between Departments to realise the one door approach to events management.
- 3) To recognise that there was an inevitable impact on roads, hard landscaped areas, traffic and transportation, parks and green spaces but to seek the best possible balance between such impacts and the wider benefit to the city.
- 4) To support the development of an Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto for key parks and green spaces and to note that a report on this would be presented in due course. The manifesto should include:
 - a) a full review of each year's events to be reported to stakeholders; and
 - b) the need for effective sanction for those who did not adhere to agreed conditions.
- 5) To note there was a commitment to a damage repair bond and to request that due recognition was taken of this on an event by event basis to ensure the bond was set at a level that guaranteed any post-event repairs were effected without cost to the tax payer.
- 6) To instruct that a priority case study of the Meadows be reported within one cycle.
- 7) To note that agreement had been reached to relocate three events from the Meadows for 2009 and that agreement might be reached to move others.
- 8) To agree that no more additional events in the Meadows for this year should be approved.
- 9) To instruct officers not to finalise events approvals for 2010 until the Events Manifesto was approved.

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- 10) To note that consideration was being given to invest in parks and greenspaces to improve their ability to sustain events (detailed in paragraph 3.25 of the joint report) and that the outcome of this work would be reported to Committee.
- 11) To note that the relevant Directors would prepare a new corporate charging regime to be the subject of a future report to be received by the end of October 2009.
- 12) To endorse a single door approach through the Events Team and the Events Edinburgh website for managing a single events budget, providing one route into the Council for events promoters, managing and analysing information about all events, and monitoring their benefits and costs.
- 13) To note that the Events Team in Corporate Services would enhance existing interdepartmental working arrangements as described in paragraph 3.31 of the joint report, including consultation with the appropriate Administration member with responsibility for parks and green spaces, and present recommendations to the Culture and Leisure Committee for future events.
- 14) To refer the joint report to the Culture and Leisure Committee for its information.

- moved by Councillor MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

- 1) To note that:
 - (a) the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership deplored the Council's failure to produce an overall policy on events in the city's open green spaces;
 - (b) the situation had been considered by the Council on 20 December 2007 which had approved a motion by Councillor MacLaren calling for a report on the effect of overuse of the Meadows for events; and
 - (c) the large events lasting more than one month had gone ahead on the Meadows in August 2008, the area used had again been very badly damaged and it had still not recovered eight months later.

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- 2) To approve the following recommendations by the South Central Neighbourhood Partnership:
- (a) not to allow any large scale, lengthy events to take place on the Meadows until the Parks Events Manifesto had been published and to investigate seriously the use of available gap-sites, eg Caltongate.
 - (b) that any Events Policy developed should protect the Meadows and Bruntsfield Links for the use of both Edinburgh residents and visitors for sports and relaxation. It should not be turned into an area where commercial events over-rode the priority of sustaining a high quality environment, as detailed in paragraph 3.24 of the joint report by the Directors of Services for Communities, Corporate Services and City Development to the Policy and Strategy Committee (no PS/118/08-09/SfC,CS&CD). Such events took the ground out of public use both during the event (31days and over) and for a lengthy recovery period.

- moved by Councillor Johnstone (on behalf of the Green Group), seconded by Councillor Perry (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	39 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor MacLaren.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 12 May 2009 (item 3); report no CEC/03/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

3 Adult Social Care

The Health, Social Care and Housing Committee had referred recommendations, in terms of Standing Order 53, following consideration of a motion on Adult Social Care.

The Council had heard a deputation on the matter from Garvald Edinburgh (see item 1(b) above).

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Motion

- 1) To note the contents of the booklet 'A Guide to Adult Social Services' (dated June 2007) was a reprint of a leaflet issued in December 2006. This booklet stated that the Health and Social Care Department would not be able to provide or arrange direct services for adults with learning disabilities assessed as having low or moderate support needs.
- 2) To agree that the implementation of this guidance, with its major impact on people's lives, should be discussed by the elected members of the Council.
- 3) To note that:
 - (a) the Joint Lothian Learning Disability Strategy had been approved by Policy and Strategy Committee on 20 January 2009. This partnership strategy addressed the needs of people with learning disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder and/or Asperger's Syndrome and considered the supports and services that would enable them to participate as fully involved and active members of their local communities.
 - (b) work to develop an Edinburgh Capacity Plan for People with Learning Disabilities was currently underway and would be reported to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee in due course.
 - (c) following Lord Sutherland's review of Free Personal Care in 2008, the Scottish Government announced the intention to introduce guidance on national eligibility criteria for all community care services in Scotland. This work was being progressed and the Department of Health and Social Care was committed to reviewing the eligibility framework in light of these national policy developments. When this work was completed, a report would be made to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee.

- moved by Councillor Edie, seconded by Councillor Work (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

- 1) To note the contents of the booklet "A Guide to Adult Social Services" published in June 2007 which stated that the Health and Social Care Department would not be able to provide or arrange direct services for adults with learning disabilities assessed as having low or moderate support needs.

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- 2) To agree that the implementation of this guidance, with its major impact on people's lives, should be discussed by the elected members of the Council.
- 3) Therefore, to call for a report on the up-to-date position on all adults in receipt of Social Care services, including those assessed as having moderate to low support needs. The report should also address how the policy "The Same as You" (published 2000) was being implemented.
- 4) To ask, following the report, for full and open discussion with all interested parties on the future policy direction of the Council in relation to this group of vulnerable people.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Munro (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	39 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Edie.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 20 January 2009 (item 6); Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 19 May 2009 (item 3); report no CEC/12/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

4 Disabled Access – Licensed Premises – Motion by Councillor Blacklock

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

"Council calls for a report on the number of licensed premises within the city which are fully accessible and provide toilet facilities for disabled people. Council thereafter agrees to publish on the Licensing Portal a list of these premises."

The Committee had heard a deputation on this matter and received a petition from Mark Cooper (see item 1(c) above).

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Decision

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Blacklock.
- 2) To note that The Disability Discrimination Act 1995 (the Act), as amended by the Disability Discrimination Act 2005, required licence holders to make reasonable adjustments to premises and, in terms of the Act, the Licensing Board had been placed under a general duty when carrying out its functions to have due regard to the need to:
 - eliminate discrimination that was unlawful under the Act;
 - eliminate harassment of disabled persons that was related to their disabilities;
 - promote equality of opportunity between disabled persons and other persons;
 - take steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, even where that involved treating disabled persons more favourably than other persons;
 - promote positive attitudes towards disabled persons; and
 - encourage participation by disabled persons in public life.
- 3) To note that in relation to its licensing function the Board was not required to have regard to whether particular premises were accessible.
- 4) To instruct the Chief Executive:
 - (a) to make arrangements for existing licence holders to continue to be advised of their obligations under disability legislation: and,
 - (b) in conjunction with the relevant equalities fora, to encourage organisations and networks, such as the *DisabledGo* website which provided information about the accessibility of local businesses and leisure facilities, to audit and update their information and to consider how this might be improved.

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Murray declared a financial interest in the above item as an owner of licensed premises and took no part in its consideration.

5 Smart Meters – Motion by Councillor Child

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

“Council notes that the Westminster Government has recently unveiled plans for every home in Britain to be equipped with 'smart meters' by the end of 2020. These meters allow for a real-time display of energy use in the domestic home and can lead to significant reductions in energy bills for consumers.

Council welcomes this initiative and calls for a report to outline what pro-active steps the City of Edinburgh Council can take to ensure that these meters are provided in Edinburgh at the earliest opportunity and for areas of deprivation - such as North Edinburgh and Craigmillar - to be given highest priority in any implementation programme.”

The Council had heard a deputation on the matter from the Fuel Poverty Action Group (see item 1(d) above).

Motion

To approve the motion and that the report requested in paragraph 2 should also include options for prioritising installation to ensure the most effective reductions in energy usage and fuel poverty.

- moved by Councillor Child, seconded by Councillor Perry (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Amendment

- 1) To note that a report on the provision of Smart Meters to domestic households in the city was currently being prepared in response to a previous motion by Councillor Chapman.
- 2) To include in the report:
 - the prioritisation process to be adopted for distributing Smart Meters which should ensure the most effective reductions in energy usage and fuel poverty;
 - what pro-active steps the Council could take to ensure that these meters were provided in Edinburgh at the earliest opportunity.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor McIvor (on behalf of the Administration).

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The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	27 votes
For the amendment	-	29 votes

Decision

To approve the amendment by Councillor Aldridge.

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

6 “Who gets to Choose?” Conference

The Health, Social Care and Housing Committee had referred recommendations, in terms of Standing Order 53, following consideration of a motion on the conference “Who gets to Choose?”.

The Council had heard a deputation on the matter from the Consultation and Advocacy Promotion Service (see item 1(e) above).

Motion

- 1) To note that:
 - (a) The Care and Support Commissioning Project was the best way to achieve the aims of:
 - improving the overall quality of service provision;
 - harmonising rates, delivering efficiencies and releasing funds in order to increase the capacity of service providers to help those who currently cannot get a service or need more assistance than can be provided;
 - achieving best outcomes for service users;
 - rationalising administration.
 - (b) The conference report had already been circulated to Councillors by Learning Disability Alliance Scotland (LDAS).
 - (c) The Care and Support Commissioning Project was ongoing and recommendations would be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in due course.

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- (d) The welfare of service users was paramount, with the expectation that services would improve as a result of the tendering process.
 - (e) Council officers would work closely with service providers to ensure that service users understood, and were supported through, any change that might occur as a result of the procurement process.
 - (f) At the conclusion of the commissioning project, Council officers would seek feedback on the process from service providers and service users (or their representative/carers) as part of the planned post-project review.
- 2) To note that any client unhappy with the service delivered could seek a direct payment and accordingly to instruct the Director of Health and Social Care to ensure all service users were aware of this option and the services available to assist them in exercising this choice.

- moved by Councillor Edie, seconded by Councillor Work (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

- 1) To note the conference "Who gets to Choose?" held on 15 April in the City Chambers and to agree to receive the report from the day.
- 2) To note further the concerns raised by many participants about how services for people with complex needs were to be delivered in the future.
- 3) To note that any client unhappy with the service delivered could seek a direct payment and accordingly to instruct the Director of Health and Social Care to ensure all service users were aware of this option and the services available to assist them in exercising this choice.
- 4) To agree for a cross party group, led by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, to meet with conference participants to discuss their concerns.

- moved by Councillor Hinds, seconded by Councillor Munro (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	38 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

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Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Edie.

(References – Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 19 May 2005 (item 2); report no CEC/13/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillor Balfour declared a financial interest in the above item as his wife was an employee of an organisation involved in the tendering process and left the Chamber during the debate on the matter.

7 Castlebrae High School – Instep Service

The Education, Children and Families Committee had referred recommendations, in terms of Standing Order 53, following consideration of a motion on the Instep Service at Castlebrae High School.

The Council had heard a deputation on the matter from Castlebrae Parent Forum and Craigmillar Community Council (see item 1(f) above).

Motion

- 1) To note that the budget for Instep was not allocated to Castlebrae High School, although its work was integral to the secondary school serving Edinburgh's most deprived community.
- 2) To note that the budget therefore fell outside the Council's agreed protection of school-based expenditure, made at the Council budget meeting on 12 February 2009.
- 3) To note that the Instep project was the only such centrally funded project in a city school and that all other schools provided this service from within their own resources.
- 4) To note that the Head Teacher, with support from the Neighbourhood Manager, had indicated that priority services currently delivered by the Instep team would be delivered by the school from September onwards using the school's devolved budget.
- 5) To request a progress report six months after the commencement of the reconfigured service.

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- 6) In order that the local community and the Council could be reassured, to call for a further report on how Castlebrae High School could, through its devolved schools management budget, deliver the priority objectives of the Children and Families Department and the outcomes expected from the Instep service.

- moved by Councillor MacLaren, seconded by Councillor Beckett (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

- 1) To approve paragraphs 1) and 2) of the motion.
- 2) To express deep concern that the removal of staff from Castlebrae would undermine the successful delivery of the curriculum in the new school to be built by PARC and would undermine the school's attempts to meet the needs of children in the catchment area and their families, many of whom were very vulnerable indeed.
- 3) To agree to a review and proper political scrutiny of the effects of implementing this cut in a report to the Education, Children and Families Committee on 16 June 2009.

- moved by Councillor Henderson, seconded by Councillor Child (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

The requisite number of members having so required in terms of Standing Order 31(1), the vote was taken by calling the roll.

The voting was as follows:

For the motion by Councillor MacLaren:

Lord Provost Grubb, Councillors Elaine Aitken, Aldridge, Balfour, Beckett, Bridgman, Brock, Buchan, Buchanan, Cairns, Cardownie, Coleman, Dawe, Dundas, Edie, Elliott-Cannon, Hawkins, Jackson, Keir, Lang, Lowrie, Gordon Mackenzie, Kate MacKenzie, MacLaren, McInnes, McIvor, McKay, Morris, Mowat, Munn, Paisley, Peacock, Rose, Snowden, Thomas, Tymkewycz, Wheeler, Whyte and Work – 39.

For the amendment by Councillor Henderson:

Councillors Ewan Aitken, Blacklock, Burgess, Burns, Chapman, Child, Day, Godzik, Hart, Henderson, Hinds, Johnstone, Milligan, Munro, Perry and Wilson – 16.

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor MacLaren.

(References – Education, Children and Families Committee 14 May 2009 (item 6); report no CEC/05/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

8 Prison Officers' Club – Longstone – Motion by Councillor Wilson

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

“Council recognises the importance and value of the Prison Officers' Club to the whole community of Longstone.

Council notes that the lease on their premises runs out in June 2009 and that as a consequence the short term future of the Club is in doubt.

Council agrees to make representation to the Scottish Government with a view to renewing the lease until such time as more permanent arrangements can be made.”

The Council had heard a deputation on the matter from the Edinburgh Prison Officers' Club Committee (see item 1(g) above).

Decision

- 1) To approve the first two paragraphs of the motion.
- 2) To make representation to The Scottish Government with a view to considering an extension of the lease on a temporary basis insofar as was compatible with the overall housing development across the site.
- 3) To instruct the Department of City Development to contact the Club's Executive to offer assistance in searching for a possible suitable new location for the Club.

9 Questions

Questions put by members to this meeting, written answers and supplementary questions and answers are contained in Appendix 1 to this minute.

10 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the special and ordinary meetings of the Council of 30 April 2009, as submitted, as correct records.

11 Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2009/10

The Council was invited to appoint members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for the municipal year 2009/2010.

Motion

To approve the political balance on Committees and Boards as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

- moved by Councillor Dawe, seconded by Councillor Edie (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

To approve a political balance on the Planning Committee of 4 Scottish Liberal Democrats, 4 Labour, 3 Scottish National Party, 3 Conservative and 1 Green.

- moved by Councillor Burns, seconded by Councillor Perry (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	28 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

Decision

- 1) To approve the political balance on Committees and Boards as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Corporate Services.
- 2) To approve the membership of the Committees and Joint Boards detailed in Appendix 2 to this minute.

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- 3) To appoint Councillor Lowrie as Convener of the Personnel Appeals Committee.

(Reference – report no CEC/11/09-10/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

12 Edinburgh International Festival Council – Nomination

Decision

To nominate Councillor Mowat to the Edinburgh International Festival Council in place of Councillor Elaine Aitken.

(Reference – report no CEC/01/09-10/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted.)

13 Leader's Report

The Leader presented her report to the Council. The Leader commented on:

- Councillor Beckett's participation in the Edinburgh Marathon
- The Heineken Rugby Union Cup Final at Murrayfield.

The following issues were raised on the report:

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| Councillor Burns | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scottish Property Awards - Michelle Miller, Chief Social Work Officer – appointment as Vice-President of Association of Directors of Social Work - Administration – leadership and direction |
| Councillor Henderson | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School estate – progress of talks with Scottish Government on funding stream for school building programme |
| Councillor Buchan | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduction in fire deaths in Lothian and Borders – commend Chief Fire Officer - Disruption of Council meetings |
| Councillor Cardownie | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OneCity Trust calendar |
| Councillor Work | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formation of Friends of Davidson's Mains Park |

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| Councillor Perry | - Tramline 1b – investment in the Waterfront |
| Councillor Mowat | - Cross Party Group on Urban Design – meeting timetable |
| Councillor Ewan Aitken | - Waterfront investment package
- Health and Social Care Department – job description |
| Councillor Gordon Mackenzie | - Great Edinburgh Run – participation of Councillors Murray and Henderson |
| Councillor Jackson | - Councillors' expenses – accuracy of information on website |
| Councillor Munro | - Leith Festival |
| Councillor Godzik | - Project Scotland – funding |

(Reference – report no CEC/15/09-10/L by the Leader, submitted.)

14 Civic Visit to Düsseldorf, Germany

The Policy and Strategy Committee had referred recommendations, in terms of Standing Order 53, on a civic visit to Düsseldorf, Germany.

Decision

- 1) To note the action taken by the Director of Corporate Services, in terms of Standing Order 84, to authorise acceptance of the invitation to visit Düsseldorf for this promotional event.
- 2) To note the potential to promote tourism and other connections between Edinburgh and Düsseldorf via this new direct flight.
- 3) To note that it might not be an effective use of officer time, or indeed feasible, “to assess the economic contribution and environmental impact of budget air travel” as requested in the amendment proposed by Councillor Burgess at the Policy and Strategy Committee on 12 May 2009.
- 4) Therefore, to call for a brief report to the Policy and Strategy Committee on what information could be gathered, without undue staff resource, to expand on the “Environmental Impact” section for future reports in order to inform economic policy.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 12 May 2009 (item 13); report no CEC/02/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

15 HRA Capital Investment Programme 2009-2010

The Health, Social Care and Housing Committee had recommended that the Council approve a change to the HRA Capital Investment Programme for 2009/10.

Decision

To approve the proposed HRA Capital Investment Programme for 2009/10 of £39.5m, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report by the Director of Services for Communities, and to note the increase of £3.1m referred to in paragraph 3.2 of the Director's report.

(References – Act of Council No 3 of 12 February 2009; Health, Social Care and Housing Committee 19 May 2009 (item 12); report no CEC/06/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

16 Public Finance: Policy and Service Implications

The impact of the national economic position on public finances and the implications this raised for Council policy, services and finance was described.

Motion

- 1) To recognise the severity of the financial challenges facing the Council.
- 2) To agree that the traditional approach to budget preparation needed to change.
- 3) To agree that budget planning for 2010-11 and beyond had to start now.
- 4) To note that more detailed reports on matters such as staffing, property and procurement would be available around the end of June along with progress on assessing the scope of adopting shared service models of service delivery.
- 5) To acknowledge the importance of having in place an effective consultation and communication plan to support budget planning work.
- 6) To instruct the Director of Finance to report to the next Council meeting on 25 June 2009 on:
 - measures to conserve expenditure in the current financial year; and
 - an overview of the work programme and budget timetable required to meet the financial challenges in 2010-11 and beyond.

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- 7) To instruct the Director of Corporate Services to report to the Policy and Strategy Committee within two cycles on a workforce plan to reflect the emerging financial situation.
- 8) To instruct the Director of Corporate Services to report to the next Council meeting on consultation and communications with staff, Trade Unions, interested organisations and service users in respect of the 2010-11 budget.

- moved by Councillor Dawe, seconded by Councillor Elliott-Cannon (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

- 1) To approve paragraphs 1), 3), 4) and 5) of the motion.
- 2) To agree that the traditional approach to budget preparation needed to change, that the budget process should be made more participatory in order to increase openness, transparency, provide better scrutiny by all Councillors and promote wider community input into the decision making process. A key objective of any budget process must be to ensure that the maximum number of people were made aware of the consequences of budget decisions when those decisions were taken.
- 3) Therefore, to create a 'cross party working group' to develop a process to involve, from an early stage, community councils, civic and public bodies, voluntary sector organisations, school councils and other appropriate organisations.

- moved by Councillor Ewan Aitken, seconded by Councillor Godzik (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	43 votes
For the amendment	-	14 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Dawe.

(References – Act of Council No 15 of 16 October 2008; report no CEC/10/09-10/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

17 Review of Council Owned Arms Length Companies

An update was provided on the review of Council owned arms length companies. Approval was sought to set up a revised corporate governance structure under CEC Holdings Limited with staff subject to TUPE transfer into the new company, prior to a detailed staffing review to determine the most appropriate structure to deliver the Council's future regeneration priorities.

Approval was also sought for the Council to acquire the property investment portfolios held by the EDI Group Ltd, Parc and Waterfront Edinburgh Limited (WEL), with funding secured through the prudential borrowing framework.

Motion

- 1) To use the prudential framework to acquire the investment property portfolios from EDI, Parc and WEL and the settlement of bank debt within those companies, as set out in the report by the Director of City Development. Revised prudential indicators would be reported to Council as part of the month 3 monitoring process.
- 2) To provide loan funding of £0.6m to Parc to meet external commitments in 2009 and note that a further report on additional loan funding required by Parc would be submitted to Council.
- 3) To note the repayment of £1.67m to Miller Developments Holdings Limited (MDHL) in respect of loan stock and other loans held in Shawfair Developments Limited.
- 4) To write off the Council's loan stock in Shawfair/Pacific Shelf 825 totalling £526,500.
- 5) To approve the restructure of CEC Holdings Limited and company structure as outlined in the report.
- 6) To delegate authority to the Directors of Finance and City Development to set up a Project Board, with cross departmental representation and external support, to manage the transfer of staff and other assets into CEC Holdings Ltd.
- 7) To approve the initial Board composition as follows:
 - six Councillors
 - four non-executive Directors from the private sector
 - a new Chief Executive
 - a Councillor assuming responsibility for chairing the Board
 - two Council officers sitting on the Board as advisers.

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- 8) To note that the review of Council owned companies and joint ventures was now complete and future reports would be on the activity of CEC Holdings Limited.
- 9) To note that a further report would be presented to Council in August setting out a refreshed regeneration strategy and a staffing structure for CEC Holdings Ltd.
- 10) In the event of surpluses being generated from future disposal of the assets, to give full consideration to the deployment of a significant proportion of such surpluses in pursuit of the regeneration strategy and the investment requirements of CEC Holdings Limited at that time.

- moved by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, seconded by Councillor Buchanan (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

To approve the motion except that in relation to paragraph 7) the initial Board composition be as follows:

- eight Councillors appointed on a basis proportional to their political representation on the Council
- four non-executive Directors from the private sector
- a new Chief Executive
- a Councillor assuming responsibility for chairing the Board
- two Council officers sitting on the Board as observers.

- moved by Councillor Hart, seconded by Councillor Wilson (on behalf of the Labour Group).

Voting

For the motion	-	39 votes
For the amendment	-	17 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie.

(References – Act of Council No 6 of 5 February 2009; joint report no CEC/08/09-10/F&CD by the Directors of Finance and City Development, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Aldridge, Balfour, Bridgman, Buchanan, Dawe, Edie, Hart, Jackson, Keir, Lowrie, McInnes, Gordon Mackenzie, McKay, Morris, Murray, Perry, Rose, Wilson and Whyte declared a non-financial interest in the above item as members of the Boards of Council owned arms length companies.

Councillor Buchan declared a financial interest in the item as an employee of a firm which provides technical advice to PARC and EDI Group Ltd and left the Chamber during its consideration.

18 Accounts Commission Consultation on Best Value 2

The Accounts Commission was consulting on the next phase of Audits of Best Value and Community Planning, entitled Best Value 2. The context for this was set out in relation to the wider development of audit and scrutiny in Scotland. Approval was sought for the Council's response to the consultation.

Decision

- 1) To note the publication of the consultation proposals for Best Value 2 (BV2) – the next phase of Audits of Best Value and Community Planning.
- 2) To support, in principle, the revised approach described in the consultation paper attached at Appendix 1 to the report by the Director of Corporate Services, including the intention of delivering a more proportionate and streamlined approach to audit and inspection.
- 3) To approve the proposed consultation response.
- 4) To receive further reports, as necessary, once the BV2 arrangements were finalised.

(References – Policy and Strategy Committee 30 September 2008 (items 3 and 4); report no CEC/09/09-10/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

19 Review of Scottish Parliament Boundaries – Boundary Commission Proposals

The Boundary Commission had proposed revisions to the boundaries for the Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies and the Lothians Scottish Parliamentary Region.

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Motion

- 1) To note the revised Boundary Commission proposals and consultation arrangements.
- 2) To leave it to political groups on the Council to make representations to the Boundary Commission on the constituency boundaries, if they so wished.
- 3) To submit to the Boundary Commission that the proposals for names for the new constituencies did not in all cases reflect local opinion and that the following names should be considered:
 - Edinburgh Central to be the name used
 - Edinburgh Corstorphine and Forth to be replaced by Edinburgh Western
 - Edinburgh East and South to be replaced by Edinburgh Eastern
 - Edinburgh Pentlands to be the name used
 - Edinburgh Southside to be replaced by Edinburgh Southern
 - Edinburgh Trinity & Leith to be replaced by Edinburgh Northern and Leith.

- moved by Councillor Dawe, seconded by Councillor Brock (on behalf of the Administration).

Amendment

- 1) To note the revised boundaries and consultation arrangements.
- 2) To consider that any further representations on the proposals should be a matter for individual members, communities and political parties.

- moved by Councillor McInnes, seconded by Councillor Buchan.

Voting

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	29 votes
For the amendment	-	28 votes

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Dawe.

(Reference – report no CEC/10/09-10/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

20 Calder Road Underpasses

The South West Neighbourhood Partnership had considered proposals for the Calder Road underpasses and recommended that the Council:

- (i) consider allocating additional funding from the Capital Programme to carry out the proposals, detailed in paragraph 4.2 of the appendix to the report by the Council Secretary, and installing a surface crossing at Parkhead Cross, subject to a feasibility study and audit by the Director of City Development; and
- (ii) agree to undertake an audit of longer term options identified in the report and also investigate the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Calder Road and introducing CCTV at all seven underpasses.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the South West Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 2) To remit the matter to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee:
 - (a) to examine the Partnership's options for the Calder Road underpasses, including surface crossings; and
 - (b) to undertake a review of short, medium and long term options to improve security and safety at the Telfer underpass.

(Reference – report no CEC/16/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

21 Meggetland Pedestrian Crossing

The South West Neighbourhood Partnership had recommended that the Council request the Director of City Development to reconsider the design of the pedestrian crossing at the Meggetland junction.

Decision

- 1) To note the report by the Council Secretary and the South West Neighbourhood Partnership's request that the Director of City Development reconsider the design of the pedestrian crossing at the Meggetland junction, including alternative design options.

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- 2) To remit the matter to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee after consultation with the Neighbourhood Partnership.

(Reference – report no CEC/17/09-10/CSEC by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

22 Councillor Expenses – Motion by Councillor Rose

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

“Council:

- a) notes that the issue of expenses claimed by elected members is a matter of public concern;
- b) considers that transparency of members’ claims is vital for public faith in the political process;
- c) notes that the information necessary to provide an itemised breakdown of Councillors’ expenses is readily available to Council Finance Officers;
- d) agrees to make available on the Council website an itemised breakdown of all Councillor expense claims for financial year 2008/9 as soon as practicable;
- e) agrees thereafter to publish such a breakdown on a quarterly basis, available within one month of the end of each quarter of the financial year;
- f) agrees that the level of detail displayed should be similar to the approach adopted by the Scottish Parliament ie specific enough to identify each item without disclosing information of a personal or confidential nature;
- g) agrees to feature the information on Councillors’ expenses prominently on the Council’s website;
- h) agrees further that consideration be given during future website development to creation of a fully searchable database of Councillors’ expenses.”

Decision

- 1) To approve the motion subject to:
 - (a) An addition at the end of paragraph d):

“ ... and not later than the end of July 2009”.

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- (b) An addition at the end of paragraph e)

“ ... and to be implemented no later than as required in respect of the 2nd quarter of 2009/10”.

- 2) To call for a further report to the Finance and Resources Committee on a review of the arrangements and procedures for the payment and reimbursement of expenses, particularly in relation to attendance by members on Council organised visits and the provision of equipment.

23 Women’s Suffrage Movement Procession – Motion by Councillor Blacklock

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

“Council recognises that on 10 October 2009 a procession will take place to commemorate the Women’s Suffrage Movement Procession along Princes Street in 1909. Council welcomes the celebration of this anniversary, applauds the organisers of the march on 10 October and sends its best wishes for a successful event.”

Decision

- 1) To recognise that on 10 October 2009 a procession would take place to commemorate the Women’s Suffrage Movement Procession along Princes Street in 1909.
- 2) To note that at the Policy and Strategy Committee on 15 April 2008 there had been unanimous support for a motion in Councillor Dawe’s name, which recognised the importance of the 1909 procession and agreed to support the centenary.
- 3) To note further that the Leader and the Conveners of Education, Children and Families and Culture and Leisure had been participating in planning for the event, that officers of the Council had worked with the 2009 centenary march organisers to agree a route for the procession and that the route would pass the City Chambers.
- 4) To continue to work with the march organisers and, at the request of the organisers, to encourage current and previous female Councillors to join the march when it stopped at the City Chambers.

24 150th Anniversary of Scotmid in Edinburgh – Motion by Councillor Munro

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

“Council congratulates Scotmid on 150 years of Co-operative activity in the city of Edinburgh. Since the founding of St.Cuthbert’s in the house of Adam Walker in Grove Street in July 1859 and the opening of the first store in Ponton Street on 4 November 1859, ‘the store’ has played a major and significant role in city life in Edinburgh.

Council resolves to mark this significant occasion by requesting that the Lord Provost host a civic reception for the Scottish Midland Co-operative Society to thank its members for the impressive contribution Scotmid has made to civic life in Edinburgh.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Munro.

25 Aung San Suu Kyi – Motion by Councillor Hinds

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

“This Council notes with concern the continuing house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi and her current trial. The Council supports the actions of the EU in extending sanctions against Burma. Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded Freedom of the City of Edinburgh and the Council requests that the Lord Provost convene an all party meeting to consider what actions the Council could take to support the campaign for her release.”

Decision

- 1) To note with concern the continuing house arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi and her current trial.
- 2) To support the actions of the EU in extending sanctions against Burma.
- 3) To note that Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded Freedom of the City of Edinburgh and to repeat the Council’s call on the UK government to make every effort to obtain her release from house arrest as decided by Act of Council on 29 May 2008.

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- 4) To call on the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon, to make every effort towards achieving the immediate and unconditional release of Aung San Suu Kyi and the more than 2,100 other political prisoners currently held in Burma.
- 5) To sign the Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW) petition, part of an international coalition led by the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners and the Forum for Democracy in Burma, calling on the UN Secretary General to make the release of Burma's political prisoners his personal priority.
- 6) To note that the Leader would give details of the CSW petition in her next Leader's Report.

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

26 Garden Maintenance – Motion by Councillor Buchan

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

“Council:

- a) notes the concerns of residents living in North Merchiston and Hutchison with regards to the overgrown front garden areas and communal drying greens of rented properties;
- b) calls for a report on the powers available to the Council to deal with this problem;
- c) agrees to convene a working party to examine what steps the Council could undertake to work with local communities, private landlords and other stakeholders to address this issue; this working party to include representatives from Hutchison & Chesser and Merchiston Community Councils.”

The Lord Provost remitted the motion to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee in terms of Standing Order 28(3), subject to competency.

27 Pedestrian Crossing – North Meggetland – Motion by Councillor Buchan

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

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“Council:

- 1) notes that on 12 August 2008, the South West Neighbourhood Partnership requested by unanimous decision that the City Development Department produce an alternative layout for the pedestrian crossing recently installed on Colinton Road at North Meggetland;
- 2) notes that the City Development Department is refusing to comply with that request to the Neighbourhood Partnership's satisfaction;
- 3) calls on the Director of the City Development Department to provide an alternative layout for the crossing within one cycle of the South West Neighbourhood Partnership, taking note of community concerns.”

Decision

To withdraw the motion.

Adjournment – At this point the Lord Provost adjourned the meeting while meetings of the Finance and Resources Committee and Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee were held.

28 Sir William Y Darling Bequest for Good Citizenship

The Council, in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

Details were given of nominations for the award of the Sir William Y Darling Bequest for Good Citizenship for the municipal year 2008/2009.

Decision

To award the Sir William Y Darling Bequest for Good Citizenship for the municipal year 2008/2009 to David Rintoul.

(Reference – report no CEC/14/09-10/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

Appendix 1
(As referred to in Act of Council No 9 of 28 May 2009)

QUESTION NO 1

**By Councillor Buchan answered by
the Convener of the Health, Social
Care and Housing Committee**

Question (1) Can the Convener advise how many private landlords the Council has taken enforcement actions against once it is deemed they do not qualify as an approved landlord. Please advise for 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

Answer (1) The Council has not yet refused any applications from landlords to register under the Landlord Registration Scheme.

There are currently seven active investigations underway as a result of concerns about landlords' practices. These may ultimately lead to a recommendation being made to refuse or revoke a landlord's registration. There are a further 30 outstanding cases where details have been passed to the police for further information on declared convictions.

Question (2) Please advise how many private landlords are on the Landlord Register for 2008, 2007, 2006 and 2005.

Answer (2) The Landlord Registration Scheme was launched in April 2006. The cumulative total of applications received and approved by the City of Edinburgh Council for each calendar year of its operation is shown below:

31 December 2007	
Received – 22854	Approved – 12790

31 December 2008	
Received – 27036	Approved – 20488

19 May 2009	
Received – 28593	Approved – 23407

QUESTION NO 2

**By Councillor Buchan answered by
the Convener of the Planning
Committee**

Question

Will the Convener undertake a review of the planning conditions relating to car parking arrangements at Edinburgh Napier University's Craiglockhart Campus, given the operational issues arising from these constraints?

Answer

In general terms, the planning authority does not have the power to revisit the terms of planning conditions once these have been imposed, the development has been carried out and the conditions have been complied with.

A search of our computer systems reveals that there are no outstanding complaints in respect of alleged breaches of planning control or non-compliance with conditions in respect of this site.

A further search of recent applications at Napier University's Craiglockhart Campus indicates that the majority of these were for minor works and did not involve planning conditions relating to car parking. Even the larger scale developments did not have any conditions requiring the provision of further car parking facilities. Indeed, the general approach in the recent past has been one of restricting parking facilities and encouraging the modal shift from the use of cars to public transport and cycling. This was one of the principal intentions of the legal agreement under Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 between the University and the Council which was signed in 2002. Amongst other things, the travel plan sought to ensure that priority for car park permits was given to the registered disabled, inter campus users and visitors and that agreed traffic and parking measures within the campus should be enforced.

In these circumstances, there is no action along the lines suggested which the planning authority might take.

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However, Transport staff have been in discussion with Napier University regarding prospective developments at the Sighthill Campus and it is understood that the University are re-visiting their overall parking strategy, which would have an impact on all their sites including the one under consideration. As a consequence, it is likely that a new travel plan will be submitted to the Council for its consideration in the near future.

**Supplementary
Question**

Not recorded.

**Supplementary
Answer**

Yes, I also intend in the near future to hold a meeting with the Edinburgh Napier officials and the local Councillors and the Community Council to discuss the problems which exist round about the Campus.

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QUESTION NO 3

**By Councillor Burgess answered by
the Convener of the Health, Social
Care and Housing Committee**

Question

What action is the Administration taking to secure funding for home insulation made available by Scottish and UK Governments?

Answer

See answer to Question 16 below.

QUESTION NO 4

**By Councillor Burgess answered by
the Convener of the Transport,
Infrastructure and Environment
Committee**

Question

Does the Administration intend that Edinburgh's trams are powered by electricity from renewable energy sources rather than electricity that causes climate change pollution or adds to nuclear waste?

Answer

Trams deliver real environmental benefits: reducing emissions; encouraging car users onto public transport; and, improving air quality. Edinburgh's Trams represent cutting edge technology. They are highly efficient in their use of power, reclaiming energy from regenerative braking and feeding it back into the tram power grid via their overhead line equipment. Edinburgh's Trams are central to this Administration's stated objective of creating a greener, cleaner city, where good environmental practice is at the core of all initiatives, and where resources are protected for future generations. Edinburgh's Trams position us well to meet our challenging intermediate target of having 60% of our electricity drawn from renewable energy by 2020, en route to 100% by 2050.

**Supplementary
Question**

I am disappointed that this question hasn't been answered. The answer merely states the various benefits that the Tram will bring. However the first stated benefit, reducing emissions, I wonder if the Convener would acknowledge that if the trams are powered by electricity from coal fired power stations that the Council is merely displacing climate change emissions from our streets to Longannet or Cockerzie and that these emissions are still entering the atmosphere and contributing to climate change. There does seem to be a hint in the answer that the trams could contribute to Council targets to use renewable energy. However the targets referred to are 10 and 40 years away whereas the tram will be hopefully in place in two years or so and so our opportunity really is now and I would like to ask the Administration whether they would be prepared to investigate at least the possibility of securing renewable energy to run the tram at the earliest possible opportunity.

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**Supplementary
Answer**

As you rightly say the final part of the answer does outline how the trams will position us well to deliver these challenges in future and I would like to remind you that obviously the actual procurement of power would not be the Council's responsibility but actually that of the operator and they will have to go through the usual European rules of procurement to obtain the power, bearing in mind obviously the guidance they would be getting from the Council which would be to use as green a source as possible.

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Burgess answered by
the Convener of the Transport,
Infrastructure and Environment
Committee**

Question

What is the Administration doing to ensure that options for the interaction of trams, vehicles, pedestrians and cycles at the Picardy Place junction are fully assessed and consulted on?

Answer

All aspects of the tram design undergo a rigorous approvals process. This comprises:

- Planning Prior Approval which deals with matters from the Planning Authority perspective, including compliance with a range of guidelines, such as the Edinburgh Tram Design Manual, Edinburgh Standards for Streets, Environmental Statements and Parliamentary Undertakings and Noise and Vibration Policy;
- Roads Technical Approval which deals with matters from the Roads Authority perspective, including compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act and other relevant policies.

Consultation was undertaken throughout the development of the design; this included meetings with stakeholders including Spokes, bus operators (Lothian Buses have been heavily involved), taxi operators, emergency services (including the police) and businesses.

The design options for Picardy Place have been given specific consideration, including a stakeholders workshop which reinforced the principle that the tram system design must take account of the movement of the tram, buses, general vehicles and pedestrians. One of the reasons for changing the Picardy Place layout from a T-junction to a gyratory system was to allow for the easier passage of pedestrians.

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QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Blacklock answered
by the Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee**

Question

What is the Council doing to improve the accessibility of its buildings under the current Property Management Scheme? Please include a list of work which still needs to be carried out and timescales for this work.

Answer

The Council commissioned Access Audits on its operational portfolio between 2003 and 2005 to ascertain the accessibility of our buildings for people with disabilities and to identify improvement works which could be implemented. This audit identified significant works with a total cost in excess of £30 million.

To date a range of improvement works have been undertaken and the Council is committed to identifying and implementing further improvements within the Council's current financial constraints.

Within the 2008-2011 Capital Investment Programme, Children and Families have a total of £1.19m to spend on Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) works and adaptation works for the integration of specific pupils with disabilities. The 2009-2013 Capital Investment Programme includes within 2011/12 and 2012/13 a further £38m for Asset Management Works across the estate, of which £750k has been identified for Environmental Improvement and DDA works within the Children and Families portfolio.

Whilst there is no dedicated DDA budget for the other departments, work is on-going across the estate, with financial supplement from the Corporate DDA Capital Budget.

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When building works, such as maintenance programmes or upgrading works are being implemented careful consideration is now given to accessibility issues. This includes reviewing how services are delivered to the public, as in some cases, relatively minor, cost effective changes can be made that significantly improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

At this time a database is being populated that details the condition and accessibility of Council properties. This database, which is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year, will enable further action to be targeted in priority areas.

QUESTION NO 7

**By Councillor Ewan Aitken
answered by the Convener of the
Health, Social Care and Housing
Committee**

Question

The response to question 11.2 provided at the 30 April 2009 Council meeting indicated that an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) of the tendering could only be conducted after the decision was made. The decision makers could not therefore have been aware of the EIA as it did not exist, and this goes against established legal precedent.

- Can you explain why the decision to go to tender was made without those making the decision being aware of EIA as this is against established legal precedent?
- Can you please explain the legal basis for making such a decision without those decision makers being aware of the EIA?

Answer

The legal requirement on local authorities is to assess their policies and functions and to set out how they will monitor any possible negative impact on race, disability and gender equality. The Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) is one tool that can be used to do this.

Projects need to be defined before any assessment can be made of their possible impact on equalities. The EIA on the Care & Support Commissioning Project was completed before the tender was advertised. All EIA recommendations have been acted on and have informed the tender documentation. These actions discharge the Council's legal requirements.

**Supplementary
Question**

I would like to ask the Convener why he allowed the decision in principle on tendering to be taken not by Council members but by officers in July.

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**Supplementary
Answer**

Councillor Aitken has had 100 plus questions down to me and some of these have been about the decision-making of this and he knows that the decision to tender was taken by the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee, at the Council's Budget Meeting and by the CMT, so the Council here at the Budget actually took a decision so he is once again talking through his hat.

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QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Hart answered by the
Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee**

Question (1) How many Council employees are currently paid below the “living wage” for Scotland figure of £7 per hour?

Answer (1) There are currently 4,496 employees being paid a basic rate of pay of less than £7.00 per hour. This figure falls to 3,021 if enhancements such as bonus, shift allowance and weekend working are taken into consideration.

The current lowest rate of pay within the Council is £6.13 per hour, which is higher than the National Minimum Wage of £5.73 per hour.

Question (2) Has the Council met or does it intend to meet with the Scottish Living Wage Campaign or any other relevant stakeholders to discuss the possible introduction of a living wage in Scotland?

Answer (2) The Council has not met with the Scottish Living Wage Campaign. However, the aims of the Campaign are well known and an estimate of the cost of introducing a minimum £7.00 per hour rate of pay within the Council has already been made (£3.3m per annum). There is no provision within the current budget to accommodate this. Much work has, however, been done as part of the Modernising Pay project to improve pay at the lower end of the scale. The National Minimum Wage is £5.73 per hour and the existing lowest rate within the Council is £6.13. Negotiations with the trade unions are on-going, however, the current proposals for staff who remain on the lowest pay grade would see this rate improved to a minimum of £6.32 rising to £6.71 (2009/10 pay scales) after two years service.

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QUESTION NO 9

**By Councillor Godzik answered by
the Leader of the Council
Committee**

Question

What actions have been taken forward following the report 'Strategic Review of the Communication Service' reported to Council in November 2008?

Answer

A detailed Communications Service Action Plan has been developed following the report to Council in November 2008. The Director of Corporate Services has had initial discussions about the Plan with a number of members, including opposition councillors. Views expressed to the Director will inform an update of the Action Plan. In the meantime, all service improvement actions identified in the plan are being progressed. Monitoring and evaluation of these actions has also been encompassed into the Council's 'Achieving Excellence' change programme, along with regular reporting on other council service reviews.

A progress report will be submitted to the Policy and Strategy Committee on 4 August 2009.

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QUESTION NO 10

**By Councillor Henderson answered
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee**

Question (1) What is the financial value of the cleaning contract for Edinburgh's schools?

Answer (1) To the period ending April 2009, the annual value of the contract for Children and Families Units was £5,370,281, which covers nursery, primary and secondary schools, recreation ground facilities, community centres and youth centres.

The five schools due to change over to PPP2 arrangements during the 2009/10 financial year and the school closing summer 2009 are also included in this figure. The revised value will be in the region of £4,724,186.

Question (2) How much is to be "saved" by passing on cleaning costs for holiday lets to After School Clubs?

Answer (2) The cost for cleaning for holiday lets was approximately £12,000 for session 2008/09. The 2008/09 figure is slightly lower than normal because the Easter holidays fell outwith the 2008/09 financial year.

The Council has a contract with Direct Cleaning Services for all educational establishments and there is no option for alternative services to be used.

Question (3) Will the "savings" be credited to relevant schools as a consequence?

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Answer

- (3)** Individual schools will save the money that they were spending on paying for this cleaning, since the costs of the additional cleaning have historically been charged against individual schools where clubs were running. Improved financial systems along with improved monitoring highlighted the issue of schools' devolved budgets being charged. The corrective action taken means schools no longer have to divert budgets to cover these costs.

The regulations for letting, approved by Council, have always stated that should additional cleaning be required, users would be charged accordingly. All users are subject to this regulation, not just After School Clubs.

QUESTION NO 11

**By Councillor Henderson answered
by the Convener of the Education,
Children and Families Committee**

- Question** (1) What is the nature of the relationship between the Council's Children and Families Department and the Student Support Centre?
- Answer** (1) There is no formal relationship between the Council's Children and Families Department and the Student Support Centre.
- Question** (2) Is there a financial incentive for schools in allowing the Student Support Centre access to children and consequently their parents for the purpose of marketing their services?
- Answer** (2) No. There is no financial incentive for schools or the Children and Families Department.
- Question** (3) What rules are in place for the management of information that the Student Support Centre have access to?
- Answer** (3) Any arrangement made with the Student Support Centre is at a school level. Individual schools have responsibility for managing any information given to outside organisations and companies.

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**Supplementary
Question**

I am grateful for the information about the Council's relationship with a commercial organisation called the Student Support Centre and I do accept the information that you have provided here. There is no formal contract or commercial relationship although I understand that some schools have been given donations in return for allowing letters to go home in children's schoolbags. What advice can we give as a Council and what advice can you give as a Convener to parents who are uncomfortable at what they see as an intrusion by a commercial organisation to lobby them to get business and using their children and their local schools as a method to achieve that?

**Supplementary
Answer**

I think I would suggest that parents lobby their Parent Council to lobby their Head Teacher not to send out the letter. We have left it up to the Head Teachers. We have said that there is absolutely no reason why you have to do this, it is your decision and I have no problem at all with Head Teachers saying we are not sending out this information. It is entirely up to the Head Teacher. All the officers were doing was alerting the Head Teachers of this service of this organisation. It is up to the Head Teachers what they do with that information and so I think that is the best way forward.

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QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Johnstone answered
by the Convener of the Transport,
Infrastructure and Environment
Committee**

Question (1) How many metres of new cycle lane have been introduced to the city's roads since May 2007?

Answer (1) Approximately 2km of cycle lane (1km in each direction) were installed on Oxfords Road in April 2009. Other cycle lanes have been installed around the city at the approaches to Advanced Stop Lines and as part of agreements with developers.

Question (2) How many metres of this new cycle lane provision are coloured?

Answer (2) Around 200m of the cycle lanes on Oxfords Road are coloured (at the start of lanes and across junctions).

Question (3) Is there a programme to maintain and repair existing cycle lanes?

Answer (3) Existing cycle lane markings are repaired on the same basis as other road markings. Road markings are inspected regularly and where they are found to have deteriorated significantly they are replaced. Some cycle road markings and coloured surfacing are included within the Council's record capital road maintenance spending programme. There has also been significant investment in off-road shared use cyclepaths, such as alongside the A8, A8000, A772 and at the Rodney Street tunnel.

The Council has recently signed up to the 'Charter of Brussels'. This includes ambitious targets for cycling and demonstrates the Council's commitment to promoting cycling in Edinburgh.

**Supplementary
Question** Not recorded.

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**Supplementary
Answer**

Indeed the Councillor has just informed me of that fact. I am not quite sure what particular paper she is referring to so I can't comment on it in detail.

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QUESTION NO 13

**By Councillor Johnstone answered
by the Convener of the Transport,
Infrastructure and Environment
Committee**

- Question** (1) Given the Administration's commitment to Edinburgh becoming a zero waste city what measures are being taken to ensure that private businesses recycle where possible?
- Answer** (1) In its response to the Scottish Government's Zero Waste consultation, this Council supported moves to bring a stronger national focus on commercial recycling. Meanwhile, the Council supports private businesses as follows:
- Trade waste customers are encouraged to recycle their waste via our partnership with LEEP Recycling.
 - Commercial organisations can access recycling facilities at Seafield Community Recycling Centre.
 - Businesses (not just Council customers) are signposted to the range of waste companies offering commercial recycling in Edinburgh.
 - Businesses are signposted to organisations set up to support them in improving their competitiveness by reducing waste including the Business Environment Partnership and Envirowise, as well as Waste Aware Scotland.
- Question** (2) What percentage of the city's private businesses currently recycle trade waste?
- Answer** (2) This matter is the responsibility of the Scottish Environment Protection Agency and reliable data is not available. We understand that the Scottish Government is reviewing this.
- Supplementary Question** Not recorded.

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**Supplementary
Answer**

I think that supplementary is more to do with domestic waste than commercial waste which was the focus of your question but we will continue to encourage Supermarkets to reduce their packaging to the absolute essentials.

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QUESTION NO 14

**By Councillor Johnstone answered
by the Convener of the Transport,
Infrastructure and Environment
Committee**

Question

What steps are being taken to reduce the spread of graffiti in South Edinburgh?

Answer

Graffiti has been removed from over 200 locations within the South Neighbourhood since January 2009. This included the Environmental 'Week of Action' from 16-20 March when resources were targeted at the Nicolson Street corridor.

South Neighbourhood has also encouraged Community Councils to report graffiti promptly in order that racist and offensive graffiti can be removed the same day.

In addition, Environmental Wardens routinely take photographs of graffiti 'tags' and pass these to the Police, who maintain a database of these incidents. The photographs are used to gather evidence to assist when criminal charges can be brought against individuals who have been identified.

**Supplementary
Question
Supplementary
Answer**

Not recorded.

That information is currently in the A-Z and I am sure we would all encourage people to report graffiti as quickly as possible and particularly any graffiti which is offensive or racist so that it can be removed without causing further offence.

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QUESTION NO 15

**By Councillor Chapman answered
by the Convener of the Health,
Social Care and Housing
Committee**

Question

Please provide a detailed breakdown of the specific areas of the city that make up the 25% of council houses that do not meet the SHQS energy efficiency targets. Please also provide the timelines for each of these areas showing how the targets will be met by 2015.

Answer

This Administration is committed to bringing all of this Council's housing stock up to the Scottish Housing Quality Standard by 2015. Currently, 17,000 council houses (75%) satisfy the SHQS.

Energy measures are a key component of the SHQS. Housing which does not currently satisfy energy efficiency ratings is broken down by Council ward in the table below.

£6million is being invested in the current year to improve energy efficiency. Work this year is planned in Prestonfield, Wester Hailes, Drylaw, The Inch, Granton, Stenhouse, Lochend and Restalrig, Royston/Wardieburn. Multi-storey blocks in the Calders, Holyrood and Lochview, Hutchison House, Cables Wynd, Persevere and Citadel Courts and Hawkhill and Nisbet Courts are also programmed this financial year for cladding and re-roofing.

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Homes Not Currently Meeting SHQS Energy Efficiency Target – Split by Ward

1	Almond	191
2	Pentland Hills	325
3	Drum Brae/Gyle	169
4	Forth	591
5	Inverleith	205
6	Corstorphine/Murrayfield	125
7	Sighthill/Gorgie	1408
8	Colinton/Fairmilehead	110
9	Fountainbridge/Craiglockhart	117
10	Meadows/Morningside	46
11	City Centre	62
12	Leith Walk	41
13	Leith	431
14	Craigtinny/Duddingston	364
15	Southside/Newington	130
16	Liberton/Gilmerton	942
17	Portobello/Craigmillar	370
	Total	5627

Supplementary Question

I am pleased to see the work that is coming underway this year and, while I appreciate the difficulty of providing the details that I asked for beyond the current financial year, I wonder if we could have more information on the prioritisation of UK areas and the rationale for that prioritisation over the next five or six years and progress of the work over the next five or six years to the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee at regular intervals over the next few years?

Supplementary Answer

That will be done via the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme which is the main mechanism for us investing resources to meet the Scottish Housing Quality Standard. That is done on a rolling basis so yes it will be reported annually to Committee and all Councillors that sit on that and all Councillors that vote through Housing Revenue Account at Full Council will have a chance to input into that.

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QUESTION NO 16

**By Councillor Chapman answered
by the Convener of the Health,
Social Care and Housing
Committee**

Question

Please provide the details on Edinburgh's involvement in the Scottish Government's Home Insulation Scheme to date, and the planned engagement with this scheme in the future.

Answer

Council officers have been involved in the Home Insulation Scheme proposals since their announcement in the Budget on 4 February 2009. Further discussions have been held with the Scottish Government on the proposed scheme and officers attended a workshop on 28 April 2009.

Council officers have been liaising with Changeworks and the Energy Saving Scotland Advice Centre to review the areas citywide which are suitable and appropriate for inclusion in this funding scheme. Our funding bid was submitted on Monday 25 May and proposes to target 13,000 homes in 2009/10 and a further 10,000 in 2010/11.

I am happy to supply a copy of the submission to all elected members if requested.

**Supplementary
Question**

I think I certainly would be interested in seeing the submission that we sent in on the 25th so if that could be circulated that would be helpful. Could we also have updates circulated to all members by e-mail if that is the easiest way as and when any future involvement in the Home Insulation Scheme is known?

**Supplementary
Answer**

I am happy to do that Councillor Chapman.

QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Chapman answered
by the Convener of the Health,
Social Care and Housing
Committee**

Question

Please outline the ways in which the 'Same as You' policy is currently being implemented.

Answer

This Administration is committed to improving the quality of life for people with a learning disability. Council noted (12 February 2009) the “unparalleled success” that this Council is having in providing more services for more people with a disability. Council also recognised that, under this Administration, people with a learning disability continue to receive increased support. Following a £1.3million increase in budget in 2008/09, a further £1.6million is being provided for Learning Disability Services this year.

Specific examples of Edinburgh’s performance in relation to ‘The Same as You’ priority areas include:

- a 74% increase in individuals being supported by the Local Area Co-ordination Team was experienced from 2006/07 to 2007/08;
- 877 people with learning disabilities now have a Personal Life Plan, a 48% increase from 2006/07;
- a 1000% increase in individuals with learning disabilities receiving self-directed support has been achieved from 2003/04 to 2008/09;
- the number of people with learning disabilities living in their own tenancies has increased to over 600; and,
- 178 people with learning disabilities received further education in 2007/08 (in 2003 no one using day services was in employment training).

These measures highlight the progress that this Council has achieved in delivering on ‘The Same as You’ and in providing more services and opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

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Appendix 2
(As referred to in Act of Council No 11 of 28 May 2009)

Appointments for 2008/09

Membership of Committees

Policy and Strategy Committee - 17 members – 5 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 4 Scottish National Party, 4 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 Green

Leader of the SLD Group	Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
Leader of the SNP Group	Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
Leader of the Labour Group	Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Leader of the Conservative Group	Councillor Blacklock
Councillor Burgess	Councillor Hinds
Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee	Councillor Jackson
Convener of the Economic Development Committee	Councillor Mowat
Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee	Councillor Munn
	Councillor Murray

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Culture and Leisure Committee – 13 members – 4 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 3 Scottish National Party, 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Lang	Councillor Hart
Councillor Dundas	Councillor Henderson
Councillor Snowden	Councillor Elaine Aitken
Councillor Thomas	Councillor Buchan
Councillor Bridgman	Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Brock	Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Cairns	Deputy Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Godzik	

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Economic Development Committee – 13 members – 4 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 3 Scottish National Party, 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Lowrie	Councillor Milligan
Councillor McKay	Councillor Hart
Councillor Snowden	Councillor Rose
Councillor Coleman	Councillor Rust
Councillor Brock	Councillor Chapman
Councillor Buchanan	Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Elliott-Cannon	Deputy Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Munro	

Education, Children and Families Committee – 17 members – 5 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 4 Scottish National Party, 4 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Morris	Councillor Henderson
Councillor Edie	Councillor Day
Councillor Lang	Councillor Milligan
Councillor Gordon Mackenzie	Councillor Balfour
Councillor MacLaren	Councillor Buchan
Councillor Beckett	Councillor Whyte
Councillor Cairns	Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Keir	Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Munn	Deputy Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Blacklock	

Added Members for Education Matters

A Craig Duncan (Religious Representative)
Ted Brack (Religious Representative)
Robert Gould (Religious Representative)
Margaret Bryce-Stafford (Teacher Representative)
Raymond George Simpson (Teacher Representative)

Finance and Resources Committee – 13 members – 4 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 3 Scottish National Party, 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Aldridge	Councillor Murray
Councillor Morris	Councillor Wilson
Councillor McKay	Councillor Kate MacKenzie
Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Rose
Councillor Buchanan	Councillor Chapman
Councillor Elliott-Cannon	Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Munn	Deputy Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Child	

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Health, Social Care and Housing Committee – 17 members – 5 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 4 Scottish National Party, 4 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Edie	Councillor Ewan Aitken
Councillor Hawkins	Councillor Hinds
Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Munro
Councillor Peacock	Councillor Elaine Aitken
Councillor Coleman	Councillor Kate MacKenzie
Councillor Beckett	Councillor Rose
Councillor McIvor	Councillor Chapman
Councillor Bridgman	Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Work	Deputy Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Barry	

Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee – 17 members – 5 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 4 Scottish National Party, 4 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Aldridge	Councillor Child
Councillor Dundas	Councillor Perry
Councillor Hawkins	Councillor Day
Councillor Peacock	Councillor Jackson
Councillor Gordon Mackenzie	Councillor McInnes
Councillor Buchanan	Councillor Mowat
Councillor Tymkewycz	Councillor Burgess
Councillor Elliott-Cannon	Leader (ex officio)
Councillor McIvor	Deputy Leader (ex officio)
Councillor Barry	

OTHER COMMITTEES

Audit Committee – 13 members – 4 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 3 Scottish National Party, 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Dundas	Councillor Burns
Lord Provost Grubb	Councillor Murray
Councillor Morris	Councillor Wilson
Councillor Coleman	Councillor Balfour
Councillor Beckett	Councillor Jackson
Councillor Tymkewycz	Councillor Johnstone
Councillor Work	

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Planning Committee/Development Management Sub-Committee

15 members – 5 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 3 Scottish National Party, 3 Labour, 3 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Lowrie
Councillor Dundas
Councillor Morris
Councillor Peacock
Councillor Thomas
Councillor Keir
Councillor McIvor
Councillor Munn

Councillor Hinds
Councillor Child
Councillor Milligan
Councillor Mowat
Councillor Rose
Councillor Paisley
Councillor Burgess

Regulatory Committee and Licensing Sub-Committee – 9 members – 3 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative

Councillor Lang
Councillor McKay
Councillor Coleman
Councillor Keir
Councillor Cairns

Councillor Henderson
Councillor Perry
Councillor Kate MacKenzie
Councillor Mowat

Vacation Committee – 11 members – 3 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 3 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Dawe
Councillor Aldridge
Councillor Edie
Councillor Buchanan
Councillor Brock
Councillor Burns

Councillor Hart
Councillor Perry
Councillor Whyte
Councillor Jackson
Councillor Johnstone

Administration of Trust Funds

Pensions and Trusts Committee – 5 members – 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor McKay
Councillor Beckett
Councillor Murray

Councillor Rose
Councillor Chapman

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Committee on the Royal High Endowment – 5 members – 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Lang
Councillor Work
Councillor Hinds

Councillor Kate MacKenzie
Councillor Johnstone

Committee on the Jean F Watson Bequest – 8 members plus one nominee of Friends of the City Arts Centre and three nominees of Director of Corporate Services – 2 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative

Councillor Dawe
Councillor Thomas
Councillor Brock
Councillor McIvor

Councillor Godzik
Councillor Wilson
Councillor Elaine Aitken
Councillor Buchan

Appeals etc

Committee on Discretionary Rating Relief Appeals – 5 members – 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Gordon Mackenzie
Councillor Munn
Councillor Perry

Councillor Paisley
Councillor Chapman

Personnel Appeals Committee – 9 members – 2 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor Coleman
Councillor Lowrie (Convener)
Councillor Cairns
Councillor Elliott-Cannon
Councillor Blacklock

Councillor Hart
Councillor Elaine Aitken
Councillor Paisley
Councillor Burgess

Committee on Pupil and Student Support – 5 members and one religious representative – 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor MacLaren
Councillor Beckett
Councillor Henderson

Councillor Balfour
Councillor Johnstone
Robert Gould (religious representative)

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Placing in Schools Appeals Committee – 3 persons drawn from three Panels as described in Standing Order 41

Panel 1 – All members of Council and religious and teacher representatives on the Education, Children and Families Committee

Social Work Complaints Review Committee – 3 persons drawn from a panel approved by the Council (does not include Councillors)

Recruitment

Recruitment Committee

Leader of Council (Convener), Deputy Leader of the Council, Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee and the appropriate Executive Committee Convener and relevant opposition spokespersons (or nominees)

Advisory Committees

Advisory Committee on Youth Services – 5 members – 1 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative, 1 Green

Councillor MacLaren
Councillor Beckett
Councillor Henderson

Councillor Rust
Councillor Chapman

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Joint Boards and the Licensing Board

Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Board – 9 members – 3 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative

Councillor Dawe	Councillor Hinds
Councillor Lang	Councillor Barry
Councillor Hawkins	Councillor Buchan
Councillor Bridgman (Convener)	Councillor Rust
Councillor McIvor	

Lothian and Borders Police Board – 9 members– 3 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative

Councillor Dawe	Councillor Murray
Councillor MacLaren	Councillor Milligan
Councillor Dundas	Councillor Whyte (Convener)
Councillor Cardownie	Councillor Mowat
Councillor Munn	

Lothian Valuation Joint Board/Lothian Electoral Joint Committee – 9 members – 3 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative)

Councillor Edie	Councillor Perry
Councillor Gordon Mackenzie	Councillor Burns
Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Buchan
Councillor McIvor (Convener)	Councillor Rust
Councillor Beckett	

Forth Estuary Transport Authority – 4 members – 2 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Conservative

Lord Provost Grubb	Councillor Work
Councillor Wheeler	Councillor Kate MacKenzie

Licensing Board – 10 members – 4 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 2 Scottish National Party, 2 Labour, 2 Conservative

Councillor Thomas (Convener)	Councillor Cairns
Councillor McKay	Councillor Barry
Councillor Coleman	Councillor Day
Councillor Morris	Councillor Balfour
Councillor Work	Councillor Paisley

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Scotland Excel (Procurement) – Joint Committee – 2 members – 1
Administration, 1 Opposition

Councillor Elliott-Cannon
Councillor Munro

South East Scotland Regional Transport Partnership – 5 members/5 depute
members – 2 Scottish Liberal Democrat, 1 Scottish National Party, 1 Labour, 1
Conservative

Substantive Members

Councillor Gordon Mackenzie (SLD)
Councillor Wheeler (SLD)
Councillor Buchanan (SNP)
Councillor Perry (L)
Councillor McInnes (C)

Depute Members

Councillor Dundas (SLD)
Councillor Hawkins (SLD)
Councillor Munn (SNP)
Councillor Child (L)
Councillor Jackson (C)

Lothian and Borders Community Justice Authority – 1 member – Scottish
Liberal Democrat

Councillor Edie