

## Committee Minutes

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### The City of Edinburgh Council

Year 2008/2009

### Meeting 1 – Thursday 1 May 2008

Edinburgh, 1 May 2008 - 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  
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  
Elizabeth Maginnis  
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 A New War Memorial for Edinburgh

In response to motions by former Councillor Anderson and Councillors Perry and Buchan, a new War Memorial for Edinburgh was proposed for Princes Street Gardens which would provide for recognition of individuals from Edinburgh who had been awarded bravery medals.

It was proposed that Corporal Mark Wright GC, who was killed in Afghanistan in February 2006, be admitted as the first dedicatee of an individual memorial within the Memorial Setting. The Lord Provost welcomed Bobby Wright, father of Corporal Wright, and Douglas MacKenzie, Secretary of the Edinburgh Branch of the British Legion.

### Decision

- 1) To agree in principle to the creation of a Memorial Setting, based around the three listed shelters on the Upper Level of West Princes Street Gardens, for individual memorials to the bravery of Edinburgh-born men and women, subject to the views of Historic Scotland. This location would also incorporate the functions of the current seasonal Garden of Remembrance adjacent to the Scott Monument, as shown in Appendix 6(a) and described in paragraph 3.14 of the report by the Chief Executive.
- 2) To note that the Chief Executive had instructed officials from Services for Communities, City Development and Corporate Services to work together, under the leadership of the Director of Corporate Services:
  - to commission the development of a design for both the landscape setting and the individual memorials;
  - to undertake formal consultation with veterans' organisations, families and other appropriate parties, with a view to reporting back to the Council at its meeting in October, so that a formal announcement could be made in connection with Armistice Day 2008;
  - to work with potential partners to assess the viability of creating a memorial arboretum at Edmonstone, as shown in Appendix 6(b) to the Chief Executive's report.
- 3) To admit Corporal Mark Wright GC as the first dedicatee of an individual memorial within the Memorial Setting in Princes Street Gardens, as proposed in paragraph 3.19 of the Chief Executive's report.

(References – Acts of Council No 18 of 1 June 2006 and No 28 of 25 October 2007; report no CEC/005/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

## 2 Presentation of Foreign Direct Investment Award

Courtney Fingar, Editor of Foreign Direct Investment Magazine, presented the Foreign Direct Investment Award to the City of Edinburgh as Europe's best small city for inward investment together with a certificate recognising Edinburgh as the 6<sup>th</sup> best European city overall for inward investment.

## 3 Edinburgh South Suburban Railway

### (a) Deputation – Capital Rail Action Group (CRAG)

Lawrence Marshall explained that CRAG campaigned for better public transport for Edinburgh and the surrounding area and led the campaign for the reintroduction of local passenger services on the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway (ESSR). He referred to the Halcrow Report which had looked into the feasibility of reopening the ESSR, the outcome of which would be considered by the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 6 May 2008. He presented alternative options to those proposed by the Halcrow report in order to ensure the delivery of local passenger services on the ESSR.

(Reference – e-mail dated 27 April 2008, submitted).

### (b) Motion by Councillor Henderson

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

“Council notes that on 6 May the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee will consider the consultants' report commissioned to examine ways of reopening the South Suburban Railway to passenger services.

Council further notes that all political parties represented on the Council, within broader commitments to public transport, pledged support to reopening the South Sub, prior to the last election.

Council reaffirms its commitment and support for reopening the South Sub and believes that the continued and sustainable growth of Edinburgh's successful economy is dependent on good public transport links.”

#### **Motion**

To approve the motion.

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

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**Amendment**

To remit the motion to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 6 May 2008.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Buchanan.

**Voting**

For the motion - 18 votes  
For the amendment - 40 votes

**Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Wheeler.

**4 Questions**

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

**5 Minutes****Decision**

To approve the minute of the meeting of the Council of 13 March 2008, as submitted, as a correct record.

**6 Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2008/09**

The Council was invited to appoint members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for the municipal year 2008/2009.

**Decision**

- 1) To approve the political balance and appoint members to Committees and Boards as detailed in Appendix 2 to this minute.

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

(Reference – report no CEC/017/08-09/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

**Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Buchan declared a financial interest in the above item as an associate of a company undertaking contracts for FETA and SEStran and took no part in the consideration of the matter.

**7 Leader's Report**

The Leader presented her report to the Council. The following issues were raised on the report:

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| Councillor Ewan Aitken | - New committee system<br>- scrutiny<br>- involvement of opposition members in decision making<br>- Vision for the future of the city |
| Councillor Burns       | - Edinburgh Community Newspaper Trust – report to Council   |
| Councillor Whyte       | - Major policy changes since the election   |
| Councillor Chapman     | - Improving Services/Quality of Life<br>- Scottish Low Pay Unit – funding   |
| Councillor Child       | - Cleanliness Index Monitoring System   |
| Councillor Buchan      | - Tollcross Primary School – utilities' roadworks – safety hazards  |
| Councillor Wilson      | - Customer research projects  |
| Councillor Paisley     | - Sale of Greenway Centre to Wester Hailes Land and Property Trust<br>- Budgetary pressures on school estate – increased fuel costs   |

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| Councillor Burgess        | - Climate change statement by Professor Lovelock        |
| Councillor Godzik         | - Sir Terry Farrell – Edinburgh Design Champion         |
| Councillor Kate MacKenzie | - Customer research projects – inclusion of Almond ward |
| Councillor Henderson      | - Edinburgh Tram – impact on traders                    |

(Reference – report no CEC/015/08-09/L by the Leader, submitted).

## **8 Wester Hailes Healthy Living Centre – Ringfencing of Capital Receipts**

The Policy and Strategy Committee had recommended ringfencing of capital receipts from the sale of Council properties to offset the costs of the development of an integrated healthy living centre in Wester Hailes.

### **Decision**

To ringfence the capital receipts from the sale of Murrayburn Gate and Springwell House offices to offset the Council's capital costs incurred by the healthy living centre project at Wester Hailes

(Reference – report no CEC/001/08-09 by the Policy and Strategy Committee, submitted).

### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Whyte declared a financial interest in the above item as a Director of NHS Lothian.

## **9 Spend to Save Fund – Document Production & Print Management**

The Finance and Resources Committee had referred to the Council a proposal to allocate £75,000 from the Spend to Save Fund for a project to optimise the production and printing of documents across the Council.

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**Decision**

To allocate £75,000 from the Spend to Save Fund to finance an efficiency focused project to consider, strategically, document production across the Council.

(Reference – report no CEC/006/08-09/FARC by the Finance and Resources Committee, submitted).

**10 Council Single Outcome Agreement**

The Council's Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) had been submitted in draft form to the Scottish Government by the required deadline of 31 March 2008. The finalised Agreement would be submitted to the Council for approval on 29 May 2008. The Agreement had been developed based on a standard format structured around the Scottish Government's 15 national outcomes.

**Motion**

To note:

- 1) the progress made in developing the draft SOA including the arrangements to consult Council members.
- 2) the timescales for submission to the Scottish Government.
- 3) the intention of the Chief Executive to submit the Agreement to the Council meeting on 29 May 2008.

- moved by Councillor Dawe, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

**Amendment 1**

- 1) To note the requirement to sign a SOA with the Scottish Government otherwise money given to achieve a Council Tax Freeze would be removed.
- 2) To express the belief that this would mean less money for public services throughout Scotland.
- 3) To regret that because of the unacceptably tight timetable imposed by the Scottish Government this was the first opportunity for Councillors who were not in the SNP/Liberal Democrat coalition to scrutinise the draft agreement despite the fact that it had already had to be submitted to the Scottish Government as a draft.

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- 4) To note that the draft SOA included no actions relating to National Outcome 13 “pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity”.
- 5) To set up a short term cross party working group to offer the opportunity for more detailed scrutiny of the agreement.
- 6) To wait until the Council meeting in June 2008 to finalise the document.
- 7) To agree that any agreement presented for final decision should include detailed figures for all the many unfunded aspirations in the document which included - amongst others - support for 20:20 SCHOOLS, money for wave three schools, class size reductions, increased nursery hours, nursery teaching in partner providers, festivals funding, free personal care, children and families social work, capital city funding, new social housing, sports facilities, cultural venues, waste plan, and tramline 3.

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

**Amendment 2**

- 1) To note progress made in developing the draft Single Outcome Agreement.
- 2) To note the timescales for submission to the Scottish Government and the intention to submit the agreement to Council at its meeting on 29 May.
- 3) To regret the lack of opportunity for any significant engagement by Council members and partners earlier in the development process.
- 4) To note with concern that the Council was being asked to agree this submission in the absence of a clearly defined monitoring and accountability mechanism.
- 5) To call on the Chief Executive to initiate urgent discussions with the Scottish Government on this issue together with an examination of the potential for the SOA framework replacing other reporting and audit mechanisms in line with the findings of the Crerar Review.
- 6) To note with concern the potential of the SOA framework fundamentally to shift the balance of local authority accountability towards central government and away from local electorates.
- 7) To call on the Chief Executive in his discussions with the Scottish Government to ensure that local authorities' primary accountability to local electorates was not compromised.



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- 8) To agree that the vagueness of the fifteen national outcomes was unhelpful.
- 9) To instruct the Chief Executive to ensure that in his submission to 29 May Council, the Council's key priorities within the SOA were highlighted.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Rose (on behalf of the Conservative Group).

**Amendment 3**

- 1) To agree that, with further work, the Agreement could potentially make Edinburgh a role model for all other local authorities regarding the support of, and engagement with, community planning partnerships and social enterprises.
- 2) To instruct the Chief Executive to outline some of the ways this might be achieved in his report accompanying the Agreement to the Council meeting on 29 May 2008.

- moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Johnstone.

The mover of the motion, with the consent of her seconder and the mover and seconder of amendment 3, accepted amendment 3 as an addendum to her motion.

The mover of amendment 1, with the consent of his seconder, accepted amendment 2 as an addendum to amendment 1. The mover and seconder of amendment 2 agreed to this, subject to adjustment of paragraphs 2 and 7 of amendment 1 as follows:

- 2) To express concern that this could mean less money for public services throughout Scotland.
- 7) To note that the document did not include detailed figures for a large number of unfunded aspirations, which included - amongst others - support for 20:20 SCHOOLS, money for wave three schools, class size reductions, increased nursery hours, nursery teaching in partner providers, festivals funding, free personal care, children and families social work, capital city funding, new social housing, sports facilities, cultural venues, waste plan and tramline 3.

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**Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	32 votes
For the composite of amendments 1 and 2	-	26 votes

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Dawe (as adjusted).

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 20 December 2007; report no CEC/007/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**11 Council Review 2007**

The achievements of the Council Review 2007 programme of transformational change were detailed. An update was provided on the programme's remaining work streams.

**Motion**

- 1) To thank all staff involved in the Council Review 2007.
- 2) To approve the recommended further and final measures to implement the remaining organisational changes described in the report by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To note that the Chief Executive would report further on the next stage of the Council's transformation programme.

- moved by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, seconded by Councillor Elliott-Cannon.

**Amendment 1**

- 1) To note the huge organisational changes implemented over the last five years and to acknowledge with thanks the tremendous efforts made by staff to make those changes and to begin the cultural changes that were the longer term goal of this process.

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- 2) To agree:
  - (a) that the role of Culture and Sport in the city was fundamental to its role as Scotland's capital, the international face of the nation, its civic life, its economic growth and most importantly to the quality of life of its citizens, those who came here to work and its visitors.
  - (b) that the case for making the interim location of Culture and Sport in Corporate Services permanent had not been made.
  - (c) that to move Culture and Sport to City Development would give these activities their place in the growth of the city, the planning of infrastructure which would affect developments in Culture and Sport including hotel space, sports facilities, traffic management, streetscape, pedestrian movement, development of visitor information and accessibility.
  - (d) that Culture and Sport had a key economic impact on the city and a relationship with the city collaboration project.
- 3) To agree that for similar reasons winter festivals should remain in City Development.

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

**Amendment 2**

- 1) To note the progress resulting from Council Review 2007 and the indication of positive impacts.
- 2) To request a further report that included:
  - a clear quantification of these impacts in staff and financial terms set within the context of the savings projected from the Pathfinder and other Best Value reports;
  - ways in which further efficiencies could be generated from further rationalisation.
- 3) To instruct the Chief Executive to give further consideration to the potential for developing a cultural 'trust', operating under a structure similar to Edinburgh Leisure, to take over the running and maintenance of facilities such as the King's Theatre, the Festival Theatre and the Usher Hall.

- moved by Councillor Rose, seconded by Councillor Buchan (on behalf of the Conservative Group).

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The mover of the motion, with the consent of his seconder and the mover and seconder of amendment 2, accepted paragraphs 1 and 2 of amendment 2 as an addendum to the motion.

### Voting

For the motion (as adjusted)	-	32 votes
For amendment 1	-	15 votes
For amendment 2	-	11 votes

### Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie (as adjusted).

(References – Act of Council No 12 of 8 March 2007; report no CEC/016/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## 12 Edinburgh Tram – Financial Close and Notification of Contract Award

Progress was detailed on the contracts for the Edinburgh Tram Network (ETN) and an update on financial close and the capital costs of the project was provided.

### Decision

- 1) To note the imminent award of the two contracts with a final price for the Edinburgh Tram Network of £508m which was within the funding envelope of £545m.
- 2) To refresh the delegated powers already given, to authorise the Chief Executive to instruct **tie** Ltd to enter the contracts with Infracore bidder and Tramco bidder, in light of recent changes noted in report number CEC/018/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive.
- 3) To note that the FBCv2, which was approved by Council on 20 December 2007, had been modified to reflect the above position.
- 4) To note the **tie** Ltd and TEL operating agreements had been amended to reflect the fully up to date position.
- 5) To note that the Guarantee to be executed on behalf of the Council for the benefit of Bilfinger Berger Siemens (BBS) would be provided at financial close.

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- 6) To note the adverse movement in the estimated cost of the Tram Project since the final business case and that this may impact severely on the Council's ability to deliver Tramline 1B. At a public meeting held on 29 April 2008, traders in Leith Walk and Constitution Street had stated that their businesses and therefore their livelihoods were severely threatened and could lead to bankruptcies. Many of these businesses were family concerns with life savings invested. The traders pleaded for further financial assistance to stave off potential bankruptcies, which the Council should endeavour to satisfy. To this end to instruct the Director of Finance to investigate these issues and report back to Council or the appropriate Committee, within one cycle, with proposed actions to address these critical matters.

(Reference - Act of Council No 14 of 20 December 2007; report number CEC/018/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted)

#### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Henderson, Jackson and Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as non-Executive Directors of TEL.

Councillors Henderson, Jackson, Gordon MacKenzie and Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as non-Executive Directors of **tie**.

Councillor Buchan declared a financial interest in the above item as an adviser to a developer who is making contributions to the tram project and left the Chamber during the debate on the matter.

### **13 Lothian Buses plc: Board Appointments**

The Annual General Meeting of Lothian Buses was due to take place on 10 June 2008. Instructions were sought on appointments to the Board.

Reference was also made to the review of the governance arrangements in respect of Lothian Buses, Transport Edinburgh Limited (TEL) and Transport Initiatives Edinburgh (**tie**) as the companies involved in delivering the Council's integrated transport strategy.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To support the re-appointment of James Dixon as a Non-Executive Director of the Board of Lothian Buses.
- 2) To support the re-appointment of Neil Renilson, William Devlin and Iain Coupar as Executive Directors of the Board of Lothian Buses.

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- 3) To support the appointment of David Mackay as an Executive Director of the Board of Lothian Buses.
- 4) To note the position in relation to the proposed integration of governance arrangements between Lothian Buses, TEL and **tie** and that a further report on this matter would be submitted to the Council in the autumn.

(References – Act of Council No 6 of 24 May 2007; report no CEC/008/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Keir and McIvor declared a financial interest in the above item and took no part in its consideration.

**14 Transport Edinburgh Limited: Board Appointments**

Ratification was sought for changes to the Board of Transport Edinburgh Limited (TEL) to increase the maximum number of Directors from eight to twelve. TEL proposed that three of the additional places be filled by two additional elected members and Brian Cox, Director and Depute Chairman of **tie**.

**Decision**

- 1) To ratify the proposed changes to the Articles of Association of Transport Edinburgh Limited (TEL) to increase the number of Directors from eight to twelve.
- 2) To appoint three additional elected members to the Board, one Scottish Liberal Democrat (Councillor Gordon Mackenzie), one SNP (Councillor Buchanan) and one Green (Councillor Chapman) and to ask the Chief Executive to seek further instructions from the Council if three places for councillors were not available.
- 3) To appoint Brian Cox to the Board of TEL.

(Reference – report no CEC/009/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Henderson, Jackson and Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as non-Executive Directors of TEL.

## **15 Review of the Schools PPP2 Contract: Craigroyston**

The outcome of the investigation into site problems at the new Craigroyston High School and the Chief Internal Auditor's report on the matter were presented. An update was provided on issues related to the schools PPP2 project and measures were proposed to strengthen further procedures for the management of Council capital projects.

A course of action was proposed following receipt of representations from the (former) PPP2 project manager on the conduct and findings of the investigation.

### **Decision**

- 1) To refer the report and supplementary report by the Chief Executive and the report by the Chief Internal Auditor to the Audit Committee for further review and scrutiny but to defer accepting the findings of the Chief Internal Auditor pending further discussion with the (former) project manager.
- 2) To note that it was a matter of regret to the Chief Executive and the Council Management Team that weaknesses had occurred in the handover of the Craigroyston site to Axiom.
- 3) To note that measures had been put in place to deal with immediate issues arising from the Craigroyston situation.
- 4) To note that steps had been taken to limit the Council's financial liabilities and that further reports would be submitted on current financial issues.
- 5) To note that the Directors of City Development and Finance were currently carrying out a review of the management of major capital projects.

(References – Act of Council No 17 of 13 March 2008; reports no CEC/010/08-09/CE and no CEC/019/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

## **16 Review of Council Owned, Arms Length Companies and Joint Ventures**

Approval was sought for terms of reference for a review of the Council's arms length companies and joint ventures. The review would provide an opportunity to ensure that they continued to achieve the Council's objectives in relation to economic development and physical regeneration.

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**Decision**

To approve the draft terms of reference for the review and to authorise the Director of City Development to manage the review exercise on the terms set out in his report with a view to reporting the initial findings by June and the conclusions and recommendations to the Council by no later than October 2008.

(Reference – report no CEC/004/08-09/CD by the Director of City Development, submitted).

**Declaration of Interests**

The following members declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Board members of Council owned companies listed in the report:

Councillors Aldridge, Balfour, Buchanan, Dawe, Edie, Godzik, Hart, Henderson, Jackson, Lowrie, Gordon Mackenzie, Maginnis, McKay, Mowat, Murray, Perry, Thomas and Whyte.

**17 Communications Service**

Arrangements for an independent review of the Communications Service were detailed. Reference was made to the review of the service which had been carried out in 2006 as part of the Council Review 2007 and to a draft Communications Strategy for the Council.

**Motion**

- 1) To note the review of the communications service which had been carried out in 2006 and implemented from April 2007.
- 2) To authorise the Chief Executive to make available the draft communications strategy to the independent reviewer.
- 3) To approve the remit for the independent review, as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the Chief Executive's report.
- 4) To agree that, to help contain the costs of the review, Council staff be used where appropriate.
- 5) To contain costs for the review within existing Council budgets utilised for the procurement of consultancy or similar services.



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- 6) To consult the Council Leader and Deputy Leader over the appointment of the independent reviewer.

- moved by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, seconded by Councillor Elliott-Cannon.

**Amendment**

- 1) To note the review of the communications service which had been carried out in 2006 and implemented from April 2007.
- 2) To carry out a review in the terms of Councillor Johnstone's motion to the Council meeting of 22 November 2007.
- 3) To note the communication strategy and to refer it to the Policy and Strategy Committee for comments.
- 4) To note the implementation of the outcome of the 2006/07 review of the communications service across the Council which began in April 2007.
- 5) To note that there was no funding available for any external consultant to carry out a review.
- 6) To note that the current Management Team believed the current communications service was working well.
- 7) To continue an internal review of the communications service and ask the Chief Executive to report in a year's time on the implications of the current structure and workings of the communications service.
- 8) To ask the Chief Executive to report back on how the Council could communicate at a local Neighbourhood Partnership level, the report to take into account the business plan put forward by Edinburgh Community Newspapers Trust.

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

**Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion - 40 votes  
For the amendment - 18 votes

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**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie.

(References – Acts of Council No 32 of 22 November 2007 and No 2 of 21 February 2008; report no CEC/011/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**18 Action on Alcohol and Drugs**

Details were provided on the future arrangements for the leadership of the Action Team on Alcohol and Drugs (AAD) in Edinburgh following Tom Wood's departure from this role at the end of May 2008.

**Decision**

- 1) To thank Tom Wood for his considerable efforts in leading the AAD during the last three years.
- 2) To note that the Chief Executive had asked Tom Wood to make a short presentation to the Policy and Strategy Committee on 13 May 2008.
- 3) To ask the Chief Executive to report further on the Council's powers in relation to the appointment of the Chair of the AAD.
- 3) To note the Chief Executive's intention to bring a further progress report to the Policy and Strategy Committee, to include proposals for the future role and location of the AAD support team.

(References – Act of Council No 15 of 26 April 2007; report no CEC/002/08-09/CE by the Chief Executive, submitted).

**19 Post Office Closures: Update**

A cross party meeting had taken place with representatives of the Royal Mail Group on 5 March 2008. Details were provided on the process for identifying and implementing post office closures and on the implications for Edinburgh.

**Motion**

- 1) To condemn the decision of the Labour UK Government to close 2500 post offices.

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- 2) To continue dialogue with Royal Mail Group and efforts to provide all relevant information to influence its decision making.
- 3) To note the change in the start of the Royal Mail Group plc consultation date on post offices identified for closure.
- 4) To submit the report by the Director of Corporate Services to the Edinburgh Partnership for further comment from partners and to refer it to Neighbourhood Partnerships.
- 5) To note Essex County Council's innovative response to proposed local closures.
- 6) To call for a further report within two cycles detailing the work Essex County Council had undertaken together with an assessment of its viability within an Edinburgh context, including potential financial implications.

- moved by Councillor Snowden, seconded by Councillor Buchanan.

**Amendment**

- 1) To note that post office closures could not be prevented, although there was scope to highlight those that should be priorities for retention.
- 2) To continue dialogue with Royal Mail Group and efforts to provide all relevant information to influence its decision making.
- 3) To note the change in the start of the Royal Mail Group plc consultation date on post offices identified for closure.
- 4) To submit the report to the Edinburgh Partnership for further comment from partners and to refer it to Neighbourhood Partnerships.

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

**Voting**

For the motion - 43 votes  
For the amendment - 15 votes

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Snowden.

(References – Act of Council No 11 of 22 November 2007; report no CEC/003/08-09/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

## 20 The Edinburgh Makar

### (a) 2005-2008: Valerie Gillies

The Council had appointed Valerie Gillies as the second Edinburgh Makar on 2 June 2005 for a period of three years. Information was provided on the success of the Makar post and the Council was invited to acknowledge her achievements as the second incumbent.

#### Decision

- 1) To commend Valerie Gillies for her enthusiasm and commitment to the post of Edinburgh Makar and her substantial achievements during her tenure.
- 2) To recognise that the display cabinet, detailed in paragraph 7 of the report by the Director of Corporate Services, was a temporary measure and to note that a further report would be presented to the Culture and Leisure Committee providing details on the siting of a commemorative bench, which would incorporate text from the Makar's poem marking the official opening of Waverley Court in 2007.

(Reference – Act of Council No 10(b) of 2 June 2005; report no CEC/013/08-09/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

### (b) 2008-2011: Ron Butlin

#### Decision

To appoint Ron Butlin as the Edinburgh Makar for the period from 1 June 2008 to 31 May 2011.

(Reference – report no CEC/014/08-09/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

## 21 The Society for the Relief of the Destitute Sick at Edinburgh

Discussions had taken place with the Society for the Relief of the Destitute Sick at Edinburgh on options to wind up the Society and disburse the remaining funds to an organisation with related charitable aims. The Society had indicated that they did not wish to pursue these options.

**Decision**

To note the report by the Director of Corporate Services.

(References – Act of Council No 14 of 22 November 2007; report no CEC/012/08-09/CS by the Director of Corporate Services, submitted).

**22 Agency Workers – Motion by Councillor Murray**

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

“Council calls for a report by the Director of Corporate Services detailing the number of agency workers each Department within the Council uses (in terms of FTEs or PTEs), the average length of an agency contract, the budgetary implications for the Council and, where possible, the broad reason for use of agency workers.

Could the report also detail the four main agencies used in the recruitment of agency staff and the terms and conditions offered by the Council for these staff.”

**Decision**

To instruct the Director of Corporate Services to write to Councillor Murray providing the information requested.

**23 Climate Change – Motion by Councillor Munro**

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

“Council congratulates Professor Chris Rapley on being awarded the 2008 Edinburgh Medal at the Edinburgh International Science Festival.

Council notes the content of his Medal Address ‘Great while it lasted: What Now?’ and his invocation to act now on climate change.

Council resolves to heed this advice and convene a conference to both explore and outline a pragmatic programme for Edinburgh of how the whole city can play an active role in acting on climate change. The conference should include participants representative of the business community; the academic community; the political community at local, national and EU levels; civic Edinburgh including its school pupils.”

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**Decision**

- 1) To approve paragraphs 1 and 2 of the motion.
- 2) To note that there were two key strands of work already underway on climate change activities. The first was a new Carbon Management Plan aimed at reducing the Council's own carbon emissions. The second was a review of the Council's Climate Change Framework with a new Action Plan to address wider climate change issues across the city and, in particular, working towards a carbon free Edinburgh by 2050.
- 3) In respect of the wider Action Plan:
  - to include proposals around how businesses, academia, politicians and civic Edinburgh, including schools, could be involved in both its development and implementation;
  - to take account of the content of Professor Rapley's speech; and
  - to engage directly with Edinburgh: Transition City Initiative on its development.

**24 Allocation of Allotments – Motion by Councillor Maginnis**

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

“Council calls for a report on the future allocation of allotments which examines the possibility of establishing whether it is possible to create an allocation policy that takes account of whether an applicant has access to personal garden space or not.”

**Decision**

To call for a comprehensive report by the Director of Services for Communities reviewing the Council's allotments strategy, the report to examine if the allocation policy should take account of whether or not an applicant had access to personal garden space.

**Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Burns declared a non-financial interest in the above item as an allotment holder.

## **25 Lothian Buses – Bus Fares and Concessionary Travel Scheme – Motion by Councillor Henderson**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Council therefore agrees to request an all party deputation to meet with the Minister for Transport and Climate Change to discuss these issues and make representations on behalf of the Council and Edinburgh’s bus users.”

### **Motion**

To approve the motion.

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

### **Amendment**

To remit the motion to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 29 July 2008.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Buchanan.

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**Voting**

For the motion - 29 votes

For the amendment - 29 votes

There being an equal number of votes for the motion and the amendment, the Lord Provost used his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

**Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Wheeler.

**26 Craiglockhart Woods Group – Motion by Councillor Buchan**

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

“That Council:

- 1) notes that The Craiglockhart Woods Group works in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council in preserving and improving the woodland area of the Craiglockhart Hills for the enjoyment of the public;
- 2) notes that the group has recently undertaken numerous improvement works in the area and is enhancing access to the woods for all residents, especially disabled residents; and
- 3) congratulates The Craiglockhart Woods Group on its endeavours, thanks the group for its efforts and wishes it every success in the future in protecting this vital environment for future generations.”

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Buchan.

**27 Housing – Motion by Councillor Munro**

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

“Council notes the recent pronouncement by the Deputy First Minister of a £25m package for council housing in Scotland over the next 3 years.

Council further notes that this is insufficient to meet the needs and demands of the City of Edinburgh for 1 year never mind Scotland for 3 years.



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Council asks the Scottish Government to acknowledge:

- 1) the unique circumstances of the Edinburgh housing market;
- 2) the shortage of affordable housing in Edinburgh.

Council calls on the Scottish Government to put in place a long-term strategy for Edinburgh to enable it to build the 12,000 affordable homes over 10 years which Edinburgh needs to meet the demand for affordable and social rented housing.”

**Motion**

To approve the motion.

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

**Amendment 1**

- 1) To welcome the announcement by the Scottish Government of the £25m additional new funding for Council housing in Scotland over the next three years.
- 2) To welcome the end of the right to buy for new build properties as one of the tools to meet the growing challenge of providing for enough quality affordable housing in Edinburgh.
- 3) To note that the Affordable Housing Working Group was developing a long term strategy with the Minister of Communities and Sport to provide affordable housing in Edinburgh in the future.

- moved by Councillor Work, seconded by Councillor Edie.

**Amendment 2**

- 1) To agree paragraphs 1 and 2 of the motion.
- 2) To note the Affordable Housing Working Group had already started to investigate a way forward on affordable housing in Edinburgh.
- 3) To remit the motion to the Affordable Housing Working Group for consideration.

- moved by Councillor Whyte, seconded by Councillor Kate MacKenzie (on behalf of the Conservative Group).

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**Voting**

In the first vote between the motion and the amendments, the voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	18 votes
For amendment 1	-	29 votes
For amendment 2	-	11 votes

As there was no overall majority, amendment 2 which had received the fewest votes fell and, in a second vote between the motion and amendment 1, the voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	18 votes
For amendment 1	-	29 votes

**Decision**

To approve amendment 1 by Councillor Work.

**28 Scottish Ballet and Scottish Opera – Motion by Councillor Hinds**

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

“Following the Council’s decision to stop funding Scottish Ballet and Scottish Opera the Council asks for an urgent report to find ways that the work which was carried out in Edinburgh by both companies can continue. This report should also address the financial effect on the Festival City Theatres Trust by taking the decision to cease funding this work by Scottish Ballet and Scottish Opera.”

**Motion**

To approve the motion.

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

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**Amendment**

To take no action on the matter.

- moved by Councillor Brock, seconded by Councillor Cardownie.

**Voting**

The voting was as follows:

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

There being an equal number of votes for the motion and the amendment, the Lord Provost used his casting vote in favour of the amendment.

**Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Brock.

(Reference – Act of Council No 4 of 13 March 2008.)

**29 Earth Hour 2009 – Motion by Councillor Johnstone**

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

“That the Council endorses the aims of Earth Hour, a global climate change initiative run by WWF which calls on organisations and individuals around the world to turn off their lights for one hour between 8pm and 9pm on March 29<sup>th</sup>, demonstrating the connection between energy usage and climate change; and calls for a report into how the Council can lead and inform Edinburgh’s citizens and businesses in joining cities across the world in helping raise awareness of the positive impact and importance of energy efficiency by participating fully in this growing international event in March 2009.”

**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Johnstone.

### **30 International Day Against Homophobia – Motion by Councillor Chapman**

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

“That the Council:

- 1) Notes that the 17<sup>th</sup> May this year is the second International Day Against Homophobia (IDAHO), which seeks to highlight the prejudice, abuse and violence suffered by lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people;
- 2) Notes that, despite legal advances in equality for LGBT people, many still face discrimination, in the UK and elsewhere;
- 3) Declares its support and solidarity for IDAHO;
- 4) Agrees to fly the rainbow flag from the City Chambers on 17<sup>th</sup> May.”

#### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Chapman.

### **31 Provision of Water at Meetings – Motion by Councillor Aldridge**

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

- 1) “To note that the provision of water in glass or plastic bottles at full Council, Committee and other meetings is a waste of resources.
- 2) In view of the above, Council is requested to agree that in future, where practicable, tap water be provided in place of bottled water at these meetings.
- 3) To instruct the Chief Executive to investigate the implications of extending this to cover all meetings involving officers and to report back in the event of any difficulties being identified in implementing this.”

#### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Aldridge.

**32 Balerno High School – Sports Facilities – for remit to the Education, Children and Families Committee – Motion by Councillor Henderson**

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

“Council instructs the Director of Children and Families to produce a report that:

- 1) assesses the current level of provision of sports facilities at Balerno High School;
- 2) analyses what facilities are anticipated to be required to meet future needs;
- 3) provides likely costs and possible timescales for delivery of any new facilities that may be required.”

**Decision**

To remit the motion to the Education, Children and Families Committee.

**Appendix 1**  
**(As referred to in Act of Council No 4 of 1 May 2008)**

**QUESTION NO 1**

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

**Question**

Given the horrific murder in the area earlier this year, what measures have been taken to tighten up on security in the Calder's high rise flats to assure peace of mind to residents?

**Answer**

This Administration is committed to creating a city where people of all ages feel safe and secure in their own and other neighbourhoods and communities. Our Budget provided £3million per annum funding for Police officers. We have introduced greater integrated working with the police through the introduction of Neighbourhood Action Units and Joint Patrolling.

A meeting was held with the Calder's High Rise Residents Group on the night of the murder. A Calder's High Rise Action Plan is in place, which takes account of the following:

- Regular monitoring of CCTV;
- Regular maintenance checks to ensure door entry systems are operating effectively; and
- Appropriate training to all relevant staff in regard to security and safety protocols

The Community Safety Concierge Team has increased their high visibility patrols in the Calder's by 40%, including patrols at night and checking landings for youths and general disturbances. The team also patrol the high-rise flats to identify issues relating to alcohol, drugs and disruptive behaviour.

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The Calders High Rise Residents Group continues to meet monthly. Representatives from the South West Neighbourhood Team attend these meetings to discuss and resolve any neighbourhood issues. Environmental Wardens are working with Cleansing and Ground Maintenance in an effort to improve the amenity of the area. The team has organised joint projects with the residents such as litter picks and bulb planting. Enhancing a feeling of ownership and community spirit, these projects take place throughout the year and there is increased evidence of involvement from residents, which is being encouraged.

**Supplementary  
Question**

I was astonished when I read the answer to the question. Indeed I had to read it several times before I could convince myself that it was the answer to the question that I had asked or indeed that it was talking about the area that I had referred to. It talks about, for example, representatives of the South West Neighbourhood Team attending meetings to discuss and resolve any neighbourhood issues and later on it talks about involvement from residents which is being encouraged. I was absolutely astonished when I read that and the more times I read the answer over, the angrier I get about it. This bears absolutely no resemblance to what people actually think in the Calders high rises. Indeed, the picture that is painted, if you actually speak to those residents, is of people under threat, decent people being worn down by their surroundings and by the conditions in which they are expected to live.

The Secretary of the Residents Group has actually resigned just in the last few weeks in despondency and has written an exit report detailing why she has left and why she feels that in all the time she has been there absolutely nothing has been done and there has been no response to the issues she has repeatedly raised over and over again. I even got an e-mail from Councillor Rust who had apparently been at a party last weekend and had been accosted and lambasted by residents of the Calders high rises going on about the problems and painting a very bleak picture of the conditions there.

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One of the major issues is that they have a very good key fob system but apparently the concierges habitually buzz people in without checking their identity and that leads to strangers on the communal stair and a large number of incidents. I would therefore say that I give this answer 0 out of 10 and I would request, indeed demand, that Councillor Edie revisit this and go back to residents of the Calders and this time actually ask them what they think and then maybe we can do something about it.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

You put down a question about a horrific murder that happened in a stair. You have asked what we are doing to make people feel safer. These are factual answers as to exactly what happened following that incident. The general state of that area is a separate issue and I would be happy to sit down with you after the meeting and with local representatives from the ward and local community representatives to discuss what else can be done to make them feel safer but I am perfectly content that the answer I have given is factually correct.



**QUESTION NO 2**

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

**Question**

Can you confirm that in the 2009 – 2010 and the 2010 – 2011 budgets the following amounts in the Children and Families and Health and Social Care Departments are ‘savings still to be identified’?

	2009 - 2010	2010 - 2011
Children and Families	£5,421,000	£11,052,000
Health and Social Care	£3,170,000	£5,081,000

**Answer**

The above figures represent the unidentified balance of the 2% efficiency savings and the projected growth pressures for the departments in 2009/10 and 2010/11.

**Supplementary  
Question**

I notice there has been a subtle change in the language from what was used in the budget to the answer. In the budget, which I have said in my question actually stated savings still to be identified, I notice you now talk about efficiency savings. Can I clarify? Efficiency savings in my language means that you save money by being more efficient therefore you don't have to cut services. My understanding of what you said in the budget is that the £16m and £8m that you are going to take out of the two budgets in the next two years would require savings and therefore would require a reduction in services. Could you clarify exactly what is meant?

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**Supplementary  
Answer**

The figures provided are actually less than 2%. The 2% is the efficiency savings level which we apply across the Council to departments. We obviously have unallocated balances of £11m in the first year and £22m in the second year which should cover any or all of those savings. So I am quite content we have provided a good budget for vulnerable children and families and that there is adequate headroom within our budget not to take any savings that we don't feel as a Council that we should be taking.

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**QUESTION NO 3**

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

Full Council on 7 February 2008 recognised the arguments for paying staff the same irrespective of their gender.

- Question** (1) What advice was received from COSLA on this issue?
- Answer** (1) COSLA has confirmed that it has not and has no plans to issue advice on this matter.
- Question** (2) What information has been elicited on actions taken by other UK authorities on this issue?
- Answer** (2) We actively monitor the actions taken by other UK Local Authorities. There does not however appear to be a consistent approach across local authorities in the UK.
- Question** (3) What negotiations have taken place with Trade Unions in the Council on this issue?
- Answer** (3) The trade unions receive regular updates on this matter. It is not however a negotiation item. However, they have indicated acknowledgement of the "queue" approach being taken by Employment Tribunals to male claims and the Council's position on this matter.
- Question** (4) When will a report on this issue be put before full Council?
- Answer** (4) Previous Council decisions on 20 December 2007 and 7 February 2008 required a further report on this matter. This report will be submitted to Full Council as the legal position clarifies.

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**QUESTION NO 4**

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

**Question**

Please complete the table below for each City Council primary and secondary school in Edinburgh.

School Name	Notional Intake Capacity	No of Catchment Pupils	Catchment Capture Rate 2007	Placing Requests In	Placing Requests Out	Proposed 2008 intake Limit (P1 or S1 as appropriate)

**Answer**

Please see attached table. The 'notional intake capacity' is not a measure that the Department records. Where S1 intake limits have been previously agreed by Council, these are recorded in this column. With regard to primary schools, the number of classes a school can accommodate at P1 is dependant on the organisation in the remainder of the school – particularly the specific number of pupils in the P2 year stage, which can potentially offer composite opportunities. Accordingly the size of the intake can vary year on year, meaning a static 'intake capacity' measure would be meaningless. It should be noted that for some of the secondary schools, no intake limit has been applied.

The 'catchment capture rate' refers to the number of pupils who live in the catchment area of a particular school and attend that catchment school. It should be noted that the figures in this column will be skewed by recent secondary school catchment changes.

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## Appendix

## PLACING REQUESTS AND CATCHMENT DATA

Response to Question by Cllr Whyte at Council 1 May 2008

School	Notional Intake Capacity	No. of Catchment Pupils for 2008	Catchment Capture Rate 2007	Placing Requests In for 2008	Placing Requests Out for 2008	Proposed 2008 intake Limit (P1 or S1 as appropriate)
Abbeyhill Primary		15	59.6%	7	1	25
Balgreen Primary		47	53.4%	14	15	50
Blackhall Primary		61	97.4%	13	2	60
Bonaly Primary		52	95.5%	20	0	50
Bonnington Primary		46	15.1%	1	31	25
Broomhouse Primary		28	33.9%	3	16	25
Broughton Primary		42	47.1%	9	12	50
Brunstane Primary		20	56.6%	5	6	25
Bruntsfield Primary		82	67.5%	9	13	75
Buckstone Primary		51	89.0%	10	1	60
Burdiehouse Primary		33	31.2%	1	20	20
Canal View Primary		41	46.0%	4	14	41
Carrick Knowe Primary		67	73.1%	7	6	60
Castleview Primary		30	34.1%	7	12	25
Clermiston Primary		48	59.0%	2	16	50
Clovenstone Primary		50	59.9%	4	19	50
Colinton Primary		30	55.3%	3	16	25
Corstorphine Primary		77	72.1%	11	6	catchment only
Craigentenny Primary		43	31.8%	2	27	25
Craiglockhart Primary		51	77.7%	18	6	55
Craigour Park Primary		61	57.9%	3	16	63
Craigroyston Primary		51	40.1%	7	21	50
Cramond Primary		62	93.3%	11	3	60
Currie Primary		50	71.1%	3	15	50
Dalmeny Primary		13	74.5%	6	2	20
Dalry Primary		40	55.7%	10	5	50
Davidson's Mains Primary		66	77.7%	21	5	60
Dean Park Primary		48	97.5%	11	1	50
Drumbrae Primary		24	39.2%	2	9	25
Duddingston Primary		40	62.5%	27	4	50
East Craigs Primary		35	81.0%	10	1	50
Echline Primary		24	77.7%	5	3	25
Ferryhill Primary		44	61.2%	15	12	50
Flora Stevenson Primary		85	70.9%	15	22	75
Fort Primary		19	34.0%	3	8	25
Forthview Primary		31	33.7%	17	17	34

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Fox Covert Primary		19	61.3%	2	1	25
Fox Covert RC Primary		18	92.4%	2	2	25
Gilmerton Primary		46	56.1%	15	13	64
Gracemount Primary		79	39.4%	15	32	50
Granton Primary		38	52.1%	4	17	40
Gylemuir Primary		65	82.4%	8	8	60
Hermitage Park Primary		44	56.3%	16	5	50
Hillwood Primary		10	72.3%	1	2	15
Holy Cross RC Primary		34	74.5%	9	9	30
James Gillespie's Primary		51	65.6%	18	11	50
Juniper Green Primary		41	84.1%	22	6	50
Kirkliston Primary		50	92.3%	1	1	50
Leith Primary		24	22.9%	7	15	25
Leith Walk Primary		20	40.1%	8	6	25
Liberton Primary		63	51.0%	31	16	60
Lismore Primary		14	41.7%	0	3	12
Longstone Primary		37	65.2%	5	9	45
Lorne Primary		18	62.5%	22	4	31
Murrayburn Primary		31	63.4%	15	4	42
Nether Currie Primary		14	94.4%	6	1	25
Newcraighall Primary		10	53.1%	6	2	20
Niddrie Mill Primary		47	39.4%	10	21	38
Oxgangs Primary		49	49.6%	11	23	50
Parsons Green Primary		40	75.1%	7	8	44
Pentland Primary		56	50.2%	10	10	50
Pirniehall Primary		27	27.2%	11	17	25
Preston Street Primary		42	51.8%	14	14	45
Prestonfield Primary		12	50.7%	17	4	25
Queensferry Primary		63	61.1%	5	8	58
Ratho Primary		12	97.6%	1	0	25
Roseburn Primary		28	80.3%	9	2	37
Royal Mile Primary		20	41.3%	2	11	25
Royston Primary		32	37.9%	5	15	34
Sciennes Primary		76	80.3%	34	1	75
Sighthill Primary		23	71.2%	5	2	32
South Morningside Primary		82	80.1%	16	5	75
St Catherine's RC Primary		21	55.9%	3	7	25
St Cuthbert's RC Primary		16	75.3%	4	4	25
St David's RC Primary		33	72.7%	0	6	25
St Francis' RC Primary		27	84.8%	1	4	34
St John Vianney RC Primary		37	77.6%	1	7	45

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School	Notional Intake Capacity	No. of Catchment Pupils for 2008	Catchment Capture Rate 2007	Placing Requests In for 2008	Placing Requests Out for 2008	Proposed 2008 intake Limit (P1 or S1 as appropriate)
St John's RC Primary		53	91.3%	5	12	50
St Joseph's RC Primary		29	79.4%	2	5	44
St Margaret's RC Primary		14	96.9%	0	0	20
St Mark's RC Primary		21	89.9%	2	3	25
St Mary's RC Primary (Edinburgh)		52	87.0%	10	4	50
St Mary's RC Primary (Leith)		49	78.7%	8	11	50
St Ninian's RC Primary		34	74.8%	4	11	45
St Peter's RC Primary		56	96.4%	18	4	50
Stenhouse Primary		39	48.0%	3	15	43
Stockbridge Primary		15	74.0%	21	0	25
The Royal High Primary		40	55.8%	27	5	50
Tollcross Primary		14	44.5%	9	3	25
Towerbank Primary		72	68.0%	5	6	75
Trinity Primary		30	69.9%	19	3	30
Victoria Primary		11	30.7%	9	4	25
Wardie Primary		65	80.1%	19	2	60
Westburn Primary		21	35.1%	11	13	25
Balerno Community High	160	125	94.3%	58	2	160
Boroughmuir	200	170	66.4%	49	11	200
Broughton High School	240	188	53.8%	37	44	240
Castlebrae		62	32.8%	6	17	
Craigmount	260	210	80.0%	84	19	260
Craigroyston		127	40.2%	6	52	
Currie High School	180	127	89.8%	17	12	180
Drummond CHS		87	48.4%	23	18	
Firrhill	220	213	71.3%	44	29	220
Forrester		173	42.7%	17	76	
Gracemount HS		123	63.4%	20	15	
Holy Rood	220	185	92.2%	8	19	220
James Gillespies	200	187	65.2%	33	16	200
Leith Academy	180	165	68.5%	27	30	180
Liberton		151	52.3%	7	32	
Portobello	260	220	76.7%	49	12	260
Queensferry		148	89.0%	7	3	
St Augustine's RC High		124	93.1%	3	18	
St Thomas of Aquins	140	138	91.2%	24	6	140
The Royal High	220	175	90.6%	48	9	220
Trinity Academy	180	131	73.9%	38	16	180
Tynecastle	180	180	52.1%	20	60	180
Wester Hailes EC		122	45.8%	3	33	

**QUESTION NO 5****By Councillor Hinds answered by  
the Leader of the Council**

- Question** (1) How many years have the City of Edinburgh Council funded Scottish Ballet?
- Answer** (1) The City of Edinburgh Council has funded Scottish Ballet for over 10 years.
- Question** (2) Scottish Ballet were funded £40,000 in 2007/8, can you give details of activities which were carried out in Edinburgh with this funding?
- Answer** (2) Funding of £40,199 was allocated to the following activities in the 2007/08 funding agreement:
- Performances in Edinburgh (inclusive of audience development and marketing initiatives) - £35,091;
  - Arts Education project to be agreed with Arts and Learning - £5,108.
- Question** (3) The Council at its budget meeting this year made a decision to give no funding to Scottish Ballet, are you aware what this will mean to Scottish Ballet's educational programme of work and performances in Edinburgh?
- Answer** (3) This is an operational matter for Scottish Ballet. However, we understand that discussions are ongoing between Scottish Ballet and The Scottish Government on this matter.
- Question** (4) Will this decision not to fund Scottish Ballet have an effect on the Festival Theatres Trust finances?
- Answer** (4) The impact of the decision not to fund Scottish Ballet, and indeed Scottish Opera, will only be known once the Festival City Theatres Trust 08/09 programme has been concluded.



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- Question** (5) If yes, do you know the figures?
- Answer** (5) See answer to question 4.
- Question** (6) Have you met with Scottish Ballet since the budget meeting?
- Answer** (6) On 28 March the Convener of Culture and Leisure and I, accompanied by the Director of Corporate Services and two senior Arts managers from the Department, met representatives of Scottish Ballet and Scottish Opera.
- Question** (7) If yes, what was the outcome of that meeting?
- Answer** (7) It was confirmed that decisions made were not a reflection on the quality of performance by either company. It was clarified that the Council would not give core revenue funding to these companies in this financial year. If project funding became available officers would, however, contact the representatives to discuss further options.
- Question** (8) Are there any proposals to fund Scottish Ballet in any way this financial year?
- Answer** (8) As noted in answer 7 above, officers are working to identify whether any project funding might be available.
- Supplementary Question** I am sure that the Leader will agree with me that Edinburgh as a cultural or arts capital should be supporting inclusion in the arts and supporting national companies like Scottish Ballet in order for them to carry out that inclusion work. As you see from the answers they've carried out education and inclusion work in their programme. I have to say I am somewhat surprised that we didn't know about the Festival Theatre programme since I certainly received the brochure just last week for the Festival Theatre.
- Will the Leader give me an assurance that serious consideration will be given to finding project funding this year for Scottish Ballet and that they will be seriously considered for funding in next year's budget?

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**Supplementary  
Answer**

As you see from the answer we are indeed and we told Scottish Ballet, and indeed Scottish Opera, that we would attempt to find project funding for them. The other line that they are taking, and you also see that from the answer, is that Scottish Ballet gets something like £4.62m from the Scottish Government and they are in discussions with the Scottish Government as to what they can use that funding for. So there is potential that some of that can be put into the kind of projects - I am not saying they are bad projects - and in our discussions with them we made it perfectly clear we thought they were doing a good job but we had very tough decisions to make about funding and we will certainly be bearing them in mind should project funding become available during the course of this year. We also made it clear to them that we would be looking anew next year at how we disburse funds.

**QUESTION NO 6**

**By Councillor Milligan answered by  
the Leader of the Council**

- Question** (1) How many years have the City of Edinburgh Council funded Scottish Opera?
- Answer** (1) The City of Edinburgh Council has funded Scottish Opera for over 10 years.
- Question** (2) Can you give details of activities from Scottish Opera's outreach programme which were carried out in Edinburgh with Council funding in 2007/08?
- Answer** (2) Funding of £43,210 was allocated to the following activities in the 2007/08 funding agreement:
- Edinburgh programme including 15 main-scale performances and Opera Unwrapped at the Edinburgh Festival Theatre - £29,870;
  - Arts Education project to be agreed with Arts and Learning - £13,340.
- Question** (3) The Council at its budget meeting this year made a decision to give no funding to Scottish Opera, are you aware what this will mean to Scottish Opera's outreach programme in Edinburgh?
- Answer** (3) This is an operational matter for Scottish Opera. However, we understand that discussions are ongoing between Scottish Opera and The Scottish Government on this matter.
- Question** (4) Have you met with Scottish Opera since the budget meeting?
- Answer** (4) On 28 March the Convener of Culture and Leisure and I, accompanied by the Director of Corporate Services and two senior Arts managers from the Department, met representatives of Scottish Opera and Scottish Ballet.