

## Committee Minutes

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# Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Edinburgh, 10 February 2009

**Present:-** Councillors Wheeler (Convener), Aldridge (Vice-Convener), Barry, Buchanan, Burgess, Child, Dawe, Dundas, Elliott-Cannon, Hawkins, Jackson, McInnes, McIvor, Mowat, Munro, Peacock, Perry and Tymkewycz.

**Also Present:-** Councillors Elaine Aitken, Hinds, Paisley and Whyte.

## 1 Minutes

### Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 25 November 2008 as a correct record.

## 2 Bus Service 12: The Craightinny Avenue North Residents Association's Proposals

### 2.1 Deputation from Craightinny Avenue North Residents' Association and residents from the Findlay's Residents

Jean Haigh of Craightinny Avenue North Residents' Association expressed concern that none of the Residents' Associations' proposals regarding Service No 12 had been found acceptable to Lothian Buses. The turning circle beside the former Eastern General Hospital would be helpful to many residents but would not address the problems of access for all users of the bus service and in particular to the Seafield Crematorium. The Association requested that the Council fund the installation of the turning circle.

Margaret Creamer on behalf of Residents of the Findlay asked the Committee to reconsider the reinstatement of the No 13 bus route. The No 13 bus route was an integral part of the community that many of the predominantly elderly residents found necessary to go about their daily

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business. The deputation requested the Committee to subsidise a restored No 13 bus service.

**Decision**

The Convener thanked the deputations for attending and indicated that their comments would be taken into account when the Committee considered the report by the Director of City Development on the matter. (See item 2.2 below.)

**2.2 Report by the Director of City Development (Agenda Item 17)**

The Committee on 25 November 2008 had instructed the Director of City Development to report on proposals submitted by the Craigentenny Avenue North Residents' Association in regard to Lothian Buses Service No 12. The Director reported further on these proposals and on discussions with Lothian Buses. The Director also advised that the Department was currently inviting prices from Lothian Buses for the restoration of a reduced provision along the whole of the former Service 12 and was tendering for a restored No 13 bus service.

**Decision**

- 1) To note that City Development officials had met with both Lothian Buses and the Craigentenny Avenue North Residents' Association and had fully discussed the options put forward by the Residents' Association.
- 2) To note that Lothian Buses had argued that none of the proposals were commercially viable, as they would entail higher costs and/or lower revenue, and in some cases would deprive other neighbourhoods of a valuable and well used bus service.
- 3) To note that the Department of City Development was inviting prices from Lothian Buses for the restoration of a reduced provision along the whole of the former Service 12; and were also tendering for prices for a restored Service 13 which would further extend from Lochend to Seafield Road via Craigentenny Avenue and Fillyside Road.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 November 2008 (minute item 2.5); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

### **3 Crewe Toll Roundabout – Motion by Councillor Hinds**

The following motion by Councillor Hinds was submitted in terms of Standing Order No 29:

“This Committee notes with concern another serious accident at the Crewe Toll Roundabout in North Edinburgh.

Committee calls for a report on the options, including traffic lights, to make this intersection safe for cars, cyclists and pedestrians.”

Councillor Hinds was heard in regard to the motion.

#### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Hinds.

### **4 Public Transport Provision Between the Parks and Rides and the Waterfront Area – Motion by Councillor Hinds**

The Director of City Development reported on a motion, submitted by Councillor Hinds, on the feasibility of providing a bus service from the Park and Ride site at Ingliston directly to and from the Waterfront area.

Councillor Hinds was heard in regard to the report.

#### **Decision**

To continue consideration of the report to the meeting of 5 May 2009 for discussions between Councillor Hinds and the Director of City Development.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 6 May 2008 (minute item 9); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

### **5 Seafield/King’s Road Roundabout: Delayed Completion of Roadworks**

#### **5.1 Motion by Councillor Ewan Aitken – King’s Road Roundabout (agenda item 5.3)**

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

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“Council notes:

- The admission by Council officers that the transport management plan to deliver the new traffic management system at the King’s Road roundabout was “dangerous”.
- The admission by the Convener of Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee at the meeting of Full Council in November 2008 that, despite having agreed an alternative plan he could give neither a full costing nor a time line for its implementation.

Council calls for a report in one cycle to outline the circumstances that led to the initial plan being described as dangerous and the additional costs and timeline for the alternative plan, including what other projects will be delayed or not delivered as a result.”

The Committee agreed that the motion be considered in conjunction with a report by the Director of City Development on the matter. (See item 5.2 below.)

**5.2 Report by the Director of City Development – Motion by Councillor Hawkins** (Agenda item 5.4)

The Director of City Development reported on the delay to the completion of the works on the Seafield Roundabout (King’s Road Roundabout), the reasons for this delay and the communication problems with the local community.

Councillor Hawkins was heard in regard to the report.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To instruct the Director of City Development to report on the cost implications of the overrun of the contract to the meeting of the Committee on 29 July 2009.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 November 2008 (minute item 33); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**6 Lothian Buses Services 17, 20 and 42 – Additional Information**

The Committee had previously instructed the Director of City Development to report on possible solutions to concerns about Bus Services 17, 20 and 42.



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The Director of City Development reported on the loss of Services 17 and 20 and the curtailment of service 42.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the decision under delegated powers to continue to fund the 13, 18, 48 extension, N16, N44 and N26 bus services until 2359 on 24 July 2009.
- 2) To note the various avenues being explored by the Department to procure or develop public transport provision in the South-West Edinburgh area.
- 3) To instruct the Director of City Development to include the No 17 service in the Department's procurement exercise for public transport provision.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 November 2008 (minute item 2.5); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**7 Community and Accessible Transport – Motion by Councillor Whyte**

The Director of City Development reported on the result of meetings with parties interested in community and accessible transport services on the existing provision in Edinburgh and further scope for its improvement.

Councillor Whyte was heard in regard to the report.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that the Convener writes formally to the Scottish Government requesting that demand responsive transport be incorporated into a national strategy and funded accordingly.
- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Whyte.

(Reference – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 6 May 2008 (minute item 10) 29 July 2008 (minute item 8); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

## **8 Residential 20 mph Programme – Motion by Councillors Elaine Aitken and McInnes**

The Director of City Development reported on three motions by Councillors Elaine Aitken and McInnes and former Councillor Brown, in regard to traffic calming and 20 mph zones.

### **Decision**

To continue consideration of the report to the meeting of 29 July 2009 for discussions between the department and Councillors Elaine Aitken and McInnes.

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

## **9 Motion by Councillor Child – Recycling Facilities**

The Committee had under consideration the following motion by Councillor Child:-

“Committee

- notes with concern that, despite the best persuasive efforts of Council officers, there is resistance from supermarkets to allow the Council to continue to site recycling facilities for customers in their car parks (eg Big W, Brunstane) or to site new facilities (eg Lidl, Craigmillar).
- calls for a report on the potential impact of this backward trend in meeting Edinburgh’s recycling targets.”

Councillor Child was heard in regard to the motion.

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Child.

## **10 Edinburgh South Suburban Railway – Supplementary Assessment**

### **10.1 Motion by Councillor Perry – South Suburban Railway (Agenda item 5.9)**

The Committee had under consideration the following motion by Councillor Perry:-

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“1. Committee notes:

- That despite recent press coverage to the contrary, the Scottish Government does appear willing to meet with the City of Edinburgh Council to further discuss the re-opening of the South Suburban railway.
- That in a recent Scottish Parliament Debate (on 3 December 2008) the Minister for Transport, Infrastructure and Climate Change stated:

1. “He suggested that I should sit down and talk to the City of Edinburgh Council. As an enthusiast for public transport, I am always happy to do that sort of thing. If that is helpful, I will do so.”
2. “However, as an enthusiast for expanding the rail network, I hold out an olive leaf. If there are issues that the City of Edinburgh Council wishes to discuss with me, I am very happy to sit down and discuss them.”

- 2 Committee welcomes these statements (which are now on Parliamentary record) and calls for a cross-Party meeting to be arranged with the Minister at the earliest opportunity.”

Councillor Perry was heard in regard to the motion.

The Committee agreed that the motion be considered in conjunction with the report by the Director of City Development on the matter. (See item 10.2 below).

## 10.2 Report by the Director of City Development

The Director of City Development reported on further feasibility work undertaken by Halcrow in returning a passenger service to the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway (ESSR).

A representative from Halcrow was heard in regard to the report.

### Motion

- 1) To note that an ESSR service for the City Centre could not be achieved given the planned priority to increase future rail services from destinations outwith Edinburgh.
- 2) To note that all of the further options appraised were not economically viable and would therefore require ongoing subsidy.

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- 3) To note that the benefits originally stated in the Atkins 2004 report were incorrectly overstated.
- 4) To note that Transport Scotland and SEStran on the basis of the Phase 1 Halcrow report were unwilling to fund further work on the scheme.
- 5) To note the Minister's recent statement within the parliamentary debate on the ESSR that "for the moment, the bottom line for the Government is that, on the basis of the information available, opening the Edinburgh South Suburban Line would not be the most cost effective use of our scarce resources".
- 6) That every option considered to date for a rail service linking the ESSR to Waverley, Haymarket or Edinburgh Park was insufficiently strong to warrant a request to the Scottish Government to consider further options in the current economic climate.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

#### **Amendment**

The Committee accepts that there are limitations to the routes that the Edinburgh South Suburb Railway service can operate, particularly in relation to Waverley Station. However it does not accept that this makes the re-opening of the ESSR unviable and therefore instructs the Director to report to a future Committee on:

- 1) The cost of reintroducing the most viable route based on the lowest cost per passenger mile.
- 2) The capital cost of constructing that route.
- 3) And a realistic timetable for its construction on the basis that the funding, both capital and revenue, will be identified in future budgets.

- moved by Councillor Perry, seconded by Councillor Barry.

#### **Voting**

For the motion - 10 votes

For the amendment - 8 votes

#### **Decision**

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- 2) To note that all of the further options appraised were not economically viable and would therefore require ongoing subsidy.
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- 6) That every option considered to date for a rail service linking the ESSR to Waverley, Haymarket or Edinburgh Park was insufficiently strong to warrant a request to the Scottish Government to consider further options in the current economic climate.

(References – Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee 6 May 2008 (minute item 12); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

## **11 Niddrie Mill/St Francis School: Safer Routes to School – Motion by Councillor Child**

The Director of City Development reported on a motion by Councillor Child requesting an investigation into why a planning condition intended to ensure the safety of children and parents crossing Niddrie Mains Road had not been implemented in time for the new campus at St Francis RC and Niddrie Mill Primary Schools.

Councillor Child was heard in regard to the report.

### **Decision**

- 1) To commence the statutory procedure to establish a new signal controlled crossing at a point on Niddrie Mains Road approximately 325 metres east of its junction with Greendykes Road, as shown on the attached plan in the report by the Director of City Development.
- 2) To note that the controlled crossing in a temporary location detailed in the report by the Director of City Development had become operational on 30 December 2008.

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- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Child.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 November 2008 (minute item 32); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

## **12 Residential Parking Permits – Update on Proposed Alterations to Charging Mechanisms Linked Environmental Concerns – Motion by Councillor Burgess**

The Director of City Development reported on a motion by Councillor Burgess on residential parking permits and the alterations to charging mechanisms linked to the environment. An initial report had been submitted to the Committee in July 2008 and had been continued for further consultation and details on increases in road fund licences.

Councillor Burgess was heard in regard to the report.

### **Motion**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To introduce a banding system for residents' permits with fees based on the CO<sup>2</sup> emissions or engine size of the vehicle.
- 3) To introduce a surcharge for all second permits.
- 4) To introduce a £5 administration charge for quarterly or six monthly issued permits.
- 5) To introduce an administration charge of 10% of the original permit cost (with a £10 minimum charge) for any replacement permit issued.
- 6) To note that the revised permit scheme would be reviewed after the first full year of operation and that the findings would be reported to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 7) To commence the statutory process required to amend the Traffic Regulation Orders to reflect the modifications to the operation of the Controlled Parking Scheme as detailed in the Director's report to the 29 July 2008 Committee.
- 8) To note the intention to phase in the new charging structure as detailed in Appendix 3, Table 2 of the report by the Director of City Development.

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9) To discharge the motion by Councillor Burgess.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

**Amendment**

To continue consideration of the report for further consultation.

- moved by Councillor McInnes, seconded by Councillor Mowat.

**Voting**

For the motion - 13 votes

For the amendment - 3 votes

**Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To introduce a banding system for residents' permits with fees based on the CO<sup>2</sup> emissions or engine size of the vehicle.
- 3) To introduce a surcharge for all second permits.
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- 7) To commence the statutory process required to amend the Traffic Regulation Orders to reflect the modifications to the operation of the Controlled Parking Scheme as detailed in the Director's report to the 29 July 2008 Committee.
- 8) To note the intention to phase in the new charging structure as detailed in Appendix 3, Table 2 of the report by the Director of City Development.
- 9) To discharge the motion by Councillor Burgess.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 July 2008 (minute item 14); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

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### **13 Chair**

At this point in proceedings Councillor Wheeler left the meeting and Councillor Aldridge (Vice-Convenor) assumed the Chair.

### **14 Cleanliness of the City**

The Director of Services for Communities provided an update on the results of the latest Street Cleanliness Survey.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To agree that future reports include the cleanliness statistics on open spaces.
- 3) To recommend a collaborative approach by the Directors of Services for Communities and Children and Families in devising a strategy which incorporates local eco-schools in minimising the impact of litter in local communities.
- 4) To congratulate the staff on achieving the current CIMS scores.

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

### **15 Chair**

At this point in the proceedings Councillor Wheeler rejoined the meeting and resumed the Chair.

### **16 Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Performance Report – October/November 2008**

Details were provided on the performance management information for October/November 2008 for Services for Communities and City Development.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the performance for the period October/November 2008.



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- 2) To note the actions taken and planned to improve performance.

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

## **17 Department of City Development – Revenue Budget Monitoring 2008/09 – Month Nine Position – to 31 December 2008**

Details were provided on the month 9 revenue monitoring position for the Department of City Development.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that the Department was currently projecting a £0.27m overspend position for 2008/09.
- 2) To note the actions by the management to address the position.
- 3) To note that the majority of efficiency savings included in the budget were anticipated to be achieved.
- 4) To note the risks in the City Development budget, in particular, those relating to property repairs and maintenance and the economic downturn.
- 5) To instruct the Director of City Development to freeze all discretionary expenditure to ensure budget targets could be met.

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

## **18 Services for Communities: Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2008/09 – Month 9 Position**

Details were provided on the month 9 revenue and capital monitoring position for Services for Communities.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note Services for Communities financial position at month 9.

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- 2) To note that the Month 9 Position report would be the final monitoring report to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee for 2008/09.

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

## 19 Edinburgh Road Works Ahead Agreement

The Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership had advised the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of its concern that the two Technical/ Inspector Staff for monitoring compliance with the road works agreement had not yet been recruited.

The Director of Services for Communities reported that the work was being covered by members of staff within the Department.

### Decision

To note the concerns of the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership.

(Reference – report by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

## 20 Review of Major Projects

The Audit Committee had referred a report on the findings of a review of major projects and improvements, in relation to the work of **tie** on the Tram Project.

### Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Council Secretary, submitted.)

### Declaration of Interest

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

## 21 Withdrawal of Proposed TRO – Alexander Drive

The Director of Services for Communities sought approval for the withdrawal of waiting restrictions on Alexander Drive.

### **Decision**

To approve the withdrawal of waiting restrictions on Alexander Drive in proposed Traffic Regulation Order TRO/08/13A.

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

## **22 Review of Safety Arrangements of Pedestrian Crossings and Walkways Adjacent to Construction Sites and Roadworks**

The Directors of City Development and Services for Communities reported on concerns raised by the South West Neighbourhood Partnership in regards to pedestrian safety in and around construction sites and roadworks.

### **Decision**

- 1) To note that an analysis of collisions and crashes at roadworks had been undertaken, which mostly resulted in a slight injury account for less than one per cent of the total for the city.
- 2) To note that it was not feasible to provide an alternative pedestrian crossing facility on every occasion that an existing pedestrian crossing facility was suspended.
- 3) To note that before any works were undertaken on or adjacent to the road the contractor must have submitted details of their proposals and received approval from the Council.
- 4) To note that a protocol would be developed by the Director of Services for Communities to determine the requirements for the provision of alternative crossing facilities during road and construction works.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 July 2008 (minute item 29); joint report by the Directors of City Development and Services for Communities, submitted.)

## **23 Fire Safety of Timber Framed Buildings – Motion by Councillor Barry**

At its meeting on 20 November 2008 the Council had instructed the Director of City Development to report on a motion by Councillor Barry on recent serious fires in Oxfords and Morningside.

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The Director of City Development gave details of two reports, by the City of Edinburgh Council and Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service, on the fire safety of timber framed buildings.

Councillor Barry was heard in regard to the report.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note the decision by the Lothian and Borders Strategic Co-ordinating Group.
- 3) To note the recommendations implemented by the Lothian and Borders Strategic Co-ordination Group.

(References – Act of Council No 25 of 20 November 2008; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

## **24 Waverley Steps Access Improvements**

The Director of City Development reported on a programme of access improvements to Waverley Station that had been proposed by Network Rail.

**Decision**

To approve the adoption by the Council of a connecting walkway across the roof of the Princes Mall to a new lift, to be funded and constructed by Network Rail, on the conditions set out in the report by the Director of City Development, subject to formal approval of detailed legal agreements with Network Rail which would be approved under delegated authority by the Director of City Development.

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

## **25 Newcraighall Road: Proposed Public Transport Corridor**

The Director of City Development provided details of a proposal to restrict a section of Newcraighall Road to public transport vehicles and cyclists only and of the possible alternative public transport improvements which could be delivered on Newcraighall Road.

**Decision**

To note the proposed public transport corridor on Newcraighall Road and that a public consultation exercise would be undertaken prior to measures being progressed.

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

**26 Consultation on Initiatives Related to the ScotRail Franchise Extension**

The Director of City Development reported on a response to the Transport Scotland consultation on the extension of the ScotRail franchise.

**Decision**

To note the report.

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

**27 Traffic Regulation Order for the Proposed Waiting Restrictions on Castlehill and Johnston Terrace**

Approval was sought to introduce and amend waiting, loading and unloading restrictions on Castlehill and Johnston Terrace.

**Decision**

- 1) To amend the Traffic Regulation Order advertised by re-designating a shared use as a motorcycle parking bay.
- 2) To repel the remaining representations and make the amended Traffic Regulation Order subject to the receipt of the Traffic Management Plan from Historic Scotland, to a standard acceptable to the Director of City Development.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 July 2008 (minute item 36); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**28 Proposed Reduction of Speed Limit on Curriehill Road**

Approval was sought to reduce the speed limit on Curriehill Road as part of the Safer Routes to Schools Programme.

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**Decision**

To commence the statutory procedures for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the speed limit on Curriehill Road as part of the Safer Routes to Schools Programme.

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

**29 Part-Time 20 mph Speed Limits at Schools – Various Locations**

Approval was sought for changes to Traffic Regulation Orders required for the implementation of part-time 20 mph speed limits.

**Decision**

- 1) To revoke the Traffic Regulation Orders at Bonnington, Curriehill, Ferryhill, Lismore, Niddrie Mill, St Francis RC Primary Schools and St Serf's School
- 2) To amend the Traffic Regulation Orders for Echline and Tollcross Primary Schools, Craigroyston High School and Fettes College.
- 3) To promote new Traffic Regulation Orders for part-time 20 mph speed limits at Firrhill High School, St Margaret's School and the new campus for Niddrie Mill/St Francis RC Primary Schools.
- 4) To request that the Director of City Development in consultation with local Councillors, investigate the possibility of extending the part-time 20 mph zone in the vicinity of Firrhill High School.

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

**30 Eastfield Road – Reduction of Speed Limit from 60 mph to 40 mph**

At its meeting on 19 February 2008 the Committee had advised to commence the statutory procedure to reverse the speed limit on Eastfield Road to 30 mph.

The Director of City Development reported on the consultation process and sought approval to make a Traffic Regulation Order for a new speed limit of 40 mph on Eastfield Road.

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**Decision**

To commence the statutory procedure to advertise and make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order and new speed limit of 40 mph on Eastfield Road.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 19 February 2009 (minute item 18); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**31 Car Parking Provision in the City Centre**

The Director of City Development reported on the provision of car parking in the City Centre including figures on the previous and current provision.

**Decision**

To note the report.

(References – the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 November 2007 (minute item 11); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**32 Pedestrian Crossing Prioritisation Process**

The Director of City Development reported on the criteria used to compile the pedestrian crossing priority list and how local communities could feed into the process.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the current prioritisation process for the assessment of pedestrian crossing locations and the subsequent consultation process.
- 2) To note the involvement of local elected members and the local community in the process.
- 3) To note that a new prioritisation process for the assessment of pedestrian crossings would be developed and reported to a future meeting of the Committee.

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- 4) To refer the report by the Director of Services for Communities, with details of the current prioritisation list, to all Neighbourhood Partnerships for their information.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 29 July 2008 (minute item 9); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

### 33 The Strategic Transport Projects Review

The Director of City Development reported on the outcome of the Scottish Government Strategic Transport Projects Review and recommended a response to this outcome and the consultation on the accompanying Strategic Environmental Appraisal.

#### Motion

- 1) To submit the report by the Director of City Development as the Council's response to the Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) and as the basis of a response to its accompanying Strategic Environmental Appraisal (SEA).
- 2) To authorise the submission of a full response to the STPR SEA in the form of a letter from the Convener.
- 3) To send this response to COSLA inviting it to be included in any submission by COSLA to the Scottish Government.
- 4) To welcome the extensive package of rail improvements in the STPR, the new station at Gogar, the upgrade of Haymarket Station and the support given to Anglo-Scottish High Street Rail.
- 5) To welcome the proposed strategic Park and Ride sites at Halbeath and Pitreavie.
- 6) To ask that Project 9, Intelligent Transport Systems, should be re-configured to prioritise buses and high occupancy vehicles rather than increasing capacity for general traffic.
- 7) To express concern at the lack of consultation and involvement in the STPR process, and at the fact that several strategic transport interventions in the Edinburgh area were not assessed by the review.
- 8) To request that, in recognition of its strategic significance, Tram Line 3 to the Royal Infirmary, Bioquarter and beyond should be added to the list of projects to be progressed under the STPR.



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- 9) To authorise the Convener to write to the Scottish Government asking how the STPR would be taken forward, how its contents would evolve, what opportunities for reviewing the Strategic Transport Programme there would be, how new projects could find a way into the programme over time. In this context to ask that the Scottish Government consider funding strategic projects not identified by the STPR, including those involving neither the rail nor the trunk road networks, and funding project development. Funding should also be considered for strategic projects involving cycling and walking facilities.
- 10) To suggest to the Scottish Government that preparatory work on a new Forth Crossing should proceed, but recognises that a final decision on a new crossing would be deferred until 2011/2012, when the effectiveness of dehumidification work on the existing bridge is known. In addition, to ask that alternative projects should be prepared that can proceed if the new crossing proves to be unnecessary.
- 11) To ask that the projects identified in the STPR should be taken forward in consultation with stakeholders, including Councils.
- 12) To ask that Transport Scotland works with Councils to ensure that Intelligent Transport Systems, strategies and plans were in place and able to manage major incidents on the road network.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

### **Amendment**

In similar terms to the above motion with the amendment to 8 that any decision on Tram Line 3 be deferred to allow political groups further consultation with their wider Edinburgh membership.

- moved by Councillor Buchanan, seconded by Councillor Elliott-Cannon.

### **Voting**

For the motion - 11 votes  
For the amendment - 4 votes

### **Decision**

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- 7) To express concern at the lack of consultation and involvement in the STPR process, and at the fact that several strategic transport interventions in the Edinburgh area were not assessed by the review.
- 8) To request that, in recognition of its strategic significance, Tram Line 3 to the Royal Infirmary, Bioquarter and beyond should be added to the list of projects to be progressed under the STPR.
- 9) To authorise the Convener to write to the Scottish Government asking how the STPR would be taken forward, how its contents would evolve, what opportunities for reviewing the Strategic Transport Programme there would be, how new projects could find a way into the programme over time. In this context to ask that the Scottish Government consider funding strategic projects not identified by the STPR, including those involving neither the rail nor the trunk road networks, and funding project development. Funding should also be considered for strategic projects involving cycling and walking facilities.
- 10) To suggest to the Scottish Government that preparatory work on a new Forth Crossing should proceed, but recognises that a final decision on a new crossing would be deferred until 2011/2012, when the effectiveness of dehumidification work on the existing bridge is known. In addition, to ask that alternative projects should be prepared that can proceed if the new crossing proves to be unnecessary.
- 11) To ask that the projects identified in the STPR should be taken forward in consultation with stakeholders, including Councils.

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- 12) To ask that Transport Scotland works with Councils to ensure that Intelligent Transport Systems, strategies and plans were in place and able to manage major incidents on the road network.

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

**Declaration of Interests**

Councillors McInnes and Wheeler declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Board Members of FETA.

**34 Controlled Parking Zone Extension – Result of “Easter Road” Consultation**

The Director of City Development gave details of the outcome of an informal consultation with residents and businesses on the necessity for parking controls in the area east of the southern end of Easter Road.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that the consultation exercise indicated insufficient support for the idea for parking controls and that, as a result, it was not considered necessary to consider parking controls in the Easter Road area at the present time.

(References – Act of Council No 20 of 13 March 2008; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

**35 Controlled Parking Zone Extension – Results of “Warriston” Consultation**

The Director of City Development gave details of the outcome of an informal consultation with residents and businesses on the necessity for parking controls in the area at the northern end of Warriston Road beyond the boundary of the existing N1 Zone.

Councillors Hinds and Whyte were heard as local ward members.

**Decision**

- 1) To note the report.

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- 2) To note that the consultation exercise revealed general opposition to parking controls and that, as a result, it was not considered necessary to consider parking controls in the Warriston area at the present time.
- 3) To commence the statutory process to introduce double yellow line restrictions as detailed in Appendix 3 to the Director of City Development's report.
- 4) That local Councillors be consulted on the location of double yellow lines.

(References – Act of Council No 20 of 13 March 2008; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

### **36 Controlled Parking Zones – Zone N3, Amendments to North Park Terrace**

Approval was sought to commence the statutory process to remove mews status from North Park Terrace to allow the street to be used by other N3 permit holders.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To approve the commencement of the statutory process to remove mews status from North Park Terrace and to introduce permit holder parking on the west side of that street.

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

### **37 Harewood Crescent/Drive/Road, Niddrie Mains Drive/Road and Wauchope Avenue/Crescent/Place – Stopping Up on Means of Public Right Passage**

The Director of City Development gave details of the results of statutory consultations on the proposals to stop up parts of the road on Harewood Crescent, Harewood Drive, Harewood Road, Niddrie Mains Drive, Niddrie Mains Road, Wauchope Avenue, Wauchope Crescent and Wauchope Place and sought approval to make the Stopping-Up Order.

#### **Decision**

To make the Order to come into effect on 2 March 2009.

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

### **38 Redetermination of Means of Public Right of Passage to Permit Cyclists to Use Footways/Footpaths**

Approval was sought to commence the necessary statutory procedure to legally convert parts of footways/footpaths to cycletrack.

#### **Decision**

To make the necessary Road Orders under the Road (Scotland) Act 1984 to re-determine parts of footways/footpaths to cycletrack at Muirhouse Bank/Ferry Road, Crawford Bridge, Hawkhill Avenue and Cameron Toll Roundabout.

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

### **39 Potential Bids for Technology Strategy Board Funding**

The Director of City Development advised the Committee that the Council had lodged letters of support to two separate consortia in competing for different funding streams available through the Technology Strategy Board.

#### **Decision**

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that the Council had supported the two consortia that have submitted expressions of interest and taking part in the Technology Strategy Board competitive bidding processes.
- 3) To note that if the bids were successful there would be a further report presented to the Committee.

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

### **40 Conference Invitations**

#### **Decision**

- 1) To approve Councillor McIvor's attendance at the Energy and Environment 2009: Low Carbon Revolution – Driving Economic Growth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century in London on 26 March 2009.
- 2) To approve Councillor Wheeler's attendance at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scottish Rail Conference in association with Network Rail in Edinburgh on 21 April 2009.

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- 3) To note the approval of Councillor Wheeler's attendance under Standing Order 84 at Scotland's Transport Infrastructure in Edinburgh on 19 January 2009.
- 4) To note the approval of Councillor Burgess's attendance under Standing Order 84 to Scotland's Natural Wealth in Glasgow on 2 February 2009.

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

#### **41 Traffic Re-Routing Due to Closure of Shandwick Place – Motion by Councillor Mowat**

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

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

Committee notes:

- 1) That since the temporary closure of Shandwick Place that there has been a substantial increase in traffic using the residential streets at Randolph Crescent, Great Stuart Street, Ainslie Place and St Colme Street.
- 2) That the recommendations of the Scottish Minister's reporter on the Central Edinburgh Traffic Management Scheme stated that the decision between routing traffic along Great Stuart Street or around Charlotte Square was finely balanced.

And agrees:

That due to the traffic increase in this area the Council's presumption against routing traffic through Charlotte Square should be reconsidered and that the possibility of routing traffic around Charlotte Square should be considered should a permanent closure of Shandwick Place to private vehicles be proposed.

Councillor Mowat was heard in regard to her motion.

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**Decision**

- 1) To approve the motion by Councillor Mowat.
- 2) That local Councillors, appropriate Neighbourhood Partnerships and Community Councils be consulted in regard to the proposals.

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