

Committee Minutes

Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Edinburgh, 6 May 2008

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

Also Present:- Councillors Beckett, Hinds, Munn, Thomas and Whyte.

1 Appointment of Convener and Vice-Convener

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillor Wheeler as the Convener.
- 2) To appoint Councillor Aldridge as the Vice-Convener.

2 Jim Grieve, Department of City Development

The Convener advised the Committee that Jim Grieve (Department of City Development) was due to retire from the Council in July 2008. The Committee thanked him for his dedication to the Council and offered its best wishes for the future.

3 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the meeting of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 19 February 2008 as a correct record.

4 Appointments to the Tram Sub-Committee

The Committee was asked to appoint the membership for the Tram Sub-Committee comprising of 2 SLD, 1 SNP, 1 Labour, 1 Conservative and 1 Green member.

Decision

To appoint Councillors Buchanan, Burgess, Hawkins, Henderson and McInnes to the Tram Sub-Committee and to the note that the Convener (Councillor Wheeler) was appointed by the Council.

5 Deputations

The Committee agreed to hear deputations on the following issues:

(a) Edinburgh Railway Action Group – Tram Project

Harold Nicholson of the Edinburgh Railway Action Group requested that the Council hold a referendum on the Tram Project, the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway and the rail link to the airport.

(Reference – letter 18 February 2008.)

(b) Leith Links Residents' Association – Odour from Seafield (See item below)

Robert Kirkwood and Professor Jackson stated that in their opinion the odour plan (item 5) would not cause a dispersal of the odour from the Leith area. They believed that there were many reasons for this particular odour in Leith including the septic sewage water, large amounts of turbulence, the uncovered primary settlement tanks and the unusual climatic conditions. They requested that the Council take cognisance of the exceptional circumstances causing the odour in Leith and take further steps to reduce it including the covering of the primary settlement tanks.

(Reference – email 11 February 2008.)

(c) Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council – No 13 Bus Service (See item below)

Alan Denham, Fiona Gilbert and Tina Woolnough from Craigleith/Blackhall Community Council asked the Council to revisit its withdrawal of funding for the No 13 bus service. They stated that the figures considered by the Council were not accurate and there was now a higher number of Blackhall

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residents using the service and thus the subsidy per person was much lower than the figure considered in the Council budget.

(Reference –email 18 April 2008.)

(d) Capital Rail Action Group – South Suburban Railway
(See item below)

Lawrence Marshall from the Capital Rail Action Group asked the Council to continue to analyse the viability of the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway. He stated that there were cost effective ways in which local passenger services could be delivered on the South Suburban Railway, which would meet Edinburgh's transports needs, continue on existing train paths and be an asset to the economy.

(Reference – email 30 April 2008.)

(e) E-Rail Limited – South Suburban Railway
(See item below)

Andrew Robb and John McGregor of E-Rail Limited stated that further work should be done on analysing the benefits of the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway and that there were inaccuracies in the report by the consultants. They stated that the lowest expected patronage was 400,000 users and the highest was 1.4 million which showed that there was a strong possibility that it could be cost effective and no decision should be taken until a proper cost/benefit analysis had been completed.

(Reference –email 1 May 2008.)

6 Seafield Waste Water Treatment Plan – Odour Improvement Plan

The Director of Services for Communities advised the Committee on how the Statutory Requirements of the Sewerage Nuisance (Code of Practice) (Scotland) Order 2006 now placed an obligation on Scottish Water to submit an Odour Improvement Plan, and recommended that the Committee approve the implementation of the first phase of the Plan and that the existing suspended abatement notice was lifted when confirmation was received from Scottish Water that the project had commenced.

The Committee had heard a deputation from Leith Links Residents Association on this matter (item 5(b) above refers).

Councillors Munn and Thomas attended as local ward members.

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Representatives of Scottish Water were in attendance to answer any questions.

Motion

- 1) To approve implementation of the first phase of the revised Seafield Odour Improvement Plan submitted to the Council on 14 April 2008.
- 2) To approve the lifting of the existing, suspended Abatement Notice when confirmation was received from Scottish Water that the project had commenced.
- 3) To note that, during the period of construction, it was possible that there would be periods of additional odour nuisance due to that process and to ask Scottish Water to liaise with Council officials to produce a comprehensive communications programme to keep the local community informed.

- moved by Councillor Wheeler, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

Amendment

- 1) To improve implementation of abatement measure D of the Seafield Odour Improvement Plan which provided for the covering of the primary settlement tanks.
- 2) To approve the lifting of the existing, suspended Abatement Notice when confirmation was received from Scottish Water that the project had commenced.
- 3) To note that, during the period of construction, it was possible that there would be periods of additional odour nuisance due to the process and to ask Scottish Water to liaise with Council officials to produce a comprehensive communications programme to keep the local community informed.

- moved by Councillor Munro, seconded by Councillor Child.

Voting

For the motion - 12 votes
For the amendment - 5 votes.

Decision

- 1) To approve implementation of the first phase of the revised Seafield Odour Improvement Plan submitted to the Council on 14 April 2008.

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- 2) To approve the lifting of the existing, suspended Abatement Notice when confirmation was received from Scottish Water that the project had commenced.
- 3) To note that, during the period of construction, it was possible that there would be periods of additional odour nuisance due to that process and to ask Scottish Water to liaise with Council officials to produce a comprehensive communications programme to keep the local community informed.

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

7 Seafield Treatment Works – Independent Inquiry into Pumping Station Failure

In April 2007 the Council called for a full independent inquiry into the operational failure of the Seafield Treatment Works and a report on how the Council's internal and external communications were handled when the failure occurred.

The Director of Services for Communities reported on the issue.

Councillors Munn and Thomas attended as local ward members.

Representatives of Scottish Water were in attendance to answer any questions.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To acknowledge the hard work undertaken by Services for Communities in liaising with the public when the failure occurred.
- 3) That the Director of Services for Communities provide a progress report to a future meeting of the Committee.

(References – Act of Council No 26 of 26 April 2007; joint report by the Directors of Corporate Services and Services for Communities, submitted.)

8 Subsidised Bus Routes – Motion by Councillor Hinds

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

“Now the budget has been agreed for 2008/9, this Council asks for a report on the effect on the subsidised bus routes which received funding in the 2007/8

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budget. This report should consider options to ensure these services are retained. This would include the number 13 route.”

The Committee had heard a deputation from Craighleith/Blackhall Community Council on this matter (item 5(c), above refers).

Councillor Hinds was heard in regard to the motion.

Decision

- 1) That the number 13 bus be retained for a full year of service and that the Director of City Development discuss support for the route with Lothian Buses.
- 2) That, in view of the urgency of the matter, the Director of City Development report to the Council on the terms of the motion.
- 3) That the Director of City Development enter into dialogue with the Craighleith/Blackhall Community Council on the research undertaken in regard to the use of the number 13 bus service.

(Reference – Act of Council No 30 of 13 March 2008.)

9 Bus Service to Granton Waterfront – Motion by Councillor Hinds

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

“Due to the increasing employment at the Granton Waterfront and the desire to enable employees to regularly use public transport, the Committee asks for a report on the feasibility of providing a bus service from the Park and Ride at Ingliston directly to and from the Waterfront area.”

Councillor Hinds was heard in regard to the motion.

Decision

To continue the motion for a report by the Director of City Development on the feasibility on providing a bus service from Park and Ride sites, (including Fife) directly to and from the Waterfront area.

(Reference – Act of Council No 31 of 13 March 2008.)

10 Review of Community and Specialist Transport Schemes – Motion by Councillor Whyte

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

“Council:

- 1) notes that some Edinburgh residents in social need live in areas which are not currently covered by public transport, and which cannot efficiently be covered by supported bus services currently or in the future;
- 2) instructs the Chief Executive to undertake a review of all of the Council-run and Council-subsidised community and specialist transport schemes, to ensure that any duplication is removed, best value is achieved and the criteria are revised to provide transport to those in social need without current access to public transport, as described above;
- 3) asks the Chief Executive to report on his review to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee (as the lead Committee) and the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee.”

Councillor Whyte was heard in regard to the motion.

The Director of City Development reported on community and specialist transport services in the city and indicated that previous reviews/studies had been undertaken.

The Director also reported on a meeting, held with all parties interested in community and accessible transport services, to consider best practice.

Decision

That the Director of City Development report on the existing situation and advise of any further scope for improving community accessible transport.

(Reference – Act of Council No 28 of 13 March 2008.)

11 Introduction of a Bicycle Station Scheme

The Director of City Development indicated that a consultant had been commissioned to undertake a feasibility study into the introduction of a Bicycle Station Scheme.

Councillor Whyte was heard in regard to the report.

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Decision

- 1) To note the report and that a further report on the motion would be submitted to a future Committee on completion of the feasibility study.
- 2) To refer the report to the Planning Committee for further consideration.

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

12 Edinburgh South Suburban Railway – Feasibility Report

The Director of City Development reported on the findings of a report by the consultants Halcrow on the potential for reopening the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway to passenger services.

The Committee had heard deputations from Capital Rail Action Group and E-Rail Ltd on the matter (items 5 (d) and (e) above refers).

Representatives of Halcrow were in attendance to answer any questions.

The following motion by Councillor Henderson had been referred by the Council at its meeting on 1 May 2008

“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.”

Decision

- 1) To accept the terms of the above motion by Councillor Henderson.
- 2) To note the Halcrow report on the Edinburgh South Suburban Railway (ESSR).
- 3) To instruct the Director of City Development to ascertain the views of SEStran and Transport Scotland on the report.

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- 4) To instruct the Director of City Development to produce a further report on ESSR, addressing the following points:
- (a) options for funding the potential revenue shortfall on a par with other rail services elsewhere in Scotland;
 - (b) the possibility of using hybrid (electric/diesel power) trams on the ESSR in conjunction with the Edinburgh tram system;
 - (c) any further realistic options that may be available to restore passenger services on the ESSR, bearing in mind the information provided by the deputations.

(Reference – Act of Council No 3 of 1 May 2008, submitted.)

13 Cambridge Street/Grindlay Street – Usher Hall Redevelopment

Approval was sought to make a Variation Order to the Traffic Regulation Order governing the Controlled Parking Scheme and Disabled Parking Scheme to remove or relocate parking bays on the roads adjacent to the Usher Hall, to make a Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit motor vehicles on the section of Cambridge Street/Grindlay Street in front of the Usher Hall and make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a bicycle parking bay on Cambridge Street.

Councillor Beckett attended as a local ward member.

Decision

- 1) To commence the statutory procedure to make the necessary Orders listed in the report by the Director of City Development.
- 2) To note that the Director of City Development would meet with local ward members in regard to consultation with local residents, disabled parking provision, deliveries to Saltire Court and provision of residents parking places.

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

14 Improving the Servicing of Packaging Recycling Bins – Motion by Councillor Child

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

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“Committee calls for a report by the Director of Services for Communities on ways of improving the servicing of packaging recycling bins on street and in supermarket car parks.”

Decision

To continue the motion for a report by the Director of Services for Communities.

15 Streetscape Improvement Project in Queensferry

In response to a motion by Councillors Kate MacKenzie and Norman Work, the Director of City Development reported on the Streetscape Improvement Project in Queensferry.

Councillor Work was heard in regard to the report.

Decision

- 1) To note that the Streetscape Improvement Project was implemented following full consultation with the local people and the Community Council and the consultation process agreed on a design which offered the best balance between car and coach parking in the Hawes Car Park.
- 2) To note that the Council was working with the local community and the cruise liners to ensure Queensferry achieved the maximum benefit from both the passengers and crew of the visiting ships.
- 3) To note that a new traffic management and parking setup had been devised to deal with the passenger pick up from cruise liner visits at the Hawes Car Park. This new arrangements would be monitored for the first few cruise ship visits for 2008.
- 4) To discharge the motion.

(Reference – Act of Council No 35 of 28 June 2007; report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

16 Controlled Parking Zones – Visitor Permits

In response to a motion by Councillor Hart, the Director of City Development reported on the introduction of visitor permits.

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Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To discharge the motion.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 25 September 2007 (item 3); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

17 Controlled Parking Zones – Operational Changes - Update

The Director of City Development reported on additional modifications to the application of the Controlled Parking Zones.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note that the modifications detailed in the report by the Director of City Development would be included in the legal process previously sanctioned by the Committee.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 19 February 2008 (item 15); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

18 Vehicle Activated Signs

In response to a motion by Councillor Jackson, the Director of City Development reported on the feasibility of installing more vehicle activated signs.

Councillor Jackson was heard in regard to the report.

Decision

- 1) That vehicle activated warning signs be deployed within a package of road safety measures to be used where appropriate.
- 2) That a prioritisation method be developed for permanent speed roundel type vehicle activated signs funded from the Accident Reduction Capital Budget 2008/09.

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- 3) That an evaluated one-year programme of permanent speed roundel type vehicle activated signs, based on a prioritised list, be undertaken and funded from the Accident Reduction Capital Budget.
- 4) That the motion be discharged.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 November 2007 (item 3); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

19 Child Safety on Ferry Road

In response to a motion by Councillor Jackson, the Director of City Development reported on measures to address concerns raised in regard to the safety of children using the bus stop on the south side of Ferry Road.

Councillor Jackson was heard in regard to the report.

Decision

- 1) To retain the pedestrian crossing in its current position.
- 2) To investigate an alternative location for the bus stop, and, subject to the outcome of a road user safety order, relocate the stop.
- 3) To introduce a programme of education and enforcement measures together with the school which would highlight the dangers of crossing outwith the signalised crossing to pupils.
- 4) To request the Director of City Development to report to the next meeting in regard to the alternative location for the bus stop.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 November 2007 (item 4); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

20 Traffic Impact Study for Niddrie/Craigmillar

In response to a motion by Councillor Child on a Traffic Impact Study for Niddrie/Craigmillar, the Director of City Development reported on developments planned and underway in the area.

Decision

To note the report.

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

21 Haymarket Interchange Feasibility Study

Details were given of the outcome of the Haymarket Interchange Feasibility Study. The study including an outline business case, had been submitted to Transport Scotland.

Decision

- 1) To note the outcome of the Haymarket Interchange Feasibility Study and that this had been submitted to Transport Scotland for funding of the public sector elements of the project.
- 2) To note that a separate “Planning and Urban Design Principles for Haymarket” document had been prepared to assist Planning in assessing development proposals in the Haymarket Interchange area and wider public realm.
- 3) To note that the outcome of the Transport Scotland Strategic Projects Review with respect to funding for the Haymarket Interchange would be reported to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee in due course.
- 4) To refer the report to the Planning Committee for information and comments.
- 5) That the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee write to the Minister for Transport to reinforce the benefits and national importance of the feasibility study proposals and thereby make the case for funding of the proposals.

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

22 Parking Operations – Annual Review

The Director of City Development gave details of the Parking Operations Annual Review and a summary of the performance of the Council’s on-street enforcement contractor for December 2006 to November 2007.

Decision

To note the performance of Parking Operations during the first year of operation of the new decriminalised traffic and parking enforcement service contract.

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

23 Powered Two Wheelers and Bus Lanes

The Director of City Development gave details of a review of motor cycles in bus lanes.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to allow the Director of City Development to consult with the relevant stakeholders including SPOKES, Lothian and Borders Police and a relevant motorcycle group.

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

24 Lower Granton Road: Measures to Mitigate Traffic Impact and Review of Maintenance Issues

The Director of City Development reported on measures to mitigate the impact of traffic on Lower Granton Road and the review of maintenance issues in Lower Granton Road carried out by the Director of Services for Communities.

Decision

To note the results of the investigation into measures to mitigate the impact of traffic and the review of maintenance issues on Lower Granton Road.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 November 2007 (item 12); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

25 Pedestrian Crossing – Continuation – Restalrig Road

The Director of City Development reported on a review of the need and location of the pedestrian crossing at Restalrig Road and the impact that the additional funding necessary for the crossing would have on pedestrian crossings on the Capital Priority List.

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Decision

- 1) That the Council abandons plans to introduce a signalised crossing at Restalrig Road and proceed with the design and construction of a double 'D' pedestrian refuge and associated carriageway markings as shown on the plan attached to the Directors report.
- 2) To note the Director of City Development would provide Councillor Munro with further information on the funding of the works.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 November 2007 (item 13); report by the Director of City Development, submitted).

26 Reduction of Speed Limit on Musselburgh Road

Approval was sought to promote Traffic Regulation Orders to reduce the speed limit on Musselburgh Road/Seaview Terrace.

Decision

To approve the introduction of Traffic Regulation Orders to reduce the speed limit on Musselburgh Road/Seaview Terrace.

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

27 Proposed Full-Time 20 mph Zone, Thirlestane Road, James Gillespie's Primary School: TRO/07/13

The Director of City Development reported on objections received in response to the proposal for a Traffic Regulation Order to amend the full-time 20 mph zone to include Thirlestane Road around James Gillespie's Primary School.

Decision

To note that one of the objectors had already withdrawn their objection and to repel the two outstanding objections and to make a Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

28 Saughton Mains 20 mph Speed Limit Zone – Objection to Traffic Regulation Order

Approval was sought to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 20 mph zone in the Saughton Mains area.

Decision

To repel the objection and make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

29 Proposed 20 mph Zone, Trinity – Objections to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/07/21

Approval was sought to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a 20 mph zone in the Trinity area.

Decision

To repel the objection and make the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised.

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

30 Dublin Meuse, Edinburgh: Stopping Up of Means of Public Right of Passage

Approval was sought to stop up part of the carriageway on Dublin Meuse and delegate authority to the Director of City Development to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

Decision

To commence the statutory procedure to stop up the relevant section of Dublin Meuse and delegate to the Director of City Development the making of the Order, provided no objections were received when the Order was advertised.

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

31 Charles Street and Charles Street Lane – Stopping Up of Means of Public Right of Passage

Details were given of the result of the statutory consultation on the proposals to stop up part of the carriageway and footway on Charles Street and Charles Street Lane.

Decision

To make the Stopping Up Order at an early date coming into effect on 2 June 2008.

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

32 Learmonth Crescent – Stopping Up of Means of Public Right of Passage

Authority was sought to stop up part of the carriageway on Learmonth Crescent and delegate to the Director of City Development authority to make the necessary Traffic Regulation Order.

Decision

To commence the statutory procedure to stop up the relevant section of Learmonth Crescent and delegate to the Director of City Development the making of the Order, provided no objections were received when the Order was advertised.

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

33 Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme – Progress Report

The Director of City Development reported on the progress of the Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme.

Decision

- 1) To note the submission of a new planning application for the Murrayfield area and the funding implications of satisfying objections raised by the Scottish Rugby Union and Sportscotland.
- 2) To note the programme for advanced works for 2008 and further delay to construction of the main works to Spring 2009.

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- 3) To note that future funding requirements would be reviewed at the appropriate time and reported to a future Committee meeting.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment 27 November 2007 (item 20); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

34 Braid Burn Flood Prevention Scheme – Progress Report

The Director of City Development reported on the progress of the Braid Burn Flood Prevention Scheme.

Decision

To note the report.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment 27 November 2007 (item 21); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

35 Scottish Planning Policy 11: Open Space and Physical Activity

The Planning Committee had referred a report detailing the provisions of the Scottish Planning Policy (SPP) 11: Open Space and Physical Activity and the progress made towards preparing an open space audit and strategy.

Decision

To note the report.

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

36 Ship Sanitation Certificates

Approval was sought for the City of Edinburgh Council to be a Port Health Authority for the purpose of issuing certificates under the Ship Sanitation Regime as set out in the International Health Regulations of 2005.

Decision

- 1) To approve the authorisation of the City of Edinburgh Council as a Port Health Authority for the purposes of issuing certificates under Article 39 of the International Health Regulation 2005 and the Public Health (Ships) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2007, and any future legislation provisions which would not materially alter the scope of said authorisation.

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- 2) To approve the proposed scale of charges for the issuing of ship sanitation certificates as recommended by the Association of Port Health Authorities and the Scottish Port Health Officers' Group.

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

37 Cleanliness of the City

The Director of Services for Communities gave details of the latest street cleansing service scores and research into public satisfaction of street cleansing.

Decision

- 1) To note the significant improvement in Cleanliness Index Monitoring System (CIMS) over the past four surveys and the seven point improvement in the statutory performance indicators (LEAMS) on 2006/7 scores.
- 2) To note the actions outlined to address the scores in the North, Leith and the City Centre.
- 3) To refer the report to the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 4) To note that all future reports would also show and compare scores from the same month in the previous year.
- 5) To acknowledge the hard work undertaken by Services for Communities to achieve the best CIMS score to date.

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

38 Delivering Sustained Improvement in Street Cleansing

An update was provided on the existing measures in place to improve street cleansing, and a strategic overview of the reviews underway within Services for Communities.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.

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- 2) That the Director of Services for Communities investigate the possibility of entering into a partnership with Marks and Spencer and Sainsburys with a view to reducing litter in the Princes Street area.

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

39 Edinburgh's Core Paths Plan

The Director of Services for Communities reported on the outcome of the Edinburgh's Core Paths planning process and recommended adoption of Edinburgh's Core Paths Plan.

Decision

- 1) To note the two rounds of substantive informal consultation held.
- 2) To note the outcome of the formal statutory consultation process.
- 3) To approve the Edinburgh Core Paths Plan.
- 4) To note that following approval, the plan would be placed in community libraries, other public buildings, and on the City of Edinburgh Council website.

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

40 Street Lighting Performance Improvement Report

The Director of Services for Communities reported on the performance of the Street Lighting Section during 2006/07.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note the specific targets set for street lighting of 97% of faults repaired in seven days, other performance improvements, the joint working with Scottish Power to address their fault backlog and that future reports would be submitted to gauge levels of improvements achieved.
- 3) To note the Director of Services for Communities would circulate the list of Scottish Power long term faults to Councillors for comment.

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

41 Road and Footway Investment – Prioritisation of Works and Programme for 2008/11

The Director of Services for Communities reported on the programme of road and footway maintenance works for 2008/11, the prioritisation system and proposals to inform and consult with Neighbourhood Partnerships.

Decision

- 1) To approve the programme of maintenance and replacement works for 2008/11 and the prioritisation system used in Appendix A of the Director's report to allocate the budgets for road and footway maintenance.
- 2) To note that consultation will take place with the Neighbourhood Partnerships on their discretionary £100,000 capital spend and any desired movement of schemes between years 1, 2 and 3 of appendices B, C and D of the report by the Director of Services for Communities.

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

42 Performance Report – December 2007/January 2008

Details were given of the relevant performance management information between December 2007 and January 2008 for Services for Communities and City Development.

Decision

To note the performance:

- 1) To note the performance for the period December 2007 and January 2008.
- 2) To note the action taken and plan was to improve performance.

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

43 Conference Invitations

Decision

- 1) To appoint Councillors Cardownie and Mclvor to the Energy Environment 2008 conference on 17 June 2008 in London.

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- 2) To note the action taken by the Director of City Development, in consultation with the Convener, to authorise the attendance of Councillor Wheeler at the Optimum 2 conference in Zaandam the Netherlands on 16 and 17 April 2008.
- 3) To note the action taken by the Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Convener, to authorise the attendance of the Councillors Becket and Morris at the Energy Efficiency Historic Homes/Change Works conference in Edinburgh on 2 May 2008.
- 4) To note the action taken by the Director of Services for Communities, in consultation with the Convener, to authorise the attendance of Councillor McIvor to the Fleet Waste and Ground Services Conference in Aviemore on 6-9 May 2008.

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