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**Motion**

To approve the motion.

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

**Amendment**

Whilst congratulating Scotland's Homelessness World Cup winners on their tremendous recent success, to take no action on the motion by Councillor Godzik on the grounds that members of the team were drawn from all over Scotland and were not primarily associated with the City of Edinburgh.

- moved by Councillor Cardownie, seconded by Councillor Dawe.

**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 Cardownie.

**39 Parks Development – Motion by Councillor Hinds**

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

"That this Council

- 1) recognises the importance of open spaces, and in particular parks, to the communities of Edinburgh.
- 2) instructs the Director of Services for Communities to come forward with a draft development plan for the short term and long term investment in Inverleith Park.
- 3) submits the draft plan for Inverleith Park for full consultation within the local community.

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- 4) agrees that this process be carried out for all Edinburgh's public parks; and
- 5) calls for a report on the gaps in provision of public parks and what new provision and investment would be required to ensure all Edinburgh's citizens live, at most, one kilometre from a public park."

**Decision**

- 1) To recognise the importance of open spaces, and in particular parks, to the communities of Edinburgh.
- 2) To instruct the Director of Services for Communities to come forward with a draft Development Plan for the short term and long term investment in Inverleith Park.
- 3) To submit the draft plan for Inverleith Park to the Local Neighbourhood Partnership for full consultation with the local community.
- 4) To call for a report on the implications of this process being extended to cover all Edinburgh's public parks.
- 5) To call for a report on the gaps in provision of public parks and what new provision and investment would be required to ensure all Edinburgh citizens live, at most, one kilometre from a public park.
- 6) To bring forward the Edinburgh Green Space Partnership to oversee enhancement and development of green space in Edinburgh.

**40 "Moving Intowork" – Supported Employment Services – Motion by Councillor Murray**

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

"That this Council

- 1) welcomes the "jobs pledge" made by Prime Minister Gordon Brown last month;
- 2) is concerned to learn of the threatened closure of Intowork's supported employment services (Moving Intowork) which work with people with higher support needs;

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- 3) agrees to lobby
  - a) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions about the financial situation facing Intowork, caused by the unavailability of Big Lottery funding for its Moving Intowork supported employment services;
  - b) the Scottish Executive about the approaching reduction in European Social Fund monies and the impact this will have on Intowork and other voluntary sector agencies; and
  - c) NHS Lothian to increase its contribution to the work with vulnerable client groups undertaken by Intowork.
- 4) requests the Directors of City Development and Health and Social Care to discuss with Intowork the scope for a future partnership bid for ESF funding.”

#### **Decision**

- 1) To express concern that the threatened closure of Intowork’s supported services (Moving Intowork) which work with people with higher support needs.
- 2) To lobby
  - a) the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions about the financial situation facing Intowork, caused by the unavailability of Big Lottery funding for its Moving Intowork supported employment services;
  - b) the Scottish Executive about the approaching reduction in European Social Fund monies and the impact this will have on Intowork and other voluntary sector agencies; and
  - c) NHS Lothian to increase its contribution to the work with vulnerable client groups undertaken by Intowork.
- 3) To request the Director of Corporate Services to discuss with Intowork the scope for a future partnership bid for ESF funding.

#### **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors Edie and Whyte declared a financial interest in the above item as Directors of NHS Lothian.

#### **41 Joint Consultative Group with Trade Unions – Motion by Councillor Maginnis**

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

“Given the re-introduction of the committee system, Council agrees to re-establish the Joint Consultative Group with Trades Unions, as a sub committee of the Policy and Strategy Committee, to discuss all appropriate matters relating to staff employment and conditions of service.”

##### **Motion**

To approve the motion by Councillor Maginnis.

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

##### **Amendment**

To take no action on the motion by Councillor Maginnis on the grounds that, following discussions with Trades Unions and Council officers, a report on re-establishing the Joint Consultative Group with Trades Unions would be presented at the first meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee.

- moved by Councillor Dawe, seconded by Councillor Cardownie.

##### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

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

##### **Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Dawe.

#### **42 Councillors' Robes – Motion by Lord Provost Grubb**

The following motion by Lord Provost Grubb was submitted in terms of Standing Order 28:

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“Council requests a report on the re-introduction of robes for Councillors to wear, if they so choose, on civic occasions. The report to consider the cost of cleaning and refurbishment of the existing robes stored in the Council Chambers.”

**Motion**

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.

- moved by the Lord Provost, seconded by Councillor Dawe.

**Amendment**

To take no action on the matter.

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

**Voting**

The voting was as follows:

For the motion	-	38 votes
For the amendment	-	20 votes

**Decision**

To approve the motion by the Lord Provost.

**43 Personnel Appeals Committee – Motion by Councillor Rose**

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

“This Council:

- 1) notes that the Personnel Appeals Committee had a backlog of around 20 cases two years ago, and now has a backlog of just over 60 cases, some of which date back to 2003;
- 2) further notes that if the Committee maintains its current meeting pattern (ie an average of 20 meetings per calendar year), the Committee will need three years to deal with this backlog

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- 3) notes that the Government is expected to report on its recent review and consultation on options for simplifying and improving all aspects of employment dispute resolution, but pending the outcome of this work, calls for the Director of Corporate Services to bring forward an action plan to the full Council meeting of 25 October 2007 to deal with the current backlog as quickly as possible.”

#### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Rose.

#### **44 Trees in Logie Green – Motion by Councillor Chapman**

At her request, the Council agreed to the withdrawal of a motion by Councillor Chapman submitted in terms of Standing Order 28.

#### **45 Recycling and Household Waste Disposal – Motion by Councillor Burgess**

“That the Council notes the pledges made by all parties prior to the election on recycling and commits the Council to reducing waste and increasing recycling and composting as an alternative to supporting the building of a new incinerator to burn Edinburgh's household waste.”

#### **Motion**

- 1) To approve the motion.
- 2) Also, to commit to a zero waste position, in line with the Council's agreed commitment to a zero carbon Edinburgh, with a presumption against incineration of Edinburgh's waste, and to add this statement to its response to the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency's consultation on the Area Waste Plan for Lothian and Borders.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Johnstone.

#### **Amendment**

- 1) To note the pledges made by all parties prior to the election on recycling and to commit the Council to reducing waste and increasing recycling and composting.

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- 2) To undertake to continue to work with the four neighbouring authorities through the Lothian and Borders Area Waste Project, with a view to tackling residual waste and reducing landfill.

- moved by Councillor Aldridge, seconded by Councillor Cardownie.

### **Voting**

The voting was as follows:

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

### **Decision**

To approve the amendment by Councillor Aldridge.

## **46 Edinburgh Festivals – Motion by Councillor Johnstone**

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

“That the Council agrees to call for a report on improving the environmental performance of the Edinburgh Festivals.”

### **Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Johnstone.

## **47 Review of Members Services – Motion by Councillor Dawe**

The Lord Provost ruled that this item, notice of which had been given at the beginning of the meeting, be considered as a matter of urgency in order that it be considered timeously.

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

“That Council notes the instruction to the Director of Corporate Services (Council meeting of 8 February 2007) to undertake a review of Members Services. Council instructs that this outstanding remit be concluded and reported back to Council within two cycles.”

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**Decision**

To approve the motion by Councillor Dawe.



**Appendix 1**  
**(As referred to in Act of Council No 4 of 23 August 2007)**

**QUESTION NO 1**

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

- Question** (1) What is the proposed timescale and process for the recruitment of Head of Economic Development?
- Answer** (1) This Administration has shown its commitment to the city's economic well being by moving swiftly to progress the appointment of the Head of Economic Development. Council will consider a report from the Chief Executive on 23 August to initiate the recruitment process for the post.
- Question** (2) What measures, if any, are proposed to include private sector involvement in the recruitment process?
- Answer** (2) It will be for the Recruitment Committee to determine whether any private sector involvement is necessary in the appointment of a new Head of Economic Development.
- Question** (3) What measures, if any, are proposed to make the post attractive to individuals with private sector experience?
- Answer** (3) It is anticipated that recruitment consultants will be engaged to assist in the recruitment process for this post and those of the Director of City Development and Head of Transport. The brief given to them will include seeking to attract suitable candidates from the private sector.

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**QUESTION NO 2**

**By Councillor Buchan  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Transport and  
Infrastructure**

**Question**

Residents from Harrison Gardens, the Shandon Colonies and Ashley streets have decided not to be included in the CPZ-S3. Nevertheless, please advise on the likely effects of expanding the CPZ on these streets, as well as any impact which the CPZ expansion might have on Craiglockhart Terrace and Colinton Road. Please list any lessons which have been learned from studies examining the expansion of the CPZ on neighbouring areas and describe any mitigation measures which could be implemented to offset the impact of the expansion zone.

**Answer**

The residents of the zone (covering the Gorgie and Shandon areas) were originally intended to be part of the controlled parking zone. Following approximately 2,000 objections to controls in S5 it was decided to remove this zone from the final scheme, with residents and businesses seeking assurance that the Council would not propose to introduce controls at a later date. At the moment, it is too soon to give such an assurance.

In an area of high density housing such as Shandon it is obvious that any migration of parking, regardless of magnitude, could have a detrimental effect on the ability of residents to park near their homes.

The possibility of migration is the basis for an undertaking previously given by the Council that the implementation of each of the new zones would be closely monitored in order to highlight any issues that might arise. Potential solutions will be tailored to suit any identified issues, with priority being given to locations where inconsiderate parking may have an effect on road safety.

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While further extensions to the Controlled Parking Zone are one of a number of measures that could be considered for areas lying outside the current boundary of the CPZ, such proposals would require the Council to follow the statutory process necessary to introduce any form of parking control. It is likely that the legal process alone could take up to 18 months to complete, should it be determined that further extensions to the new zones are an appropriate course of action.

The monitoring process for the previously introduced zones of the extension to the Controlled Parking Zone has indicated that there has been some migration of commuter parking to adjacent areas. The amount of migration has varied between areas. The detrimental effects of that migration have been mitigated by the introduction of double yellow line restrictions at locations where parking could either impact on road safety or hinder traffic flow. Such measures are intended to prevent a recurrence of the situation that arose following the introduction of Zone S1.

Once the current CPZ programme has been completed it will be appropriate to review the effect (if any) of displacement of parking on adjacent unregulated areas.

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**QUESTION NO 3**

**By Councillor Buchan  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Transport and  
Infrastructure**

**Question** (1) What measures has the Council examined to reduce parking pressure and traffic growth on the Colinton Road Corridor and surrounding areas in Craiglockhart? Please advise of the details of these measures and their implementation timetables.

**Answer** (1) The objectives of the Council's Local Transport Strategy include the following:-

- increase the proportion of journeys made on foot, by cycle and by public transport
- reduce the need to travel, especially by car
- reduce the adverse impacts of travel, including road accidents and environmental damage.

Limiting or reducing parking pressure and traffic growth throughout the city is therefore at the heart of the Council's Strategy. Along with other areas on the fringes of the Controlled Parking Zone, parking pressures in the area will be reviewed following completion of the extension of the CPZ.

**Question** (2) The controlled pedestrian crossing over Colinton Road at North Meggetland is a planning condition of the new Applecross/Wimpey flats development at North Meggetland and is still to be delivered. At the last meeting of the Pentlands LDC, locals were informed that the funding was available, yet the Council is still in discussions with the developers. The crossing island that was previously installed has now been missing for over three years. The Council promised to install a temporary pedestrian crossing island in March 2007 across this dangerous and busy road. Why has this not been done yet? When is this temporary pedestrian crossing island likely to be installed?

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**Answer**

- (2) The planning permission for the Meggetland development was conditioned to provide a controlled pedestrian crossing on Colinton Road to the east of North Meggetland.

Work had commenced on the construction of the crossing when the department was informed that no neighbour notification had taken place by the developer. Work was subsequently suspended to allow notification to take place. Objections were received with regards to the location of the crossing. The objections were reported to the Pentlands Local Development Committee and rejected by the committee after 3 meetings of the LDC.

The Developer was then instructed to recommence construction but has refused claiming the specialised contractor has left the site and compensation is sought for additional site costs due to the delay in dealing with the objections by the LDC.

To facilitate the new crossing point the existing islands on Colinton Road were removed. Due to the delay in completing the crossing consideration was given to temporarily replacing the islands. This was not possible as the temporary island needed to be lit and the electricity supply was removed at the start of construction of the pelican crossing.

Enforcement action has now been instigated.

**Supplementary Question**

The answer to Question (1) does not relate in any way to the question I posed. I would accept a written answer from the Executive Member because I realise it is quite a difficult area for a non-practitioner and someone who knows clearly nothing about my ward to discuss in public.

**Supplementary Answer**

I will have further dialogue with Councillor Buchan.

**QUESTION NO 4**

**By Councillor McInnes  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Environment**

**Question**

At the Council meeting on 26 October 2006, an amendment which I moved to Councillor Child's Zero Carbon Target motion was adopted and Council agreed as a result to "establish an all-party working group to monitor the implementation of any work designed to achieve the targets set out above".

1. Why has this all-party working group not been set up?
2. When will it be set up?
3. What work has been done since 26 October to achieve the Zero Carbon targets set out in the decision on Item 17?

**Answer**

1. The Director of Corporate Services has advised that the Council is currently participating, along with 15 other local authorities across Scotland, in the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme (LACMP) which aims to develop a Carbon Management Implementation plan outlining objectives, responsibilities and timescales for the Council to meet its carbon targets. The Plan is scheduled to be prepared by March 2008. The development of the LACMP has provided the Council with the tools, support and expertise to establish its carbon emissions baseline. It was felt that this fundamental information was necessary to inform a cross party working group of the current situation within the Council in terms of carbon emissions. This information is crucial in determining the progress of the Council in meeting its carbon targets and will also highlight key priority areas for action. The baseline information is currently being collated and analysed and will be available at the end of September 2007.

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2. It is anticipated that the Working Group will be established in September 2007.
3. The Council has been active in a number of climate change initiatives since October 2006 namely:
  - Signing the Scottish Climate Change Declaration on 16 January 2007.
  - Publishing a Climate Change Framework, approved by Council on 13 March 2007. This comprehensive plan outlined an action plan for 2007-2009 covering a number of issues including the establishment of a baseline for greenhouse gases, the development of a system for climate proofing Council strategies and policies and the further progress of work on decentralised energy.
  - Further development of the Council's Energy Policy to be submitted to Council this autumn and the development of a policy on renewable energy.
  - Participation in the Local Authority Carbon Management Programme (LACMP) as referred to in Answer 1 above.
  - Organising a conference on community planning and climate change on 6 June at which the Edinburgh Partnership signed up to a Statement of Intent on Climate Change. Work is to be further progressed on this issue.

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**QUESTION NO 5**

**By Councillor Burns  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Education,  
Children and Families**

Following your answer of 28 June 2007 on this subject:

**Question** (1) Has any meeting (at officer or political level) yet taken place concerning the potential third-round of school building programme?

**Question** (2) What was the outcome of any such meetings?

**Question** (3) If meetings have not yet taken place, is there an agreed timetable for them?

**Answers** The Director of Children and Families has written to the Scottish Executive on this matter and a meeting between the Convener for Education, Children and Families and Adam Ingram, Minister for Children and Early Years took place on 16 August 2007. A meeting with Fiona Hyslop Cabinet Secretary for Education and Lifelong Learning is scheduled for 27 September 2007.

**Supplementary Question** I would like to draw the Executive Member's attention to page 74 of the papers for today's meeting. In the minute of June 2007's Council meeting the Executive Member agreed to keep all the opposition spokespersons on educational matters informed of progress with these five schools. Therefore, can the Executive Member inform me of the outcome of the meeting on 16 August with the Education, Children and Families Minister, Adam Ingram?



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**Supplementary  
Answer**

The outcome was that we are going to have a meeting with Fiona Hyslop on 27 September and I think the answer will probably be that they wish, as a new Administration, to determine their three year spending review. I will be able to provide further details when I have met the Cabinet Secretary for Education at the end of September.

**QUESTION NO 6**

**By Councillor Burns  
answered by the Executive  
Member for Education,  
Children and Families**

**Question**

Is the reason for the schools rationalisation programme, as outlined in a report on today's agenda, to balance the Children and Families Departmental budget?

**Answer**

The Children and Families Department has been working on a rationalisation programme for many months, having reported several times on this issue to the Council during the previous administration, most recently in October 2005. Since 1997, primary school numbers have fallen by 18% and are expected to fall for a further two years. Secondary school rolls peaked in 2003 and are expected to fall by a similar amount. This fall in rolls has been accompanied by a fall in the city's share of the Government's grant for education – a decline equivalent to £8 million over the past five years. In order that all young people in the city receive the maximum benefit from the grant available it is therefore necessary to rationalise provision.

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Is the Executive Member aware that the Registrar General for Scotland estimates the population growth for 0-15 year olds in Edinburgh to be plus 2,200 in the year 2024?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

I suspect that if there is a population growth it won't be in the areas where we've got schools.

**QUESTION NO 7**

**By Councillor Child answered  
by the Executive Member for  
Environment**

**Question**

What progress has been made to ensure utility companies sign up to a written agreement to improve repair standards in Edinburgh's streets?

**Answer**

The utility companies signed up to the 'Edinburgh Road Works Ahead Agreement' at a ceremony on 19 April 2007. Enthusiasm was expressed at working in closer partnership with the Council and there was an acknowledgement that road works could be done in a better way.

The agreement addresses issues for the improvement of road works in the city and sets out procedures for reducing congestion, improving the quality of works, making sure works are completed as quickly as possible and ensuring proper information for the public and signing is in place at each site.

A Review Panel from the partners will drive forward the requirements of the agreement and assess and measure the improvements of the utilities and their contractors. An early priority of the improved relationship is the undertaking to ensure all work sites have information boards for the public, with relevant details including contact phone numbers and also explanations for delayed work or unattended sites, if necessary.

A report is being prepared for the Council which will detail the full programme of the phased implementation of the agreement by early next year and will include a timetable of outcomes.

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**Supplementary  
Question**

Can the Executive Member specify the outcomes by which the success of the Concordat, which this party initiated, will be judged in the report which he has promised in the last paragraph?

**Supplementary  
Answer**

Not at this stage, but I am happy to discuss that with Councillor Child.