

Committee Minutes

Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

Edinburgh, 21 September 2010

Present:- Councillors Gordon Mackenzie (Convener), Aldridge (Vice-Convener), Barry, Buchanan, Burgess, Child, Day, Dundas, Elliott-Cannon, Hawkins, Henderson (substituting for Councillor Perry for items 1-6), Jackson, McInnes, McIvor, Mowat, Peacock, Perry, Rust (substituting for Councillor Mowat for items 1-6), Snowden (substituting for Councillor Dundas for items 1-6), Thomas (substituting for Councillor Gordon Mackenzie for items 3-6) and Tymkewycz.

1 Minute

Decision

To approve the minute of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 27 July 2010 as a correct record.

2 Chair

At this point in the proceedings, the Convener (Councillor Gordon Mackenzie) vacated the Chair and Councillor Aldridge (Vice-Convener) assumed the Chair.

3 Deputation Requests

- (a) Moray Feu Residents' Association – Edinburgh Tram – Shandwick Place
- (b) Moray Feu Residents' Association – Edinburgh Tram – Traffic Regulation Order
- (c) Royal, Regent and Calton Terrace Steering Group – “Keep Blenheim Place Open” – Edinburgh Tram – Traffic Regulation Order

(d) Royal, Regent and Calton Terrace Steering Group – “Keep Blenheim Place Open” – Edinburgh Tram – Traffic Regulation Order: TRO1 Review

Decision

- 1) To note that the deputation request by Royal, Regent and Calton Terrace Steering Group (item 3c) on the Edinburgh Tram Traffic Regulation Order had been withdrawn.
- 2) To continue consideration of the remaining three deputation requests to the meeting of 23 November 2010.

4 Edinburgh Tram – Shandwick Place and West End Junction (Motion by Councillor Dundas)

The Director of City Development reported on the motion, by Councillor Dundas, regarding the possibility of re-opening Shandwick Place to traffic until the main tram works recommenced.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the meeting of 23 November 2010.

(Reference – Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 July 2010 (minute item 3) report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Jackson, Gordon Mackenzie and Perry declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Directors of tie and TEL and took no part in consideration of this item.

Councillor Buchanan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of TEL and took no part in consideration of this item.

5 Edinburgh Tram – Traffic Regulation Orders

The Director of City Development reported on objections and comments received in regard to the statutory consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order for the Edinburgh Tram Network.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the meeting of 23 November 2010.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Jackson, Gordon Mackenzie and Perry declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Directors of tie and TEL and took no part in consideration of this item.

Councillor Buchanan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of TEL and took no part in consideration of this item.

6 Edinburgh Tram – Traffic Regulation Order: TRO1 Review

The Director of City Development reported on proposals to take forward recommendations made in regard to the Traffic Regulation Order for the Edinburgh Tram Network.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the meeting of 23 November 2010.

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

Declaration of Interests

Councillors Jackson, Gordon Mackenzie and Perry declared a non-financial interest in the above item as Directors of tie and TEL and took no part in consideration of this item.

Councillor Buchanan declared a non-financial interest in the above item as a Director of TEL and took no part in consideration of this item.

7 Motion by Councillor Hart – Parking Issues in the Craighour Area

The following motion by Councillor Hart was referred by the Council on 16 September 2010:

“Council notes:

- The traffic problems in the Craighour area since the opening of the new Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.
- That the Traffic Impact Assessment conducted in 2001 included a commitment to monitor the parking situation.

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Council therefore calls for a further report on the Craigour area of the city outlining solutions to the parking issues for residents, to include the possibility of the use of restricted hours localised parking regulations.”

Decision

To approve the motion by Councillor Hart.

8 Storm Damage to Coastal Defences (Motion by Councillor Child)

The Directors of Services for Communities and City Development reported on a motion, by Councillor Child, on damage caused by the storm of 30 March 2010 to coastal defences from Cramond through Portobello to Eastfield.

Decision

- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To note the unprecedented nature of the severe weather and commend the frontline staff who responded to the initial emergency.
- 3) To note the extensive work which had been carried out to assist the damage and to provide costed estimates for repair with an overall cost of £558,000.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 4 May 2010 (minute item 29); joint report by the Directors of City Development and Services for Communities, submitted.)

9 Report on Education Provided to Young People on the Dangers on Driving at Speed (Motion by Councillor Buchanan)

The Director of City Development reported on a motion, by Councillor Buchanan, on the education provided, from all relevant agencies, to young people on the dangers of driving at speed.

Decision

- 1) To note the contents of the Road Safety Plan for Edinburgh to 2020 and the Scottish Government’s Road Safety Framework to 2020 and the Road Safety interventions contained in each.
- 2) To note the current initiatives currently being undertaken in respect of pre drivers and young drivers and the interventions planned for the future.

- 3) To discharge the motion by Councillor Buchanan.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 4 May 2010 (minute item 12); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

10 Motorcycles and Bus Lanes (Motion by Councillor McIvor)

The Director of City Development reported on a motion, by Councillor McIvor, on bus lane usage by motorcyclists with a particular emphasis on road safety issues both in London and other areas of the UK where motorbikes are allowed in bus lanes.

Decision

To continue consideration of the report to the meeting of 23 November 2010 in order that the 130 page report from Transport London (TFL) could be further scrutinised.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 9 February 2010 (minute item 8); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

11 Active Travel Action Plan (Motions by Councillors Burgess and Whyte)

The Director of City Development reported on a proposed Active Travel Plan which incorporated information regarding a motion by Councillor Burgess on Safe Cycling in Edinburgh and a motion by Councillor Whyte on the Bicycle Share Scheme. Approval was also sought for the Active Travel Action Plan.

Decision

- 1) To approve the Active Travel Action Plan document.
- 2) To authorise the use of the Active Travel Action Plan in guiding the work of staff, partners and other key stakeholders to achieve the objectives it sets out.
- 3) To instruct the Director of City Development to seek to maximise external funding to help take forward the Active Travel Action Plan.
- 4) To discharge the motion on 5 May 2009 on “Safer Cycling in Edinburgh” by Councillor Burgess.
- 5) To discharge the motion on 24 May 2007 on “Bicycles Station Scheme for Edinburgh” by Councillor Whyte.

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- 6) That the Director of City Development provides a progress report on Safer Cycling Initiatives.

(References – Act of Council No 10 of 24 May 2007; Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committees 19 February 2008 (item 5), 6 May 2008 (item 11), 29 July 2008 (item 7), 25 November 2008 (item 6) and 5 May 2009 (item 10); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

12 Enhanced Tobacco Enforcement Programme Progress Report and Future Practice

An update was provided on the Enhanced Tobacco Enforcement Programme and in particular detailed service performance information for the first full year of the programme, against the agreed performance indicators as set out by the Scottish Government.

Decision

To note the report.

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

13 Zero Waste: Edinburgh and Midlothian Commencement of Procurement

The background of the Zero Waste project and the impact of the Scottish Government's Zero Waste plan was outlined and approval was sought to commence procurement of both food waste and residual waste treatment facilities.

Decision

The Committee agreed to refer the joint working arrangements to the Council in terms of Standing Order 35 and recommend to the Council:

- (a) To approve the revised scope of Zero Waste in Edinburgh and Midlothian to include treatment of food waste.
- (b) To approve two separate procurements be advanced commencing with Food Waste Treatment on October 2010 and Residual Waste Treatment in Spring 2011 (with the Project Board considering a final review of costings and affordability carried out immediately prior to commencing a procurement of residual waste facilities).

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- (c) To approve a Lead Authority approach to contract management.
 - (d) To note that a report would be submitted to a future meeting on Lead Authority and on the funding of the site access roads at Millerhill.
- (Reference – report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

14 Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Performance Report – June/July 2010

Details were provided on the performance management information for June/July 2010 for Services for Communities and City Development.

Decision

To note the performance for the period June/July 2010.

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

15 City Development – Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring 2010/11 Month 4 Position – To 31 July 2010

Details were provided on the 4 month revenue monitoring position and the projected outturn for 2010-11 for City Development.

Decision

- 1) To note that City Development was currently projecting a breakeven position for 2010/11.
- 2) To note the management action proposed by the Department to address pressures associated with falling income.
- 3) To note the risks in the City Development budget.

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

16 Services for Communities: Revenue and Capital Monitoring 2010-11 – Month 4 Position

Details were provided on the month 4 revenue and capital monitoring position for Services for Communities.

Decision

- 1) To note Services for Communities financial position at month 4.
- 2) To note that a further finance update report would be submitted to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee of 23 November 2010.

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

17 Water of Leith Management Plan – Finalised Version

The Planning Committee had referred the finalised Water of Leith Management Plan 2010-2020 to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee for its information.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Head of Legal and Administrative Services, submitted.)

18 Proposals for a New System of Prioritisation for Roads and Footway Investment

Details were provided on the options available in relation to the criteria used to prioritise roads and footway capital investment, as well as reflecting the priorities set out in the Council's Active Travel Action Plan.

Decision

- 1) To approve the proposed consultation on the prioritisation of capital investment in roads and footways.

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- 2) To note that a further report on the outcome of the review and a revised scheme of prioritisation would be presented at the November meeting for approval.
- 3) To note that a report on draft roads and footway capital programme for 2011/12 would be presented to the same Committee.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 27 July 2010 (minute item 31); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

19 2010/2013 Term Service Contract for Road Investment – Award Update

The Director of Finance, in consultation with the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee, had awarded the 2010/2013 term service contract for road investment to Tarmac Limited National Contracting.

Decision

To note that the 2010/2013 Tram Service Contract was awarded to Tarmac Limited National Contracting.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 9 February 2010 (minute item 30); joint report by the Directors of Finance and Services for Communities, submitted.)

20 Improved Access to Murrayfield Parish Church – Ormidale Terrace

An update was provided on the access issues surrounding Murrayfield Parish Church in Ormidale Terrace. The West Neighbourhood Team had looked at other ways of providing easier access to the church and its facilities without the need for a Traffic Regulation Order.

Decision

To note that the West Neighbourhood Team had engaged with the parish church and an agreement had been reached regarding resolution of the access difficulties.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committees 9 February 2010 (minute item 28) and 27 July 2010 (minute item 4); report by the Director of Services for Communities, submitted.)

21 Flood Prevention Schemes – Progress Report

Progress was provided on the Braid Burn and Water of Leith flood prevention schemes. Construction of the Braid Burn scheme had been largely completed and the Water of Leith scheme would now to be carried out in phases with tenders presently being prepared.

Decision

To note the report and that a contractor was currently being procured for phase 1 of the Water of Leith Flood Prevention Scheme and that a further report would be submitted after the tenders had been received and assessed.

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

22 Lower Granton Road Realignment and Granton Square

Details were provided on the progress on the enforcement action for Lower Granton Road and the schedule of works addressing problems at Granton Square.

Decision

- 1) To note that the court action in relation to Lower Granton Road had been delayed following representations from Forth Ports.
- 2) To note the £272,000 expenditure to date and that this would require to be written off against the Transport Revenue Account 2010-11 should the scheme not proceed.
- 3) To note that further estimated expenditure of £80,000 against Transport's Capital Investment Programme was anticipated should the scheme proceed.
- 4) To note the proposed recommencement of discussions to address the traffic and pedestrian issues at Granton Square.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committees November 2007 (minute item 12); 6 May 2008 (minute item 24); 5 May 2009 (minute item 24) and 4 May 2010 (minute item 2); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

23 20 mph Speed Limit Pilot in South Edinburgh

Proposals for a large scale pilot of a 20 mph speed limit in residential streets was outlined along with plans for the consultation on these proposals.

Decision

- 1) To approve the public consultation on the pilot 20 mph speed limit area outlined in the report by the Director of City Development and shown on map 1 of the report.
- 2) That the results of the consultation be reported to Committee, with further detail on how the scheme would be enforced.
- 3) To request officials to investigate the possible inclusion of areas on the boundary of the pilot area, such as to the east of Comiston Road, in the pilot scheme.

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

24 Streets Ahead Road Safety in Edinburgh

Information was provided on Streets Ahead Edinburgh's Road Safety Partnership including the framework for future partnership activity. Approval was sought to sign up to the European Road Safety Charter initiative as part of the Council's commitment to casualty reduction and the promotion of road safety.

Decision

- 1) To note the findings of this report.
- 2) To agree that the Council should make an application to sign up to the European Road Safety Charter.

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

25 Objection to Proposed Amendment to Waiting Restrictions on School Access – Dean Park Primary School

Approval was sought to repel the outstanding objection to the Traffic Regulation Order at Dean Park Primary School.

Decision

To repel the outstanding objection to TRO/09/067A (Dean Park Primary School) and allow the Traffic Regulation Order to be made as advertised.

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

26 Removal of Part-Time 20 mph Limit for St Margaret's School TRO/09/023

Approval was sought to progress the statutory procedures to revoke the Traffic Regulation Order which had introduced a 20 mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Margaret's School.

Decision

To commence the statutory procedure to revoke the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/09/023 for the part-time 20 mph speed limit in the vicinity of St Margaret's School.

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

27 Stopping Up and Redetermination of Parts of Footway and/or Carriageway – Broomhouse Road and Meadow Place Road, Edinburgh

Results of a statutory consultation to stop up and redetermine part of footway and/or carriageway on the west side of Broomhouse Road and Meadow Place Road were detailed and approval was sought to make the Stopping Up and Redetermination Order.

Decision

To make the order to come in effect on 4 October 2010.

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

28 Controlled Parking Zones – Nine Hour Parking in Zone S1

The Director of City Development advised the Committee of the results of analysis of the potential for nine hour parking in S1 zones. Approval was sought to commence the statutory process to create additional nine hour parking places, to apply an amended charging system to all new and existing nine hour parking places within Zone S1 and to commence investigations into the creation of similar parking and provision in other zones.

Motion

- 1) To commence the statutory process necessary to introduce additional nine hour parking in the locations and at the charging levels as detailed in the report by the Director of City Development.
- 2) To commence the statutory process necessary to amend the charging levels on existing nine hour parking places within Zone S1 as detailed in the report by the Director of City Development.
- 3) To approve the investigation into the creation of nine hour parking zones within the extended controlled parking zone subject to full community consultation.
- 4) To note that the use of the existing nine hour parking places, as well as those parking places proposed by the report by the Director of City Development, would continue to be monitored.

- moved by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

Amendment

To propose no action on the grounds that providing nine hour commuter parking runs contrary to Council policy to encourage commuting by public transport and use of park and ride facilities.

- moved by Councillor Burgess, seconded by Councillor Buchanan.

Voting

For the motion - 16 votes
For the amendment - 1 vote

Decision

- 1) To commence the statutory process necessary to introduce additional nine hour parking in the locations and at the charging levels as detailed in the report by the Director of City Development.

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- 2) To commence the statutory process necessary to amend the charging levels on existing nine hour parking places within Zone S1 as detailed in the report by the Director of City Development.
- 3) To approve the investigation into the creation of nine hour parking zones within the extended controlled parking zone subject to full community consultation.
- 4) To note that the use of the existing nine hour parking places, as well as those parking places proposed by the report by the Director of City Development, would continue to be monitored.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 4 May 2010 (minute item 28); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

29 Special Parking Area – Operational Changes to the Controlled Parking Scheme and Modernisation of Traffic Orders

Details on operational changes to the controlled parking scheme and modernisation of traffic orders were provided and approval was sought to commence the legal process required to amend permanent charging levels.

Motion

- 1) That the current proposal to introduce widespread shared use parking to the original zones of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) be abandoned.
- 2) That the current proposal to introduce visitor permits to the original zones of the CPZ be postponed.
- 3) To note that a revised proposal of the roll out of shared use parking, along with details of prioritisation, funding and proposed timescales, would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 4) To note that it was intended to make the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to CPZ modifications without the advertised changes that would have altered the layout of parking to introduce shared use and increase parking provision and allow the use of visitor permits within the original zones of the CPZ.
- 5) To note that it was intended to make the TRO relating to CPZ modifications without the advertised changes that would introduce visitor permits to the original zones of the CPZ.
- 6) To repel those objections received during the consultation process that had not already been addressed by the postponement of shared use

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increased parking provision, introduction of visitor permits and the retention of motorcycle parking.

- 7) To proceed to make the advertised traffic order, subject to those amendments and omissions as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Director of City Development's report.
- 8) To note that all of the proposed changes to the traffic orders governing the CPZ were anticipated to come into effect during November 2010.
- 9) To note the financial implications of implementing the proposed charging structure for resident's permits as previously approved by the Committee.
- 10) To approve the commencement of the legal process required to amend permanent charging levels as detailed within the report by the Director of City Development.
- 11) To request a separate report within two cycles on visitor permits including a possible publicity campaign to raise awareness of the permits.

- moved by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie, seconded by Councillor Aldridge.

Amendment

In similar terms to the motion by Councillor Gordon Mackenzie with the deletion of the following decision:

To approve the commencement of the legal process required to amend permanent charging levels as detailed within his report.

- moved by Councillor Mowat, seconded by Councillor Jackson

Voting

For the motion - 14 votes
For the amendment - 3 votes

Decision

- 1) That the current proposal to introduce widespread shared use parking to the original zones of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) be abandoned.
- 2) That the current proposal to introduce visitor permits to the original zones of the CPZ be postponed.
- 3) To note that a revised proposal of the roll out of shared use parking, along with details of prioritisation, funding and proposed timescales, would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

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- 4) To note that it was intended to make the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) relating to CPZ modifications without the advertised changes that would have altered the layout of parking to introduce shared use and increase parking provision and allow the use of visitor permits within the original zones of the CPZ.
- 5) To note that it was intended to make the TRO relating to CPZ modifications without the advertised changes that would introduce visitor permits to the original zones of the CPZ.
- 6) To repel those objections received during the consultation process that had not already been addressed by the postponement of shared use increased parking provision, introduction of visitor permits and the retention of motorcycle parking.
- 7) To proceed to make the advertised traffic order, subject to those amendments and omissions as detailed in Appendix 4 of the Director of City Development's report.
- 8) To note that all of the proposed changes to the traffic orders governing the CPZ were anticipated to come into effect during November 2010.
- 9) To note the financial implications of implementing the proposed charging structure for resident's permits as previously approved by the Committee.
- 10) To approve the commencement of the legal process required to amend permanent charging levels as detailed within the report by the Director of City Development.
- 11) To request a separate report within two cycles on visitor permits including a possible publicity campaign to raise awareness of the permits.

(References – Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee 19 February 2008 (minute item 15); 29 July 2008 (minute item 14) and 27 July 2010 (minute item 34); report by the Director of City Development, submitted.)

30 Bellevue, Edinburgh – Commencement of Statutory Procedures to Redetermine the Use of Carriageway to Footway

Approval was sought to commence the statutory procedure to redetermine part of the carriageway to footway at Bellevue.

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Decision

To initiate and make the necessary redetermination order for Bellevue under the relevant sections of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.

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

31 Conference Invitations

An invitation had been received from Sustainable Scotland Network for Members to attend a conference on 'A Step Change: Local Government Leadership for a Low Carbon Economy' to be held in Edinburgh on 4 November 2010

Decision

That one Councillor from each Group be permitted to attend the conference.

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

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