

TEC 09.11.25 – Draft notes on the papers

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A long agenda, though most items (I think!) fairly short

[not yet online] **5.1 Work Programme** - Expected dates of future Committee reports (selected Interesting ones below)

- **November**
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[not yet online] **5.2 Rolling Actions Log**

- Massive list as always? – not checked

6.1 Business Bulletin - info for councillors on various topics, usually with no decisions required
But deputations and councillor questions on these items are allowed.

- **p2-3 Transport Forum** Brief reports of Jan mtg on Access (attended by Peter I think) and June mtg (on transport) attended by Martin
- **p3-4 Leith Walk bike parking** – more to be installed, to deter car parking on cycle lane
- **p6 Local Traffic Improvement Prog** – update, includes the Polwarth Gdns junction
- **p8-9 Burnside sink hole** – update
- **p10-11 – replacing parking spaces by street trees, rain gardens, benches, cycle parking, etc.** No budget
- **p11 & appendix Road traffic statistics** – car-km still rising in Edinburgh (though rate of increase has fallen)

Note re 7.1 & 7.2 below: Officers don't make any recommendations on petitions– it is up to councillors

7.1 Petition for Consideration: Dangerous road junction in Gogarloch

- Petition states *"To take effective action to make the junction of Gogarloch Syke and Gogarloch Road safe. The site of three separate accidents within 18 months. Each has seen a car lose control coming down Gogarloch Road into the residential area. Then mount the pavement and not end up in a garden, only by crashing into a lamppost (which was then destroyed). Not acceptable least of all in a residential area. Effective action is needed from CEC."*

7.2 Petition for Consideration: Nightly anti-social behaviour and vehicle use in South Queensferry

- Long petition, conclusion.. *"Serious problem areas for speeding and excessive vehicle noise also include Hawes Promenade, Hawes Brae, Station Road, Scotstoun Avenue, Queensferry High Street, the B800, Burnshot Road, Ferrymuir Gait, the Springfields, the A904 and the B925. We call for: 1: Nightly closure of Hawes Car Park from 10pm until 6am, using gates and robust barriers to make it inaccessible to vehicles during this time. 2: Introduction of traffic calming measures in the above thoroughfares, such as speed cushions and other physical alterations, that will inhibit speeding and excessive vehicle noise. 3: The Council to work urgently with Police to monitor and penalise anti-social behaviour and vehicle use in the problem areas, eg by introducing more and better CCTV cameras, speed cameras and noise monitoring cameras."*

7.3 Strategic Parking Review – annual update on progress Robert interest?

- Includes a Stadiums Parking review – should we input? (4.19-4.22)
- Also TTROs for temporary events – should we input? (4.23-4.24)

7.6 Road Works Coordination - Infrastructure Forum Robert interest?

- Setting up a cross-service forum *“to better manage delivery of larger Council and third-party projects that affect the roads network.”*

7.7 Traffic Regulation Order – Pentland Hills Regional Park; Bonaly, Harlaw and Threipmuir Car Parks

- To be made into a parking zone, with charging. [NB worth remembering the continuing weirdness that these decisions, and all the associated consultations etc, are done in TEC. But the final decision, with no previous knowledge of the debate, will be by TRO Sub].

8.1 City Mobility Plan Capital Investment Programme Update 2025/26

- **4.1-4.2 and Appendix 1.** Current position on projects underway in 25/26 and funding existing and applied for. The appendix is rather complex, particularly because they are still awaiting various application outcomes from Transport Scotland. A lot in the appendix, but I am disappointed there is no longer a mention of the A8 project (extending CCWEL to and beyond Corstorphine) which was highlighted in the Mobility Plan.
- **4.3-4.8 Pedestrian improvements** Generally seem good, but widening of central islands (table after 4.4) could be problematic for cycling unless it that is taken into account in decisions – not mentioned here.
- **4.9-4.14 Leith Connections** £140K from Scot Gov for further actions – seem mainly pedestrian related. Moving bus gate from Links Place to Links Gardens. Plus other stuff
- **4.15-4.17 Delays to AT projects** Various internal procedural changes – hard to know exactly what these are, or how effective will be. However, TRO processes and resources being “reviewed” – we know that is a cause of delays.

8.2 City Centre West to East Cycle Link 12 Month Monitoring and Lessons Learned

- *“The results provide evidence of increased numbers of people cycling, increased pedestrian satisfaction with the local environment, improved perceptions of safety among pedestrians and cyclists, positive impacts for local businesses through increased retail spend and a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with travel.”* Summarised in **4.1-4.2**. Full report appendix 1.
- **4.3-26** Lessons learned to speed other projects. Interesting long description of what happened. *“The development and delivery of the CCWEL project took over ten years, from late 2013 to March 2024. The project was originally intended to commence construction in 2017 but did not start until 2022. When work started, construction was expected to take 18 months but actually took 25 months.”*

8.3 Audit Scotland Report on Sustainable Transport: Reducing Car Use

- This officers responding to a motion by Cllr Booth in March 2025, calling for action by the council following the [Audit Scotland report](#) on reducing car use, then the [Scot Gov research](#) which showed that 20%+ car-km reduction is possible via road user charging.
- **5.1-5.4 Next steps** Basically says that Edinburgh will continue to work with Transport Scotland, other councils, etc, on these issues, including on Road user charging (RUC). Officers from Ed & Glasgow met Transport Scotland to discuss. Also seeking to change scot gov policy of only providing 1-year funding for AT projects.
- [Not sure what we can do other than continually asking re progress & getting councillors to do so!]

9.2 Motion by Councillor Day - Craighall Road Closure [Euan ?]

- 1) Notes the recent Traffic Regulation Order, TEMP/25/71, which came into effect on the 2nd of June 2025, agreeing to close Craighall Road for a period of 36 months
- 2) Further notes that these closures are required to facilitate the rebuild of a new £80 million Trinity Academy in Forth ward, and relate to school pupil safety
- 3) Requests officers provide a full briefing to local members on the issues affecting the closure of Craighall Road and surrounding streets, and any alternative options. This should include preventing tourist buses using Stanley Road and Whale Brae; the effect of diverted traffic on road safety at Trinity Primary School and on air pollution, particularly in Newhaven Road
- 4) Further requests that officers provide an update on this issue in a Business Bulletin to the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee”