

TEC 29.01.26 – Draft notes on the papers

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Another long agenda, now they are only meeting bi-monthly. Note that the reports in section 8 are to be taken as agreed unless any councillor wishes that paper to be discussed. I've only included reports I thought were of interest, but do check the full list!

5.1 Work Programme - Expected dates of future Committee reports (*selected ones below*)

- **April 2**
 - Capital investment programme – annual update
 - Road Safety and Local Traffic Improvement Delivery Programme – Update
 - Review of the TRO Sub-Committee – Follow up report
 - Cycle Hire Update
 - LEZ Impact
- **June 18**
 - People and Place Grant Funding (Funding Dependent)
 - Transport and Local Access Forum Update
 - Trams from Granton to Bioquarter - Final Strategic Business Case and Consultation Report
- **Future unknown date**
 - Trams to Newhaven Final Report [was originally to be Jan 2025!]
 - Pocket Gardens
 - Update on Roseburn Street and Westfield Road
 - Update on Measures on Whitehouse Road
 - A8 Corridor Update
 - Draft Detailed Design Guidance for Future Tram Projects
 - Cycle Hire Scheme - Review and Next Steps
 - Findings of the Coastal Adaptation Plan

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 Tram North / South** - Consultation report & Strategic Business case expected June 18 TEC
- **p6 Craighall Road Closure for Trinity Academy building** – No significant changes planned to existing temporary arrangements, but one “improvement” will be “*Cyclists dismount*” signage!!
- **p7 Fatal Incident Whitehouse Road** – list of improvements made. Also, for the future, 20mph and the Barnton Junction scheme now being consulted on
- **p8 – Communicating Road and Pavement Improvements** Better publicity before, during & after

7.2 Edinburgh Visitor Levy: City Operations and Infrastructure Investment Theme

- Report on how the funding will be used
- Appendix 1 - names the projects selected & rejected, & whether capital or revenue
- Appendix 3 - details of the selected projects, including what funding in which years. Includes the following. Apart from George St (over £20m) most projects get a few £m or a few £100,000s
 - Permanent Hostile Vehicle Mitigations (HVMs)
 - Summertime streets for Festival pedestrianisations
 - Setted streets – accelerate the renewals
 - Wayfinding in city centre
 - **Princes Street Public Realm Design**
 - Footway & bus stop improvements (including Rose St & the city's town centres)
 - Coaches management plan
 - **Cowgate** – safety, footway widening, and “*may include*” one way traffic

- **George St** – contribution to costs [£20m+, i.e. by far the largest sum from the levy]
- **Cramond foreshore** – improve Cramond car park & “active travel connections”
- **Portobello prom** - masterplan

7.4 St James Square access arrangements

- Long and tortuous history of the developers wanting to maintain vehicle access to St James Square
- Today’s report, although for a Stopping Up Order, will allow this access to continue
- I’m sure Spokes did a submission or deputation last time this came up, but I can’t find it – does anyone have a copy?
- Do we want a deputation this time?

7.7 Organisation Membership of the Transport and Local Access Forum

- List of organisations proposed to be on the Forum in 2026
- Organisations who have not replied to an email will be removed
- Martin – did you reply?

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

- Proposed TRO to allow charging at the above car parks, and rural clearways on approach roads to prevent displacement parking

8.7 Democratic Engagement on City Mobility Plan and Transport Proposals

- A motion by Cllr Cuthbert (October 2025) has questioned if Council was consulting adequately on the tram and other proposals
- This report explains how consultation is done, and suggests that drop-ins and the consultation hub are more appropriate than public meetings, some of which have been hostile & intimidating

8.8 Air Quality Annual Progress Report

- Generally NO2 & PM 10 continue to fall, with only a few problematic locations now
- SEPA will report on the impact of the LEZ (within and without its boundary) later this year
- “working with schools to promote air quality and publicising Clean Air Day, which focused on promoting sustainable travel and reducing engine idling”
- A8 Sustainable Transport Corridor - £212,000 funding awarded for design, transport modelling, options appraisal and stakeholder consultation
- Council will oppose new offstreet parking in city centre, and possibly near other ‘town centres’
- Other measures listed in the report.

8.5 Save the Burnside (Longstone Sinkhole) – motion by Councillor McKenzie

- The sinkhole etc is to be repaired, and meantime there is a diversion. Neither will be up to adoptable standard but will be ‘serviceable.’ The landowner is unwilling to pay.

9.1 Motion by Councillor Cuthbert - Review of the City Mobility Plan 2021-2030

- Wants the Mobility Plan scrapped, Controlled parking reconsidered, major projects (e.g. tram) reconsidered, and maximum cash going to road & footway repairs

9.2 Motion by Cllr Kinross-O’Neill - Royal Park Terrace and Radical Road

- Seeking modal filter in Royal Park Terrace to stop rat-running during the Holyrood Park Sat/Sun closures
- The same motion is concerned re closure of Radical Road [totally separate issue?]

9.3 Motion by Cllr Booth - Voi cycle hire scheme teething issues

- Seeks a briefing from Voi and officers, for TEC councillors and organisations including Spokes & LSE.
- Issues of concern: “reports of bikes being left on footways, obstructing pedestrians and disabled people, obstructing existing cycle parking, being blown over by the wind, and more recent reports of users being unable to drop the bikes at their preferred parking spot due to bike congestion”

9.4 Motion by Cllr Kinross-O’Neill - Bus journey times

- Concern re growing journey times due to congestion & other reasons and seeks report on this