

# Motions and Amendments

## Planning Committee

2.00pm, Wednesday, 12th November, 2025

Dean of Guild Court Room - City Chambers

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## Addendum by the SNP and Green Groups

### Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.2 – George Cinema, 14 Bath Street, Portobello

1. Notes there are a number of buildings on the at risk register in Edinburgh, but recognises that only the George has owners who have made it explicitly clear that they wish to demolish the building, by submitting planning applications requesting permission to demolish, and through approaching Historic Environment Scotland with a proposal to delist the building.

2. Further notes that of these buildings on the at risk register, only the George has a local community organisation which has been in existence for almost a decade, and which has capacity and skills relevant to the conservation of the building alongside funds with which a conservation project could be initiated, recognising that there would need to be significant additional fundraising to fully conserve and reinstate the building.

3. Notes that the report sets out the aspects of the building where it is clear the current deterioration may lead to water related damage including:

a) A hole in an area of flat roof which is set within the hipped roof near the

front of the building;

b) Water ingress to the rear of the building – likely to be associated with flat roofs in that area;

c) Broken guttering around the edge of the hipped roof;

d) Steel structure which is exposed the elements, and which is not painted to reduce the potential of corrosion; and

e) Externally exposed rectangular shafts at the upper level of the building which rainwater may be able to collect in

4. Agrees that the council will serve a defective building notice, requiring the defects set out in a), c), d) and e) above to be remedied.

5. Agrees to gives officers discretion to determine the final shape of any notice served, following legal and professional advice, but that the notice should reflect these priorities and outcomes as agreed by committee.

**Moved by: Councillor**

**Seconded by: Councillor**

# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025 2026

### Item 7.3 – Non - Statutory Planning Guidance – Finalised Princes St and Waverley Valley Strategy

#### Committee

1. Expresses its thanks to officers for their hard work in creating a draft Princes St and Waverley Valley Strategy and reviewing the responses received in the recent consultation.
2. recognises the vital importance of getting this strategy right given the iconic importance of Princes Street and Princes Street Gardens to the whole City.
3. notes the concerns raised by several organisations and groups that the proposed strategy still lacks ambition and imagination, and fails to provide the kind of vision needed to ensure Princes Street and the surrounding area are vibrant and welcoming places.
4. notes the interventions made by some which seek to place a greater emphasis on placemaking and respecting the transport hierarchy.
5. therefore, agrees not to adopt the strategy at this stage.
6. instead agrees that officers should seek to convene an elected member/officer/stakeholder workshop that brings together those with transport, culture, heritage and placemaking expertise so a more ambitious and exciting strategy can be brought forward for approval.

**Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler**

**Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang**

# Amendment by the Green Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.3 Non-Statutory Planning Guidance – Finalised Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy

In recommendations:

Add at the end of paragraph 1.1.1,

“further notes concerns expressed by active travel groups and Richard Murphy architects amongst others at the inconsistency between the transport aspects of the strategy (chapter 5) and the City Mobility Plan and Our Future Streets;”

Amends paragraph 1.1.2 to read,

“Approve **the planning aspects of** the Princes Street and Waverley Valley Strategy at Appendix 3 as non-statutory planning guidance under City Plan 2030, **subject to referral of this report to the Transport and Environment Committee and the Culture and Communities Committee to allow them to consider the sections of the strategy within their remit.**” and

Amends paragraph 1.1.3 to delete the word “Interim”

Moved by: Cllr Chas Booth

Seconded by:

# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.4 – Planning Enforcement Charter

Committee deletes 1.2 and inserts:

1.2 Agrees to a workshop to discuss the scope of the proactive approach to Planning Enforcement and consideration of available resources.

1.3 Agrees to a further Business Bulletin update after six months post implementation.

Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler

Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang

# Amendment by the Green Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.4 - Planning Enforcement Charter

1. Committee welcomes this proposal, but recognises that it may be appropriate to make further changes to the Planning Enforcement Charter to ensure that it is supporting the Council's priorities most effectively;

2. Committee also welcomes the proposal to report back on the updated charter before the end of 2026, but notes that there may be a range of views on how best to measure the success of any changes.

3. Therefore, committee deletes recommendations and replaces with:

"1.1 Committee requests officers convene a discussion with Planning Committee members to discuss the Planning Enforcement Charter and how it can be used to support the Council's priorities as set out in the Business Plan;

1.2 Requests that this discussion also includes consideration of which metrics should be reported on before the end of 2026 to assess the efficacy of the new proactive approach.

1.3 Agrees that this report, plus any changes emerging from the workshop, is brought forward at the next Committee meeting."

**Moved by: Cllr Alex Staniforth**

**Seconded by:**

# Addendum by the Green group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.6 - Housing Land Audits 2023, 2024 and 2025

Adds:

1.5 Notes differences between the data collected in Housing and Planning service areas relating to housing completions as part of the HLA and SHIP processes - for example around delivery of larger homes or accessible housing.

1.6 Recognises the benefits of harmonising data collected across service areas to ensure joined up thinking and support better delivery of agreed strategic priorities as set out in the Local Housing Strategy and Council Business Plan.

1.7 Agrees to receive a Business Bulletin update in 2 cycles about what additional information could be captured as part of future HLA processes to align with outputs from the SHIP and in support of other strategic priorities identified in the Local Housing Strategy.

Moved by: Cllr Alex Staniforth

Seconded by:

# Amendment by the Liberal Democrat Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025 2026

### Item 7.7 – Scheme of Delegation – Chief Planning Officer

Deletes 1.1.1 and replaces with

1.1.1 Agrees to refer the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Delegation to Officers (2024) to Full Council as detailed in Appendix 1, apart from the proposed removal of the numerical triggers relating to representations.

1.1.2 therefore agrees that the following should be added to Appendix 7 after 7(k):

7. (l) where approval is recommended, not more than 20 material objections have been received from third parties.

7. (m) where refusal is recommended, not more than 20 material representations in support have been received from third parties.

**Moved by: Cllr Hal Osler**

**Seconded by: Cllr Kevin Lang**

# Amendment by the Green Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.7 - Scheme of Delegation

Delete recommendations and insert:

“Committee:

- 1) Notes the report and thanks officers for their work on drawing it up, and on preparing the recent briefing for committee members;
- 2) Acknowledges the pressure on officers and committee from the current system, as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7 of the report, and agrees in principle that the current scheme of delegation does need to be amended in order to address these concerns;
- 3) Suggests that some of the specific proposals for changes set out in paragraphs 4.11 and 4.12 and the appendix need further consideration, and
- 4) Therefore agrees not to refer this report on to full council, but rather to undertake a further workshop with committee members to explore potential changes to the scheme of delegation, and also to consider whether a register of delegated decisions could be created to allow committee members, and potentially ward councillors, to request call-in to committee of certain applications in some circumstances; further agrees to bring an updated draft report back to committee within three cycles.

**Moved by: Cllr Alex Staniforth**

**Seconded by:**

# Amendment by the Conservative Group

## Planning Committee

12 November 2025

### Item 7.7 - Scheme of Delegation - Chief Planning Officer

Inserts new 1.1.1 to read:

“Agrees to the proposed changes, including the change to petitions, except the removal of the individual representations threshold for referral to Development Management Sub-Committee, and amends this to refer applications to the Development Management Sub-Committee where there are more than 20 individual representations which include a material planning consideration in opposition to the officer's recommendation.”

Inserts new 1.1.2:

“Requests that committee receive a review and analysis after one year from the date of implementation, which should include data of number of reports referred to committee, reasons for referral, details of any complaints received to the planning service regarding determination of applications, and appeals to understand the impact of the changes including views from Community Councils.”

Renumbers 1.1.1 as 1.1.3.

**Moved by: Councillor Max Mitchell**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Joanna Mowat**