

Environment & Transport Report 16 October 2019 by Jerry Ozaniec

Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee Activity and Decisions

Since our last meeting the Transport and Environment Committee has met on 12 September & 11 October 2019. Full documents are available for the former but only selected documents for the latter. (N.B. One needs to view the Agenda for the meeting in question to be able to access any other documents; this may be a change in policy.)

At the 20 June meeting it was decided to:

1. Approve the re-procurement of existing contracts for events in Inverleith Park for the period 2020 – 2022. (Note that a report of the full review of the Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto is expected on 5 December 2019.)
2. The Committee agreed in principle to cease the chargeable garden waste collection subject to a report.

To note from the meeting of 12 September:

1. Concerning the Water of Leith Valley Improvement Proposals (Dean to Stockbridge Section), an Expression of Interest is being prepared for National Lottery Heritage Fund consideration. A final report is now scheduled for January 2020.
2. Historic records review between 27 June 2018 and 27 June 2019 revealed that there were 3,632 blocked gully reports in Ward 5 - Inverleith. This relates to issues of flooding.
3. There is a current upward trend in reports of communal full/overflowing bin reports.

To note from the meeting of 11 October:

1. The review of the Public Spaces Protocol began in March 2019. A report on the review of the use of the Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto and the Public Spaces Protocol will be presented to Culture and Communities Committee in January 2020. An update will be provided to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee in February 2020.
2. There are currently 18 public conveniences managed by the City of Edinburgh Council following the closure of 10 public conveniences in 2015. There are no current plans for further closures at this time and there is now a desire to improve and expand on the number of facilities available.
3. Concerning the 20mph speed limit, there has been a statistically significant reduction in average speeds. Casualties have fallen substantially since implementation, but it is not yet possible to ascribe reductions to the limit as opposed to an overall falling trend.

Traffic Disruptions

Road	Location	Details	Start Time	End Time
ORCHARD BRAE AVENUE		City of Edinburgh Council; Carriageway resurfacing. Orchard Brae Gardens, Orchard Brae Gardens West and Orchard Brae Avenue closed in turn.	5-Aug-2019 8:00	8-Nov-2019 17:00
QUEENSFERRY ROAD A90	Between Orchard Drive and Queensferry Terrace	SGN; Gas main renewal. Lane closures / contraflow. From Saturday 28/09/19 - Orchard Road closed and Orchard Road South closed northbound. From Saturday 12/10/19 for 2 weeks - temporary traffic lights at Queensferry Terrace roundabout, Queensferry Terrace and Belford Gardens closed.	16-Sep-2019 9:00	20-Dec-2019 16:00
CARRINGTON ROAD	Between Fettes Avenue and Crewe Road South	SGN; Gas main renewal. Carrington Road closed to westbound traffic, Fettes Avenue closed northbound at Carrington Road.	11-Oct-2019 9:30	20-Dec-2019 16:00
CREWE ROAD SOUTH	Between Portefield Road and Grigor Avenue	City of Edinburgh Council; Bus stop resurfacing (4 locations). 3-way temporary traffic lights at North Werber Place and Davidson Road closed. 2-way lights at Kimmerghame Drive and at Grigor Gardens. Contraflow north of Porterfield Road.	14-Oct-2019 9:30	25-Oct-2019 16:00