

MINUTE EXTRACT

CITY ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

By video conference, 10th March 2022.

City Administration Committee.

Present: Susan Aitken (Chair), Richard Bell, Eva Bolander (substitute for Jennifer Layden), Maureen Burke, Bill Butler, Christina Cannon (substitute for David McDonald), Allan Casey, Malcolm Cunning, Chris Cunningham, Archie Graham, Mhairi Hunter, John Kane (substitute for Jane Morgan), Ruairi Kelly, Thomas Kerr, Kenny McLean, Angus Miller (substitute for Greg Hepburn), Jon Molyneux, Eva Murray, Cecilia O'Lone, Anna Richardson, Soryia Siddique, Kyle Thornton and Martha Wardrop.

Apologies: Greg Hepburn, Jennifer Layden, David McDonald and Jane Morgan.

Attending: M Hughes (Clerk); A O'Donnell, Chief Executive; D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education Services; M Booth, Executive Director of Finance; G Gillespie, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability; E Galletly, Director of Legal and Administration; I Robertson, Director of City Development; K Rush, Director of Regional Economic Growth; C Edgar, Head of Communication and Strategic Partnerships; M McGinty, Head of Corporate Policy and Governance; M Millar, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; and A Eccles (for the Chief Officer, Glasgow City Health and Social Care Partnership).

Low Emission Zone – Final scheme design and formal submission approved, after division.

8 With reference to the minutes of the Environment, Sustainability and Carbon Reduction City Policy Committee of 7th March 2022 (page 000 hereof) noting the content of the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) final scheme design and the intention to submit it to this committee and Scottish Ministers for approval, Councillor Richardson, City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction, presented a report on the matter, advising

- (1) of the extensive communications and engagement campaign that had been underway since 2018;
- (2) that development of phase 2 had been ongoing since the introduction of phase 1 and had included extensive engagement and had resulted in further minor changes to the LEZ boundary and development of a programme of targeted communications to address common misconceptions regarding the LEZ which led to the development of the LEZ final scheme design;

- (3) that the LEZ final scheme design had been formally published on 9th December 2021 with receipt of objections ending on 20th January 2022;
- (4) of the LEZ final scheme objections report as detailed at Appendix A of the report;
- (5) in further detail of the LEZ Final Scheme Design as detailed in the report; and
- (6) of the next steps.

Councillor Richardson, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved that the committee

- (a) notes
 - (i) the progress being made in establishing Phase 2 of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone;
 - (ii) the outcomes of the formal publication of the LEZ final scheme design;
 - (iii) the content of the LEZ final scheme design; and
 - (iv) that Transport Scotland were currently accepting registrations of interest for support funding for 2022/23 and that failure to evidence application for funding, or delaying applying for this funding would be at operators own risk;
- (b) approves the submission of the LEZ final scheme design to Scottish Ministers for approval;
- (c) agrees that this additional mitigation balances the concerns raised by the trade around capacity and funding, whilst not disincentivising operators from making arrangements as quickly as possible to improve air quality in the city; and
- (d) instructs
 - (i) officers to develop a discretionary mechanism to ensure that taxi operators who can evidence a retrofit funding application or registration of interest (or alternative appropriate evidence of arrangements in place to achieve LEZ compliance) within the timescales of the funding round for 2022/2023, will not face penalty charges for a time limited period to allow the necessary upgrades to be undertaken;
 - (ii) the City Convener for Sustainability and Carbon Reduction to write to Scottish Ministers requesting:
 - (A) an increase to maximum LEZ grant levels, so they cover 80% of current anticipated retrofit/engine replacement costs;

- (B) consideration of additional financial support, such as interest-free loans, to help taxi operators cover the balance of costs for retrofit/engine replacement; and
 - (C) an increase to funding available for scrappage of non-compliant vehicles; and
- (iii) the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability to bring quarterly updates to an appropriate committee reporting on supply chain issues and progress towards a fully-compliant taxi fleet.

Councillor Cuning, seconded by Councillor Murray moved that the committee

- (a) notes
 - (i) the content of the report;
 - (i) the progress being made in establishing Phase 2 of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone; and
 - (ii) the outcomes of the formal publication of the LEZ final scheme design, including the significant concerns raised about the proposed date to begin enforcement for non-residents; and
- (b) agrees
 - (i) to amend the LEZ final scheme design such that enforcement of non-resident entry restrictions would begin on 1st June 2024, in line with other Scottish cities and more fairly recognising the impacts of the pandemic on the taxi trade in particular; and
 - (ii) the submission of these amended proposals to Scottish Ministers for approval.

Councillor Thomas Kerr, seconded by Bailie Thornton, moved that the committee

- (a) notes
 - (ii) the progress being made in establishing Phase 2 of the Glasgow Low Emission Zone;
 - (ii) the outcomes of the formal publication of the LEZ final scheme design;
 - (iii) the content of the LEZ final scheme design; and
- (b) amends the scheme design to delay the implementation of the LEZ for non-residential vehicles to 31st May 2025 with enforcement to start on this date for these vehicles and agrees the final scheme design, as detailed in the report subject to the amendment;

- (c) instructs officers to review licencing policy regarding the impact of the LEZ on this and bring forward proposals to the relevant committee(s) to ensure that following the implementation of the LEZ that LEZ non-compliant taxis (both public and private hire) may continue to operate out with the scope of the LEZ within the city; and
- (d) agrees the submission of the amended LEZ final scheme design to Scottish Ministers for approval.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 8 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Cunning, 2 members voted for the amendment by Councillor Thomas Kerr and 13 for the motion which was accordingly declared to be carried.