

## NTBCC Transport and Environment Committee Update – March 2025

### Matters discussed at Transport and Environment Committee Meeting on 6 March 2025

- **East London Street.** The Business Bulletin contains an update on the status of the work that has been undertaken in response to the petitions raised by residents and the deputations made by NTBCC. In summary the report states that no further work will be undertaken in advance of the scheduled repair of the setted streets in perhaps 4 years' time. I have written to local Councillors raising concerns about this stance. I also arranged for a question to be raised at the meeting regarding the financial impact of not using ELS but it does not appear that the Council will be able to obtain this data.
- **Edinburgh Bus Station.** The Business Bulletin confirms that an agreement has been reached subject to final Council approval to extend the term of the current lease for a further 15 years starting in September 2027. This is good news for bus users and Edinburgh.
- **Tables and Chairs.** This report was once again delayed - this time until some unspecified time. I have highlighted these delays to the local Councillors and have been advised that the Council does not have the data on pedestrian movements to allow the report to be produced. It has been suggested that it may come back to TEC in September.
- **Use of Glyphosate.** The Business Bulletin has an update on the Council's plans to reduce the use of this weedkiller. There was a written deputation urging the Council to eliminate its use but this did not appear to result in any discussion of the Council's position.

### Communal Bin Review

The Council has commenced an engagement and consultation exercise with regard to the plans for Phase 6 of the Communal Bin Review with letters sent to all residents of affected streets and a series of drop-in sessions. Residents are encouraged to submit their views regarding the choice of communal bin hubs or a full kerb-side service using gull proof sacks. Further information can be found on the Council's website and posted on our website.

The Council has also confirmed that the planned replacement of the now obsolete communal bins used for residual waste with new smaller communal bins as a temporary measure pending the outcome of the current review. This replacement will commence on 10 March.

The Council has agreed to relocate around 150 bin hubs installed during the previous phases of the CBR based on residents' feedback and other concerns. This represents about 10% of the bin hubs so far installed. A TRO will be required in most cases to make these changes.

### Trams to Newhaven Project Update

CCTT has just received a report from the Council which details over 750 identified defects and other issues which require further attention. CCTT will be issuing this report to the four community councils along the route for their review prior to a planned meeting with the Trams Project team on 25 March. The intent is to develop a final list to be used by the Council to drive action.