

63019 Single Sex Spaces

I have found the Motion by Councillor Staniforth from 25th June 2026 titled 'CEC's Response to the EHRC new Code of Practice for Services, Public Functions and Associations.'

I understand this was passed. Can you please confirm that?

The terms of the Motion were approved; however, it was subject to some changes and therefore the text of the final decision reads:

1. To agree to condemn the new guidance from the Equalities and Human Rights Commission as discriminatory against trans people, unworkable and potentially incompatible with the European Convention on Human Rights.
2. To ask the Council Leader to write to the Prime Minister and the Minister for Women and Equalities of the UK Government, urging them to:
 - (a) Withdraw the Code of Practice
 - (b) Take legislative action to create an equalities framework that protected trans people's safety, dignity and humanity
 - (c) Clarify the current legislative protections for trans people to share this letter with the First Minister and the Cabinet Secretary for Equalities and International Development of the Scottish Government and to request that other parties might have input/discussion to these in the spirit of helpfulness.
3. To ask the Council Leader to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Culture and Gaelic in Scotland and the Scottish Minister for Equalities and International Development requesting the Scottish government urgently rewrite the outdated guidance for schools and amend the School Premises (General Requirements and Standards) (Scotland) Regulations 1967 in such a way as to allow for schools to have well-designed toilet facilities for all pupils, including the preferred arrangement of single-cubicle gender neutral toilets where possible and to request that other parties might have input/discussion to these in the spirit of helpfulness.
4. Additionally, to request that both of these letters make the case for additional resourcing, guidance and training for Local Authorities, in recognition of the increased workload and emotional strain that any changes to the way we engage with trans and other marginalised communities may bring to staff.
5. To ask the Council Leader to write to all MPs with constituencies within the boundaries of CEC requesting on behalf of the council that they support EDM 240 and to request that other parties might have input/discussion to these in the spirit of helpfulness.
6. To formally request ALEOs connected with the council, such as Edinburgh Leisure and EICC, maintain trans inclusive policies as far as the law allowed.
7. To agree for a report to come to Policy and Sustainability Committee within one cycle on how the new guidance affected council run public toilets and suggested future policy - written with an intersectional lens - to ensure that everyone in Edinburgh could access appropriate public hygiene facilities.