

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## **The City of Edinburgh Council**

**10.00 am, Thursday, 5 February 2015**

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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## **1. Order of business**

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- 1.1 Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

## **2. Declaration of interests**

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- 2.1 Members should declare any financial and non-financial interests they have in the items of business for consideration, identifying the relevant agenda item and the nature of their interest.

## **3. Deputations**

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- 3.1 Lothian Buses J.T.U.C. – in regard to item 9.3 on the agenda (Motion by Councillor Rust – Lothian Buses)

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 11 December 2014 – submitted for approval as a correct record

## **5. Questions**

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- 5.1 By Councillor Balfour – Acting Up and Secondments – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

## **6. Leader's Report**

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- 6.1 Leader's report

## **7. Appointments**

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- 7.1 Appointment to the Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.2 Appointment to the Board of Hutchison Vale Community Sports Club – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

## **8. Reports**

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- 8.1 Mortonhall:-
  - (a) Settlement of Claims – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
  - (b) Action Plan Update – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.2 Operational Governance - Review of Contract Standing Orders and Guidance on the Appointment of Consultants:-
- (a) referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
  - (b) report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 8.3 Edinburgh Tram Inquiry - Waiver of Confidentiality – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 8.4 Best Value (2) Audit Report 2014 – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 8.5 Council Diary 2015/16 – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 8.6 New Scheme Update (Governance) – referral from the Pensions Committee (circulated)

## **9. Motions**

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### 9.1 By Councillor Hinds – East Coast Rail Service

“Council welcomes investment in the East Coast rail service which achieves higher environmental standards across the fleet.

However, Council is concerned that some proposals for the East Coast rail franchise, with the introduction of the new InterCity Express Programme (IEP) trains, could see significant staffing and service cuts on East Coast services.

Council therefore agrees to write to the UK Government and the new East Coast operator to urge them to protect the interests of passengers and the communities who rely on these rail services by ensuring all contracts are set up to deliver properly funded, properly staffed and affordable railways.”

### 9.2 By Councillor Hinds – Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Centre

“Council notes that Drylaw Rainbow Club Day Centre celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. Council commends the work of the Centre which provides a high standard of care for frail older people and dementia sufferers aged over 65.

The Centre provides accessible transport, breakfast and lunch and personal care for its 75 users and recently received a Care Inspectorate Report which shows that the highest standards of care are being delivered.

Council asks the Lord Provost to celebrate this achievement in an appropriate manner.”

### 9.3 By Councillor Rust – Lothian Buses

“Council

- 1) Welcomes the public ownership of the award-winning Lothian Buses (“the company”) which operates over 70 services and has a fleet of over 700 vehicles.
- 2) Notes with concern as the major shareholder in the company:-
  - (a) the lack of clarity around the departure of the experienced former Chairman of the company, Ann Faulds, in November 2014;
  - (b) the long-running management difficulties and questions of governance at the company and their impact on staff morale and confidence in the company;
  - (c) the briefings to the press by an unnamed “senior council source”;
  - (d) the appointment of the Transport Convener as an Observer on the company board; and
  - (e) the recently announced dismissal of four Executive directors by 2017.
- 3) Recognises that the Joint Trade Union Committee issued a statement unanimously calling on the Convener of Transport to have no role, advisory or otherwise with Lothian Buses.
- 4) In the interests of transparency and *recognising the Council’s shareholder responsibility*, calls for a report in one cycle *detailed* events and Council involvement since January 2014 in relation to points 2 (a) to (e) of this motion, *to include reference* to all meetings and decisions taken, accepting that some information may be sensitive or confidential.”

### 9.4 By the Lord Provost – New Years Honours

“Council congratulates all 18 Edinburgh residents, including Head Teacher Ellen Muir, who have received honours in the New Year’s Honours list, recognising the major contribution that each person has made to the civic life of the city.

Council also congratulates Sue Bruce, Chief Executive, who has been made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, in recognition of her long and distinguished career in local government.

Council agrees to mark these achievements in an appropriate manner.”

## 9.5 By Councillor Booth – Fracking and Unconventional Gas

“This Council:

- 1) Notes concerns over the health and environmental impacts of unconventional gas, fracking and coal gasification;
- 2) Notes that, France, Ireland, the Netherlands, New York State and many other countries and states have implemented moratoria or bans on fracking;
- 3) Believes that allowing unconventional gas, fracking and coal gasification in Edinburgh would be inconsistent with the council's climate change targets and would pose unacceptable risks to people's health and the local environment;
- 4) Calls for a report within three cycles to review the minerals policies in the Local Development Plan in light of new health concerns over unconventional gas, fracking and coal gasification, and to ensure the LDP is consistent with the Council's sustainability policies and climate change targets;
- 5) Agrees that this report should also set out options for the council to implement an immediate ban on unconventional gas, fracking and coal gasification.”

### **Carol Campbell**

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

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