

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 12 March 2015

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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1. Order of business

- 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

- 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

- 3.1 If any

4. Minutes

- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 5 February 2015 – submitted for approval as a correct record
- 4.2 The City of Edinburgh Council of 12 February 2015 – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Balfour – Consultants – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Balfour – Refreshment Costs – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Mowat – Agency Staff – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Pension Committee Appointments – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.2 Appointment to the Board of the Village Pub Theatre – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)
- 7.3 Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee – Appointment – report by the Director of Corporate Governance (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Health and Social Care Integration Scheme – Final for Submission - report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Succession Planning – Chief Executive – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Annual Treasury Strategy 2015/16 - referral from the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee (circulated)
- 8.4 Integrated Children’s Services – referral from the Education, Children and Families Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Godzik – 6VT

“The Council notes that 2015 will be the 21st anniversary of 6VT, and recognises that in those 21 years the organisation has supported thousands of vulnerable children and young people, and their families. Also that the organisation will be moving to new premises this year and asks the Lord Provost to mark both the move and the 21st Anniversary of 6VT in an appropriate manner.”

- 9.2 By the Lord Provost – Scottish Youth Parliament Campaign – **POVERTY: See It Change It**

“Council notes the Scottish Youth Parliament’s **POVERTY: See It Change It** campaign which aims to raise awareness of child and youth poverty in Scotland and to combat the stigma associated with it.

The campaign calls on elected members to support its aims and principles and to commit to tackling child and youth poverty in Scotland. Council believes that poverty is unacceptable in Scotland and pledges to do all that it can to make the aims of the campaign a reality.”

- 9.3 By Councillor Mowat – Local Development Plan

“Council notes:

1. that the proposed City of Edinburgh Local Plan has not been brought forward for consideration of the unresolved issues and authorisation of the submission of the second proposed plan to Scottish Ministers for examination;
2. that the current Edinburgh City Local Plan was adopted on 28 January 2010 making it 5 years old, this plan was prepared with the end date of 2015;

3. that there have been a number of planning appeals determined in the Council's favour on the ground that a plan was being brought forward and progressing according to the Council's proposed LDP schedule;
4. that there are a number of contentious sites in the plan for which planning applications are being submitted;
5. that further delay in determining the plan reduces the Government's and the public's confidence in the Council's ability to take planning decisions for the City and that this exposes the City and her communities to "planning by appeal" which is undemocratic and abnegates the Council's responsibility;

and in light of this unacceptable delay to the determination of the Local Plan calls for:

an emergency meeting of the Planning Committee to be held within 14 days to allow the Committee to consider:

- i. the summary of Unresolved Issues for submission to examination;
- ii. whether to authorise the submission of the Second Proposed Plan to Scottish Ministers for examination along with the representations themselves and background documents including an Environmental Report Addendum and a Report of Conformity showing participation measures undertaken;
- iii. an updated Development Plan Scheme so that it can be circulated to everyone who submitted representations."

9.4 By Councillor Booth – Fossil Fuel Divestment

"This Council:

1. Notes the recent decision by the City of Oslo to partially divest from fossil fuel investments, and further notes that Oslo joins a growing number of cities and institutions around the world, including Oxford City Council, Dunedin City Council in New Zealand and the University of Glasgow, to agree to partially or completely divest from fossil fuels;
2. Notes the report to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee on 3 December 2013 on Lothian Pension Fund Engagement Activities which set out the current arrangement for reviewing the social and environmental impact of the three Local Government Pension Funds under the council's administration which concludes that the fiduciary duty must be paramount in all decision making around the funds;
3. Notes that recent studies, including by Impax Asset Management, have found that fossil fuel-based funds may underperform funds which

exclude fossil fuels, and further notes reports including from business leadership think-tank Ceres which identify substantial unreported risks in fossil fuel funds, which suggest the fiduciary duty may be best served by divestment from fossil fuels;

4. Notes recent clarification from Cabinet Secretary for Finance John Swinney MSP that local authorities may decide that fulfilment of their Public Bodies Duties under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 requires them to reduce the carbon emissions associated with their funds and investments;
5. Calls for a report to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee within three cycles setting out the feasibility, costs and benefits of introducing a partial or complete fossil fuel divestment strategy for the three Local Government Pension Funds under the Council's administration."

Carol Campbell

Head of Legal, Risk and Compliance

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