

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 19 November 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 22 October 2015 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Rust – Primary School Devolved School Management Budgets - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Rust – Land Registration - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Rose - Renewable Companies - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Mowat – Waste Environment Protection Act 1990 - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Orr – Capital Coalition Pledges - for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.6 By Councillor Orr – Transient Visitor Levy - for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.7 By Councillor Orr – Transient Visitor Levy - for answer by the Convener of the Economy Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Orr – Council’s Parks and Greenspace Team - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 If any

8. Reports

- 8.1 Appointment of Monitoring Officer – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Executive Management Structure – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Capital Coalition Pledges Performance Monitoring May – October 2015 - report by the Deputy Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.4 Rolling Actions Log – report by the Deputy Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 Edinburgh Tram
- (a) Edinburgh Tram Inquiry – Progress Update – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
 - (b) Edinburgh Tram Extension – Next Steps – report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 8.6 St James Quarter – Update on Progress – report by the Deputy Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.7 Street Lighting - Roll Out of Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lanterns Across the City - referral from the Transport and Environment Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Burgess –Playing Out

“This Council:

Welcomes the initiative ‘Playing Out’ to temporarily close individual roads to traffic in residential areas on a recurring basis to allow children’s play and notes the success of this initiative South of the border;

Notes the contribution that this initiative is reported to have in facilitating contact between neighbours and building community cohesion;

Recognises the significant interest from different groups of parents in various areas of Edinburgh in playing out;

However, notes the regulatory hurdles encountered in obtaining permission, the prohibitive cost and the practicalities of closing roads for more than a one-off occasion;

Understands that dialogue with the Scottish Government to clarify guidance around the law relating to playing out may be useful in taking the initiative forward in Scotland; and therefore

Supports the Transport Convenor Cllr Lesley Hinds and the Play Champion Cllr Keith Robson in their ongoing efforts to find a way to facilitate playing out in Edinburgh.”

9.2 By Councillor Corbett – Meantime Use of Vacant Property

“Council:

- 1 Notes and commends the considerable success of the “meantime” land uses on the former brewery sites at Fountainbridge, led by community groups Fountainbridge Canalside Initiative and the Grove Community Garden;
- 2 Notes that in its own asset management, in its economic development role and in its land use planning role, the council has considerable scope to influence greater meantime use of long term empty land or property;
- 3 And therefore instructs a report to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee within 3 cycles on the options for embedding meantime use as a routine option for long term empty property.”

9.3 By Councillor Burns – Women 50:50 Campaign

“Council notes that women are under-represented across councils in Scotland and make up only 25% of councillors. Council further acknowledges that whilst voluntary mechanisms such as all women shortlists have made some progress, women are still not represented equally.

Council congratulates the Women 50:50 campaign which has been working across all political parties and has gained support from the SNP, Scottish Labour, Scottish Liberal Democrat and Scottish Green Party leaders.

Council welcomes and supports Women 50:50’s call for fair representation of women in Scotland; and welcomes the debate on the issue of legislated candidate quotas in the Scottish Parliament and Council elections.

Council recognises that alongside gender equality there are also challenges in relation to under-represented groups, such as those with disabilities and those from ethnic minority groups.”

9.4 By Councillor Day – Edinburgh Monarchs

“Council congratulates Edinburgh Monarchs on their success in 2014 and 2015. In 2014 the club finished top of the British Speedway’s Premier League and were crowned Premier League Champions. They also won the League’s Knock-out Cup, Premier Trophy and best pairs Championship. In the current season they again finished top of the league and retained the Premier League Championship, the Premier Trophy and the Premier 4 team Championship and finished runner-up in the Knock-out Cup.

The club is world renowned with a history going back to 1928 at the Marine Gardens, Portobello. Although now based in West Lothian, since the loss of their base at Powderhall Stadium, the club is run by an Edinburgh based Board of Directors and the majority of fans are city based.

Accordingly, Council asks the Lord Provost to recognise the success this club has brought to Edinburgh.”

9.5 By Councillor Austin Hart – Royal Lyceum Theatre Company

“Council notes the fiftieth anniversary in October 2015 of the first production of Royal Lyceum Theatre Company.

Council recognises the major contribution of the Royal Lyceum Theatre Company to the artistic life of the capital and to the whole of Scotland, being one of the country’s leading producing theatres.

Council calls on the Lord Provost to celebrate this anniversary in an appropriate way in honour of the Royal Lyceum’s contribution to Scottish Theatre.”

Carol Campbell

Head of Legal and Risk

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