

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

MEETING 2

30 JUNE 2016

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Item no 5.1

QUESTION NO 1

By Councillor Corbett for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2016

Question

What action is being taken to assist the Crown Office and Health and Safety Executive to ensure that full details are published into the outbreak of legionnaire's disease in Gorgie-Dalry in summer 2012?

Answer

On 6 August 2015, NHS Lothian, on behalf of the multi-agency Incident Management Team (IMT), published their final report into the 2012 Legionnaires' outbreak which affected the south west of Edinburgh.

This report is available to the public. See:

<http://www.nhsllothian.scot.nhs.uk/OurOrganisation/KeyDocuments/Documents/2015%20Final%20Report%20-%20Master%202015%20Final%2020082015.pdf>

The IMT report highlights the locally co-ordinated public health, environmental health, scientific and clinical response which helped protect the health of people living and working in south west Edinburgh and had a positive impact in preventing more people becoming seriously ill. The Council contributed significantly during the outbreak response and subsequently to the preparation of the IMT report.

Police Scotland and the Health and Safety Executive, under the direction of the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Health and Safety Division, carried out a full investigation into the cause. All relevant information the Council holds has been provided to the IMT and the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Health and Safety Division.

Where further information has been requested from the Council by the Health and Safety Executive or the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service to assist their investigation, this has been provided fully and in a timely manner. There are no outstanding requests to the Council

in relation to the investigation by either the Health and Safety Executive and Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service. There have been no requests made to the Council for assistance or information in the period following the Crown Office announcement of its decision not to bring criminal proceedings.

The Council supports the position that a Fatal Accident Inquiry (FAI) should be held as quickly as practicable. The decision on a FAI rests solely with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service.

Item no 5.2

QUESTION NO 2

By Councillor Booth for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2016

Question How many hand-pushed litter barrows are in operation by the Council and what is the location/ route and hours of operation of each of these barrow beats?

Answer 21

Barrow beat routes: June 2016

Location	Days	Hours
Dumiedykes area	Monday - Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Viewforth area	Monday - Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Tollcross area	Monday - Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Sciences area	Monday - Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
West Nicholson area	Monday - Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Pleasance area	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm
Morningside area	Daily (blue shift only)	06.15am to 17:07 pm
Leith (Pilrig Str, Pilrig Gdns, Pilrig Heights, Rosslyn Cres, Rosslyn Terr, Hawthornden Pl, Dryden Str, Dryden Gds)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Inchkeith Court, Shrub Place Lane, Balfour Pl, Cambridge Gdns, Cambridge Ave, Arthur Str)	Tuesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Dryden Gait, Spey Ter, Shaws Ter, Shaws Str, Shaws Pl, Spey Str, Middlefield)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm

Leith (Great Junction Str, North Junction Str, Ferry Riad, Madeira Str, Madeira Place, Prince Regent Str)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Cromwell Pl, Couperfield, Couper Str, Citadel Str, Citadel Pl)	Tuesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Argyle Str, Portland Str, Portland Terr, Hamburg PI, North Fort Str)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Great Junction Str, Taylor Gdns, King Str, Cables Wynd, Henderson Str, Yardheads, St Anthony Str, Sandport)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Chapel Ln, Broad Wynd, Water Str, Carpet Ln, Burgess Str, Maritime Str, Maritime Ln, Toolboth Wynd)	Tuesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (St. Anthony Pl, Giles, Str, Speir Pl, Parliament Str, Mill Ln, Sheriff Brae)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Duke Str, Academy Str, Laurie Str, St Andrews Pl, Wellington Pl, Duncan Pl, Constitution Str, Coatfield Ln)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Bernard Str, Baltic Str, Assembly Str, Cadiz Str, Elbe Str, Pattison Str, Mitchell Str, Queen Charlotte Str)	Tuesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Queen Charlotte St Ln, Maritime Str, Tolbooth Wynd Linksvie Front/ steps, Shore Place, Burgess Str, Water Str, Carpet Ln)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Albert Str, Murano Pl, Elliot Str, Dickson Str)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm

Leith (Dalmeny Str, Jameson Place ,Drum Terrace)	Tuesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Iona Str, South Sloan Str, Sloan Str, Buchanan Str)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Dalmeny Str, Jameson Place , South Sloan Str, Sloan Str, Iona Str)	Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Leith Walk to Smiths Place, Crown Place, Crown Street, Smiths Street, Lorne Street, Lorne Place, Lorne Square)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Academy Pk/ Pathway to School, Thorntreeside, St. Clair Avenue, St. Clair Road, St. Clair Street, St. Clair Place)	Tuesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (South Lorne Pl, Halmyre St, Thorntree St, Gordon St, Manderston Str, Manderston Court, Gordon Court)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Easter Road Both Sides to Albion Road AM/PM, Rossie Place, Maryfield, Maryfield Place, Alva Place, Lady Menzies Place Regent Place, Waverley Place, Carlyle Place, Salmond Place, Norton Park, Edina Place)	Monday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (Bothwell Street & Recreation Area & Pathway to Bridge Sunnyside, Albion Terrace, Albion Road, Albion Place to Hibs Gd, Albion Gardens)	Tuesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm

Leith (Spring Gardens Royal Park Terrace Waverley Park Terr Waverley Park Milton Street Tytler Court Tytler Gardens Croft-n-Righ)	Wednesday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (London Road Gardens, Hillside Crescent, Brunswick Street, Montgomery Street, Montgomery St Lane, Windsor Street, Windsor St Lane, Brunswick St Lane, West Montgomery Pl, Hillside Street, East Montgomery Pl, London Road East side)	Monday, Wednesday & Friday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
Leith (London Road Gardens Elgin Terrace Elgin Street, Edina Street, Elgin St North, Brunswick Road, Brunswick Terrace, Allanfield, Dicksonfield, Wellington Street, Brunton Terrace, London Road West side)	Tuesday & Thursday	07:00am to 15:00 pm
City Centre (Chambers Street & George V Bridge area)	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm
City Centre (Grassmarket area)	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm
City Centre (High Street area)	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm
City Centre (Royal Mile area)	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm
City Centre (St Mary's Str, Jeffery Str, Market Street, Waverley Bridge area)	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm
City Centre (Lothian Rd & Festival Square area)	Daily	06.15am to 17:07 pm

Item no 5.3

QUESTION NO 3

**By the Councillor Booth for answer
by the Leader of the Council at a
meeting of the Council on 30 June
2016**

Question

What action is the city taking, both as a council and in cooperation with partner agencies and the voluntary sector, to welcome refugees and asylum seekers?

Answer

The Council agreed to participate in the expanded Syrian Vulnerable Persons Re-location Scheme (now called the Syrian Resettlement Programme) in September 2015. The first families resettled in Edinburgh under the scheme arrived in late November 2015 and we now have sixteen families, comprising 82 people, living in the city. The Council committed to resettling 100 people over the first year of Edinburgh's involvement in the scheme and this commitment will be fulfilled.

A full update on the scheme to date – and the partnership work underpinning its delivery – was provided to [Communities and Neighbourhoods Committee](#) on 10 May 2016. Committee agreed at this meeting to extend Edinburgh's commitment and resettle one hundred people for each of the remaining four years of the programme.

The report referenced requests from the Home Office that Edinburgh consider participation in both asylum dispersal and dispersal of unaccompanied asylum seeking children. The Council is continuing to engage constructively with both requests with a view to bringing proposals to committee after the Summer recess.

Discussions have also commenced with a number of other organisations including the Refugee Survival Trust, Save the Children, City of Sanctuary and The Welcoming with a view to developing a more coordinated pattern of support for refugees arriving in Edinburgh outwith formal schemes. Updates will be reported to Committee as this work develops.

Item no 5.4

QUESTION NO 4

By Councillor Heslop for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2016

Question

By what date is the Council instructed report on the future of Juniper Green Village Hall due to be completed and made accessible to local elected members and community?

Answer

The full structural report will be available early July 2016.

Item no 5.5

QUESTION NO 5

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Culture and Sport
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 30 June 2016**

Edinburgh Mela

Question (1) When was the CEC funding agreed for the Edinburgh Mela 2016 put on hold?

Answer (1) A recommendation for funding (£74,379) for Edinburgh Mela was approved by Culture and Sport Committee on 8 March 2016. Discussions with Edinburgh Mela representatives and partner stakeholders, including Council officers, have taken place regularly since early March to address governance, viability and management concerns which had been brought to our attention. Both Creative Scotland and Scottish Government Expo funding have not been awarded following these discussions and will not now be released in 2016 (Creative Scotland (applied for) £150,735; Expo (applied for) £130,000). Council funding has not been released, pending the governance and management concerns being addressed

Question (2) What are the reasons for the non-award of funding to date?

Answer (2) The Council has continued to work with Edinburgh Mela on governance issues and on concerns raised following the resignations of a number of board and core staff members. These resignations took place in March and April 2016 and led to concerns about the operational stability and viability of the organisation to continue, and to deliver a robust event in 2016. Council officers have also been advised that the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) had opened an inquiry into the charity 'The Edinburgh Mela Limited' in response to concerns received from third parties. OSCR are currently assessing these concerns in line with its Inquiry Policy.

Question (3) What discussions have taken place between CEC and the Mela since funding was put on hold?

Answer (3) There have been several meetings and extensive related correspondence with Edinburgh Mela board representatives since the governance and operational difficulties were raised.

1 March 2016

Board member and Director, Edinburgh Mela
Culture Service representative, City of Edinburgh Council
Representatives, Creative Scotland

22 March 2016

Board members, Edinburgh Mela
Representatives, Creative Scotland
Representative, Scottish Government
Culture Service representative, City of Edinburgh Council

14 April 2016

Board members, Edinburgh Mela
Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council
Culture Service representatives, City of Edinburgh Council

4 May 2016

Board members, Edinburgh Mela and independent support representative
Executive Director of Place, City of Edinburgh Council

16 May 2016

Interim Director, Edinburgh Mela
Culture Service representative, City of Edinburgh Council

7 June 2016

Interim Director, Edinburgh Mela
Culture Service representatives, City of Edinburgh Council

Question (4) Is CEC currently represented on the Board of Edinburgh Mela?

Answer (4) The Council appointed elected member board resigned from the board on 24 March 2016. A Council officer acts as link officer for the Edinburgh Mela attends board meetings as an observer.

Question	(5) Is CEC supportive of the Edinburgh Mela 2016 taking place?
Answer	(5) Officers have assured the Edinburgh Mela representatives throughout this difficult situation that the Council is supportive of the event but require the necessary assurances around organisational viability and stability to be in place.

Item no 5.6

QUESTION NO 6

**By Councillor Rust for answer by the
Convener of the Finance and
Resources Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 30 June 2016**

- Question** (1) What was the cost of the extensive refurbishment and renovation of Lothian Chambers?
- Answer** (1) The cost of the refurbishment was £2.437m.
- Question** (2) What annual rental does the Electoral Commission pay for lease of rooms at Lothian Chambers?
- Answer** (2) £15,070 per annum.
- Question** (3) What share of the running costs of Lothian Chambers does the Electoral Commission pay?
- Answer** (3) 6% of the running costs.
- Question** (4) What is the duration of the lease the Electoral Commission has?
- Answer** (4) The lease runs until 12 June 2021.
- Question** (5) For years 2013, 2014 and 2015 please list the number of:
- (a) Weddings
 - (b) Civil Partnerships
 - (c) Citizenship Ceremonies
 - (d) Council committee meetings (including workshops/sub-groups)
 - (e) CEC Civic Functions
 - (f) Registrations of births and deaths,
to take place at Lothian Chambers
- Answer** (5) See below.

Date	Weddings	Civil Partnerships	Citizenship Ceremonies	Council Committee Meetings	CEC civic functions	Registration of births and deaths
2013	1198	81	35 Group 31 Individual	16	1	2990 Births 2095 Deaths
2014	1332	81	27 Group 21 Individual	22	1	3085 Births 2140 Deaths
2015	1450	11	25 Group 20 Individual	66	1	2894 Births 2251 Deaths
Total	3980	173	87 Group 72 Individual	104	3	8969 Births 6486 Deaths

Item no 5.7

QUESTION NO 7

By Councillor Whyte for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2016

Question (1) What specific action has the Administration taken to develop Shared Services with other Public bodies/partnerships and what actions have been successful since 2012?

Answer (1) This is an area in which the Scottish Government is keen to see all councils make greater progress and I wholeheartedly agree. I raised the subject at the last meeting of Scotland Excel and have arranged a meeting with its Chief Executive immediately after the recess which Councillor Whyte is welcome to attend.

We have made some progress in delivering shared services with for example Borders Council in ICT, and the IJB framework continues to deliver more targeted, improved services across Lothian region.

I am keen to further develop proposals with neighbouring authorities which demonstrate the mutual advantages of shared services. It is frustrating that this has not been progressed at greater pace. However, the ethos surrounding the City Region Deal should provide added impetus for further development of shared services.

We are currently working with Edinburgh University on a district heating scheme. We are also working to establish an Energy Management team, as proposed in the Coalition's budget motion. We will work with partners to deliver savings of £1million.

The Scottish Government is looking to change the rules on NHS property disposals which would allow other public sector bodies to bid for appropriate assets under market value to ensure greater opportunity for the co-location of public services. We will be looking take advantage of that change.

Finally, the continuation of our work with the third sector is one of the best examples of shared services. This is an area which we, as a Coalition, will continue to develop through initiatives such as participatory budgeting and co-production.

Question **(2)** What savings and improved service efficiencies have been achieved in this period?

Answer **(2)** The savings that have been achieved through improved service efficiencies include Insurance, HR, fleet management.

Savings

2012/13	£213,000
2013/14	£585,000
2014/15	£625,000

The savings figure for 2015/16 will be reported to the Finance and Resources Committee in September 2016, as part of the Council's annual efficiency statement.

Item no 5.8

QUESTION NO 8

**By Councillor Main for answer by the
Convener of the Transport and
Environment Committee at a meeting
of the Council on 30 June 2016**

Question Can the department list all primary, secondary schools' within Edinburgh, including private schools, with school travel plans, and give with the dates when the original plan was first produced and when the plan was last reviewed?

Answer See attached excel spreadsheet.

Question (2) Can the department list all schools Edinburgh that do not have school travel plans?

Answer (2) See excel spreadsheet. The file can be interrogated as desired. Stage 1 represents those schools which are currently not involved in travel plan related activities, being 8 in number.

Question (3) How often are schools required to review their travel plan?

Answer (3) A school is not required to have a Travel Plan. If they wish to, they can engage with Road Safety to assist them in doing so. From that, any Travel Plan that is created contains comment that it be reviewed regularly, so not committing them to any specific period.



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Item no 5.9

QUESTION NO 9

By Councillor Burgess for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee at a meeting of the Council on 30 June 2016

Question

Can the Convenor indicate whether a formal submission has been made to the new Scottish Government ministerial team pressing the case for Scottish Government agreement that Edinburgh should have decision-making power over the introduction a Transient Visitor Levy and whether a formal reply has been received.

Answer

Letters requesting meetings have been sent to and acknowledged by Ministers. At this point a meeting has been set up for 29 June 2016 with Fiona Hyslop, Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Tourism and External Affairs. No formal submission has been made to the new Scottish Government on the introduction of a Transient Visitor Levy.