

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 15 December 2016

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

This is a public meeting and members of the public are welcome to attend

Contact

E-mail: allan.mccartney@edinburgh.gov.uk

Tel: 0131 529 4246

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 24 November 2016 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Bagshaw - Key Junctions on Princes Street – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Booth – Council Support for Small and Medium Sized Shops – for answer by the Convener of the Economy Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Booth – Forth Ports - for answer by the Convener of the Economy Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Booth – Low Emission or Clean Air Zones - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Booth – Air Quality Management Area - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Burgess – Long Term Empty Homes – for answer by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Main – Settlement of Child Refugees – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Mowat - Abandoned Vehicle on Tram Tracks - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Aitken – Street Lighting Repairs - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.10 By Councillor Main - Additional Support Needs in Mainstream Schools - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 If any

8. Reports

- 8.1 Executive Management Structure – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 City of Edinburgh Council Performance Overview – Update 2016 - report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Establishment of Craigmillar Community Council – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Ross – Sky Lanterns

“Council notes the campaign organised by NFU Scotland regarding

- the growing popularity of Sky Lanterns
- the inherent problems related to their mass release and
- the calls for greater controls from many organisations.

Council recognises the concerns of

- NFU Scotland in relation to threats to livestock and fire damage to crops
- Civil Aviation Authority in that Sky Lanterns could be drawn into aircraft engines
- The Coastguard receiving numerous calls assuming that they are distress signals
- RSPCA and SSPCA growing concerns regarding the risk to animals
- Fire and rescue services have issues warnings following a number of fire incidents

Council further notes that to date eight Scottish local authorities have banned sky lanterns and/or Helium balloons being launched from their land.

Council therefore instructs officers to engage with the appropriate bodies to develop controls over the use of Sky Lanterns and/or Helium balloons with a view to refusing organisations permission to release from council owned land and premises.”

9.2 By Councillor Rose – Use of Sky Lanterns – Chinese Lanterns

“Council

1. Notes concerns that the increasing use of sky lanterns, also known as Chinese lanterns, may pose a fire risk to stacks of straw, woodland and buildings, cause litter and constitute a danger to livestock and wildlife if wires and other parts become ingested
2. Calls for a report within two cycles assessing the extent of risk, detailing the interested parties affected and the likely impacts of a ban on such devices from Council premises and land.”

9.3 By Councillor Ricky Henderson – Royal Bank of Scotland – Closure of Branches

“Council notes with regret the recent announcement by RBS to close 9 more branches in Edinburgh.

Council further notes that combined with other recent bank branch closures many of our communities have been left without local banking facilities thus impacting particularly on small businesses, community groups and vulnerable citizens.

Council agrees that the Council Leader should seek a meeting with senior RBS representatives to express concern and to request that these decisions be reconsidered.”

9.4 By Councillor Corbett – Local Government Elections in May 2017

“Council notes and welcomes the fact that the local government elections in May 2017 will be the first opportunity for 16 and 17 year olds to vote in local council elections and agrees that a report be submitted to Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee by end of February 2017 on measures which can be taken to encourage 16 and 17 year olds to exercise their vote.”

9.5 By Councillor Burgess – The Bike Station

“Council:

Notes the recent fire at ‘The Bike Station’ at Causewayside in Edinburgh, which devastated the main building including workshop and office space and resulted in loss of large numbers of recycled bikes, parts and specialised equipment;

Notes that the Bike Station is Scotland's largest, and one of its longest established, bike recycling charities, taking in around 10,000 discarded bikes a year, providing training courses and running community projects such as providing balance bikes to Edinburgh's nursery schools;

Recognises and supports the aims of the Bike Station: To encourage and promote good mental and physical health through encouraging people to cycle; To help people learn to ride their bicycles safely and to be able to repair them themselves; To help the environment by recycling and by promoting cycling as a means of transport;

Welcomes that the Bike Station continues to operate, although not to full capacity, from their warehouse at 244 Causewayside and that they have just launched a two week crowdfunding campaign 'www.crowdfunder.co.uk/surviving-after-fire' to help the charity survive through this difficult time;

Further notes the Bike Station also welcomes support from volunteers to help with rebuilding the charity and who can contact the Bike Station on their temporary number 07928483194 or info@thebikestation.org.uk ;

Agrees that Council officers consider providing in-kind support and advice to Bike Station requests as they rebuild their capacity.”

9.6 By Councillor Mowat - Fireworks

“Council

- 1) Recognises that the fireworks set off regularly in the City add excitement, colour and gaiety to celebrations in Edinburgh but that there is an impact from these regular fireworks on the residents living close to the launch sites and that there are concerns that the increasing scale of such may be having adverse impacts and
- 2) Calls for a report in two cycles to investigate:
 - a. What impact the noise of the bangs has on the health and wellbeing of people and animals;
 - b. What damage may be caused to property from the vibrations from the large pyrotechnic displays;
 - c. What other options are available for keeping the spectacle but reducing the impact such as silent fireworks.”

9.7 By Councillor Ricky Henderson – Frank’s Law

“Council notes that legislation enables personal care to be provided free for people in Scotland aged over 65, provided they are assessed as needing it.

Council further notes that there are an estimated 85,807 people in Scotland affected by dementia: of these 3,201 are under the age of 65 and therefore currently are not entitled to free personal care.

Council commends the campaign by Dr Amanda Kopel - ‘Frank’s Law’ - to request that the Scottish Government extends free personal care to anyone under the age of 65 who requires such care for their dementia, motor neurone disease, Parkinson’s, multiple sclerosis, cancer, progressive supranuclear palsy (or any other degenerative brain disease).

Council welcomes the Scottish Government’s commitment to a feasibility study over the next year into the possibility of extending free personal care to people under the age of 65 who are diagnosed with dementia.

Council recognises that any change to the legislation would need to be adequately and appropriately resourced and acknowledges the additional £6m provided to local authorities in 2016/17 to raise charging thresholds as a first step.”

Kirsty-Louise Campbell

Interim Head of Strategy and Insight

Information about the City of Edinburgh Council meeting

The City of Edinburgh Council consists of 58 Councillors and is elected under proportional representation. The City of Edinburgh Council usually meets once a month and the Lord Provost is the Convener when it meets.

The City of Edinburgh Council usually meets in the Council Chamber in the City Chambers on the High Street in Edinburgh. There is a seated public gallery and the Council meeting is open to all members of the public.

Further information

If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Allan McCartney, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council, Business Centre 2.1, Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh EH8 8BG, Tel 0131 529 4246, e-mail allan.mccartney@edinburgh.gov.uk.

A copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting will be available for inspection prior to the meeting at the main reception office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh.

The agenda, minutes and public reports for this meeting and all the main Council committees can be viewed online by going to www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol.

Webcasting of Council meetings

Please note: this meeting may be filmed for live and subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site – at the start of the meeting the Lord Provost will confirm if all or part of the meeting is being filmed.

You should be aware that the Council is a Data Controller under the Data Protection Act 1998. Data collected during this webcast will be retained in accordance with the Council's published policy including, but not limited to, for the purpose of keeping historical records and making those records available via the Council's internet site.

Generally the public seating areas will not be filmed. However, by entering the Council Chamber and using the public seating area, you are consenting to being filmed and to the use and storage of those images and sound recordings and any information pertaining to you contained in them for web casting and training purposes and for the purpose of keeping historical records and making those records available to the public.

Any information presented by you to the Council at a meeting, in a deputation or otherwise, in addition to forming part of a webcast that will be held as a historical record, will also be held and used by the Council in connection with the relevant matter until that matter is decided or otherwise resolved (including any potential appeals and other connected processes). Thereafter, that information will continue to be held as part of the historical record in accordance with the paragraphs above.

If you have any queries regarding this, and, in particular, if you believe that use and/or storage of any particular information would cause, or be likely to cause, substantial damage or distress to any individual, please contact Committee Services on 0131 529 4105 or committee.services@edinburgh.gov.uk .