

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 18 May 2017

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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

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Notes

- (a) In terms of Section 4(4) of the Local Government etc (Scotland) Act 1994, the Returning Officer will preside until the Lord Provost is elected.
- (b) The roll of the Council is circulated.
- (c) The Returning Officer will confirm that all members of the Council have signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

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. Business for the first Council meeting after an election is specified in Standing Order 1.

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. Election of Lord Provost

- 3.1 Section 4(1) of the 1994 Act requires the Council to elect a Convener from among the councillors who shall be known by the title “Lord Provost”.

4. Election of Depute Convener

- 4.1 Section 4(2) of the 1994 Act provides a discretion to the Council to elect a Depute Convener.

5. Appointments

- 5.1 Appointment of Members to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards, (including Senior Councillor Allowances) – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 5.2 Appointments to Outside Organisations 2017/22 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

6. Any Other Urgent Competent Business

- 6.1 Council Diary 2016/17 and 2017/18 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 6.2 Motion by Councillor Booth – Air Quality

“Council:

- 1) Notes that in the last air quality update, presented to Transport and Environment Committee on 17 January 2017, that the annual mean nitrogen dioxide objective was exceeded at 26 monitoring locations across the city in 2015;
- 2) Notes that Scottish air quality objectives for PM10 were exceeded at Salamander Street, and Scottish air quality objectives for PM2.5 were estimated to have been exceeded at four sites across the city;

- 3) Notes and welcomes the downward trend in most pollutants but believes that faster progress could and should be made in delivering cleaner air for Edinburgh;
- 4) Notes that four out of five parties represented on the council have made public commitments to introduce a low emission zone (LEZ) in the city in order to tackle poor air quality;
- 5) Notes that the Scottish Government aims to have a single Low Emission Zone in place in Scotland by 2018, is currently seeking a local authority to take the lead on this, and that some Scottish Government funding may be available from the Scottish Government for the first Scottish LEZ only, therefore notes that this is a matter of urgency;
- 6) Therefore agrees that the Council should be prepared to take the lead in progressing a Low Emission Zone for Edinburgh, and calls for additional funding for the Zone to be identified from partners such as the Scottish Government;
- 7) Agrees that the Council Chief Executive will urgently write to the Scottish Government offering to work towards establishing Scotland's first Low Emission Zone in Edinburgh, with the expectation that the Scottish Government can make a significant contribution towards the cost of establishing the Zone, and offering early talks to discuss the practical details of bringing this about."

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

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