

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 21 September 2017

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 Leith Central Community Council – The impact on Leith Walk residents and businesses of the tram extension going ahead.

4. Minutes

- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 24 August 2017 – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Neil Ross - Text a Bin to the Waste Department – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Neil Ross – Re-instatement of the Road Surface after Repairs Carried Out by Utility Companies - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Lang - Flooding Issues in Queensferry - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Lang – Public Transport Infrastructure Improvements - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Lang – Resurfacing and Improvement Works at the Silverknowes Roundabout - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Rust – Firrhill High School Hockey Club - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Rust – Cheque Centre - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resource Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Rose – Housing Statistics - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee

- 5.9 By Councillor McLellan – Piershill Library - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.10 By Councillor Johnston – Champions – Conflicts of Interest - for answer by the Convener of the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Mowat – Introduction of Low Emission Zone Edinburgh by 2020 - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Johnston – Shared Repairs - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Hutchison – Council Overtime - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Edinburgh Waterfront - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.15 By Councillor Webber – Boundary Fence – Baberton Mains Estate - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Doggart – Operation of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board - for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
- 5.17 By Councillor Miller – Right to Buy Powers - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.18 By Councillor Main – Care at Home Provision - for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
- 5.19 By Councillor Burgess – Possible Impact of a Release of Radioactive Material - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.20 By Councillor Booth – Cycle Forum - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.21 By Councillor Booth – Low Emission Zone for Edinburgh - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.22 By Councillor Booth – Cycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure Projects - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.23 By Councillor Young – Planning and Building Standards Customer Services Charter - for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 5.24 By Councillor Young – Fees Paid from Cruise Liners - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.25 By Councillor Young – Annual Pedal Scotland Event - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.26 By Councillor Bruce – Traffic Congestion – Lanark Road West - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Appointment of Parent Representative to the Education, Children and Families Committee – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Appointment of Chief Social Work Officer - report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Edinburgh Festivals 70th Anniversary Legacy – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)
- 8.3 Report of Pre-Determination Hearing – Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh (South East Wedge Development Site) – referral from the Development Management Sub-Committee (circulated)

(Note: application subsequently withdrawn

- 8.4 Edinburgh Tram - York Place to Newhaven – Updated Outline Business Case – referral from the Transport and Environment Committee (circulated)
- 8.5 Revenue Monitoring 2016-17 – Outturn Report – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 8.6 Treasury Management – Annual Report 2016-17 – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Osler – Inverleith Park

“Council notes;

- (1) the importance of Inverleith Park as one of Scotland's largest urban parks,
- (2) that, for almost 130 years, the park has provided residents across north Edinburgh with 54 acres of open green space and iconic views of the city centre,

- (3) the adverse impact of flooding within the park through damaged drainage at vehicle and pedestrian access points to areas rented out for events, both this year and in previous summers,
- (4) the impact this flooding has had on the ability of local people to make use of and enjoy the park.

The Council therefore seeks a report to the Transport & Environment committee within one cycle to;

- (a) confirm that drainage infrastructure will be fully repaired and steps taken to ensure ongoing protection,
- (b) ensure revenue receipts from events held in Inverleith Park are applied to meet the full costs of such works.”

9.2 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Locality Improvement and Service Delivery

“Council:

- 1) Welcomes the remarks made by the Council Leader to full Council on 22 June setting out the importance of Localities.
- 2) Thanks Officers for compiling Locality Improvement Plans ready for submission to the Scottish Government in October 2017.
- 3) Recognises that though there is much interdependence between Locality Improvement Plans and the desire of the Council to set up Localities Committees, these are separate issues and both need to be considered and evaluated with care.
- 4) Further thanks Officers for compiling lists of organisations in receipt of Council funds by locality for the last Council meeting, and notes the additional work that was required to do this.
- 5) Further recognises that the key to improving Localities, both in terms of the Localities Improvement Plans and any future Localities Committees, will be robust performance measures at both the level of (a) the four Council Localities (North East, North West, South East and South West), and (b) identified Smaller Areas within each of these Localities.
- 6) Accordingly instructs Officers to implement the tagging of all relevant data, or the structuring of data in such a way, so that performance reporting is possible at the level of (a) each Locality and (b) each Smaller Area within a Locality, in addition to Community Council, Ward and City aggregations where these are already available, and within existing resources.

- 7) Where performance reporting, as set out in clause 6, is not possible within existing resources, the Chief Executive is asked to report back to Council in three cycles how systems can be configured to enable reporting at (a) Locality, (b) Smaller Area within a Locality, in addition to Community Council, Ward and City aggregations where these are already available, identifying what the resource implications of providing this are.
- 8) In addition, the Chief Executive is tasked with developing specifications for future systems and system upgrades, so that data can easily be aggregated to report at (a) Locality, (b) Smaller Area within a Locality, in addition to Community Council, Ward and City levels, or any other level Council requires, and these aggregations can be changed without the need to call on any additional resources on future or substantially upgraded Council systems.
- 9) Requires Councillors and Officers to ask all Partners involved with Localities to review their data arrangements so they too can contribute to the objective set out in clause 6.
- 10) Instructs the Chief Executive to report on the progress towards Localities Committees in three cycles. This report will cover competence, delegations and governance, detailing what options are still under consideration, what options have been dismissed.

Council requires the report instructed in clause 10 will have an appendix from each Senior Councillor leading the four Localities working groups setting out the progress made in each working group in the six months since their appointment.”

9.3 By Councillor Rust – Colinton Amenity Association 90th Anniversary

“Council:

- 1) Notes that Colinton Amenity Association (CAA), a voluntary association comprising working and retired local residents, was established in 1927 to preserve and enhance the amenity of Colinton district in so far as the sustainable development of the City of Edinburgh permits.
- 2) Recognises the significant input by CAA on planning, roads and environmental matters affecting the Colinton area and its engagement with local elected members and City of Edinburgh Council.
- 3) Thanks the current Executive Committee and members for continuing the work of their predecessors over the decades in partnering with other local organisations on a broad range of local matters.
- 4) Congratulates CAA on its 90th anniversary and asks the Lord Provost to mark this anniversary in an appropriate manner.”

9.4 By Councillor Laidlaw – Graffiti Task Force

“Council:

To recognise that graffiti has become a serious problem across our city with multiple surfaces being vandalised with low-grade tags.

To address the many instances of damage to council property, in particular litter and communal waste bins; lamp post and street furniture including bus stops, benches and bollards.

To instruct the Executive Director of Place to set-up a graffiti task-force to work with Police Scotland to address the problem and report back in two cycles to the Transport and Environment Committee detailing progress.

To enable the public to direct complaints of vandalised property through provision of a dedicated reporting function on the website and use of #graffiti on the Twitter handle @EdinHelp.”

9.5 By Councillor Burgess – Public Water Bottle Refill

“The Council:

- 1) Recognises the high environmental and financial cost in dealing with plastic bottle waste in the city;
- 2) Welcomes steps to introduce a deposit return scheme for such bottles and other forms of recyclable or re-usable materials;
- 3) Recognises also that Edinburgh’s high quality public water supply represents an opportunity to reduce demand for bottled water and the associated plastic waste;
- 4) Recognises the health benefits from greater consumption of water, reducing risks of obesity and dental decay from high sugar drinks;
- 5) Therefore agrees to investigate a pilot scheme to provide public water bottle refill facilities in a number of high footfall locations in the city, taking account of experience elsewhere in the UK and other countries; and submitting a report within 3 cycles.”

9.6 By Councillor Doggart – Cricket Scotland

“Council:

Congratulates Cricket Scotland on being awarded a One Day International against England at the Grange Club, Edinburgh on June 10 2018 and two T20 Internationals at the same venue in the same week against Pakistan.

Council welcomes this further opportunity to showcase Edinburgh as an increasingly popular venue for the highest level of all sports.”

9.7 By Councillor McLellan – Barclay Review

“Council:

- 1) Welcomes the recommendations contained in the Barclay Review of non-domestic rates to support economic growth, in particular the reduction in the large business supplement.
- 2) Requests a report in the next cycle re-examining the provisions and implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, to see what reliefs can be provided for businesses beyond the City centre in Edinburgh’s local centres.
- 3) Believes the operations of arms-length organisations such as Edinburgh Leisure should continue to receive reliefs as at present.
- 4) Believes its schools should be exempt from non-domestic rates.
- 5) Believes university properties in Edinburgh should not be liable for non-domestic rates because of the potential negative impact on the Edinburgh Festivals and the wider city economy.
- 6) Instructs the Chief Executive to produce a full assessment of the likely impact of the Barclay Review on the Edinburgh economy within the next cycle and for the Council leader to write to the Cabinet Secretary for Finance in those terms.”

9.8 By Councillor Graczyk - Edinburgh Youth Council

“Council:

- 1) Calls for a report in two cycles on the potential for establishing an Edinburgh Youth Council body to give Young People who live, work or study within the City of Edinburgh a stronger voice, and the power to be involved in democracy; to inspire Young People about the immense and positive change they can make to their local communities and the wider city environment; and to improve communication between the Council and the Youth sector.

- 2) Requests that said report includes, but is not limited to:
 - (a) consideration of how Young People can become members of the Edinburgh Youth Council;
 - (b) how often elections should be held and once elected, the geographical representation by the member;
 - (c) recognition that the Edinburgh Youth Council must be led and run by Young People themselves;
 - (d) the level of civic and options for budgetary support required by the Council;
 - (e) consideration of the operation of Youth Councils elsewhere and relationship with the Scottish Youth Parliament and other external bodies representative of young people.”

9.9 By Councillor Mary Campbell – Period Poverty

“Council notes

- 1) The inclusion of provision free sanitary products for schools, colleges and universities in the Scottish Government’s Programme For Government announced on the 5th of September, and that they have not yet attached a timetable for implementation.
- 2) That period poverty is an urgent issue, and the evidence from Barnardo’s [Scotland](#), Scottish Women’s Aid and the Trussell Trust that some young people are using unsuitable items such as socks and toilet paper instead of proper hygiene products simply because they cannot afford to buy them.
- 3) Their concern that some young people are avoiding school during their monthly cycle to avoid embarrassment.
- 4) That menstruation should never be a barrier to education.

Therefore Council agrees

- 5) That the Convener of Education will write to Scottish Ministers to ask them to urgently bring forward a timetable for the implementation of free sanitary products for schools, colleges and universities.”

9.10 By Councillor Booth – Potential Closure of Leith Registrars Office

“The Council:

- 1) Notes with concern reports that Leith Registrar’s Office may be due to close;
- 2) Notes there has been a registrar in Leith for many years prior to the merger of Leith and Edinburgh in 1920, and since that date;
- 3) Agrees that Leithers should be able to continue to register births, marriages and deaths in Leith;
- 4) Agrees that any proposals for closure or rationalisation of Leith Registrar’s Office should be subject to public consultation;
- 5) Agrees to receive a report to the first meeting of the North East Locality committee, or to the next meeting of the Culture and Communities Committee if that occurs earlier, setting out options for the future of Leith Registrar’s Office and outlining plans for public consultation on these options.”

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

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