

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am, Thursday, 1 February 2018

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 14 December 2017 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Lang – Edinburgh Airport – for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Lang – Grit Bins – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Lang – 20mph Traffic Calming – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Building Failures – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.5 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Building Failures – for answer by the Deputy Leader of the Council
- 5.6 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Building Failures – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Building Failures – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Mowat – Items that are not Vehicles on the Street – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Douglas – 20mph Schemes – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.10 By Councillor Douglas – Community Parking Zones – Murrayfield Stadium – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Douglas – Congestion Surveys – Leith Street – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Laidlaw – Graffiti Vandalism – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Mitchell – Edinburgh’s Christmas Events – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Mitchell – Sporting Groups – Meadowbank Stadium – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.15 By Councillor Johnston – Consultation Hub – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Young –Traffic Calming in South Queensferry – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.17 By Councillor Young – Traffic Counters – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.18 By Councillor Young – Homelessness and Families – for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.19 By Councillor Hutchison – Local Government Financial Statement – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.20 By Councillor Hutchison – Locality Committees – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.21 By Councillor McLellan – Craigentiny Primary School – for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.22 By Councillor McLellan – Flashing 20mph Warning Signs – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.23 By Councillor McLellan – Sports Amenities in North East Edinburgh – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.24 By Councillor McLellan – Urban Eden Development – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.25 By Councillor McLellan – Wolseley Steps on London Road – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.26 By Councillor McLellan – Council Tax Arrears – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

- 5.27 By Councillor Miller - Short Term Holiday Lets Meetings – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.28 By Councillor Mary Campbell – Playground Equipment – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.29 By Councillor Staniforth – Music is Audible Working Group – for answer by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 5.30 By Councillor Gloyer – Communal Glass Recycling Bins – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.31 By Councillor Gloyer – Behaviour by Cyclists – for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.32 By Councillor Rae – Graffiti/Tagging – for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.33 By Councillor Booth – Parking Enforcement – for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.34 By Councillor Burgess – Vehicle Mileage Allowance – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.35 By Councillor Burgess - Pool Vehicles – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.36 By Councillor Burgess – Council Parking Spaces – for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report (circulated)

7. Appointments

- 7.1 If any

8. Reports

- 8.1 Scheme of Delegation – Shared Repairs – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Rolling Actions Log – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Edinburgh St James Growth Accelerator Model (GAM) – Update on Progress and Approval of New Financial Limit - report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

- 8.4 City Deal – New Housing Delivery Partnership Implementation – referral from the Housing and Economy Committee (circulated)
- 8.5 Award of Energy Efficient Street Lighting Programme – referral from the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 8.6 South West Schools Review – Motion by Councillor Webber - referral from the Pentlands Neighbourhood Partnership (circulated)

9. Motions

9.1 By the Lord Provost – 603 Squadron

“No 603 Squadron was formed in Edinburgh as an Auxiliary Air Force Squadron in 1925. The Squadron has the unique distinction of being the highest scoring squadron during the Battle of Britain when it destroyed the first enemy aircraft to be shot down over Britain in the Second World War.

This was an outstanding achievement given that the Squadron, which trained at Turnhouse, was comprised of part time Auxiliary pilots recruited from the City and the Lothians. The first spitfire to fly from Turnhouse remains on display today.

The Auxiliary Air Force was given the prefix ‘Royal’ after WW2 to mark its sterling performance during the war. Princess Elizabeth graciously accepted the position of Honorary Air Commodore of 603 Squadron in 1951, a position she retains, as Sovereign, to the present day. This is one of the longest associations that the Sovereign has enjoyed with any military unit in the UK.

The Royal Air Force reaches its centenary as the final commemorations of World War 1 take place in Edinburgh in 2018.

To mark this auspicious occasion, and in recognition of the vital contribution of ‘the few’ who protected Edinburgh and Scotland, the Council would like to honour 603 Squadron by agreeing to award the Freedom of the City.”

9.2 By Councillor Mowat – Edinburgh’s Christmas and Hogmanay 2017/18

“Council

Notes:

- that Christmas and Hogmanay 2017/18 was the first year of a new contract to provide entertainment and animation to the City Centre;
- that there was a change of location for some of the siting of some of the events;
- that the scale of the event has increased and,

Requests:

- that the review of the contract for Edinburgh’s Christmas and Hogmanay should recognise that the implementation of this contract cuts across many council functions and services and should be considered at the Corporate Policy and Strategy Committee;

further requests:

- that given that this was the first year of operation of a new contract that the review is widened to include set up and take down;
- the impact on local businesses and residents;
- the siting of rides and lighting and whether these were appropriate for their locations given the impact some of these had on protected views such as the siting of the globe of lights and ride on George Street which were highly visible in views from the North of the City;
- that the economic impact of the events are assessed to determine whether the increased footfall resulted in increased spend in businesses located in Edinburgh all year round;
- that there is an assessment of access arrangements to the sites and the city Centre and whether access and ease of getting around the City Centre was improved or diminished;

and that the views of local businesses and residents are sought to ensure that where weaknesses are identified in this year’s events these can be improved for future years.”

9.3 By Councillor Doggart – Integration Joint Board

“Council

1. Welcomes the re-allocation of resources by the Integration Joint Board to address the significant delays in care assessments and patients leaving hospital.
2. Requests the Council Leader to write to the Finance Secretary and the Health Secretary to request additional funding for City of Edinburgh Council to meet its statutory care requirements.”

9.4 By Councillor Cook – Roads Surface Treatment

“Council

Recognises concerns exist in respect of the use of surface treatment dressing works on a number of carriageways across the city;

Understands that while surface treatment dressing is a widely used preventative treatment which can mitigate need for full resurfacing for up to ten years residents, councillors and parliamentarians have raised concerns over the quality of works, effectiveness and appropriate use of said treatment in various locations.

Instances have been reported of the treatment breaking up in weeks and of contractors failing to ensure that stone chips are properly embedded in the bitumen surface, in addition to contractors resurfacing around parked cars.

Agrees, as part of the next Roads Services Improvement Plan report to Transport and Environment Committee, that a review be undertaken identifying the process required to better ensure the quality of future works.

Further agrees that this review provide residents with clarity around the criteria used to ensure that surface treatment work is used only in appropriate instances and not as a ‘quick fix’ to avoid the costs of full carriageway resurfacing.”

9.5 By Councillor Lang – Short Term Letting

“Council:

1. recognises the ongoing concerns amongst residents affected by the increase in the short term letting of properties across the City.
2. notes the recent suggestion by AirBnB to introduce a 90 day limit on individual Edinburgh properties being listed on its website but further notes that peak periods around Christmas, Hogmanay and the summer festival season would be excluded from this restriction meaning properties could still be listed for well in excess of 90 days.
3. believes such a restriction on its own would be insufficient to address the issues which have emerged from the substantial increase in short term letting in the City.
4. therefore looks forward to the opportunity to fully consider both the recommendations of the Scottish Expert Panel on the Collaborative Economy and the Scottish Government’s response so a consensus can be developed on how to best address issues around short term property letting.”

9.6 By Councillor Lang – Slurry Seal Resurfacing

“Council

1. notes with concern the significant issues which have arisen over the winter months in relation to the unexpected breakup of roads and footways treated with slurry resurfacing during 2017.
2. recognises the efforts of officials to address these matters through street sweeping and additional treatment, accepts assurances that the cost of such additional work will be borne by the contractor but notes the added inconvenience to residents from the imposition of parking and loading restrictions whilst repair work is undertaken.
3. Seeks an urgent report to the Transport & Environment Committee on (i) the underlying causes of the deterioration in road and footway surfaces so soon after the initial resurfacing, (ii) what steps can be taken to ensure such issues do not arise in the future and (iii) whether the use of slurry seal resurfacing remains an appropriate method for treating roads and footways in the City over the long term given the problems which have arisen.”

9.7 By Councillor Cook – Gritting of Roads and Pavements

“Council

Acknowledges the good work carried out by Council staff in servicing Priority 1 routes during the recent snowy and icy weather, to keep the city moving and minimise accidents and injuries;

However, recognises that a significant number of roads and pavements outwith Priority 1 - across large swathes of Edinburgh - received no gritting treatment and that many suburban grit bins were empty or not refilled in a timely manner, creating hazard for many people such as the elderly, disabled and active travellers.

Calls for a report to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles reviewing the continued suitability and responsiveness of the current priority system, including, but not limited to, consideration of how the council can better service suburban and other ‘non priority’ areas; give due consideration to the divergent topography and thermal make-up of the city; make better use of technology like ‘routesmart’ to improve response times; and better advertise, service and encourage safe use of grit bins by local residents in their community.”

9.8 By Councillor McLellan – Economy Watch

“Council

Believes regular measurement and publication of key indicators of the city’s economic performance is essential for guiding the council’s economic strategy.

Regrets the discontinuation of the monthly Economy Watch report in February, which was a very useful tool in understanding the city’s performance.

Agrees that a publicly available monthly report should be published within the next two cycles at the latest.

Instructs the Director of Strategy and Insight to submit proposals for its replacement to the next Housing & Economy Committee.”

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Insight

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