

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## **The City of Edinburgh Council**

**10.00 am, Thursday, 20 September 2018**

Council Chamber, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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## **1. Order of business**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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- 3.1 If any

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 The City of Edinburgh Council of 23 August 2018 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

## **5. Questions**

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- 5.1 By Councillor Booth - Council's Vehicle Fleet - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Burgess - Allotments - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Burgess - Playing Out - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Burgess - Spending on Parks - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Osler - Residential Properties in Edinburgh - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Rae - Registered Landlord Fees - for answer by the Convener of the Regulatory Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Rae – Student Bed-spaces – Non-domestic Rates - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Lang – Davidson’s Mains Roundabout - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Lang – Fair Trade signs - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.10 By Councillor Bruce – Cycle Racks - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Mowat – 249 High Street - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Rust – Commercial and Procurement Director Post - for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.13 By Councillor Douglas – Expansion of 20mph Zones - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Corbett – Private Property Maintenance - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.15 By Councillor Young – Muirhouse Millenium Centre - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Young – Safe Routes to School - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.17 By Councillor Young – Pedal Scotland 2018 - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.18 By Councillor McLellan – School Lets - for answer by the Convener of the Communities and Families Committee
- 5.19 By Councillor McLellan – Transient Visitor Levy - for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.20 By Councillor McLellan – Trading Standards - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.21 By Councillor Doggart – Actions Undertaken by Edinburgh Integration Joint Board to Address Internal Audit Findings - for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
- 5.22 By Councillor Smith – Planned Summer Maintenance of School Estate - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.23 By Councillor Webber – Public Funding of Councillors - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.24 By Councillor Corbett – Implementation of New Arrangements for Facilities Management at Schools - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.25 By Councillor McLellan – Seafield Recycling Centre - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.26 By Councillor Laidlaw – Proposed Clean-up A1 Sir Harry Lauder Road - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.27 By Councillor Laidlaw – IT Refresh in Schools - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.28 By Councillor Douglas – Pop-up Bob - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.29 By Councillor Booth – Controlled Parking Zones – Parking Permits - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.30 By Councillor Main – Gylemuir Care Home - for answer by the Chair of the Edinburgh Integration Joint Board
- 5.31 By Councillor Booth – Leith Street Cycle Paths - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.32 By Councillor Booth – Speed Guns - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

## **6. Leader's Report**

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- 6.1 Leader's report

## **7. Appointments**

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- 7.1 If any

## **8. Reports**

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- 8.1 Elected Member Champions – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Burgess Roll – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Edinburgh Boundaries Extension and Tramways Act 1920 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

## **9. Motions**

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- 9.1 By Councillor Day – Trinity Academy

“That Council notes:

- a) The success of Edinburgh's Trinity Academy, which has been at the heart of the community for now 125 years supporting student to achieve their best.

- b) The well-established, dedicated parent council and their tremendous efforts in supporting the school.
- c) The excellent work of teaching and support staff and the continued success of trinity academy pupils both in school and in wider sports and extra curricular activities.
- d) This administration is commitment to proceed with much needed investment at Trinity Academy including a new Bangholm Sports Facility

Council requests the Lord Provost acknowledges this 125th anniversary in an appropriate manner.”

#### 9.2 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Trinity Academy – 125 Anniversary

“Council

- 1) Marks the occasion of the 125 anniversary of the opening of Trinity Academy on Wednesday 4 September.
- 2) Pays tribute to all the staff students, past and present, who have played their part in reaching this milestone.
- 3) Notes that the original building has been in continued use as a school since Queen Victoria was on the throne and the very first women in the world were given the vote in New Zealand.
- 4) Celebrated that this year two girls are fulfilling the role of School Captains building on, and developing new, traditions as the Academy reflects our evolving communities.
- 5) Takes pride in the broad education provided by Trinity Academy over many many years, delivering outstanding success in sports, arts and examinations again this last year.
- 6) Looks forward to the Officers coproducing the Business Case Options analysis, recently agreed by the Education & Families Committee, with the whole Trinity Academy community, that we might all together lay the foundations for the next 125 years.”

#### 9.3 By Councillor Lang - Queensferry Churches Care in the Community 25th Anniversary

“Council:

- 1. congratulates the Queensferry Churches Care in the Community (QCCC) on its silver jubilee anniversary.

2. recognises the significant contribution which the organisation has made over the last 25 years to the health, well being and activity of older people and carers in communities across rural north west Edinburgh.
3. expresses its sincere thanks to the hard work and dedication of the QCCC staff and volunteers.
4. asks the Lord Provost to write to QCCC and mark this important anniversary in the appropriate manner.”

#### 9.4 By Councillor Rose – Graffiti Working Group

“Council

- 1) Commends the Southside Association and Southside Community Council for raising funds and volunteers in order to design and paint community murals in two graffiti-stricken closes in Nicolson Street. Notes that along with an earlier project in Gifford Park these three projects have thus far been successful in reducing graffiti.
- 2) Notes the Marine Parade Graffiti Wall and the international event at this, the longest graffiti wall in the UK, earlier this month.
- 3) Notes that in September 2017 the administration opposed a motion by Councillor Laidlaw to re-establish a Graffiti Task Force. In place of this immediate action, they resolved to establish a graffiti working group. Since September 2017, the Graffiti Working Group has met once and, to date, there is no clear evidence of resulting action or recommendations.
- 4) Notes that the administration’s actions effectively prevented concerted immediate action to address an upsurge in graffiti which is of concern to residents of, and visitors to, Edinburgh.
- 5) Instructs that the Graffiti Working Group be scrapped and the Director of Place be instructed to reform a Graffiti Task Force in order to co-ordinate and address the prevalence of graffiti in Edinburgh’s streets.
- 6) Instructs the Director of Place, after
  - noting any discussions undertaken by the Graffiti Working Group
  - noting previous best practice and opportunities to intervene
  - taking action he considers appropriate
  - to report progress with measures within three cycles.”

## 9.5 By Councillor Jim Campbell – School Recruitment

“Council

Notes the efforts Officers made this year to recruit newly qualified teachers earlier than previous years, and is interested to understand how successful this was.

Therefore, asked for a report to Education, Children & Families Committee within two cycles to include:

- 1) The number of teaching and teaching assistant posts which were (a) taken up and (b) still vacant as schools and nurseries returned for this new academic year, providing a comparison with the previous five years.
- 2) A survey of Head Teachers assessing their satisfaction with the end to end recruitment process. Other sources of Head Teachers' views should also be included.
- 3) Data covering the last five years obtained from Education or HR records, indicating the average number of days between:
  - (a) Head Teachers advising of a vacancy (or the need to re-advertise a vacancy) and an advert being placed?
  - (b) Head Teachers advising of a vacancy and the last interview being held?
  - (c) A successful candidate first being interviewed and an offer being made to that candidate?
  - (d) A candidate accepting an offer and the Council gaining PVG clearance?
  - (e) A Head Teacher advising of a vacancy and a new appointment taking up that role?
- 4) An analysis of any candidates that were made offers but chose not to take up any role with this Council.
- 5) Reviews any benchmark reporting of end to end recruitment performance for similar vacancies within the Council, with other Councils, or with other organisations.”

## 9.6 By Councillor Smith – Liberton High School

“Council

- 1) Notes serious concerns over the Liberton High School remedial works which were to be completed over the summer break which have not been completed in line with deadlines set out to both the parent council and the Education, Children and Families Committee.
- 2) Calls for an action plan and strategic timetable be drawn up urgently for the required works to reassure parents, children and teachers at Liberton High School that the safety in our schools is of utmost importance.
- 3) Requests that a report to update members on the remedial works is brought to the next Education, Children and Families Committee.”

## 9.7 By Councillor Lang – Improving Bus Services in Rural West Edinburgh

“Council

1. notes commitment 19 of the administration’s coalition agreement to “improve public transport to rural west Edinburgh”.
2. recognises that increased bus service provision is critical to the delivery of this commitment.
3. regrets that since the coalition agreement was signed:
  - a) The direct bus link between Queensferry, Kirkliston and St John’s Hospital has ceased.
  - b) The frequency of bus services between Kirkliston and Edinburgh city centre has reduced significantly following the decision of First Bus to end its 38A service.
  - c) route changes by First Bus have meant services to and from Edinburgh city centre are no longer passing through Newbridge.
  - d) The frequency of the bus service between Balerno and Edinburgh city centre has reduced in evenings and weekends.
  - e) Despite being included in the February 2018 budget, the subsidised service to St. John’s Hospital from Balerno, Currie and Juniper Green has yet to be reinstated having been withdrawn on the 10 April 2016.



4. notes that whilst Lothian Buses has launched two new services in West Lothian, with further services to start in September, it does not provide either Kirkliston or Ratho with a direct city centre service.
5. further notes that there is no direct service between Currie and Balerno with the Gyle.
6. welcomes the initiatives set out in the Public Transport Priority Action Plan as approved by the Transport and Environment Committee but believes the proposals on their own will be insufficient to deliver the promised improvement to public transport in rural west Edinburgh.
7. believes a comprehensive action plan is urgently required to improve public transport in the rural west of the City and therefore agrees for a report to come before the Transport & Environment Committee, North West Locality Committee and South West Locality Committee in two cycles, setting out such a plan.”

#### 9.8 By Councillor Main – Muriel Spark Centenary

“Council agrees

Dame Muriel Spark (1918-2006) is one of Scotland's greatest novelists.

Muriel Spark was critically acclaimed throughout a career which spanned six decades and is best known as the author of 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'.

Born in Edinburgh in 1918 and a pupil at James Gillespies' School, Spark lived an international life, journeying from Edinburgh to Africa, London, New York, Rome, and Tuscany.

Council congratulates 'Muriel Spark 100', a year-long programme of events and activities celebrating the centenary of Muriel Spark's birth. As part of the celebrations the city has honoured Dame Muriel by naming Muriel Spark Walk on Bruntsfield Links and Miss Jean Brodie Steps in the Grassmarket.

Council requests that the Lord Provost investigates how the council might best celebrate the life of Muriel Spark in this centenary year of her life.”

#### 9.9 By Councillor McLellan – Bonfire Night

“Council

- 1) Welcomes community-led initiatives to ensure community bonfires are properly marshalled to avoid a repeat of last year's disorder.
- 2) Will assist communities to encourage volunteering to help steward events.

- 3) Welcomes Police Scotland’s “Operation Moonbeam” preparations to prevent a repeat of last year’s disorder
- 4) Instructs the head of strategy, insight and communications to ensure a community safety communications plan is in place for this year’s events.”

9.10 By Councillor Cameron – Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell DBE

“Council:

Congratulates Professor Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell DBE on being awarded the Breakthrough Prize for her work on the discovery of pulsars, and her lifetime of scientific achievement;

Welcomes and supports Dame Jocelyn’s decision to award her £2.3 million Breakthrough Prize money to the Institute of Physics to establish research studentships for people from under-represented groups; and

Conveys its warm thanks and appreciation to Dame Jocelyn for her contribution to the Royal Society of Edinburgh during her term as President from 2014-2018; and for her work as a role model for young students and female scientists throughout the world.

Council asks the Lord Provost to write to Dame Jocelyn in these terms.”

## **Laurence Rockey**

Head of Strategy and Insight

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