

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

10.05 am, Thursday, 2 May 2019

(or at the conclusion of the Special Meeting of the Council, whichever is later)

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 March 2019 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Booth – Active Travel Capital Infrastructure Programme - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Brown – Climate Change Event - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Lothian Buses - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Webber – Elected Member Taxi Usage - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Mowat – Parking Revenue - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Rose – Non Disclosure Agreements - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Webber – Primary 1 School Intake – August 2019 - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Jim Campbell – Delivering the 2019-20 Budget - for answer by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 5.9 By Councillor Laidlaw – Transport (Scotland) Bill - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

- 5.10 By Councillor Rust – Community Police Funding - for answer by the Convener of the Culture and Communities Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Lang – Craigroyston Place - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Lang – Edinburgh Business Forum - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Lang – Housing Repairs - for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Economy Committee
- 5.14 By Councillor Staniforth – Garden Waste Service - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.15 By Councillor Jim Campbell – 1.5% Efficiency Savings Target - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.16 By Councillor Main – European Elections - Staffing - for answer by the Leader of the Council
- 5.17 By Councillor Booth – Bustracker System - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Review of Appointments to Committees, Boards and Joint Boards for 2019/2020 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.2 Appointment to Outside Organisations – Edinburgh Partnership – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.3 Amendment of Transport for Edinburgh Shareholder Agreement and Appointment to the Board of Transport for Edinburgh and Lothian Buses – report by the Executive Director of Place (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 By-Election – No 12 Leith Walk Ward – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Senior Councillor Allowances/Appointment of Vice Conveners – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 2050 Edinburgh City Vision – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.4 Removal of Council member as a Governor of the Charles Smith Trust Scheme 1991 – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 8.5 Outcomes of the Statutory Consultation Proposing to realign the catchment areas of Currie Primary School, Nether Currie Primary School, Dean Park Primary School, Currie High School and Balerno High School – Further Information – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)
- 8.6 Outcome of the Statutory Consultation Process on the Proposal to relocate St Crispin’s Special School to a new building in the Burdiehouse Area – report by the Executive Director for Communities and Families (circulated)

9. Motions

9.1 By Councillor Rust – Centenary of Lothian Buses

“Council:

- 1) Congratulates the award-winning Lothian Buses, the UK’s largest publicly owned bus company, on its 100th year since its motorised buses first appeared on the streets of Edinburgh as part of Edinburgh Corporation Tramways;
- 2) Notes that Lothian Buses is now one of the city’s largest employers with thousands of staff and has over the past 100 years adapted to the changing business and social environment;
- 3) Recognises its buses are an integral part of our capital city with a proud heritage and that the company and staff are celebrating this significant anniversary in numerous ways;
- 4) Asks the Lord Provost to mark this centenary year in an appropriate manner.”

9.2 By Councillor Day – Lothian Buses

“Council:

Recognises the importance of Lothian’s 100 year anniversary and sends congratulations to all the employees and board members of Lothian, past and present, on their part in providing an iconic, highly successful part of Edinburgh life across the decades.

Council, as the majority shareholder, again commits to keeping Lothian in public ownership and to continue to work with partner local authorities to safeguard and develop the success of the company in years to come.

Recognises that, as Edinburgh changes, grows and develops, Lothian will face operating and strategic challenges and welcomes Lothian's recognition of the need to respond positively and effectively to these challenges.

Welcomes continuing effective and detailed working arrangements between the City of Edinburgh Council and Lothian in both operational and strategic matters.

Asks the Lord Provost to recognise the contribution of Lothian to the last, and the next, 100 years of Edinburgh life in an appropriate manner at some point during 2019, the anniversary year of the formation of the Edinburgh Corporation Transport body (the original Lothian company)".

9.3 By Councillor Brown – Scottish Rugby Men's Team Retain the Calcutta Cup

"Council:

- 1) Offers its congratulations to the Scottish Rugby Union men's side on recently retaining the Calcutta Cup against England at Twickenham.
- 2) Further congratulates Gregor Townsend and the squad on a comeback only superseded by Lazarus himself, that saw a 31-7 half time deficit result in a dramatic 38-38 draw in the final match of this year's Guinness Six Nations Championship.
- 3) Invites the Lord Provost to suitably mark this joyous sporting occasion in the appropriate manner."

9.4 By Councillor Webber – Enforcement of the Council's Smoke Free Policy

"Council:

In December 2015, in response to the Scottish Government's document "Creating a Tobacco-Free Generation – A Tobacco Control Strategy for Scotland", the Council extended its Smoke Free Policy and its smoking restrictions from the workplace and vehicles to include surrounding areas of Council properties, including entrances, car parks and playgrounds in addition to other outdoor spaces under the Council's jurisdiction and used by children, such as play parks.

These restrictions also apply to the use of e-cigarettes (vapourisers), which are treated the same in the same way as cigarettes and other tobacco products.

As Elected Members we are bound to set exemplar behaviour and encourage adoption and enforcement of Council's health and wellbeing policies including the Smoke Free Policy

- 1) Recognises that smoking is the largest single cause of serious ill health and premature death in Scotland. Similarly, the effects of people breathing in other people's smoke - passive smoking - have emerged as an important health concern,
- 2) Welcomes the widespread adoption of these principles yet recognises that the enforcement of the policy, in relation to surrounding areas of Council properties, continues to be a challenge, and
- 3) Will actively enforce the Smoke Free Policy in the surrounding areas of Council properties, including entrances and car parks and signpost the individuals to smoking cessation services where appropriate."

9.5 By Councillor Bruce – University Challenge

"Council:

Asks the Lord Provost to congratulate The University of Edinburgh on being crowned champions of University Challenge in this year's long running BBC quiz show, noting the exceptional talent of students involved on beating Oxford University St Edmund Hall by 155 points to 140."

9.6 By Councillor McVey – Support for Council Employees Subject to Domestic Abuse

"Council:

- 1) welcomes the introduction of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018, which came into force on 1 April 2019, which makes psychological abuse and coercive control in the home a criminal offence and reiterates that such abuse should never be tolerated.
- 2) notes that the Council's domestic abuse policy introduced in 2010, included a clear provision for unlimited paid time off for the victims of domestic abuse and was the first of its kind when introduced.
- 3) requests that the Executive Director of Resources submits an updated domestic abuse policy relating to Council employees, within three cycles, to the Finance and Resources Committee which reconfirms the existing commitment to paid special leave, or safe leave, for people who are experiencing domestic abuse and updates and aligns the policy fully with the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018."

9.7 By Councillor McVey – Edinburgh and Lothians Samaritans – 60th Anniversary

"Council recognises that Edinburgh and the Lothian Samaritans, the first branch in Scotland, opened its doors on 2nd June 1959. With around 150 volunteers in Edinburgh, Samaritans provide a safe place for people throughout our community, including those experiencing thoughts of distress

and despair and who may be at risk of suicide, to talk openly and receive confidential emotional support at any time of the day or night. Samaritans in Edinburgh is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and receives around 35000 calls, emails, text messages and face to face visits per annum.

Council notes that the 60th anniversary of Edinburgh and the Lothian Samaritans coincides with National Volunteer Week in June 2019. Council invites the Lord Provost to recognise the achievements of Samaritans in Edinburgh, to support the organisation in its work to attract new volunteers, and to mark the occasion of their 60th anniversary in the appropriate manner during National Volunteer Week in June 2019.”

9.8 By Councillor Griffiths – Voice of Carers Across Lothian (VOCAL)

“Council notes the invaluable contribution carers make to provide unpaid care to friends, relatives and wider family and the support given to Carers by VOCAL, and understands 2019 sees the 25th anniversary of VOCAL.

Council celebrates the anniversary in partnership with the City of Edinburgh Council and the NHS who have supported VOCAL from its inception as a carer-led charity.

Council will also support and promote the awareness-raising campaign focusing on 25 carer stories, a ceilidh at Lauriston Hall, a large employers’ event during Carers Week (10-16 June 2019), prospective partnership events with local businesses, fundraising initiatives for VOCAL and an extensive programme of day trips and breaks from caring to directly benefit carers and their families.

Council request the Lord Provost and Carers Champion celebrate this occasion in an appropriate manner.”

9.9 By the Lord Provost – High Constables of Edinburgh

“Council:

notes that The High Constables of Edinburgh were founded in 1611.

Recognises the City of Edinburgh Council's role in modifying the constitution in 1997 to permit women to become members of the High Constables of Edinburgh.

Congratulates Jacqueline Easson on becoming the first lady Moderator of the High Constables of Edinburgh at their AGM held on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 in the City Chambers. This follows on from serving as the first female Vice Moderator.

Council further recognises the important role and contribution the High Constables provide to Civic Edinburgh, in supporting the LP, DLP and Baillies, and look forward to continuing and developing our working relationship.”

9.10 By Councillor McVey – International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia – 2019

“Council:

- Recognises and supports this important event by flying the rainbow/pride flag at the City Chambers on 17 May 2019 as a symbol of our commitment to removing discrimination which may affect the people living, working, studying in or visiting Edinburgh.
- Formally agrees to recognise its ongoing support for the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia in future years by flying the rainbow/pride and trans flags on 17 May hereafter.”

9.11 By Councillor McNeese-Mechan – Celebration of Sikh Sanjog

“Council notes that Sikh Sanjog will be celebrating their 30th anniversary on the 12th of June 2019. ‘Sanjog’ is Punjabi for ‘links’, and Sikh Sanjog is a community organisation that was started by a group of women almost 30 years ago with the purpose of ‘Unlocking Potential and Transforming Lives’.

Sikh Sanjog’s mission is to empower marginalised women, and to give them the help they need to boost their confidence and skills so they can realise their full potential.

Council acknowledges the vital importance of the work that Sikh Sanjog undertakes in our city every day, to assist women whose needs may be ‘invisible. This includes women who need support to integrate fully into Scottish society, and also includes offering free advice on education, development of career skills and counselling services.

Council agrees to participate in hosting a celebration of the three decades of successful delivery of support to women and asks the Lord Provost to liaise with the relevant officers with a view to marking the date 12th of June 2019 with an appropriate event to be held in the City Chambers.”

9.12 By Councillor Child – Northern Brown Argus Butterfly

“Council:

Notes that the Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan 2019-2021, approved by Corporate Policy & Strategy Committee, aims to raise awareness of Edinburgh’s rich biodiversity in and to encourage participation from partners and others to take action to protect and enhance the natural environment.

Welcomes, in particular, the rise in population of the Northern Brown Argus butterfly first identified as a separate species in Holyrood Park in 1793.

Notes this insect species was declared extinct in Edinburgh in 1869, due to predation by over-enthusiastic Victorian butterfly collectors, but was rediscovered in 2005 and has increased in numbers thanks to active conservation work.

Approves Edinburgh Living Landscape Partnership Board's proposal that Edinburgh adopt the Northern Brown Argus Butterfly as Edinburgh's official emblematic insect species."

9.13 By Councillor Miller – Displaying of Goods for Sale on Footways

"Council:

- 1) Notes the success of the ban of on-street advertising in reducing street clutter, improving accessibility, and increasing pavement space;
- 2) Notes that similar issues apply to merchandise displayed on pavements outside retail premises, and that these issues are especially acute on narrower and more crowded pavements;
- 3) Notes that displaying goods for sale by placing them in a footway or footpath is an offence under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984; and
- 4) Calls for a report to the Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles summarising current policy and practice, and evaluating options to reduce or remove goods displayed on pavements."

9.14 By Councillor Booth – Delivery of Active Travel Infrastructure

"Council:

- 1) Notes the submission made by the Council to the Scottish Parliament's Rural Economy & Connectivity (REC) Committee during their consideration of the Transport (Scotland) Bill at stage 1, as agreed at Transport & Environment Committee on 4 October 2018;
- 2) In particular notes that the submission highlighted a number of recommended legislative changes to facilitate the delivery of active travel infrastructure: specifically, changes to the process for redetermination orders (RSOs), traffic regulation orders (TROs) and experimental traffic regulation orders (ETROs) which would streamline these processes;
- 3) Notes with disappointment that the REC committee did not comment on these suggestions in their stage 1 report on the Bill;

- 4) Nonetheless agrees that changes to the process for such orders are essential in order to allow the timely delivery of active travel infrastructure;
- 5) Therefore agrees that the Convener and Vice-Convener of Transport & Environment Committee, together with relevant council officers, will engage with Scottish Government officials, Ministers and relevant MSPs to facilitate amendments to the Bill which would deliver the required improvements to the process for RSOs, TROs and ETROS, as outlined in the council's submission on the Bill, and which would therefore speed up the delivery of active travel infrastructure."

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