

Notice of meeting and agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

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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 30 May 2019 - submitted for approval as a correct record

5. Questions

- 5.1 By Councillor Miller - Short Term Holiday Letting – for answer by the Convener of the Housing and Committee
- 5.2 By Councillor Johnston - Tram Extension - Final Design - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.3 By Councillor Laidlaw – Weeds - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.4 By Councillor Mowat - Choked Drains - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.5 By Councillor Mowat - Low Emissions Zones - Proposed Boundaries - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.6 By Councillor Mowat - Periodic Predictable Increases in Recycling and Landfill Waste Bins in Student Areas - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.7 By Councillor Webber - Nether Currie Early Years - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.8 By Councillor Laidlaw - West Edinburgh High School - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

- 5.9 By Councillor Rust - Additional Support Needs at CEC Schools - for answer by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 5.10 By Councillor Brown - Road Mole - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.11 By Councillor Staniforth - Seafield Recycling Centre - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.12 By Councillor Lang - Grass Collection - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee
- 5.13 By Councillor Lang - Weed Clearing - for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee

6. Leader's Report

- 6.1 Leader's report (circulated)

7. Appointments

- 7.1 Appointments to Committees, Outside Bodies etc – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

8. Reports

- 8.1 Office of Lord Provost: Year Two Report 2018/19 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.2 Operational Governance Framework 2019 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 Annual Performance Report 2018/19 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.4 Coalition Commitments Progress Update - June 2019 – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 Integration Scheme – Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 - Update – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.6 Unaudited Annual Accounts 2018/19 – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 8.7 Operational Governance: Review of Contract Standing Orders – report by the Executive Director of Resources (circulated)
- 8.8 Rolling Actions Log – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.9 Lothian Pension Fund - Unaudited Annual Report (and Financial Statements) 2019 - referral from the Pensions Committee (report which has been submitted to the Pensions Committee on 26 June 2019 is circulated)

9. Motions

- 9.1 By Councillor Jim Campbell - Lothian Buses Oversight

“Council:

- a) Notes that the Vice Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee was clear with Council last month that she saw no place for private number plates in a public bus service company.
- b) Is concerned by recent press reports on this subject.
- c) Instructs the Convener of Transport and Environment, or in her absence, the Vice Convener, to write to the Chair of Lothian Buses asking that the following is provided to Council relating to private number plates owned by Lothian Buses or any subsidiary organisation:
 - the number
 - book cost
 - best estimate of the current market value.”

- 9.2 By Councillor Staniforth - Independent Night-life Co-ordinator

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the position of an independent night-life co-ordinator was raised numerous times at the Music is Audible working group but generally agreed to be beyond the scope of that working group.
- 2) Notes that several cities have chosen to adopt a night-life co-ordinator (often called a ‘night mayor’) including Amsterdam, New York, Paris, Zurich, Toulouse and Mannheim.
- 3) Notes that because every city has unique needs and culture methods of funding and electing or selecting a night-life co-ordinator vary from city to city as does their exact remit.
- 4) Notes that in most cases, though they work with local government, the night-life co-ordinator of a city has a degree of independence from local government.
- 5) Notes that Edinburgh has a vibrant and complex night-time economy which would benefit from the oversight and management of a night-life co-ordinator.

- 6) Notes that, unlike many cities, Edinburgh's city centre is residential in nature which further emphasises the need for its night-life co-ordinator to have a bespoke remit.
- 7) Agrees to establish a 'Night-Life Co-ordinator' working group to assess how the city could best facilitate the introduction of a night-life co-ordinator.
- 8) Agrees that the working group should include one councillor from each of the current political parties active in the council and that representatives of the city night life such as nightclub owners, event organisers, Lothian buses, major city cab companies, theatres, residents' representatives, the NHS, the Edinburgh alcohol and drug partnership and anyone else the working group feels it needs to include once it has met.
- 9) Agrees the working group shall choose its convener at its inaugural meeting.
- 10) Agrees that the working group aims to present a report detailing options for the establishment of an independent night-life co-ordinator for Edinburgh within one year."

9.3 By Councillor Main - Bike to Work Scheme Revamp

"This Council;

- 1) Notes the well documented benefits to personal health and wellbeing benefits active travel affords.
- 2) Notes switching from car use to cycling contributes to Climate Emergency carbon reduction targets and reduces pollution that is harmful to health.
- 3) Notes that last year Council's Health and Social Care staff alone travelled over 1 million miles in Edinburgh, mainly by car, as part of their working day at a cost of over £500k.
- 4) Notes the Department of Transport's updated guidance on the Cycle to Work Scheme, published on 12th June, removes the ceiling of £1000 and allows for the purchase of e-bikes and modified bikes for the less abled.
- 5) Notes the success of schemes such as 'A Better Way to Work', funded by the Climate Challenge fund, which provide support to cycle to work, including route planning, buddying and cycle loan.
- 6) Therefore Council agrees that a report is brought to Policy and Sustainability Committee within one cycle, detailing how the new

scheme can be promoted to all staff and how the Council will actively support those members of staff who wish to cycle to work and/or use cycling as part of their chosen transport in work.”

9.4 By Councillor Cameron - Edinburgh South Community Football - 50th Anniversary

“Council warmly congratulates Edinburgh South Community Football Club on its 50th anniversary.

Originally established in 1969 by the late Mr Eddie Hobbs as Inch Boys Club Football Team, Edinburgh South Community Football Club as of today has over 60 teams and over 750 players of all ages and levels, and is truly an inclusive community football club, with a rapidly expanding girls’ section.

The club has already achieved SFA Community Status and this year, Edinburgh South CFC is on track to receive the (top) Platinum award.

In this, its 50th anniversary year, Council asks the Lord Provost to mark the sporting and community achievements of Edinburgh South CFC in an appropriate way.”

9.5 By Councillor McNeese-Mechan - St Andrew's Fair Saturday

“Council:

- 1) Recognises that Fair Saturday, a global cultural project with a social impact, will be celebrated in 2019 by a growing number of cities worldwide.
- 2) Notes that City of Edinburgh Council celebrated St Andrew’s Fair Saturday, which is Scotland’s contribution to the Fair Saturday movement, in 2018.
- 3) Agrees to work with Fair Saturday to become an official Fair Saturday city.
- 4) Requests a report to Culture and Communities Committee within 1 cycle, setting out how the Council can support and promote Edinburgh St Andrew’s Fair Saturday on 30 November 2019, a day devoted to culture, social causes and celebrating St Andrew’s Day.”

9.6 By the Lord Provost - Dunedin International Folk Dance Festival

“Council notes that:

- a) Dunedin Dancers was formed in 1970 by members of the Edinburgh University New Scotland Country Dance Society to provide reciprocal exchanges with other European Folk-Dance Festivals. It was named after the Gaelic name for Edinburgh – ‘Dùn Èideann’. The group have a

mix of older and young people who dance at many events and performances.

- b) Dunedin Dancers is a traditional dance group, with over 200 members, and meets weekly for social dancing, complemented by two informal dances and one formal ball per year. The group present a wide range of Scottish traditional dancing styles, including; Scottish Country Dancing, ceilidh, Scottish Step dancing, Highland and occasionally Ladies Step, performing at Church Hill Theatre, the Mound, and the Grassmarket.
- c) Dunedin Dancers also organises a City Biennial International Folk-Dance Festival. Established in 1971, the Festival provides an opportunity for traditional-folk-dancers from other countries, alongside those from the City, to showcase an international range of folk-dancing to new audiences. The 2019 Festival (14th – 20th July 2019) represents the 25th year of this biennial event, which will bring two folk-dance groups from Estonia and France, performing together with local Polish and Irish dancing groups and providing shared workshops in traditional dance culture.

In acknowledging the civic and cultural contribution of the Dunedin Dancers Biennial Festival, alongside the importance of growing the City's reach as the world's leading Festival City, in welcoming this international event, Council requests that the Lord Provost, marks the 25th anniversary in an appropriate way."

9.7 Lord Provost - Edinburgh Interfaith Association - 30th Anniversary

"Council notes that:

- a) Edinburgh Interfaith Association (EIFA) was officially formed in 1989 to "promote and facilitate positive engagement between the faith communities of our religiously and culturally diverse city."
- b) EIFA is Scotland's longest running interfaith charity and have a long history of working with and across the City's faith communities. Through dialogue and education, EIFA strives to make Edinburgh a more respectful and peaceful city.
- c) EIFA aims to promote religious and cultural harmony and diversity in Edinburgh by bringing peoples of all faiths together. The Association's broad range of initiatives help advance; (i) mutual understanding, trust, respect, co-operation and peace between the communities of Edinburgh, (ii) to advance the general level of awareness on interfaith and multicultural issues among the wider population, and (iii) educate, inform and provide a platform for engagement and understanding on

the diversity within religious and spiritual traditions and associated multi-cultural beliefs.

- d) EIFA has also facilitated the visits (and related events) to Scotland by eminent religious and spiritual leaders, including; The Venerable Thich Nhat Hanh, His Holiness The Dalai Lama, Bhai Sahib Mohinder Singh, Chief Rabbi David Rosen, Sir Joan Chittister, Archbishop Abuna Elias Chacour, and other distinguished persons such as Arun Gandhi, Prof Tariq Ramadan, Karen Armstrong, Nobel Prize winner Mairead Corrigan Maguire and many others.
- e) For over 20 years, regularly visit local schools, accompanied by representatives of religious or faith communities in Edinburgh, to offer talks on particular faiths or provide multi-faith panel discussions on moral, or spiritual/religious issues. In addition, the group organise and promote numerous public talks, formal and informal dialogues, panel events, film screenings, exhibitions, conferences on subjects such as Islamophobia and 'Science and Religion', and across a number of years, released a number of social commentary documentary films, including the 2014 'Faith and I' which witnessed the lives of three young women of faith, and the positive influence which faith had on their lives within the Sikh, Muslim and Jewish Traditions. This film was produced in response to the rise of anti-Islamic and anti-Semitic offences in 2012. The film has since been used in schools and universities in Edinburgh as an educational reference on religion and interfaith.
- f) In Celebrating Women, EIFA's 'Women of Faith' Dialogue Series, focusses on women in the diverse religious traditions who have inspired our communities and overcome boundaries, shining a light on women who are greatly admired, but often forgotten, by profiling amazing stories, in order to ensure that these women are no longer 'unsung.'
- g) Building upon EIFA's work in the Capital, and their international connections with other interfaith interests, in February 2019 delegates from across the UK and Europe gathered together at a conference at the City Chambers where the Lord Provost assisted in the official launch of a new Capital Cities Interfaith Network (CCIN).
- h) The CCIN will be vital in helping to promote interfaith understanding and relations which help maintain strong, open, peaceful and cohesive communities. Members of the Network hope that a mutual exchange of learning and best practice, will aid interfaith organisations to speak with a unified voice on issues that matter to them and their cities and communities. The CCIN is supported by Mairead McGuinness, First Vice President of the European Parliament, who recognises the importance of embracing and celebrating the increasing religious diversity of Europe.

- i) The Lord Provost is Patron of Edinburgh Interfaith Association.

In acknowledging the civic, equality, multi-cultural, inclusion, educational and international contributions of the Edinburgh Interfaith Association, Council requests that the Lord Provost marks the 30th anniversary in an appropriate way.”

9.8 By Councillor Munro - Leith Victoria Boxing Club

“Council congratulates Leith Victoria Boxing Club, Scotland’s oldest boxing club, who celebrate 100 years of the Noble Art in 2019. In appreciation of their significant contribution to amateur boxing, Council agrees to ask the Lord Provost to mark the occasion in the appropriate manner to thank the club.”

9.9 By Councillor Lang - Seafield Recycling Centre

- “1) Council recognises its responsibility to make it as easy as possible for residents to reuse and recycle their household waste, and the importance of local recycling centres in helping to meet this duty.
- 2) Council notes the new access arrangements which came into force in Seafield recycling centre on 3 June, which followed significant changes to the internal layout of the centre.
- 3) Council is concerned by the problems which arose following the new access arrangements, resulting in substantial delays at peak periods for those residents seeking to access the site and even the temporary closure of the centre because of road safety concerns on Seafield Road.
- 4) Council appreciates the work of officers in responding to the initial disruption by making adjustments to the internal operation of the site but recognises user complaints about delays in getting into the site have continued.
- 5) Council therefore agrees that the report on recycling centres, due before the September 2019 meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee, should be widened to cover:
 - (a) the reasoning and rationale for the new layout and access point at the Seafield Recycling Centre.
 - (b) feedback from staff and users of the site since the changes were made.
 - (c) what further options exist to make additional changes at the centre to reduce waiting times and increase the throughput of residents using the site.”

9.10 By Councillor Booth - Operation Close Pass – Collaboration

“Council:

- 1) notes recent research from British Cycling, based on 15,000 respondents, which found that almost 90% of cyclists experience a “close pass” – an overtake within 1.5m – at least weekly, 66% said they were concerned about their safety while cycling on Britain’s roads, and almost 40% said they experienced a close pass daily;
- 2) notes that in the West Midlands police area, since its launch in September 2015, the Operation Close Pass initiative has been credited with bringing about a 20 per cent reduction in the number of cyclists killed or injured on the roads;
- 3) Notes the original Operation Close Pass was developed by West Midlands Police following analysis of road safety data, and was part of a suite of measures to improve road safety for vulnerable road users, and that WMP are now considering extending the principle of Operation Close Pass to allow them to detect and act on other offences including seat belt, mobile phone and vehicle defect offences;
- 4) Welcomes the recent collaboration between Police Scotland and Cycling Scotland, which has seen Operation Close Pass exercises carried out throughout Scotland, including in Edinburgh, and awareness raising activity to encourage drivers to treat vulnerable road users with respect through the Give Everyone Cycle Space campaign.
- 5) Agrees to explore the option for collaboration between the police and the council on innovative approaches to road safety for vulnerable road users, extending the principle of Operation Close Pass, and to report back to Transport and Environment Committee on options within 3 cycles.”

9.11 By Councillor Whyte - 1.5% Budget Efficiency Savings

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the Administration budget committed to finding a 1.5% efficiency saving, reducing the spend on Council Services compared to last year.
- 2) Regrets the lack of public information on how this will be achieved, and the subsequent lack of scrutiny in Council or by local people on the impact of these efficiency savings.
- 3) Recognises that the Convener of Education, Children and Families Committee gave an undertaking that individual Head Teachers would

know the effect on devolved school budgets, if any, before the schools break for the summer.

- 4) Is concerned that almost a quarter of the financial year in which these savings have to be made has already passed.
- 5) Instructs the Chief Executive to prepare a report listing options so that Council can agree the required 1.5% savings target at its next meeting

9.12 By Councillor Burgess - International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) 'Cities Appeal'

"This Council:

- 1) Notes that the City of Edinburgh Council is a member of the Nuclear Free Local Authorities (NFLA) and the Hiroshima-led 'Mayors for Peace' both of which have been working for over 3 decades to promote multilateral nuclear disarmament;
- 2) Notes that NFLA and Mayors for Peace work with the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which received the Nobel Peace Prize in 2017 for its work in encouraging over two thirds of United Nations members to agree to the International Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons;
- 3) Notes ICAN's new 'Cities Appeal' which urges Councils to formally support the International Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons which has already been signed by a number of important global cities likes Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Sydney, Melbourne, Washington DC, Los Angeles, Geneva, Mainz, Trondheim, Zaragoza and in the UK, Manchester and Renfrewshire;
- 4) In supporting the Cities Appeal, is concerned about the grave threat that nuclear weapons pose to communities throughout the world, believes that our residents have the right to live in a world free from this threat, that any use of nuclear weapons, whether deliberate or accidental, would have catastrophic, far-reaching and long-lasting consequences for people and the environment and therefore welcomes the adoption of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by the United Nations in 2017, and calls on the UK Government to join it;
- 5) Agrees that the Council Leader will write to ICAN to endorse their 'Cities Appeal' in support of the International Treaty to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons."

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The City of Edinburgh Council – 27 June 2019

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