

# Notice of meeting and agenda

## Transport and Environment Committee

**10:00am Tuesday 27 October 2015**

Dean of Guild Court Room, 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 None at this stage

## **4. Minutes**

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- 4.1 Transport and Environment Committee 25 August 2015 (circulated) - submitted for approval as a correct record

## **5. Forward planning**

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- 5.1 Transport and Environment Committee Key Decisions Forward Plan (circulated)
- 5.2 Transport and Environment Committee Rolling Actions Log (circulated)
- 5.3 Committee Decisions – October 2014 – August 2015 (circulated)

## **6. Business bulletin**

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- 6.1 Transport and Environment Committee Business Bulletin (circulated)

## **7. Executive decisions**

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- 7.1 Update on the Street Scene Project - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.2 Policies - Assurance Statement - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.3 Pentland Hills Regional Park Boundary Bill – Response to Calls for Evidence - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.4 Public Utility Performance 2015/16 Quarter 1 (April, May and June 2015) - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.5 Street Lighting - Roll Out of Light Emitting Diode (LED) Lanterns Across the City - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.6 Assessing Supported Bus Services: Further Report - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)

- 7.7 Future Bus Lanes Expansion Plans and Bus Lane Camera Enforcement Update - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.8 Carriageway and Footway Capital Investment Strategy - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.9 Roseburn to Leith Walk Cycle Route and Street Improvement Project – Public Consultation for the Preliminary Design - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.10 Services for Communities Financial Monitoring: 2015/16 – Half Year Position - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.11 Objection to Proposed Waiting Restrictions – Seaforth Drive / Groathill Road South / Groathill Avenue / South Groathill Avenue TRO 14/31 - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- 7.12 Sustainable Scotland Network Conference 2015 - report by the Deputy Chief Executive (circulated)
- 7.13 Resolution of Fly-Tipping at Caroline Park Avenue, EH5 1HY - referral from the Petitions Committee (circulated)

## **8. Routine decisions**

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- 8.1 Landfill and Recycling - report by the Acting Director of Services for Communities (circulated)

## **9. Motions**

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- 9.1 Carbon Literacy – Motion by Councillor Hinds

"The Carbon Literacy initiative is a unique behavioural change project originating in Manchester. It is designed to address the issues around climate change by assisting individuals to make small simple steps to reduce their carbon footprint. This year the Manchester programme will offer everyone who lives, works or studies in the city a day's worth of carbon literacy training. Individuals who become trained can then in turn train others. The scheme has grown across the Manchester region and the wider north west. Manchester City Council is reporting clear benefits from the initiative both in terms of reducing carbon and in developing genuine community partnerships.

Given the Council's aim to reduce carbon emissions by 42% by 2020, there is an obvious link with the Carbon Literacy Programme, the Council's SEAP which has a specific objective to address behaviour change across Edinburgh and the role of the Edinburgh Sustainable Development Partnership in delivering initiatives across the city.

In light of the above, the Committee is requested to call for a report that looks at the potential for a Carbon Literacy or equivalent initiative in Edinburgh and in particular the role of the ESDP in delivering such a programme. The report should also address any costing or resource implications."

## 9.2 Weed control and use of glyphosate – Motion by Councillor Booth

This committee notes:

1. That earlier this year, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), an arm of the World Health Organisation (WHO), classified glyphosate as "probably carcinogenic to humans";
2. That several countries, including Holland, Denmark and Sweden, have banned or restricted the use of glyphosate by local authorities and that some cities, including Chicago and Paris, have voluntarily made their public spaces glyphosate-free;
3. That glyphosate forms the basis of herbicides used by the Council to control weed growth on streets and in parks and green spaces, and that around 4,700 litres of herbicide are applied by the council each year;
4. That council officers are already investigating alternatives to the use of glyphosate;

This committee believes that:

5. Where substantial evidence of the negative impact of chemicals on human health and the wider environment exists, the council should pursue the precautionary principle and should seek to utilise other weed control methods where evidence of such negative impacts does not exist;

This committee therefore agrees:

6. To continue to investigate alternatives to the use of glyphosate for weed control and undertake at least two pilots to trial alternative weed control strategies, presenting a report to committee within twelve months with options and costs of alternative weed control methods.
7. To phase out the use of glyphosate by the council as soon as an effective and cost-effective alternative weed control strategy has been identified;

## **Carol Campbell**

Head of Legal and Risk

## **Committee Members**

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Councillors Hinds (Convener), McVey (Vice-Convener), Aldridge, Bagshaw, Barrie, Booth, Cardownie, Cook, Donaldson, Doran, Gardner, Bill Henderson, Jackson, Keil, McInnes, Burns (ex officio) and Howat (ex officio).

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