

Notice of meeting and agenda

City of Edinburgh Council

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Main Council Chamber - City Chambers

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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

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9. Motions

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| 9.1 | By Councillor Whyte - Blue Badge Scheme
“Council:
1) Welcomes the decision by the UK Government's | |
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Department of Transport on 30th August 2019 to extend the eligibility criteria for Blue Badges to those people who have non-visible conditions, such as autism, dementia, Parkinson's and arthritis.

- 2) Instructs the Director of Place report back to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within one cycle detailing how the Council will implement these changes locally within the Blue Badge Scheme and how it can assist in publicising these positive changes to those who are now eligible.”

9.2 By Councillor Rae - Greening the Fringe

“Committee:

Notes:

That though the city's festivals have been focussing on reducing the environmental damage they cause several specific environmental issues remain including the use of single-use plastics, using gas fuel at pop-up venues, increased vehicle use and a lack of recycling facilities in public spaces.

That some venues are unaware that it is entirely legal and safe for them to refill a customer's personal, reusable pint glass or equivalent as long as taps do not touch the glass.

Therefore:

Calls on the convener of the Culture and Communities Committee to write to the relevant Scottish Government ministers to encourage the introduction of a charge on single-use plastic cups similar to the plastic bag charge.

Will produce a good practice guide for licensed premises explaining how they can incorporate personal reusable cups/glasses and deposit schemes into their operation.

Calls for officers to investigate the possibility of hardwired power in public spaces to allow pop-up venues to use reusable electric energy instead of having to opt for gas power and report back to the Culture and Communities Committee within three cycles.

Asks waste services to reconsider the level of recycling provision in public spaces, during festival season in particular.

Calls for a report on how the council can encourage car sharing

schemes during the primary festival season in August to return to the Transport and Environment Committee within three cycles.”

9.3 By Councillor Doggart - Scottish Hockey

“Council:

- 1) Congratulates Scottish Hockey on the achievements of its teams over the summer from Under 15 to Over 55;
- 2) Recognises the dedication and unseen hard work of players, coaches, umpires and other support staff that lies behind the successful achievements;
- 3) Applauds, in particular, the contribution of those selected for national teams who have learned, or ply, their hockey skills in Edinburgh;
- 4) Accepts responsibility for not doing as much for hockey in the City as could be done, due to the lack of pitches that meet the highest standards for top level hockey;
- 5) Recognises the contribution of Edinburgh University and Fettes College in providing such pitches and offering their use to clubs around the city.”

9.4 By Councillor Doggart – Sports Pitches

“Council:

- 1) Recognises the benefit of organised physical activity provided by sports clubs for adults and children;
- 2) Appreciates the health of the city is improved by the operation of the clubs;
- 3) Values the many hours of unpaid effort by coaches, parents and players;
- 4) Understands it has a responsibility to the clubs and participating residents to provide the paid for facilities in as good a condition as possible;
- 5) Accepts responsibility for marking pitches to ensure fixtures can be completed; removing all grass cuttings from, and adjacent to, sports pitches and cutting grass to

an appropriate length to enable fixtures and training to proceed;

- 6) Instructs officers to provide a report to the Culture and Communities Committee within one cycle setting out the following:
 - a) the extent to which pitches have not met playing standards in the winter sport seasons up to the date of the report;
 - b) establishing an action plan to prevent future standards falling below those required by the playing clubs; and
 - c) a feasibility study into providing a “trusted key-holder” system for clubs.”

9.5 By Councillor Miller - Parking in the City Chambers Quadrangle

“Council:

- 1) Notes that drivers routinely use the quadrangle of City Chambers to park vehicles for prolonged periods of time
- 2) Agrees that vehicle usage of the quadrangle should be restricted and that, as of a date not later than 1 November 2019, motorised vehicles will no longer be permitted to park in the quadrangle.”

9.6 By Councillor Main - Council Welfare Accreditation

“Council notes that:

- 1) Council officers have estimated that there is roughly £82 million of UK welfare benefits that are unclaimed by Edinburgh residents in one year.
- 2) The Scottish National Standards for Information and Advice Providers 2009 provides a framework for accreditation at three levels: signposting, case work and representation.
- 3) Edinburgh Council is not accredited under the national scheme, and there is therefore no assurance that best

practice is in place across Council departments offering advice to citizens.

Therefore Council agrees to receive a report to Policy and Sustainability Committee within 2 cycles laying out the current status, and options and timetable for receiving full accreditation for the Council under the Scottish Standards.”

9.7 By Councillor Mary Campbell - National Adoption Week

“Council notes that National Adoption Week 2019 will take place from the 14th to 20th October. This annual campaign aims to find adoptive homes for those children who need them.

The focus for 2019 will be on the adopter, and the campaign plans to use real life stories to highlight the qualities and attributes that make a great adopter and the joys and challenges they face.

Council agrees to mark National Adoption Week through promotion of the Edinburgh fostering and adoption service on social media channels and asks the Lord Provost to consider marking the week in an appropriate fashion.”

9.8 By Councillor Cameron - Boroughmuir Rugby Club Centenary

“Boroughmuir Rugby Club was established 100 years ago, playing their first match in the autumn of 1919.

Boroughmuir’s first XV have been Scottish League Champions three times; and have won the Scottish Cup four times.

The club has become a thriving sports club within the community, with thousands of adults and children pursuing sports activities at Meggetland. Neighbours and visitors are also welcome into the clubhouse seven days a week.

Boroughmuir Rugby Club teams have played on City of Edinburgh Council owned facilities throughout the club’s existence.

To mark the centenary of Boroughmuir Rugby Club, its achievements and the contribution to promoting the health and wellbeing of adults and children, Council agrees to the hosting of

a Civic Reception to take place before the end of 2019.”

Andrew Kerr

Chief Executive

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