

Notice of meeting and agenda

City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am Thursday, 24th October, 2019

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.

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9. Motions

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| 9.1 | By Councillor Gardiner - Edinburgh World Heritage
“Council notes that:
a) Edinburgh World Heritage (EWH) is currently celebrating | |
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its 20th year anniversary, since being established on 31 March 1999. EWH inherited the tradition of work undertaken by two previous bodies:

- i) Edinburgh New Town Conservation Committee: established in 1970 to tackle the economic and physical problems that threatened the Georgian New Town at that time; and
 - ii) Edinburgh Old Town Committee for Conservation and Renewal (which changed its name to Edinburgh Old Town Renewal Trust): established in 1985 with an emphasis on renovation and re-development of the Old Town appropriate to its then near-derelict and depopulated state.
- b) The City's leading heritage charity continues to be involved in a number of local and international projects:
- i) Continuing work from the 1970s, over [1,500 local projects](#) across Edinburgh have been undertaken covering; conservation, learning and planning.
 - ii) [Seven initiatives](#) taking place around the globe.
- c) EWH are keen to use the milestone of their 20th year and reach 1,500 projects as a platform to; (i) raise awareness about their work, (ii) fundraise for future projects.
- d) Reflecting the City's enduring connection with EWH, Council requests that the Lord Provost, mark in an appropriate way."

9.2 By Councillor Fullerton - Hutchison Vale Football Club - 80th Anniversary

"Hutchison Vale Football Club will be celebrating its 80th Anniversary in 2020.

Based in a wee hut in Fords Road, this Club has had success after success with the players who have been part of it since youngsters. To name a few - Leigh Griffiths, Allan McGregor, Marc McNulty, Darren Fletcher, John Collins, Peter Cormack, Michael Stewart and the list goes on.

Hutchie Vale have also had a very successful women's team

since 1991 and can count Lizzie Arnot and Claire Emslie among their successes who played for Scotland.

The Club is led by Tam Smith who has been Club Leader since 1989 but been involved for 33 years, which is a remarkable contribution for a volunteer.

Whether players have gone on to join Hearts, Hibs or Manchester United or gone on to other careers, they never forget their roots and allegiance to one of the best clubs in the city and still visit the Club frequently.

Given this is a significant anniversary, Council requests the Lord Provost to mark this occasion in the appropriate manner.”

9.3 By Councillor Bird – Respectful Political Debate

“Council condemns the pejorative and inflammatory language that has been heard in the House of Commons over the past weeks.

Regrets that dangerous rhetoric of this kind threatens to widen division in our society and encourage hate speech, verbal abuse and the threat of physical violence, including that faced by politicians at both a local and national level.

Notes the President of COSLA’s recent letter to the Speaker of the House of Commons raising these concerns, and Cllr Watt’s motion on Threatening Behaviour Towards Councillors from May’s meeting of full council.

Welcomes the robust debate and close cross party working that is central to our role as elected members.

Agrees however, that it is also our responsibility to set a respectful tone both in and out of the chamber.

Requests an update to Policy and Sustainability committee on the work done to date on the protocol referred to in Cllr Watt’s motion.”

9.4 By Councillor Mary Campbell - Transgender Day of Remembrance

“Council notes:

That Transgender Day of Remembrance falls on November 20th every year since 1999, when it was founded by Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a trans woman, to memorialize the murder of Rita Hester in Massachusetts. A day observed as a memorial for the trans people who have been murdered as a result of transphobia, which is unfortunately a continuing reality for trans people. It is also a day to draw attention to the violence that trans people experience in their lives.

The trans community in Edinburgh, including our trans colleagues working across the CEC, are currently facing a difficult time connected to the Scottish Government's ongoing commitment to reform the Gender Recognition Act 2004. This is primarily due to dis-information and the mis-reporting of stories on social media and in the mainstream media, leading to trans and non-binary people experiencing abuse, hatred and ridicule daily, simply because of who they are.

In this context, it is more important than ever that Edinburgh Council shows support for the trans community, not just for days of celebration, but for days that mark a sad reality - that transphobia kills people.

Council agrees to mark this day by flying the trans pride flag at the City Chambers on 20 November 2019 as a symbol of our remembrance for the lives lost to transphobia.

Council also agrees to recognise its ongoing support for Transgender Day of Remembrance in future years by flying the trans pride flag on 20 November hereafter."

9.5 By Councillor Mitchell - Transgender Day of Remembrance

"Council:

Notes that Wednesday 20 November is Transgender Day of Remembrance, a day first recognised in 1999 by the transgender community and their allies in recognition of those who had their lives taken from them for being transgender.

Therefore, agrees to support this day by flying the transgender and pride flags above the City Chambers on Wednesday 20 November 2019, and thereafter on 20 November, as a symbol of support and remembrance for the transgender community of

Edinburgh.”

9.6 By Councillor Barrie – Proposed Amendments to Committee Terms of Reference and Delegated Functions

“Council recognises that committee membership is designated based on proportionality. Council further recognises that the current COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATED FUNCTIONS fails to recognise councillors who are independent of political party affiliation when calculating proportionality.

Council therefore seeks that the Chief Executive produces a report within one cycle with recommendations to amend COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATED FUNCTIONS as described below. This report shall also include recommendations for any consequential changes as required.

Current	Proposed Amendment
3. Committee Membership 3.1 Committee membership will be proportionate according to the elected representation of political parties unless expressly agreed otherwise at a meeting of the full Council.	3. Committee Membership 3.1 Where all elected members are members of political parties committee membership will be proportionate according to the elected representation of political parties. Where there are elected members, who are independent of political party membership these members will be aggregated and treated as a single group for proportional purposes when deciding committee membership. Where all independent members decline to take a

	place on any committee there shall be a recalculation of committee membership using only the numbers of those members who are members of political parties.
5. Substitutes 5.1. Where permitted by law and where specified in these Committee Terms of Reference, a member may, subject to paragraph 5.2 below appoint a substitute member from his or her political group to attend a meeting of the committee in his or her place, by email to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.	5. Substitutes 5.1. Where permitted by law and where specified in these Committee Terms of Reference, a member may, subject to paragraph 5.2 below appoint a substitute member from his or her political group, or in the case of independent members, another independent member, to attend a meeting of the committee in his or her place, by email to the Clerk in advance of the meeting.

- 9.7** By Councillor Gloyer - Civic Reception for Edinburgh Film Guild
“Council congratulates the Edinburgh Film Guild as it begins its 90th consecutive season. The oldest continuously-running film society in the world, the Edinburgh Film Guild organised and curated the first Edinburgh Film Festival. In recognition of its contribution to the cultural life of the city, Council requests the Lord Provost to mark this 90th anniversary with a civic reception.”

- 9.8** By Councillor Rae - Capping Private Hire Car Licences
“Council:
Notes that there is presently no cap on the number of private hire licenses in the city as there is with Taxis.
Notes that Unite’s Edinburgh Cab Section has called for an over provisioning survey to cap Private Hire Licenses in Edinburgh;
Notes that City of Glasgow council has introduced a cap on

PHCs;

Therefore calls for a report to Regulatory Committee on capping Private Hire Car licenses in the City.”

9.9 By Councillor Mowat - Film Charter and Principles

“Council:

Council notes the recent filming of Fast and Furious and Eurovision in the City and the Council’s commitment to filming as detailed in the Film Charter; that this filming is happening after a busy summer which saw a number of streets closed and that this filming then required further street closures.

Calls for a report in two cycles detailing the impacts including: -

- 1) costs of this filming on the City including roads closed, businesses who had to close, impacts on public transport and bus routes;
- 2) any benefits accrued from filming.”

9.10 By Councillor Mowat – Claim for an Award of Expenses in the Appeal PPA-230-2207

“Council:

Notes with concern the decision against the Council in the Claim for an Award of Expenses in the Appeal PPA-230-2207 which found that: -

- “the council has acted in an unreasonable manner resulting in liability for expenses,
- although the committee report is correct it does not fairly or accurately reflect the terms of the application,
- it was unreasonable for the council not to advise members of the purpose for which the greenbelt land was included and in short this was a case that should have never come to appeal”

Considers this an extremely serious finding against the Council and calls for a report detailing planning appeals for major sites which have been allowed; and for an independent review of these

decisions to determine whether the Council's approach to determining these sites aligns with national and local policy."

Laurence Rockey

Head of Strategy and Communications

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