

Notice of meeting and agenda

City of Edinburgh Council

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Main Council Chamber - City Chambers

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2. Declaration of interests

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9. Motions

- 9.1** By Councillor Burgess - Engaging Citizens on the Climate Emergency
- “Council;
- Recognises the importance of engaging individual residents with the City’s ambition to achieve a 2030 net-zero carbon target in response to the Climate Emergency;
- Notes that other local authorities are establishing Citizens’ groups such as Juries and Assemblies to consult with them about tackling the Climate Emergency for example the ‘Oxford Citizen’s Assembly on Climate Change’;
- Therefore agrees to call for a report on how residents can be involved in achieving the City’s 2030 net-zero carbon target, including establishing an Edinburgh Citizen’s Assembly on the Climate Emergency.”
- 9.2** By Councillor Neil Ross - Provision of Lunches and Refreshments to Councillors
- “Council notes
- 1) That Councillors are paid according to the rates set by the

Scottish Parliament.

- 2) At regular meetings of the full Council, lunch is provided to councillors and staff attending the meeting.
- 3) A light lunch is provided to councillors and staff taking part in all-day meetings of the Licensing Board and the Regulatory Committee's Licensing Sub-Committee.
- 4) Food and refreshments, i.e. tea and coffee, are sometimes provided for internal meetings of councillors.
- 5) No contributions are sought from councillors or staff in connection with items at 2, 3 and 4 above.

Council accepts there are legitimate reasons for the provision of lunches as described above, principally to ensure efficient time management for the meeting participants and to protect the meeting participants from undue lobbying.

Council therefore agrees to

- 1) continue the practice of providing lunches and refreshments as described above to ensure the smooth running of Council business; and
- 2) request a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within two cycles to explore options for a simple mechanism which could facilitate councillors contributions to cover the direct costs of the lunches and refreshments provided."

9.3 By Councillor Staniforth – Fireworks

"Council:

- 1) Notes that fireworks, responsibly-used in a community setting, are a well-established part of civic events but equally recognises the distress they can cause for vulnerable people, pets and wildlife; the debris left by widespread use of fireworks and the greater risk of dangerous or anti-social behaviour where mis-used; and, further, that if all public firework displays within the city were to be advertised locally in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for animals and vulnerable people, this would mitigate some of the

negative impacts.

- 2) Notes that a recent YouGov survey, commissioned by the Scottish government, found that 71% of respondents supported tighter controls on the sale of fireworks.
- 3) Requests that the convener of the Transport and Environment Committee write to the Scottish and UK Governments urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks sold to the public for private displays to 90dbs.
- 4) Agrees for a report to the Regulatory Committee that addresses the following:
 - How the City of Edinburgh Council can require all public firework displays within the city to be advertised locally in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
 - How the City of Edinburgh Council will actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.
 - How the City of Edinburgh can ensure that fireworks are only supplied to, and remain in the hands of, responsible adults.
 - That the City of Edinburgh Council encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock ‘quieter’ fireworks for public display.”

9.4 By Councillor Gordon - Fireworks Legislation

“Asks Council:

- to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people.
- to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare and vulnerable

people – including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.

- to compel retailers to require purchasers to produce ID with their address and to maintain a register of purchasers and addresses.
- to note that a recent Scottish Government consultation demonstrated overwhelming public support for increased controls on fireworks and support the announcement by Ash Denham MSP, Minister for Community Safety, that a fireworks review group is to be set up to advise on further legislation to control fireworks.
- to call on the Scottish Government to legislate to require local authorities to set a maximum noise level for all licenced public displays.
- to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to reduce the limit for the maximum noise level of fireworks from 120dB to 90dB for those sold to the public for private displays.
- to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display."

9.5 By Councillor McLellan - Marketing Edinburgh

"Council:

- 1) Notes that in 2018-19 Marketing Edinburgh exceeded its targets for membership revenue and partner investment while reducing its costs.
- 2) Notes its activities helped generate £900m of economic activity for Edinburgh last year, including £72.4m of benefit from business tourism alone.
- 3) Regrets the Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work committee could not accept proposals advanced by Marketing Edinburgh (an ALEO of this Council) for a new organisation, resulting in the resignation of the Marketing Edinburgh Board on November 4.
- 4) Regrets that the actions of this Council put Marketing Edinburgh employees at risk of redundancy.

- 5) Notes that Edinburgh will be alone amongst major City destinations in having no effective organisation to market or manage the visitor economy.
- 6) Notes that Edinburgh has lost a key partnership with the tourism sector as it seeks to develop a new tourism strategy with ETAG.
- 7) Asks the Lord Provost to write to the non-Councillor Board Members of Marketing Edinburgh as at November 3 to thank them for their contribution to the City.

Thanks the Lord Provost and other councillors who have served on the Board of Marketing Edinburgh.”

9.6 By Councillor Jim Campbell - Edinburgh's Winter Festivals

“Council requests:

- (a) arrange an open book audit for this year, and the previous four years, reporting back to the Finance and Resources Committee before the 2020 summer recess,
- (b) review which, if any, contract terms or conditions may apply should a counterpart bring the Council into substantial public disrepute, and
- (c) identify if, or how, the contract makes clear that all permissions must be in place in a timely way, removing any possible ambiguity between the Council acting as contract originator and as an authority with statutory powers.

(b) and (c) should be reported to Policy and Sustainability Committee in two cycles.”

9.7 By the Lord Provost - Tom Gilzean

“Council notes the recent passing of Tom Gilzean MBE, recipient of the Edinburgh Award in 2014.

Council acknowledges the enormous contribution Tom made to the City and in particular his sizable fundraising effort which made him so iconic in the Capital.

Council notes that a book of condolence in City Chambers was been opened on the 7th of November. Also notes the calls for Tom's name to be added to the Edinburgh street naming bank. Council therefore recommends that the Development Management Sub-Committee, give this consideration with a strong recommendation from Full Council that Tom's name is added to the street names bank with a view to an appropriate street or area being named after him.

Council also requests the Lord Provost write to the Scottish Government to ask them to consider recognising Tom's contribution to Edinburgh and the Children's hospital when naming the new hospital."

9.8 By Councillor Cameron - Small Business Saturday

"Now in its seventh year in the UK, the Small Business Saturday campaign has grown significantly each year.

An estimated £812 million spent in small businesses across the UK during Small Business Saturday 2018, representing an increase of 8% on Small Business Saturday 2017.

Council agrees:

- 1) To proactively and visibly promote, support and publicise Small Business Saturday 2019, during the run-up to, and on that date, which is Saturday 7th December; and
- 2) To call for a report to Finance & Resources Committee within 2 cycles setting out:
 - i) The level of procurement by £ and by service area currently awarded to small business, including social enterprises, by the Council and its ALEOS;
 - ii) What if any, barriers exist to small business and social enterprises in terms of being eligible to bid to provide goods/services to the Council and its ALEOS;
 - iii) What policy and procedural changes would be necessary to enable any barriers to be overcome?"

9.9 By Councillor Cameron - War Memorial - City Chambers

“Council notes that the War Memorial in front of the City Chambers is where Scotland’s Annual Service of Remembrance takes place. The War Memorial is a place of respect and remembrance and is visited and photographed by numerous visitors and residents alike during the year.

Metal barriers are currently in place, together with a sign requesting people to respect the War Memorial.

Council calls for a report in two cycles to Finance and Resources Committee setting out:

- 1) How the preservation and presentation of the war memorial in its setting can best be achieved and respected, without the use of metal barriers;
- 2) Any access issues to the War Memorial and to the entrance to the public Quadrangle in order to keep pavement space free for pedestrian movement and access to the City Chambers and Quadrangle.”

9.10 By Councillor McVey - Fast Track Cities

“Council:

Welcomes the Fast Track Cities initiative – a global partnership focusing on developing a network of cities pledged to achieve the commitments in the Paris Declaration on HIV prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

Notes that December 1st is World Aids day.

Notes that Edinburgh currently exceeds the 90-90-90 targets outlined within the Paris Declaration with:

- 91% of people living with HIV knowing their status;
- 94% of people diagnosed attending treatment services, with 98% of those attending receiving antiretroviral treatment;
- and 96% of those receiving treatment achieving undetectable viral load.

(as of December 2018)

Acknowledges that stigma and discrimination continue to be a barrier for people accessing testing, treatment and support; and that more work needs to be done to end HIV-related stigma and to ensure there are no new HIV transmissions and no HIV-related deaths by 2030.

Agrees that Edinburgh should support the Fast Track Cities initiative and recommends that the Lord Provost signs the Paris Declaration on behalf of the Council.”

9.11 By Councillor Corbett - Gorgie City Farm

“Council:

- Shares city-wide dismay about the sudden closure of Gorgie City Farm on 1 November 2019, leaving staff and volunteers without jobs and placements in a place which they knew and loved.
- Recognises that the urban farm in Gorgie has been a landmark in the city for over 40 years and is cherished by tens of thousands of families and adult volunteers.
- Welcomes the enormous commitment shown by former staff at the farm since the shock closure, to work with councillors, council staff and partner organisations to provide opportunities for volunteers in the short term and options for a stable future for the farm in the long term.”

9.12 By Councillor Day - Royal Botanic Garden

“The Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh was established in 1670 as a Physic Garden near the Palace of Holyroodhouse. Founded by two doctors, the aim was to improve medical knowledge in Scotland by growing plants as pharmaceutical materials, teaching about their medicinal properties and regulating plant recipes for medicine. The Garden prospered and quickly outgrew its original plot, moving several times over the centuries – to an area that is now part of Waverley Station, then to Leith Walk and finally to its Inverleith site by 1823. It is the second oldest botanic garden in the UK, after Oxford. Today, the Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh is one of the world’s top four botanic gardens. Our

four Gardens at Edinburgh, Benmore, Logan and Dawyck provide a sanctuary for threatened species and make up a unique collection of plants cared for by horticulturists for scientific research, conservation, education, engagement and enjoyment. We are one of Scotland's leading visitor destinations, attracting around one million visitors a year to our Gardens.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, the city will celebrate with several activities;

- The City of Edinburgh Council – the Garden will be the 2020 theme for the Floral Clock in Princes Street.
- The National Museum of Scotland on a joint RBGE/NMS biodiversity focused expedition to Papua New Guinea, and on the international conference for the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections.
- The National Galleries of Scotland on their Scotland-wide art competition for schools.
- The Filmhouse cinema on a botanical season of films.
- Network Rail on a commemoration of the Garden's second site.
- Dunedin Consort and the Queen's Hall on a botanically-inspired concert.

Council therefore agrees to ask the Lord Provost to acknowledge the occasion in an appropriate manner.”

9.13 By Councillor Lang - Use of Schools as Polling Places

“Council:

- a) recognises it's statutory duty to facilitate elections and the importance of making it as easy as possible for people to vote.
- b) Understands the various criteria which exist for suitable polling places, including location, capacity and access requirements.
- c) expresses its thanks to Council Officers for arranging polling places for two unexpected city wide elections as well as one Council by-election in 2019.

Council nevertheless recognises the concern which exists on the ongoing use of schools as polling places and the subsequent disruption which can arise for teachers, pupils and parents from unscheduled day closures in order to facilitate elections.

Council therefore seeks a report to the Policy and Sustainability Committee within three cycles on the current use of schools as polling places as well as the opportunities to reduce or eliminate their use in time for the 2021 Scottish Parliament and 2022 local government elections.”

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Head of Strategy and Communications

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