

Notice of meeting and agenda

City of Edinburgh Council

10.00 am Thursday, 26th August, 2021

Virtual Meeting - via Microsoft Teams

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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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8. Motions

- 8.1** By Councillor Mowat – Drainage
“Council

Council notes that motions from Councillors in August 2020 and August 2013 have asked officers to engage with Scottish Water and then report back as to how flooding in the event of heavy rainfall can be mitigated. Is concerned that after flooding in similar areas of the city which have, in some cases, affected the same homes and businesses.

Further notes that a 'Vision for Water Management' was reported to the Transport and Environment Committee in November 2020. While accepting this is a useful vision statement, considers that Council needs to be better informed of the issues around flooding events in Edinburgh to enable Members to respond to the concerns of residents and businesses, and better represent those interests in Council decision making and with other organisations.

Therefore, calls for in 1 cycle:

A report of engagement activity with Scottish Water detailing how the following challenges are being addressed:

Separation of foul water from wastewater:

The survey of the drainage/sewerage system to ascertain where there are blockages, slow draining gullies and to detail what works needs to be done to reduce slow running drains and blocked gullies which lead to localised flooding during spells of heavy rain as agreed in the motion of 2013.

Capacity issues with both the sewerage and drainage system and how this is being addressed.

Road surface design appropriate for intense rainfall events, including camber angles and gully placement and the intelligent use of adjacent surfaces to attenuate flooding and mitigate the risk to property.”

8.2 By Councillor Osler - Action on Flooding

“Council notes:

- 1) Notes the torrential rainfall witnessed in July 2021 which resulted in serious localised flooding including areas of Blackhall, Comely Bank, Craigleith, Drylaw, Inverleith, Stockbridge and Warriston.
- 2) Thanks the efforts of Council officers, the emergency services and local residents who worked to support local

communities which were affected.

- 3) Notes the Vision for Water Management as approved Transport and Environment Committee in November 2020 which recognised how occurrences of extreme rainfall events will rise as a result of climate change, and that a progress report on the Vision is due later this year.
- 4) Notes the collaborative work with Scottish Water and SEPA to address the complex interaction between surface and wastewater and to develop surface water management plans which identify the most critical areas in this city for flooding.
- 5) Remains concerned that continued pressure on local government funding will mean the Council is unable to make the critical improvements which will be necessary to protect communities from future flooding.
- 6) Therefore agrees that the Convenor of Transport and Environment Committee writes to both Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Economy and the Minister for Net Zero, Energy and Transport in order to seek sufficient increased funding to enable the necessary improvements to be made.”

8.3 By Councillor Osler - Creating a Safer First and Last Mile Journey for Women and Girls

“Council:

- acknowledges the importance of ensuring women and girls can travel safely in Edinburgh including through our open spaces,
- recognises ‘Safe Cities and Safe Public Spaces’ is one of the core partnership initiatives in action used by UN Women (of the United Nations) to achieve its 2018 – 2021 strategic plan objective of more cities and other settings having safe and empowering public spaces for women and girls,
- notes Atkins’ ‘Get Home Safe’ which calls on transport planners and urban designers to take action to create safer first and last mile journeys for women, and recommends: improving visibility through low to the ground

planting and vegetation and removal of walls and barriers; active building frontages to provide 'eyes on the street'; and providing emergency contact and digital wayfinding apps, and

- calls for a report to be submitted to Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles on the benefits of adopting such recommendations and on how safety for women should be improved, notably in our parks and open spaces.”

8.4 By Councillor Neil Ross - Enterprise Car Club

“Council:

- 1) Notes the recognition within the City Mobility Plan on the importance of the city car club scheme towards meeting the Council’s transport goals, and the commitment within the plan to strengthen partnerships with car sharing partners.
- 2) Agrees that the car club scheme has an important role in addressing congestion and on-street parking capacity by encouraging shared car usage and a reduction in private car ownership.
- 3) Notes that while the Council’s website hosts a map of car club locations and a link to the Enterprise Car Club website, it does not provide a clear process for people to suggest or request new car club locations.
- 4) Agrees that officers should follow the example of the Cyclehoop scheme, where residents are able to suggest new locations, and create a system to allow residents to suggest new sites for car club spaces.
- 5) Requests that such a system be put in place and reported to the Transport and Environment Committee within two cycles.”

8.5 By Councillor Mitchell - Goldenacre Steps

“Council:

- 1) Notes that the Goldenacre Steps form part of the adopted network under 'City Development'.
- 2) Acknowledges that the 'City Development' account is now obsolete, requires to be updated and officially transferred to an existing department and team.
- 3) Therefore agrees that the Executive Director of Place shall prepare a report for the next meeting of the Transport and Environment Committee which will include:
 - a) A list of the existing adopted network remaining under 'City Development'.
 - b) A transfer of the remaining 'City Development' network to appropriate department teams.
 - c) Any referrals of the report to appropriate committees."

8.6 By Councillor Laidlaw - Platinum Jubilee Holiday - June 2022

"Council:

- 1) Notes that to celebrate HM The Queen's Platinum Jubilee the UK government has announced a special four-day bank holiday weekend to include Thursday 2nd June and Friday 3rd June 2022.
- 2) Recognises the momentous occasion of Her Majesty celebrating 70 years of serving her country and Commonwealth and that this will be the first time any British monarch has celebrated a platinum jubilee.
- 3) Notes the four days will include special celebrations and festivities including public and community events.
- 4) Recognises that Edinburgh, as Scotland's capital and the site of Her Majesty's official residence in Scotland, will play a key part in these celebrations.
- 5) Notes that currently City of Edinburgh Council offices and libraries are scheduled to be open on existing May public holidays in 2022.
- 6) Notes City of Edinburgh schools are scheduled to be closed on Victoria Day on Monday 23 May 2022.

- 7) Acknowledges that additional public holidays are a fitting reward for the hard-work our employees have undertaken during the pandemic.
- 8) Approves a one-off closure of Council offices and libraries 2nd and 3rd June 2022 and a two-day holiday for all Council staff; taken in lieu for those who provide essential services over the jubilee holiday weekend.
- 9) Approves closure of schools on 2nd and 3rd June to allow pupils to join their parents in enjoying the celebrations, in lieu of the Victoria Day holiday.”

8.7 By Councillor Staniforth - Council Condemns Homophobic Attack

- “1) Council condemns the homophobic attack that occurred on Leith Street on the evening of Friday 27th July.
- 2) Council reaffirms that Edinburgh Council will work to ensure that Edinburgh is an inclusive city in which all people feel safe regardless of their sexuality, gender identity, race or any other protected characteristic.
- 3) Council affirms that as the city opens up and comes out of Covid regulations everyone has a right to enjoy those freedoms without fear of harassment or assault.”

8.8 By Councillor Burgess - Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty

“This Council;

- 1) Notes that the recent report from the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), has been described as ‘*a code red for humanity*’ by the Secretary General of the United Nations;
- 2) Notes the latest IPCC report reaffirms the vital need for rapid and significant reduction of climate-changing pollution;
- 3) Notes that the UN Paris Climate Agreement is largely silent with respect to the supply and production of fossil fuels - coal, oil and gas – the largest source of climate-changing pollution;

- 4) Notes that global governments and the fossil fuel industry are currently planning to produce an estimated 120% more emissions by 2030 than what is needed to limit warming to 1.5°C and avert catastrophic climate disruption, and that this risks undermining global efforts to reduce climate-changing pollution;
- 5) Notes that the economic opportunities presented by a clean energy transition far outweigh the opportunities presented by an economy supported by expanding fossil fuel use and extraction;
- 6) Believes that Scotland should be committed, as part of our Climate Emergency response, to a just energy transition and to ambitious investments in green infrastructure and industries that will create jobs and rapidly decarbonize our economy;
- 7) Recognises the global initiative underway calling for a 'Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty' aimed at ending new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phasing out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5°C, and accelerating equitable transition plans;
- 8) Notes that other leading cities including Barcelona, Toronto, Los Angeles and Sydney have endorsed the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty;
- 9) Therefore endorses the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty and urges the Scottish Government to support this initiative."

9. Congratulatory Motions

9.1 By Councillor McNeese-Mechan - The Edinburgh Festival Voluntary Guides Association 75th Anniversary

"Council notes:

The roots of the Edinburgh Festival Voluntary Guides Association go back to 1947. That was when Sir John Falconer, the Lord Provost of Edinburgh and the driving force behind the first Edinburgh Festival, appealed for local people to volunteer to run

walking tours of the Royal Mile for the many visitors that were expected to attend the Festival. Twelve volunteers stepped forward. The tours, which were advertised in the Festival's official Souvenir Programme, attracted large numbers of visitors and received favourable mentions in the press.

Further volunteers were recruited for the 1948 Festival, at which point the group was officially constituted as the Edinburgh Festival Voluntary Guides Association, with John Bowman, a former City Water Engineer, serving as its first president. In 1998, in order to increase their public profile, they became officially part of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe rather than the International Festival. They have been running tours as part of the International Festival and the Festival Fringe ever since.

Since 2003, the Association has been entirely self-supporting. They receive no public funding of any kind but are, instead, financed by donations and by the charges they make for custom tours outside the Festival season.

In 2013, they were obliged to move their base out of Cannonball House - after 67 years. Thanks to the support of the City of Edinburgh Council, they now use the City Chambers as their meeting point.

In 2019, the Association became part of the Edinburgh's Open Streets project, in which most of the Royal Mile and other streets in the Old Town are closed to traffic – and therefore open to visitors on foot - on one Sunday afternoon each month. These afternoons have provided them with an excellent opportunity to run their tours in a traffic-free environment.

In acknowledging the positive work of the Edinburgh Festival Voluntary Guides Association, Council requests that the Lord Provost, who is the patron of the Association, marks their 75th Anniversary in an appropriate way.”

9.2 By Councillor Rae - Great British Sewing Bee Winner

“Council is delighted to recognise and congratulate Ms Serena Baker, the Glasgow born Edinburgh medical student, currently in her fourth year of study, who took time out from nurturing patients to nurture our hearts and minds by winning The Great British

Sewing Bee 2021.

Her skill, precision, dexterity and creativity together with her warmth and personality revealed her to be an enormous credit to both cities, and her country, but more importantly, in a time of crisis, to the NHS which we are all incredibly thankful for.

With links to both Glasgow and Edinburgh, Serena became the third winner of iconic programmes this year, following Edinburgh student Peter Sawkins Bake-off win and Glasgow's Laurence Chaney who took the Drag Race crown, ensuring a clean sweep for Scotland.

Council asks that Serena be officially congratulated by the Lord Provost, and that she and her family be invited to celebrate with us at a suitable event in the future when such events resume.”

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