

## Notice of Meeting and Agenda

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The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 20 September 2007 at 10 am  
in the Lothian Chambers, George IV Bridge, Edinburgh

<p><b>Please note venue</b></p>
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### 1 Order of Business

Including any notices of motion and any other items of business submitted as urgent for consideration at the meeting.

### 2 Declaration of Interests

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

If any

### 4 Questions

- 4.1 **By Councillor Godzik – Myreside Road and Craighouse Road – Safety** to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Child – New Schools Contract – Sustainability Criteria –** to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Child – Cairntows Park, Craigmillar –** to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Committee Meetings in the Community –** to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.5 **By Councillor Snowden – South Suburban Railway –** to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.6 By Councillor Murray – Country Park Status – Liberton to Burdiehouse Areas** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.7 By Councillor Murray – School Closures** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.8 By Councillor Paisley – Curriehill/Riccarton School Amalgamation** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.9 By Councillor Paisley – Wester Hailes Land and Property Trust** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.10 By Councillor Rust – Community Regeneration Fund** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.11 By Councillor Burns – Primary School Class Sizes** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.12 By Councillor Burns – Free Nursery Education** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.13 By Councillor Burns – School Amalgamations** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.14 By Councillor Burns – Budget Priorities** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.15 By Councillor Ewan Aitken – EU Procurement Directives** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee
- 4.16 By Councillor Burgess – Children and Families Budget** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.17 By Councillor Chapman – Summer School Activities – July/August 2008** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.18 By Councillor Chapman – Review of Community Learning and Development** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.19 By Councillor Chapman – Refurbishment of the Council Chamber** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.20 By Councillor Burgess – Greenhouse Gas Generation** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee

- 4.21 **By Councillor Johnstone – Introduction of “Walking Wednesdays” Scheme** - to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.22 **By Councillor Johnstone – Improving the Pedestrian Environment** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.23 **By Councillor Johnstone – Full Time Nursery Places** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee

## 5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council** of 23 August 2007 (circulated) – submitted for approval as a correct record

## 6 Election Business

If any

## 7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader’s Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Treasury Policy Statement – Amendment** – report by the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 **Treasury Management: Annual Report 2006/07 and Update on 2007/08** – report by the Finance and Resources Committee (circulated)

**Note:** Colour copies of the report by the Director of Finance are available in Political Group Rooms and from Committee Services, City Chambers, Edinburgh.

## 8 New Business

### 8.1 Budget Issues

- (a) **Revenue Budget – Financial Context** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)
- (b) **Children and Families Department – Revenue Budget Monitoring – Four Month Position** – report by the Director of Children and Families (to follow)
- (c) **Health and Social Care 2007-08 Revenue Expenditure Reduction Proposals** – report by the Director of Health and Social Care (circulated)
- (d) **Supporting People Charging** – report by the Director of Services for Communities (circulated)
- (e) **Management Culture – Maximising Resources – Action Plan** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)

- 8.2 Political Management Arrangements – Developing the Edinburgh Scrutiny Framework** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- 8.3 Edinburgh Tram: Further Update** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.4 Establishment of Edinburgh’s Adult Protection Committee** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.5 Joint Community Care Plan 2007-2010** – report by the Director of Health and Social Care (circulated)
- 8.6 Tartan Week in the USA 2007/08** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

## **9 Reports from Neighbourhood Partnerships**

If any

## **10 Notices of Motion for Debate at Council**

### **10.1 By Councillor Hart – Remploy**

“That this Council supports the campaign by Remploy to require local authorities to make a commitment to increasing the value of contracts awarded to supported factories to 5p/£100.

This Council will undertake to include Remploy and other similar factories when inviting bids for goods or services which they can supply.”

### **10.2 By Councillor Burns – “Additional Support Needs”**

“Council agrees to call for a report by the Director of Children and Families on ‘Additional Support Needs’. The report to include:

- (1) an audit of current provision for ‘additional support needs’ across the whole school estate.
- (2) an analysis of how the Additional Support for Learning Act (2004) is being implemented and timescales involved.
- (3) what the implementation of the Additional Support for Learning Act (2004) means for co-location of services, extra resource requirements and the development of integrated service provision.
- (4) details of how parents will be consulted throughout this process.

The above report to be referred to the Education, Children and Families Committee within two cycles.”

### **10.3 By Councillor Munro – KPMG Pathfinder Project**

“Council calls for a report to the next Full Council on the work by KPMG on the Pathfinder Project, containing

- 1) the full original report and its recommendations;
- 2) details of how these recommendations have been implemented; and
- 3) whether the potential for savings identified in the report can help improve the Council’s financial position.”

### **10.4 By Councillor Chapman – Ethical Investment**

“That the Council:

- 1) Notes the City of Edinburgh Council has a good track record of positive policies, including being a Fair Trade city and having a corporate social responsibility policy for its investments.
- 2) Notes that the Lothian Pension Fund holds shares in BAE Systems, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Northrop Grunman and Raytheon, which are the world’s top five arms companies (by military revenue) [*Defence News, 25/07/05*].
- 3) Notes that
  - (a) such companies receive major subsidies from the taxpayer to export their wares and that, if the subsidies were to be withdrawn, share values of (and thus pension investments in) arms companies are likely to drop substantially.
  - (b) at the end of 2006, the five largest UK arms producing companies accounted for less than 2% of the FTSE all-share index, even including their civil work.
- 4) Believes that selling military equipment overseas can be detrimental to peace, justice and human rights as well as to development.
- 5) Notes that an increasing number of pension funds are engaging with companies, considering this to be socially responsible investment. However, such engagement is not appropriate where the product is the problem, such as with arms and tobacco.
- 6) Notes that several Scottish Pension Funds, such as those in Dumfries and Galloway Council, Fife Council and Falkirk Council, have ceased investing in all or some of these companies on ethical *and* financial grounds

- 7) Notes that there are many ethical investment opportunities available, and the frequently better and more reliable returns provided by these companies, for example Vestas Wind Systems, would provide viable alternatives that have sustainability of communities and the environment at the heart of their agendas.
- 8) Urges the Lothian Pension Fund to be managed according to ethical principles appropriate to the interests of the beneficiaries and to investigate the means of implementing this within the law.”

#### **10.5 By Councillor Burgess – Air Pollution**

“That the Council:

- 1) Notes with concern that, according to Council monitoring data, air pollution in some areas of Edinburgh currently exceeds air quality standards intended to protect human health and the environment.
- 2) Further notes that in 3 years time the city could be fined for breaking EU law on air pollution.
- 3) Therefore calls for an urgent report on:
  - (i) the impacts on human health;
  - (ii) the financial consequences for the city of failing to meet these air quality standards; and
  - (iii) an action plan to bring air pollution within safety limits by 2010.”

#### **10.6 By Councillor Johnstone – Plastic Bags**

“That the Council:

- 1) acknowledges that plastic bag production uses increasingly scarce resources and creates pollution from production to disposal, and that plastic bags can take up to 500 years to decay in landfill; notes that an estimated 46,000 pieces of plastic can be found in every square mile of ocean; notes that plastic bags create significant litter problems for our streets and beaches.
- 2) congratulates Modbury in Devon on becoming Europe’s first plastic bag-free town and welcomes plastic bag-free initiatives in the towns of Dunoon and North Berwick.
- 3) notes that this success has been possible without national government legislation.

- 4) agrees to call for a report into how Edinburgh can become the first plastic bag-free city in the United Kingdom, and agrees to investigate how best to support retailers and local communities who wish to be part of the “we are what we do” plastic bag-free Christmas campaign.”

## **11 Notices of Motion for Remit to Committees**

### **11.1 By Councillor Hart – Scotsman Steps – for remit to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

“That this Council recognises the iconic status and strategic importance of the Scotsman Steps. It also recognises that their current state is unacceptable and commits to their improvement and upgrading to allow their full, safe and accessible use to the people of Edinburgh and its visitors.”

### **11.2 By Councillor Hart – Visitors’ Parking Permits - for remit to the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee**

“That this Council calls for a report on:

- (1) extending the facility to buy Visitors’ Parking Permits, available to residents in the Extended Controlled Parking Zone (zones S1-S4 and N1-N5), to residents in the original CPZs; and
- (2) introducing a daily Visitors Parking Permit for purchase by residents in all CPZs.”

**John Sturt**  
Council Secretary

#### **Notes:**

- 1) If you have any questions about the agenda or meeting arrangements, please contact Carmel Riley, Committee Services, City of Edinburgh Council, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1YJ; ☎ 0131 529 4830; e-mail [carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:carmel.riley@edinburgh.gov.uk).
- 2) A copy of the agenda and papers for this meeting will be available for inspection prior to the meeting at the main reception office, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh.
- 3) The agenda, minutes and public reports for this meeting and all the main Council committees can be viewed online by going to [www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol](http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/cpol). Members and Officers of the Council can also view them by going to the Council intranet home page and clicking on Committee Business.



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