

Notice of Meeting and Agenda

The City of Edinburgh Council

Thursday, 19 August 2010 at 10 am
in the City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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 Burgess – Caltongate Site** – to be answered by the Convener of the Planning Committee
- 4.2 **By Councillor Burgess – Edinburgh Tram Power Source** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.3 **By Councillor Burgess – Environmental Impact of Winter Festival** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.4 **By Councillor Burgess – Recycled Paper** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.5 **By Councillor Buchan – Edinburgh International Climbing Arena** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.6 **By Councillor Kate MacKenzie – Vacant Industrial/Commercial Premises in Almond Ward** – to be answered by the Convener of the Economic Development Committee

- 4.7 **By Councillor Rose – Pension Costs** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.8 **By Councillor Rust – Refuse Collection Service** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.9 **By Councillor Mowat – Primary 1 Class Sizes and Re-assignment of Teachers** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.10 **By Councillor Whyte – Cycle Scheme** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.11 **By Councillor Johnstone – New Portobello High School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.12 **By Councillor Johnstone – Support for Pupils Transferring from Drumbrae Primary School** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.13 **By Councillor Henderson – Equal Pay Claims** – to be answered by the Convener of the Finance and Resources Committee
- 4.14 **By Councillor Godzik – Primary 1 Class Sizes** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.15 **By Councillor Godzik – Children and Families Department Staff** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.16 **By Councillor Godzik – Security Costs for Closed Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.17 **By Councillor Godzik – Instrumental Service** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.18 **By Councillor Hinds – Libraries – Opening Hours** – to be answered by the Convener of the Culture and Leisure Committee
- 4.19 **By Councillor Day – Security Arrangements for Closed Schools** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.20 **By Councillor Day – Royston Primary School Site** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.21 **By Councillor Day – Royston/Wardieburn Community Centre** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.22 **By Councillor Wilson – Neighbourhood Partnerships** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council

- 4.23 **By Councillor Ewan Aitken – Blue Badge Scheme – Charges** – to be answered by the Convener of the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee
- 4.24 **By Councillor Hinds – Edinburgh Outlook Newspaper** – to be answered by the Leader of the Council
- 4.25 **By Councillor Blacklock – Lagganlia and Benmore Outdoor Centres** – to be answered by the Convener of the Education, Children and Families Committee
- 4.26 **By Councillor Blacklock – Homeless Sector** – to be answered by the Convener of the Health, Social Care and Housing Committee

5 Minutes

- 5.1 **The City of Edinburgh Council of 24 June 2010 (circulated)** – submitted for approval as a correct record

6 Election Business

- 6.1 **Appointment to the Licensing Board** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)
- 6.2 **Appointments to Outside Bodies** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (to follow)

7 Reports from Committees

- 7.1 **Leader's Report** (circulated)
- 7.2 **Lothian Joint Health Protection Plan** – report by the Transport, Infrastructure and Environment Committee (circulated)
- 7.3 **Delivery of Affordable Homes through the National Housing Trust** – report by the Policy and Strategy Committee (circulated)

8 New Business

- 8.1 **Edinburgh Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2009-12 – Annual Report on Progress** – report by the Director of Corporate Services (circulated)

Note: Appendix 2 to the above report is available in Group Rooms and from Committee Services, City Chambers.

- 8.2 **Annual Efficiency Statement – 2009/10** – report by the Chief Executive (circulated)
- 8.3 **Electoral Ward No 16 Liberton/Gilmerton – By-election Arrangements** – report by the Returning Officer (circulated)
- 8.4 **Treasury Management: Annual Report 2009/10** – report by the Director of Finance (circulated)

- 8.5 Edinburgh Prison Visiting Committee – Membership – 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 Munn – 450th Anniversary of Leith Academy

“Council notes that 2010 marks the 450th Anniversary of Leith Academy providing education in Leith.

Council requests that this significant anniversary is marked by the Lord Provost and Council in an appropriate way.”

10.2 By Councillor Rust – Craig McEwan

“Council:

- i. notes that in his 13 years as an amateur boxer Craig McEwan notched up 376 fights, winning 10 gold medals in international tournaments and was a regular captain of the Scottish International Team and previously Craig broke Scotland's amateur boxing record by winning a hat trick of golds at international level;
- ii. further notes that Craig has been crowned Scottish Champion at both junior and senior level, as well as being European Junior Champion and Senior British & Irish Four Nations Champion and has twice represented Scotland in the Commonwealth Games;
- iii. congratulates Craig on his tremendous record as a professional boxer, having 19 professional contests with 19 wins, 10 by way of knock out;
- iv. welcomes the positive impact that Craig's success has on inspiring young people to become active, especially in the Wester Hailes area;
- v. agrees to hold a suitable reception to welcome Craig back to Edinburgh.”

10.3 By Councillor Dundas – Edinburgh Airport

“Council welcomes the success of Edinburgh Airport, Scotland's busiest Airport. Council recognises the need for investment in infrastructure to secure the sustainability of this key gateway to Scotland.

Council notes that the Permitted Development Rights enjoyed by Edinburgh Airport do not allow Section 75 agreements to be attached to major operational development on-site; and has concerns that BAA's Public Transport Levy Fund is wholly voluntary and in no way guaranteed.

Given the strain on the local transport infrastructure and the increasingly commercial approach adopted by BAA, Council calls for a report on how best to ensure Edinburgh Airport meets an appropriate share of the costs of providing high quality public access to the Airport before these Permitted Development Rights are considered for renewal."

10.4 By Councillor Chapman – Veolia Environnement

"Council notes that

1. Veolia Environnement is a leading partner in the consortium contracted to build a light railway system linking Israel to settlements in occupied East Jerusalem.
2. Veolia Environnement operates in illegally occupied Palestinian Territory, servicing bus routes built through Palestinian land for Israeli settlers, and operating the Tovlan landfill site which serves Israeli settlements.
3. The United Nations does not recognise Israel's annexation and occupation of East Jerusalem and has repeatedly stated that the Israeli settlements in East Jerusalem and the West Bank contravene international law.
4. Veolia's involvement in these projects is in contravention of the UN's stated demand that Israeli settlement activities and occupation should not be supported.

Council therefore agrees to follow the commendable example of Dublin City and Swansea City and County Councils and:

- 1) exclude Veolia Environnement and any of its subsidiaries (Veolia Transport, Veolia Environmental Services, Veolia Water, Onyx, Cleanaway, Connex, TMM) from all new Edinburgh City Council contracts;
- 2) not renew any existing contracts and/or ad-hoc arrangements that are in place that use services provided by Veolia Environnement or any of its subsidiaries."

10.5 By Councillor Buchan – Waste Dispute

"Council:

- i) notes that the refuse collection industrial action is now approaching its 14th month without resolution;

- ii) notes that residents are becoming increasingly frustrated with the erratic and poor level of services that has been experienced in parts of the city;
- iii) notes that the Director of Services for Communities and his management teams have been trying to manage the situation as best they can in face of work to rule by employees;
- iv) notes the lack of leadership shown by the Administration and trade unions in allowing this issue to continue for so long;
- v) calls for a report to next Policy and Strategy Committee outlining the full financial costs of the dispute as well as a strategy for settling the dispute and managing any further service disruption until the dispute is settled."

10.6 By Councillor Rose – Children and Families Staff

"Council:

- i) notes the Scottish Government's pledge to reduce class sizes in P1-3 to 18, and their desire to legislate to cap class sizes at 25 for early years;
- ii) notes that a reduction in the number of classes in certain schools has resulted in larger class sizes for pupils entering school this year;
- iii) further notes that in the Evening News of 29 February 2008 Councillor MacLaren was quoted as saying, "The Children & Families Department is overstaffed and over managed, so will be restructuring. We're hoping to get it slim and more efficient.";
- iv) instructs the Director of Children and Families to provide a report within two cycles outlining:
 - a) the class sizes of all P1-3 classes;
 - b) all non-school based employees within the Department who have teaching qualifications, along with their current post and duties and an indication of any additional or refresher training which would be required should a decision be taken to deploy each employee to front line teaching."

10.7 By Councillor Blacklock – Veolia Environnement

"On the basis that Veolia provides services to illegal settlements in Occupied Palestinian land and is therefore complicit in grave breaches of international and human rights law committed by the state of Israel, Council agrees to call for a report that outlines how:

- 1) Veolia Environnement or any of its subsidiaries – Veolia Transport, Veolia Environmental Services, Veolia Water, Onyx, Cleanaway, Connex, TMM – can be excluded from all Council contracts.
- 2) Any ad hoc arrangements that are currently in place to use services provided by Veolia Environnement, or any of its subsidiaries, can be cancelled.

The report also to include details of what ethical criteria, if any, are currently used to assess bids from external companies for Council contracts.”

10.8 By Councillor Munro – Former Councillor John Crichton

“Council notes that former Councillor John Crichton passed away peacefully on 21 June 2010 and expresses its condolences to his family on their loss.

Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of John Crichton’s service to the City of Edinburgh and in particular Leith, from 1947 to 1982.

Council resolves to mark his significant contribution to the regeneration of Leith by naming a street in the Leith Docks development after him.”

10.9 By Councillor Henderson – Surplus Resources from Closed or Vacant Council Buildings

“Council notes the recent closures of Drumbrae, Fort, Burdiehouse and Royston Primary Schools.

Council agrees that surplus physical resources, furniture etc still within these schools and others, could be used by local community groups or charities.

Council therefore requests a report that proposes a process for allocating surplus resources from closed or vacant Council buildings to community groups and charities, including the possibility of establishing a relationship with the Surplus Educational Supplies Foundation which ships such equipment to countries in need.”

Alastair Maclean
Head of Legal and Administrative Services

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.
- 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.
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